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MONTREAL WHARVES COVERED WITH COAL

The Harbor Board Learns That It Is at the Present Time Accommodating About Thirty Thousand Tons.

Twenty-seven thousand four hundred tons of coal are lying on the wharves at the harbor front consigned to Montreal coal merchants and dealers.

This was the burden of the official report presented by the harbor master, Mr. James McShane, in accordance with instructions at the meeting of the Harbor Board, which was held to-day under the presidency of the Hon. Senator Mackay.

The announcement was received with exclamations of amazement, and the Mayor, speaking in the name of the people and for the people's interests, insisted that the names of the people who owned the coal and who were leaving it on the wharves rather than put it in the market, should be published in the press.

The names are withheld from publication for the present, but they include the whole of the principal coal merchants, some having quantities as large as 6,000 or 7,000 tons, and some as low as 200 tons.

But the aggregate, as already stated, is 27,400 tons, enough to supply every household in Montreal for many weeks, if not months.

The commissioners decided to-day to instruct the harbor master to notify every person to whom coal is consigned that it must be removed within four days, otherwise the full penalties provided under the boards by-laws will be enforced as regards demurrage charges.

What action the coal dealers will take remains to be seen, but they will either have to remove the coal and sell it to the public or they will have to pay such charge for its storage on the wharf as will make it a very expensive commodity before they get rid of it.

The Mayor says he thinks the public will be able to have soft coal delivered at their homes very shortly at not more than $6 per ton, but he thinks the facts about the coal on the wharves should be made known to everybody.

Considerable discussion took place at to-day's meeting of the Commissioners touching the permission that had been given to Antoine Robert to erect sheds on the Elder-Dempster wharf free of dues for the weighing of coal that he is selling to the public at $6 per short ton of 2,000 lbs., which it was stated he had purchased at $5 per long ton of 2,240 lbs.

The president explained that this man had represented to him that he was selling the coal at what it cost him, and it was on the understanding that his purpose was purely philanthropic that he advised that the permission be asked for should be given him. It was represented to him that there was a good deal of distress for lack of coal, and his position was both delicate and difficult in the matter. Moved by sympathy, he had given his consent.

Mr. Doran moved that the harbor master be instructed to collect the legal dues from all who had coal on the wharves. He did not think Mr. Robert was a regular coal merchant. He understood that he bought the coal as a speculation from anybody who had bought it from the Elder-Dempster people and was selling it at a handsome profit. There was no philanthropic motive about it at all.

In answer to questions, it was stated that the coal in question came from Newcastle, and there were 1,000 tons of it.

"So the dealer will make several thousands of dollars by the transaction," observed Mr. Bickerdike.

The president beseeched the members not to judge too harshly until they had more information before them.

"I contend," Mr. Doran exclaimed, "this is an ordinary commercial transaction, and that the harbor master should receive instructions to make a formal demand for the regular dues upon the coal. If the coal dealers are making storerooms of the wharves for the purpose of keeping coal away from the people, they must pay rent for the stores like other people, and not have it free of charge."

It was pointed out that some of the merchants paid an annual rent for the use of the wharves, while others paid two cents per square foot for the season, and when they left coal on the wharves in former years they had never been asked to pay demurrage charges.

On the other side of the question it was remarked that only small quantities had been left over in former years, and the present exceptional circumstances a threatened coal famine had not to be faced.

The president pleaded for patience. The coal merchants and dealers had been called upon to face a situation of unusual gravity. They feared a coal famine and they had bought large quantities of coal wherever they could obtain it, and in some cases they had paid pretty large prices; if the board were to deal harshly with them it might mean a serious loss to some.

The secretary stated in reply to questions that some of those to whom coal was consigned were paying rental. Mr. Roberts'n, for instance, had paid only the previous day between $500 and $600. Mr. Bade was also paying rental.

Mr. Bickerdike thought an official report ought to be submitted to show who were paying rental and who were not. But in any case the fact remained that these importers were allowed to store coal there that poor people wanted. They ought to be made to pay; that seemed to be the only way of reaching them.

The president argued that as the dealers had received no notification that the law would be enforced, intimation should be given them that it would be enforced next year.

Mr. Hodgson asked to see that it would be unjust to make these people pay for the time they had stored the coal on the wharves when they did not know that they would be requested to do so.

Mr. Crathern pointed out that the demurrage could not be made retrospective. The importers could only be made to pay for the time they allowed the coal to lie on the wharves after the notice had expired.

After some further discussion, the board decided that the harbor master should issue notices to all parties concerned advising them that they must move the coal within four days in accordance with the by-law, failing which the penalties provided would be enforced.

LARGE QUANTITIES COMING BY RAIL.

On enquiry at the freight yards of the Grand Trunk to-day it was ascertained that large quantities of coal are coming through from the Pennsylvania mines by rail.

SOLUTION OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASE HOSPITAL DIFFICULTY NOW IN SIGHT

Notre Dame and English Hospitals Tentatively Accept a Bargain With the City of Montreal.

Never possibly during the past three or four years in which the subject has been discussed has the contagious disease hospital question been in more promising shape than it is to-day.

At noon the representatives of all the hospitals met the special hospital committee of the City Council in the Mayor's apartments, and the result was that, in a little less than an hour, a basis for future action had been amicably reached.

Mr. R. B. Angus, on behalf of the English hospitals, and Dr. E. P. Lachapelle, on behalf of the Notre Dame Hospital, announced that they would each be willing to accept $15,000 annually from the city for twenty-five years and $1 per day for every patient over twenty, in return for which they will each erect a hospital for the treatment of contagious diseases capable of accommodating 100 beds, providing both the site and the building free of cost to the city, and giving administration and ambulance service free.

SOME FREE PATIENTS.

Of course, this arrangement involves the city being able to send twenty patients each day to both hospitals free of cost, or, if necessary, in case of epidemic, to utilize 7,300 nursing days at one time.

In twenty-five years, on the basis indicated, the corporation will have paid into the coffers of both hospitals the amount of $375,000, excluding patients' fees. At first it was proposed to give $10,000 for twenty years, but the extension was conceded in order to permit the city, at the expiration of the contract, to abandon the agreement without binding itself to take over either property.

NOTRE DAME'S VIEW.

At the outset of the meeting Secretary Bauset read a letter, in which the Notre Dame Hospital, although disposed to erect a hospital for contagious diseases, found itself unable to accept the city's original offer, the conditions being too onerous and the subsidy too small. The hospital would, however, be willing to accept the offer if the subsidy were enlarged. But if the arrangement were not renewed after the expiration of the twenty-year agreement, the hospital would expect the city to bind itself to reimburse all the moneys invested in lands and building. The hospital would also expect a payment of $1 for every patient treated, irrespective of age.

The hospital authorities pointed out that they would be called upon to purchase land at a cost of $50,000 and invest $100,000 in a building, which at 5 per cent would wear an interest account of $7,500. The treatment of patients and the administration would bring the charges on the hospital authorities up to $14,750.

Dr. Lachapelle said that the Notre Dame Hospital people had written their letter, to show that the amount offered by the city was much under what would be requisite.

Mr. James Crathern said that if the Notre Dame people started to put up a building for $100,000, they would find in the end that it would cost $150,000.

A MINIMUM FIGURE.

Ald. Ames pointed out that if the amount were duplicated the city would then be called upon to pay $30,000.

Dr. Lachapelle replied that in the figures given there was nothing put down for insurance during twenty years or for ambulance service.

Ald. Ames suggested that the $14,000 was merely the minimum figure.

"Certainly," was Dr. Lachapelle's emphatic response.

MR. ANGUS FAVORABLE.

Mr. Angus said that, though he had not conferred with the Notre Dame people, their views coincided with the views entertained by those of Royal Victoria. He and his associates would be willing to give all the co-operation possible in establishing two hospitals on the basis indicated by the city. But the monetary basis set forth by the city fell very far short of the subvention that would be required. It would throw upon the charitable people—already over-burdened—the duty of providing $150,000 at least for the hospitals.

Mayor Cochrane wanted to know if the Royal Victoria authorities had thought of a substantial figure that they would be willing to accept.

Mr. Angus replied that they were not prepared to say that they would not enter into an agreement on a basis less than that suggested by the Notre Dame people, but it was scarcely likely.

Mayor Cochrane wanted to know if the Royal Victoria would accept $15,000.

Mr. Angus thought they would.

Dr. Roddick wanted to know what the ambulance service cost yearly.

Ald. Ames informed him $1,500.

SIR WILLIAM IS SARCASTIC.

Sir William Macdonald said that the hospitals, with the exception of the Royal Victoria, which, fortunately, enjoyed a munificent endowment, were short of money, and that the city authorities now want the hospitals to do for the whole city what the city should do for itself. The aldermen should protect the people from disease, and the city council should feel grateful if the hospitals relieved them for a reasonable sum.

Mayor Cochrane thought that the remarks made by Sir William were quite pertinent, and expressed the opinion that the matter had been left too long in abeyance.

Sir William further said that the City Council might as well ask private citizens to build sewers, construct streets and light the thoroughfares, as to build a contagious diseases hospital.

CITY NOT UNWILLING.

Ald. Ekers remarked that the city was not unwilling to build a contagious disease hospital, but that the opinion very generally prevailed that the hospital authorities were better able to administer such a institution than the Hygiene Committee could possibly be.

Dr. Roddick said that was certainly so.

Mr. Crathern observed that the figures placed before the meeting so far were merely those that would be required for maintenance; there was no margin to come and go upon. Other things must also be taken into account.

MEETING THEM HALF WAY.

Ald. Lajoie asserted that when the matter of a contagious disease hospital was first broached, it was thought that the agreement would be for ten years. That had been advanced to twenty years to meet the objection of the hospitals who wanted to have their investment guarded. Personally he would be willing to go as far as making an agreement for twenty-five years. The increase in the value of the land in that time would more than compensate the hospitals for their outlay.

Sir William said that the capital had to be invested at once, and there was no return, because the interest was not included.

Ald. Laporte said he would be inclined to pay a little more than the sum mentioned. The work of management could be done more reasonably by the hospital authorities than by the corporation. The city now had the best Hygiene Committee in its history, but not so much could be said with assurance for the future.

To be assured that for twenty-five years the sick would be well looked after—good aldermen or bad aldermen, money or no money—would be worth something to the city.

NO MONEY-MAKING SCHEME.

Sir William said that the arrangement proposed by Ald. Laporte was an admirable one, but it was a mere matter of money. No one was trying to make money out of it. But the cost of the hospital and the equipment had not entered into the calculation to any large extent.

Mr. Angus said that, in the event of the hospitals entering into an arrangement, they thought they should get $15,000 annually for twenty-five years. They had not come prepared to make any hard and fast arrangement, but they would be willing to enter into negotiations as to details on that basis.

NOTRE DAME ACQUIESCES.

Dr. Lachapelle thought his board (Notre Dame) would accept the arrangement suggested by Mr. Angus. But the city should not forget that when the hospitals were doing this for cost, those connected with them would be giving their services for nothing. That he was personally quite willing to do, but he did not wish the people to think that the hospitals were making a paying bargain.

The civic hospital committee will now prepare a report setting forth the arrangements so far made, for presentation to the City Council. After this has been confirmed by that body the hospital authorities will again be approached in order that all details may be perfected.

LIBERALS HAVE MAJORITY IN UPPER HOUSE

The Tally Now Stands 41 to 40 in Favor of the Party of Progress.

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Six years ago, when Sir Wilfrid Laurier was returned to power, there were nine Liberals in the Senate out of a total of 81. The death of Senator Primrose, which occurred yesterday at Pictou, N.S., leaves the Liberals in a majority in the Upper Chamber. The Senate now stands 41 Liberals and 40 Conservatives, a majority of one for the Government. This does not show the real strength of the Government, because there are a number of Opposition candidates who, by reason of age and infirmity, are not able to attend.

The death of Senator Primrose was not expected. A letter was received from him last week at the Senate. He was then in good health. The deceased was a native of Nova Scotia, where he was born in 1830. He was therefore 72 years of age at the time of his death. He was one of Sir John Thompson's first appointments to the Senate, where he took an active interest in all matters that came up for discussion, but more particularly in subjects which specially interested the Maritime Provinces.

GONE TO LEARN GUNNERY AT SHOEBURYNESS, ENGLAND.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The undermentioned officers and N.C. officers of the Royal Canadian Artillery, having been selected for the long course of instruction at the School of Gunnery, Shoeburyness, England, sailed from Halifax on the 22nd inst. on the Pretorian: Captain and Brevet Lieut.-Col. G. Hunter Ogilvie, R.C.F.A.; Capt. H. C. Thacker, R.C.G.A.; Sergt. Instructor E. V. Hessian, R.C.G.A.; Sergeant J. Smith, R.C.G.A.; Corporal G. Birbeck, R.C.G.A.; Corporal McDonald, R.C.F.A.

SANTA FE HOSPITAL BURNED.

Albuquerque, N.M., Dec. 24.—The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe hospital has been destroyed by fire, and one of the patients whose name was not learned, is dead from exposure and fright. Dr. J. B. Cutter, the physician in charge, and his assistant worked heroically in getting out the 300 patients. The property loss is $15,000.

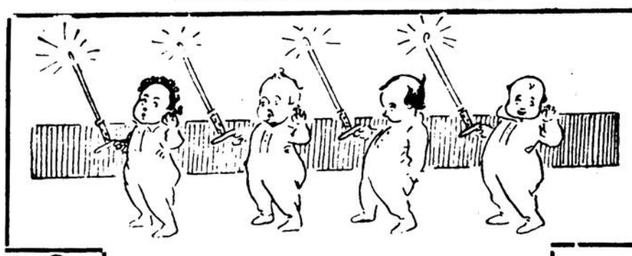
NEW YORK'S POLICE COMMISSION

New York, Dec. 24.—General Francis Vinton Green was yesterday appointed police commissioner in succession to Col. Partridge, whose resignation takes effect on January 1.

SENTENCED FOR STEALING COAL.

Judge Desnoyers, in Court of Special Sessions to-day, found John Guinan and Charles Leonard guilty of stealing coal, and fined them $5 each or ten days in jail. Charles Hanson, for neglecting to support his wife, was fined $5 or one month in jail. McBeth, who stole a robe from a sleigh on St. Paul Street, was sent down for three months, and Guiseppe Limma, Thomas Brady and James Murray, for loitering about the Canadian Pacific station, were fined $2 or ten days each.

Through The Herald's Sieve.



Their Wants.

Little Alfred's wants are many,
He has set his heart
On a graceful Shetland pony
And a cart;
Little Alfred's wealthy father
Finds the sweetest fun
In fulfilling the desires
Of his son.

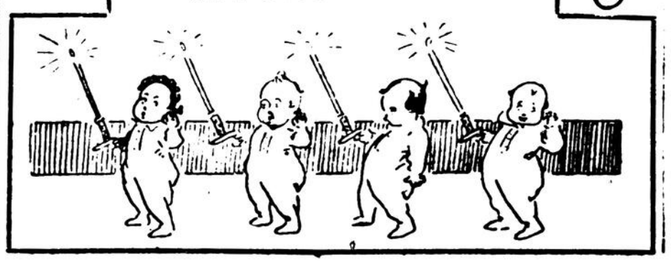
Little Herbert wants an engine
That will swiftly go
And a sled on which to flicker
O'er the snow.
Pretty, winsome little Maizie
Wants a Paris doll
Which is price-marked $40—
That is all.

Life for them is only play.
They have love and luxury;
Trouble lingers far away,
And their joy is good to see.
Up and down the stairs they run,
Through the halls they gayly shout;
While they go pursuing fun,
Trouble, shrinking, stands without;
All the winds that blow are sweet,
All their limbs are strong and sound,
All the day, on noisy feet,
They keep galloping around.

Little Harry, being modest,
Wants a Christmas tree;
Thoughts of dripping candles fill him
Full of glee:
Books and candy for Geneva,
And the joyful sum
Of glad Julian's hopes is centred
In a drum.

There are bundles in the closets
Marked for Grace and Genevieve—
Oh, that ne'er a disappointed
One should grieve!
Little Mortimer is waiting
For a blue police patrol
That will bring unbounded gladness
To his soul.

Down the street a pale-faced boy
At a window sits all day;
Life for him has little joy,
Yet he thinks the world is gay;
Visions of a little chair
Fixed on wheels flit through his mind.
Ah, the fates are oft unfair
Where they should be very kind!
Nerveless legs beneath him bend.
But a gladness through him steals,
Hoping Santa Claus may send
Him a little chair on wheels.



STORY OF LA GUAIRA SEIZURES IN FULL

The Germans and British, Says An American Eye-Witness, Were Equally Concerned—Venezuelans Taken Aback By Boldness of Marines.

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

New York, Dec. 24.—The Herald has the following story of the seizure of Venezuelan vessels at La Guayra by the allies on December 9, told by an eye-witness, who reached here on the Red D liner, Philadelphia:—

This is the story in the passenger's own words: "Three o'clock on the afternoon of December 9 was looked forward to very expectantly, for the reason that the German and British had notified Castro that at three o'clock, unless a satisfactory reply were received, they would seize the Custom House.

"The harbor was as silent as a stretch of ocean waste. Not a craft was stirring, not a person on deck. Every one was waiting. Some supposed that the war ships would fire upon the city and in anticipation of such a move the impotent little Venezuelan war ships were prepared for action. It was ludicrous, yet lingering, to see the seemingly courageous stand.

TWO HOURS' GRACE GRANTED.

"Word came in that two hours' grace was to be granted, but during that two hours not a move was made anywhere. The same ominous stillness prevailed. Life even seemed dead in the city.

"Promptly at five o'clock, just when the sun was sliding down behind a bank of purple clouds which tipped the hills of La Guayra, launches were seen putting out from the German and British ships, which were at anchor about three hundred yards from the point where the tiny Venezuelan navy lay and rocked.

"Eight launches were presently seen hurrying shoreward, four German, four British, each occupied by about thirty marines. Relief was felt because it was believed that the united forces were only to take the Custom House, as they had threatened.

"Shortly after the launches got under way the German gunboat Panther steamed after them, and, reaching a position about four hundred feet astern, crept in at their pace. The launches kept close together and as they progressed the sounds of German and English songs grew clearer.

"From a faint echo they became a spirited chorus, which to one familiar with German and English sailors indicated that something more serious than the seizure of a custom house was in prospect.

"Reaching a point about two hundred feet from the little Venezuelan navy, which was snuggled together very close to shore, the launches slackened speed. Then their courses were changed. The course of the Panther was swerved also, so as to keep the small craft in the lee of her guns.

SEIZURE OF THE VESSELS.

"On board the General Crespo and Totumo there was no sign of life. The small craft glanced alongside the vessels, and the marines, like a lot of monkeys, clambered up the ships' sides and to the decks. A cutlass hung at the side of each, and as each stepped upon the deck his rifle was at his shoulder. It was a bold and a picturesque coup. Had the Venezuelans resisted there would have been a chance for a pretty scuffle of the kind which Nelson and John Paul Jones knew considerable about, but the little Spaniards skulked.

"It was all a surprise to them, a dreadful surprise, and if there is one thing in the world which will undo a South American soldier it is surprise. They did not for a moment expect that the marines would dare to attempt boarding gunboats, even though their advance were supported by the guns of the Panther.

"And so the Venezuelans, instead of making a stand, instead of driving the clambering Germans and Britishers back with the knives and rifles they held in readiness, fled to the bows of the ships. They scampered down the decks like rabbits and plunged into the sea. The one hundred yards of water between the vessels and the shore was dotted with Spanish marines splashing and spouting.

"Those who did not jump were lined up and made prisoners. Not a shot was fired, not a blow struck with a sword or cutlass. It all seemed like mimic warfare. It lacked but the pyramid of sightseers and the band playing popular airs.

"While the two war ships and the French merchantman were being boarded a squad of British marines had landed at the dock in which the Venezuelan torpedo boat Margarita was undergoing repairs.

DESTRUCTION OF THE TORPEDO.

"The few marines who were on the Margarita leaped precipitately from her sides and disappeared. Instantly the fragile craft was black with English marines, who tore down her smokestack and battered in her decks with heavy hammers.

"They went about their task of destruction with a vengeance and in five minutes after they landed on her she was a complete wreck. They dismantled her dynamite gun and took it aboard their launch, which in turn conveyed it to the Retribution.

"The crews of half the launches had busied themselves cutting the cables of the Crespo, the Totumo and the Ossun and thus, almost before the capture had been completed, the prizes were on their way to sea. The Panther stood by, her guns levelled at the craft, her gunners standing to.

"In precisely thirteen minutes from the time the marines shied over to the sides of the Venezuelan ships the victory was complete and the captured vessels, uninjured, were started seaward. The last Venezuelan had dragged himself upon the shore and the last batch of prisoners conveyed to the launches.

"The harbor was almost as quiet as it was before the remarkable assault began. There was no excitement, no testing of cheers and no cries either of triumph or distress. It seemed for all the world as if there had been a stage combat and that in a moment the curtain would drop.

"On shore there was no activity. A soldier occasionally strolled along the pier from end to end and now and then a small detachment marched back from the beach. I doubt if even then the Venezuelans on shore really knew that their navy had been captured.

"They would have weathered any storm and served Venezuela as a navy for years. They were scuttled—of that there was no doubt whatever among the persons who witnessed the fight and heard the stories from all sides. German and English launches both took a hand at towing them to ——.

THREE ENGLISH PRISONERS.

"There occurred one of the most remarkable military events at three o'clock on the afternoon of December 10 I believe ever witnessed anywhere. Three young Englishmen had not left the city in response to the invitation and dawn found them prisoners in the house of the La Guayra Harbor Corporation, for which they worked, with an armed guard of thirty soldiers surrounding them.

"This condition of affairs had been learned by the united forces and a daring manoeuvre was started to release them. Four launches, two German and two British, left the war ships and aimed for the long pier, on which more than two hundred and fifty Venezuelan soldiers stood, guns in place and cutlasses at their belts.

"The object of the united forces seemed a mystery to every one who looked on, but, in view of the wonderous things that had taken place anything was expected.

"As the hundred odd marines in the launches neared the pier the little Venezuelans looked at them in awe. The South Americans were in a position to fill the launches with dead men if they but aimed and fired; but for some reason they held off, possibly because they saw the English torpedo boat destroyer Quail, standing off but three hundred feet just back of the marines, her guns levelled.

"Arrived at a point fifty feet from the muzzles of the guns of the force on the pier three of the launches stopped; the fourth, containing a squad of English marines, commanded by a lieutenant, continued. The soldiers in the other three launches raised their rifles, and English marines, under cover of those guns and the guns of the Quail, ran their craft up to the pier and leaped upon it.

"They paid no attention to the Venezuelans whatever, except to brush them aside when they were in the way. It was as if they were going among friends instead of foes. The South Americans dropped their rifles and gazed with bewilderment at the arrivals. Not a shot was fired, not a blow exchanged.

"With a shout and a flourish the little troop of British marines started down the pier between the very ranks of the soldiers who were sworn to kill them. They laughed at them in their boldness.

"With fixed bayonets they marched the entire length of the pier and to the house where the three young Englishmen were held prisoners. This house was about one hundred yards from the shore end of the pier. The small cordon of armed Venezuelans which guarded the dwelling was dispersed, and the English prisoners were escorted from the house.

"There were fewer soldiers on the pier when the marines returned." Possibly half of the original number had taken fight. The rest stood by while the gallant troop of marines, with fixed bayonets, surrounding the three Englishmen for whom the venturesome trip had been undertaken, marched down the entire length of the jetty.

"The seizure of the navy was denounced by every disinterested person in La Guayra. There was no just cause for it, so far as we could discover, and it certainly was an act much more hostile than any the little republic had been led to expect.

"The opinion in La Guayra among Americans and other disinterested persons was that Germany and England lost their tempers. Certain it is that up to December 10 the military demonstrations in Venezuela were burlesques on real warfare—nothing more."

THE IDOL'S EYE.

The Idol Has Apparently Followed Its Missing Eye, and Cannot Be Located.

To get any information out of an Oriental who is not disposed to divulge it, is like collecting indemnities from the Venezuelan Government.

Some time ago it was reported that the eye had been stolen from a Chinese idol in one of the Chinese domiciles in Lagauchetiere Street, and that the Originals were holding prayer, without fast, for its recovery. To ascertain how the prayers had resulted, a representative of the Herald went into Chinatown yesterday and stood for an hour or more in front of Chinese residents, trying to convince them that they could understand English, if they wanted to do it.

The Oriental countenance has the same vivid expression as a football, when one of them wants to conceal anything. The gentlemen of the great Eastern Empire would look at each other blankly, waggle their heads and say, "Oh, yes, idle. We like it." As there were some of them standing around telling funny stories, this couldn't be contradicted, but they professed ignorance of any other kind of "idol," and could not be made to admit that they appreciated what an eye was.

"What do you do on Christmas?" demanded the newspaper man in desperation.

"Idle," said one of them, softly.

"Idol?"

"Ay," said the Oriental.

Recovering from the blow, the reporter inquired the date of the Chinese Christmas. Their knowledge of English appeared sufficient to grasp this, and they replied that two months from this week, the birth of Confucius would be fittingly celebrated. The feast consists of chop suey, Chinese candy, some slight liquid refreshment and a pipe or two. To those who are not familiar with the ingredients of the Oriental dish of chop suey, it may be mentioned that chickens, chopped very fine, mushrooms, rice, a sort of Worcester sauce, and half a dozen other articles, are the groundwork of the compound.

While not holding any special celebration upon their own account at Christmas, the Chinese never forget their friends and patrons, and boxes of tea, bottles of Chinese champagne, which are done up in wicker-work, and are calculated to do the business at half a bottle per man, handkerchiefs and candies of various descriptions are sent out by them as remembrances of the season.

They are not an impulsive race, but they know how to enjoy themselves in their own way, and to-morrow will be probably as great an occasion for them as for many of their white brethren.

REBELS DECLINE TO RESCUE CASTRO

He Is In a Hopeless Condition—England Anxious for Roosevelt's Arbitration.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—Commodore Sir Edward Seymour has been awarded the Order of Merit, which was founded by King Edward on the occasion of the Coronation.

ENGLAND WANTS ROOSEVELT.

New York, Dec. 24.—The question of President Roosevelt respecting Venezuelan affairs has been awarded with keen interest in England, says a despatch from London to the Tribune. The urgency of the objections urged by the leading American journals is not denied, but the tone has been somewhat softened, and for Mr. Roosevelt as the arbitrator. The old Tory Morning Post proposed the President's name in advance of even the self-assured German Emperor, and the suggestion has been received with chorus of acclamation by the English press. There are no dissentient voices.

This English confidence is based upon respect for the President's character and recognition of his supreme fitness for the duties of an arbitrator in a case where a guarantee for payment of an award is especially needed, but may be dispensed with if he consents to act.

KIPLING'S OUTBREAK CONDEMNED.

The English press is severe in its strictures of Rudyard Kipling's recent outbreak against Germany. Mr. Kipling's remarks are considered to be the German Emperor's best answer to those who desire to create ill-feeling between the United States and Germany.

The Post says: "It is for the mainspring of the Monroe doctrine when the Government have virtually acted in behalf of the American President as arbitrator."

REBELS BEGAN CREASE.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, December 23.—(By Post from La Guayra).—The revolutionists, strengthened by the impossibility of the Government's suppressing the smuggling of arms and ammunition into the country, and by the fact that it has no longer any fleet at its disposal, have made answer to President Castro's proposition that they lay down their arms against the foreigners who have attacked Venezuela, by refusing them to General Matos, their only chief capable of dealing with the matter. The rebels have regained courage. The Government, which signed with them an armistice of ten days, which ends to-morrow, has 2,500 men at Rosario, to the east of Caracas, but all others who had enrolled themselves to fight against the foreigners have retired.

WILL ATTACK CARACAS.

The revolutionists have planned a march on Caracas by three roads. The generals, Ronca Ramos, Antonio Guevara, Urbaneta and Penaloza, with 2,000 men, will march via Quatire. Antonio Fernandez, Ono and Crespo Torres, with 2,500 more, have left Camanagua, and Gen. Rolando, with 2,500 troops, will go from Alta Gracia. Ammunition is expected to arrive every day near Tucarus.

The situation for President Castro is considered to be again perilous, attacked by foreigners and his own countrymen, he can with difficulty resist the shocks, as the Government's resources have vanished. The President's departure for La Victoria is for the purpose of trying to check the near advance to the capital of the revolutionists.

General Matos will leave Curacoa shortly.

PROPOSALS REACH WASHINGTON.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The British and German formal proposals to President Roosevelt to arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulty have been received here. They are in such shape that the President can accept or decline the proposition, but so far he has reached no decision, not having had opportunity to carefully consider them.

GIGANTIC TRACTION SCHEME FOR CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—New York and Chicago capitalists are said to have signed papers to launch in Chicago one of the most colossal traction ventures the city has known, according to the Daily News. The scheme will involve $100,000,000 to $500,000,000. It includes the construction of a tunnel, under the downtown streets, making a complete loop of the business section, to connect with a new elevated road which it is intended shall parallel the existing south side lines.

The scheme is designed largely to benefit the stock yards district. The money interest of New York are associated to be at the head of it.

MAY SHOOT WHEN HORSE-WHIPPED.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 24.—The jury in the case of Daisy Carlton, charged with the murder of Mrs. Joseph Loelle, has rendered a verdict of not guilty. Harper was self-defence. Mrs. Loelle was said to be jealous of Miss Carlton, attempted to horsewhip the latter, catching her on the street. Miss Carlton, who had been warned, drew a revolver and shot her assailant when attacked.

STRONG WINDS AND COLDER.

Probabilities: Strong northerly winds with a fall of snow to-night. Thursday strong westerly winds, becoming colder again.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 44 to 42; Edmonton, 16 below, 4 below; Prince Albert, 26 below, 4 below; Qu'Appelle, 4 below, 28 below; Winnipeg, 6 below, 14; Port Arthur, 12; Parry Sound, 4, 18; Toronto, 18, 24; Ottawa, 4, 22; Montreal, 12, 30; Quebec, 4, 14; Halifax, 2, 42.

Readings by The Optical and Engineers' Supply Co. standard barometer: At noon yesterday, 30.35; at 8 a.m. to-day, 30.45; at 11 a.m. to-day, 30.47. Temperature to-day: maximum 19, minimum 12.

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Royal Victoria Hospital will shortly have a chapel which will be an exquisite addition to its interior.

It is now nearing completion, and is situated on the ground floor of the University Street annex, being semi-circular in shape, with arched and groined roof, and lighted by three high stained glass windows, representing scenes from sacred saints. The chapel will be lighted by magnificent candelabra, and a carved wooden eagle lectern and reading desks will be put in. The walls are tinted red, with a pattern of conventional design in gold.

The mortuary chamber is close to the chapel, where everything will be provided for the preparation of bodies for burial.

It is expected that the chapel will be ready within a few weeks.

MAYOR IS PRESIDENT.

Hochelaga Agricultural Society Has Made Mayor Cochrane Its Chief Executive.

The Hochelaga Agricultural Society will hold its spring stallion show in April, the green crop exhibition in midsummer and the fall ploughing matches in October.

This was decided upon at a meeting of all the directors yesterday, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Mr. Jas. Cochrane, Mayor of Montreal.

Vice-president—Mr. George Gervais, Longue Pointe.

Secretary-treasurer—Mr. H. J. Ross.

Auditors—Messrs. Adams and Paquette.

It was a most enthusiastic meeting, and the outlook for the years is most encouraging.

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CHILDREN'S SERVICE.

The Sunday's Christmas service at the Church of the Messiah will be held in morning instead of evening.

COLONEL PRIOR WILL COME TO OTTAWA.

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 24 (Special.)—Col. Prior announces that he and Attorney-General Eberts are going to Ottawa to negotiate better terms. Premier Laurier promising to meet them in the second week of January. The House hopes for duty to meet, therefore, till February.

VALUABLE ADVICE TO RHEUMATICS.

Eat meat sparingly, and take very little sugar. Avoid intoxicants, keep away from dampness, drink water abundantly, and always rely on Nerviline as a quick reliever of Rheumatic pains. Being five times stronger than ordinary remedies, Nerviline's power over pain is simply beyond belief. It cures also Sciatica, Lumbago, Neuralgia, and all pain, whether internal or external. Large bottles, price 25c.

GREAT DEPRESSION IN BRITISH COTTON.

London, Dec. 24.—The depression in the British cotton spinning industry is evidenced by the fact that eight-five joint stock companies in Lancashire, with an aggregate capital of $25,175,000, and having 6,667,000 spindles, record a net loss of $7,150 for this year.

MR. WADE ON BOUNDARY DISPUTE

Former Yukon Prosecutor Shows How the Modus Vivendi is Ruining the Tide-Water Towns.

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

London, Dec. 24.—Mr. F. C. Wade, formerly Crown prosecutor in the Yukon, contributes to the Empire Review a good-tempered article on the Alaska-Yukon boundary dispute. He presents the Canadian side of the controversy with ability and fairness, laying stress upon the fact that the United States trade with the Yukon is declining, and that the tidewater towns of Skagway and Dyea are not being benefited, but ruined by the existing arrangements.

MATHURIN DEFENCE PLEADS INSANITY

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Quebec, Dec. 24.—Joseph Mathurin, accused of the murder of his wife, is now on trial at St. Thomas de Montmagny, and it is probable the evidence will all be in by this evening. Mathurin, it will be remembered, arose one night and cut his wife's throat as she lay asleep. There seemed to be no motive for the deed, and the prisoner's counsel, Messrs. Lane & Gallpeault, are making a strong fight for Mathurin's life on the grounds that he was insane when he committed the crime.

Wedding at Point St. Charles.

St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church will be the scene of a greatly anticipated wedding, on Christmas Day. On that occasion, Mr. Walter Montagnani and Miss Mingie, of Maple avenue, are to be joined in matrimony. They will receive at 23 Maple avenue, from 4 till 6 o'clock.

Vessel Movements.

SS. Commonwealth, Dominion line, Liverpool to Boston, sailed Saturday.

SS. Montcalm, Elder-Dempster line, Bristol to St. John, N. B., arrived Tuesday.

SS. Numidian, Allan line, Philadelphia to Glasgow, sailed Monday.

SS. Pomeranian, Allan line, Glasgow to Boston, arrived Sunday.

SS. Siberian, Allan line, Glasgow to Philadelphia, arrived Tuesday.

Were Frightened Off.

A boy saw men enter the hardware store of the James Walker Hardware Company, 234 St. James street, last night, and promptly told a policeman. The constable at once went to the scene but the burglars had become alarmed and ran away, taking nothing with them. Entrance was effected through a cellar window.

Broke a Leg.

Charles Gallagher, aged 40, of 118 St. George street, fell down a cellar stairs yesterday, while at work at 86 St. Urbain street. One leg was fractured and he was taken to Notre Dame Hospital for treatment.

Cigar Thief Sentenced.

John Twohey broke into a Vitre street store and stole a quantity of cigars. Yesterday he appeared before Judge Desnoyers in the Court of Special Sessions and was sentenced to six months in jail.

Cote St. Paul Fire.

Mr. James Leggett's cottage at Cote St. Paul caught fire yesterday, and Engine No. 15 and Hose Reel No. 12 were sent from the city to the fire. The fire threatened to destroy the cottage, but was confined to the upper storey. The house and furniture were badly damaged before the fire was controlled.

Children and Matches.

A small blaze in the residence of Mr. Benoit, 1025 St. Dominique street, gave the St. Louis de Mile End firemen a run yesterday afternoon. Children and matches caused the trouble, but the fire was out before any damage of account was done.

Injured Man Is Better.

Thomas Nicholson, the Lachine Rapids Hydraulic & Land Company lineman, who was injured on Saturday while at work near the Montagnard Rink, is improving greatly. The doctors of Notre Dame Hospital say he will be able to leave the hospital in a few days.

MILTON STREET EXPROPRIATION.

The petitions for legislation as to the cost of the Milton Street expropriation are open for signatures at the office of Messrs. Henry Morgan & Co., who will receive all contributions towards defraying the cost of such legislation.

Steamship in Distress.

Captain W. H. Bullock, of the Dominion line steamship Colonian, who is expected in Montreal, reports that on December 15 he sighted the steamship Minnetonka in latitude 40 north and longitude 12 west. The Minnetonka signalled that her boilers were disabled, and her steering gear and boats carried away. The Colonian lay by all night, and in the morning, by means of her life boats, got two lines on the disabled ship. One line broke at 2 p.m., and three hours afterwards the other one went. As the Colonian's supply of coal was getting low she was compelled to abandon the crippled ship, but left her in the care of vessels. The Minnetonka was built in Cleveland, Ohio, and came through the canals early in the season. Tugs and were put to sea after she was found for Liverpool, and when disabled.

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Lake Champlain Passengers.

The Steamship Lake Champlain, Elder-Dempster Co. Bristol line, sailed from St. John, N.B., to-day with general cargo and passengers for Liverpool. Among the passengers are the following: Mr. W. J. Pilkington, Mr. Joseph Traverse, Mr. R. J. James, Mr. L. Lockwood, Mr. D. D. Sinclair, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Thos. Brigdeholtam, Mr. M. H. Patterson, Captain Paul Wetherbee, Mrs. Wetherbee, Mr. D. M. Sutherland, Mr. G. M. Farmer, Mr. E. Closson, Mrs. Closson, Mr. R. H. Smith, Mrs. Smith, Miss J. Norwood, Mrs. L. P. Compton, Mrs. Patchett, Mr. A. Henshaw, Mr. John Main, Mr. J. Lowden, Mrs. C. Lowden, Mr. W. Halford, Mr. C. Halford, Mr. James Park, Mrs. Park, Mr. W. Anderson, Mrs. Anderson, and the Lieut. Mr. M. Blackburne, Mrs. M. Blackburne.



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LEMOINE STREET FIRE.

Tailor Trimming Establishment and Leather House Damaged.

Yesterday morning the firemen were called to S. Pitt's woollen and tailors' trimming establishment, 15 Lemoine Street. On the arrival of the first firemen smoke was coming from every window, and as the place is in the business centre a second alarm was sent in, and Chief Benoit took charge. Six streams were put in, and the fire was soon under control. Mr. Pitt's part of the building was badly wrecked, and Mr. La Gallbert, leather merchant, and Messrs. Samuel Thomas & Son, commission merchants, were damaged by water. The loss will be about $6,000. The cause of the fire is unknown.

RAILWAYS EARN TRIBUTE OF GRATEFULNESS.

The American Association of Travelling Passenger Agents, whose members were so handsomely treated by the Canadian Railway officials at the time they held their convention here, have sent souvenirs expressive of their appreciation of what was done for them. Mr. C. E. E. Ussher, Mr. G. T. Bell and Mr. Thomas Henry, of the Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunk and Ontario & Richelieu Companies respectively, have received testimonials.

The Travelling Passenger Agents express their appreciation through elaborate brochures produced especially for the recipients.

The Grand Trunk Railway Company has just been advised that it has been awarded a silver medal by the Eastern Townships Agricultural Association for the exhibit which was placed at Canada's Eastern Exhibition held in Sherbrooke last September.

GRAIN BOYCOTT SUIT ABANDONED.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The suit against Winnipeg Grain Exchange firms for $100,0000 damages for alleged boycott, has been dropped by the plaintiffs. The suit was instituted in the Court of King's Bench on November 27.

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MONTREAL WILL SETTLE WITH PROVINCE FOR $60,000

As a result of the conference which was held yesterday afternoon between the representatives of the city and the Provincial Government it was decided that all outstanding claims existing between the two parties, up to January 1st, 1903, should be wiped out by the payment of $60,000 by the former.

The amounts in dispute on both sides date back many years, and relate chiefly to the fines collected in the Recorders' Court.

BOTH SIDES OF ARGUMENT.

The Government's contention was that the province had, according to certain statutes, a right to the total amount of all fines, exclusive of costs, collected in the Recorder's Court, under statutes, and to half of the amount of fines collected under the civic by-laws, this right being on that the province had always exercised toward justices of the peace.

The city's principal contention was that, even admitting the Government's right to these fines, it had itself incurred considerable expense for the administration of criminal justice for the Government which is responsible for the cost of this service in all districts of the province. The police had to be partly kept up for these criminal cases, and clerks and judges paid in the Recorder's department to dispose of them. All this saved money to the province and incurred expense to the city, for which the latter should be recouped.

As a rejoinder to this latter contention it was pointed out that the city had to keep its police and Recorder's Court for the enforcement of its by-laws.

BASIS OF SETTLEMENT.

After considerable discussion a basis of settlement was agreed upon as indicated above. A report to that effect will now be made by the delegation to the Finance Committee and City Council for approval, and the Ministers, on their side, will submit the bargain to the Legislature at its next session. The city will be allowed to take the sum of $60,000 out of the reserve fund of next year.

As to the future, it is proposed that either arrangements be made by statute to define more clearly the rights of the province and the city to the fines paid into the Recorder's Court, or that the criminal cases be sent to the Police Court, which is the Government court, or that the city's magistrates continue to hear these cases, if the city still wishes that they should, but that the Recorder's clerk make a report, from time to time, to the Government, as to the amount of fines collected under statutes, the city to keep the fines under civic by-laws, and that these fines be divided according to the present statutes, the latter being now more explicit than formerly as to the employment of fines.

OTHERS MUST SETTLE ALSO.

All municipalities in the province possessing a Recorder's Court will now be called upon to settle with the province for the past, and make arrangements for the future, as the Government does not intend to discriminate against Montreal.

There were present, Hon. S. N. Parent, Premier of the province; H. Archambault, Attorney-General; H. T. Duffy, treasurer; L. Gouin, Minister of Public Works, and A. Robitaille, provincial secretary. Messrs. Charles Lanctot, K.C., special law officer of the province; L. J. Ethier, city attorney; A. W. Atwater, consulting city attorney; L. O. David, city clerk; O. Dufresne, city comptroller; A. Bienvenu, chief of the Recorder's department. His Worship Mayor Cochrane, Ald. Laporte, chairman of the Finance Committee, Ald. Carter and Ald. Lamarche.

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"It quickly relieved my difficult breathing, so I got the complete outfit, hard rubber inhaler, etc., and I began systematically the Catarrhozone treatment.

"In a few days the huskiness and hoarseness disappeared, and my voice became stronger. The running of the nose, and 'stuffiness of the head,' feverishness, difficult breathing, were all done away with before I had been using Catarrhozone very long.

"About six weeks' treatment was sufficient to do more for me than four doctors failed to do in three years' time. It cured me and I don't believe there is another such a remedy on earth. Its action is speedy, pleasant and permanent."

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The impurities in the blood are driven off by Ferrozone tablets, which strengthen and build up the system to such a healthy condition that disease simply can't exist.

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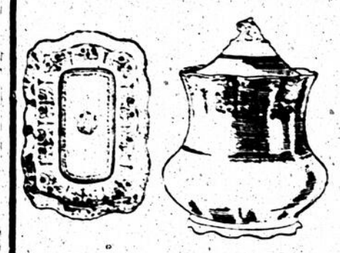


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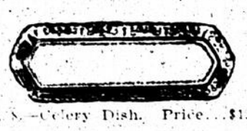
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No. 9.—Ice Cream Tray. Price $3.50



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No. 17—Bonbon Dish. Price, .50
No. 18—Teapot. Price..... 2.50



No. 19.



No. 20.

No. 19.—Sugar Bowl. Price...$1.50
No. 20—Cream Jug. Price... .90



No. 21.—Teas and Saucers. Each, $1.00.



No. 10.—Salad Bowl. Price...$2.00



No. 22.—Chocolate Sets $8.40
Chocolate Jug 3.00
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No. 11.—Bread Plate. Price..$3.00





No. 23.—Coffees, after dinner. Each, .75.

Bouillon Cups and Saucers, per dozen, $12.50.

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WHAT THE WEST SAYS OF THE G.T.R. PACIFIC

Vice-President Morse and Comptroller Wainwright, of the Grand Trunk, who returned from their Western trip last evening, report favorably upon the reception that the great Canadian Northwest has given to the Grand Trunk Pacific project.

They were away about six weeks, and had travelled nearly 9,000 miles, visiting the municipalities that were likely to be interested in the scheme in all the provinces and territories between Ontario and the Pacific coast.

"The West is glad to hear that the Grand Trunk is coming," was one of the phrases Mr. Morse used in describing the feeling. One of the purposes of his mission was to bring officially before the interested authorities the news that the Grand Trunk meant to establish a through line.

KNOW WHAT IS COMING.

Speaking of the effect the news had upon those to whom it was communicated, Mr. Morse observed:

"Most of those we met in the West are from the East, and the Grand Trunk is no stranger to the people. They know what it has done; the service performed by its double track line, and are glad it has decided to cross Canada.

"The need for another transcontinental line is apparent, and the people of the West, from New Ontario to British Columbia, feel that the Grand Trunk can supply the need better than any other company.

"We came in contact with boards of trade and leading business representatives at the principal points of the territory covered, and that is the result of our observation.

"The Grand Trunk Pacific will have the support of the people in the West."

When asked concerning the matter of subsidy, Mr. Morse said that the new road should be treated as liberally as any other.

Speaking of reports connecting the Canadian Northern with the Grand Trunk's project, Mr. Morse said that no negotiations whatever were being carried on with the Mackenzie & Mann corporation.

"At all events," Mr. Morse added, "they are not willing to sell, according to newspaper reports.

SOMETHING NOT TOLD.

Mr. Morse did not volunteer any information, however, as to the purport of the long interview that he and Mr. Wainwright had in Toronto with the Hon. Senator Cox, nor the tentacles that the Bank of Commerce are said to have spread over the Canadian Northern.

Said Mr. Morse, "The extension of the Canadian Northern to the Pacific is not essential to its existence, and it can go on serving the demands of the territory it now covers."

"How long will it take to complete the line?"

"Less than five years after necessary legislation is secured, I think," said Mr. Morse. "In order that the work may be rushed, construction will begin from different points: North Bay, Prince Albert, Edmonton and in British Columbia.

"From information at hand the grades through the mountains, either to Port Simpson or Bute Inlet, will be 50 per cent. easier than those on the Canadian Pacific Railway line."

It was Mr. Morse's first trip from Eastern to Western Canada, and it is a great country, he says, and must be visited to be appreciated. Prosperity and development were evident everywhere.

Even the Celestials are interested in the scheme. At Victoria the Grand Trunk officials met a couple of wealthy Chinamen who were investigating conditions for a new freight line across the Pacific.

Mr. Morse spent the greater part of the forenoon reporting to General Manager Hays his views as to the prospective support the new line is likely to receive, and the impressions that had been conveyed to him as to the route it ought to take and the possibility of creating traffic.

FOOTBALL ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE

Montreal Brokers Got Gay This Forenoon at the Approach of Christmas.

A footbal performance that would turn the Ottawa City champions of Canada green with envy was pulled off on the floor of the Montreal Stock Exchange this afternoon.

Just about 12 o'clock an innocent broker in pursuit of sellers, howled: "129 1-4 for Pacific."

A low growl greeted the announcement. Somewhere from, behind, a flying wedge of brokers set up on him, took his hat away and performed other feats not at all in keeping with the customary decorum of a Stock Exchange.

Suddenly from some mysterious corner a football put in an appearance and the ceremonies were opened.

At the advertised time the Towsers and the Bowsers took their positions in the Arena and stripped for action.

Trained down to the minute both sides started to scrimmage with all kinds of abandon, and the public who were hedged off by the railing on the Exchange, broke into cheers as Messrs. Nasa, Howard and Nicholls, of the Towsers, broke through the Bowsers' forward line for a gain of five yards.

Quarterback Rykert then got the ball and got around Dinn's end for a gain of three yards.

The referee then awarded Left Wing O'Brien a free kick for wearing a coon coat, and he lifted the ball to the ceiling.

In his rapid descent it broke somebody's hat in, but that was nothing, and the Bowsers captured the ball on the Towsers' 25-yard line.

A fierce scrimmage ensued and a muffled "held" from the bottom of the heap made the referee sound his whistle.

Time was then called, while Messrs. Nicholls and Low were extracted from under the chairs, and as the ambulance drove up Mr. Howard of the Towsers, assisted by H. B. Macdougall, N. Nash and Dobbin, was pulled over the railing for a loss of 7 yards.

During the melee somebody wanted to buy 25 shares of mining stock and there was talk of having him arrested and expelled from the Football Association.

Quietly going up while the discussion was on, Mr. Turpin nailed the ball and kicked a goal for the Bowsers.

Score: 93 bid, 93 1-2 asked.

As the whistle blew again a determined rush by E. S. Garland, Meeker and Weir landed the Towsers well up the field, but at this juncture a messenger boy set a firecracker off and the ceremonies were suspended while the gladiators got their courage on straight.

Then somebody mistook Captain Low's cap for the ball and by a neat run A. Mitchell bucked the centre and crossed the goal line for the Towsers.

Score: 94 bid, 94 1-2 asked.

As time was rapidly expiring the Bowsers became desperate, but to no avail. Several fierce scrimmages took place and the gong sounded at 12.30.

As the brokers took away most of the dust on the floor the caretaker decided it was not necessary to sweep up and consequently presented himself with a half holiday.

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New York despatches speak with enthusiasm of the success of operations performed by Dr. Lorenz for club foot, and congenital dislocations of the hip. These diseases are more common than the average man supposes. It is only necessary to visit the hospitals of a great city to discover how prevalent they are and how difficult it is to treat them with success. In one New York hospital no less than 3,800 cases were reported during the month of November, and this is said to be the average for the institution. Hitherto the treatment has been surgical. The sufferer has been placed under the knife, with results sometimes satisfactory and at other times of a different class.

A WEALTHY CASE.

One of the children of J. Ogden Armour, a Chicago multi-millionaire, labored under the spell of dislocation of the hip. The bone of the leg, instead of entering the socket provided for it by nature, had been drawn aside to a resting place of its own. The Armours tried the medical and surgical skill of the United States in vain. Nothing that native professional talent knew could save the little one from life as a cripple. It was learned, however, that an Austrian man of science had found a new and successful process. To him an appeal was made, and as a consequence Dr. Lorenz visited this continent for the special purpose of curing the little daughter of the rich man. There was one unfortunate incident in connection with the visit. Dr. Lorenz was not a registered practitioner in any of the States. Before he could practice registration had to be obtained. But this was a simple and inexpensive matter, and the fee of $50,000 paid by the proprietors of the stock yards for the operation upon the child more than covered the costs. The work of Dr. Lorenz is reported to have been thoroughly successful. Into its place the refractory bone has been forced, and the little one, after a brief experience of paster bandages, is expected to be a cripple no longer.

BLOODLESS SURGERY.

The Lorenz process is known as bloodless surgery. By its inventor it is termed the "functional weight-bearing method." Described without the aid of scientific terminology, it may be said to be a plan whereby, through the application of muscular effort at the right spot, the ligaments which draw the bone from its proper place are deprived of their elasticity, and the bone passes to the cavity which nature has prepared for it. In the case of the Armour child, as in others, the "femur," which is the hinge part of the connection of the leg with the hip, was drawn from its socket. When this occurs the impossibility of walking is not the only trouble. There come in time abscesses, and with them decay of the limb. Surgical treatment looks to the opening of the affected part, the cutting of certain muscles, and the placing of the bone in position. There is always more or less difficulty in such operations. Dr. Lorenz does not use the knife. The story of his cure of the little Armour girl relates that after the patient had been placed under ether the doctor applied his hands to the muscles or ligaments, and by manipulation took from them the power which draws the limb awry. Then with a tremendous exertion of strength, in which other doctors joined, he pulled at the ankle and the dislocated bone went into its place with a loud click. A plaster of Paris bandage was subsequently applied to keep the restored point in position until it is beyond the danger of accident.

A FURORE IN THE STATES.

The method evidently requires very special knowledge. The operator must know what muscles to deal with, and what degree of strength to expend upon them. He must also be powerful and extremely rapid in his movements. The operation by Dr. Lorenz is performed in a few minutes. Throughout the United States the Austrian visitor has been feted by medical men, and has been deluged with applications for professional service. But he has declined to operate for private parties, and has restricted himself to clinics, with a view to explaining and illustrating his system that the doctors may adopt it. To these clinics parents by hundreds have brought their crippled children, in the hope of securing relief for them. But the physical effort in each instance is so great that the cure of more than two or three unfortunates in one day is out of the question. Happy was the parent whose child was selected for treatment. One mother, indeed, declared herself satisfied if she could but look at the doctor. She felt that if she feasted upon him with her eyes the treatment when applied by her own physician would be successful. The clinics have dealt very largely with hip dislocations. But there have also been cures of club feet.

THE CLUB FOOT.

The club foot is the result of irregularity of muscular action. In curing the disease Dr. Lorenz practically kneads the foot into shape. He works every muscle and ligament into its proper duty, and restores the member to its original task—that of carrying the body. In New York the other day one of the cases was very bad. The foot was curled in, and in addition, was so drawn that the sufferer had nothing but the ankle to stand upon. By manipulating the foot entirely with his hand, Dr. Lorenz brought it to its proper form and attitude so successfully that the child was at once able to stand upright. But for strengthening purposes, and to complete the work, the plaster cast was necessary. The Austrian doctor is known as "The Cripples' Friend." His discovery, it is claimed, will revolutionize one branch of medical science, and will do away with much of the suffering to which humanity is heir. It is an addition to the list of inventions which during recent years have tended to prolong life and to make human beings happier. Lister, with his antiseptic treatment in surgery, Pasteur and Koch, with inoculation, Rontgen with his celebrated "x" rays, Virchow, with his microbe theory, have made valuable contributions to the philanthropic work of giving relief to the afflicted; and now Lorenz presents a process which in its sphere is pronounced invaluable alike for its simplicity and its success.

ENGLISH SCORED.

United States Beaten in an Order for Machinery in China.

In the early part of the year an announcement regarding English versus American machinery in China went the rounds of the English and Colonial newspaper press bearing upon the unjustifiable practice of a section of the English press of constantly belauding, at every opportunity, the American manufacturer and his methods, to the detriment of the British manufacturer, and an instance was then given to illustrate the ability of the Britisher in one branch of industry at least to hold his own ,an dto beat his American rivals. The instance was that of a large fluor mill contract secured in China by an old firm of English milling engineers in competition with American makers, in which case the Englis firm was better both in price and time for delivery. The whole plant was delivered within the time specified, ten weeks! and the proprietors were so pleased with the results obtained in working the mill, that they have placed the contract for another similar mill, also for North China, with the same English firm, viz.: Messrs. E. R. & F. Turner, Ltd., of Ipswich.

In the meantime the same firm has scored again in the same market over their American rivals, having recently secured a complete flour mill contract for another firm of Chinese millers, in the competition for which the American firm was beaten on all counts.

THE MISSING CAPTAIN.

The Police Office Has Heard from the Man Who Disappeared from The Bath Hotel.

Chief Detective Carpenter has received word that Captain Lever was in St. Johns, Que., during the past few days, and left there on Sunday for St. Remi. One of the detective force and Mrs. Lever went to St. Remi to-day.

10,000 MORE BRITISH IMMIGRANTS TO CANADA.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.— (Special.) — The Department of Trade and Commerce has received a return from the Imperial authorities showing the number of immigrants who left Great Britain during the eleven months ending November 30, 1902. During that period it shows that British immigration to Canada increased by almost 10,000 souls.

The figures for the eleven months were as follows:—

	1902.	1901.
English	55,901	55,447
Scotch	11,861	11,114
Irish	37,341	35,101
Total British	105,103	101,662
Total foreigners	117,243	87,002
Not distinguished	1,243	1,104
Total	223,589	189,768

During the same period the number who came to British-North America was:—

	1902.	1901.
English	20,492	11,902
Scotch	3,595	2,113
Irish	1,432	1,320
Total British	25,519	15,335
Foreigners	38,104	25,445
Not distinguished	111	111
Total	63,734	40,891

HAS BLANCHE WALSH MARRIED HUGO TOLAND, OR HASN'T SHE?

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Toronto, Dec. 24.—A special despatch from Chicago says: "Although Blanche Walsh, the actress, now touring in a new play, entitled "The Daughter of Hamilcar," has not deemed it necessary to corroborate the story, it is declared by her friends that she was married last week to Hugo Toland, now a member of her supporting company."

Efforts to secure corroboration of this story from Miss Walsh, who is now playing in Western Ontario, have been unsuccessful. The marriage is rumored to have occurred last Thursday.

Miss Walsh was playing in Montreal last Thursday. Nothing is known among theatrical people here of the rumored marriage.

TROUBLE IN CHINATOWN.

A party of three negroes and two white men dropped in Fong Sang's restaurant, corner of Vitre and St. Charles Borromee Streets last night, and after having eaten proceeded to make a row. One of the white men was rather badly cut up in the fight, and about $80 worth of damage was done. The Chinamen want the damages paid and have had warrants issued.

Dr. A. Lorne Gilday, house surgeon of the City Hospital, of New York, is visiting his parents at 7 Seymour avenue for a few weeks.

A TRUCE AMONG THE LITIGANTS

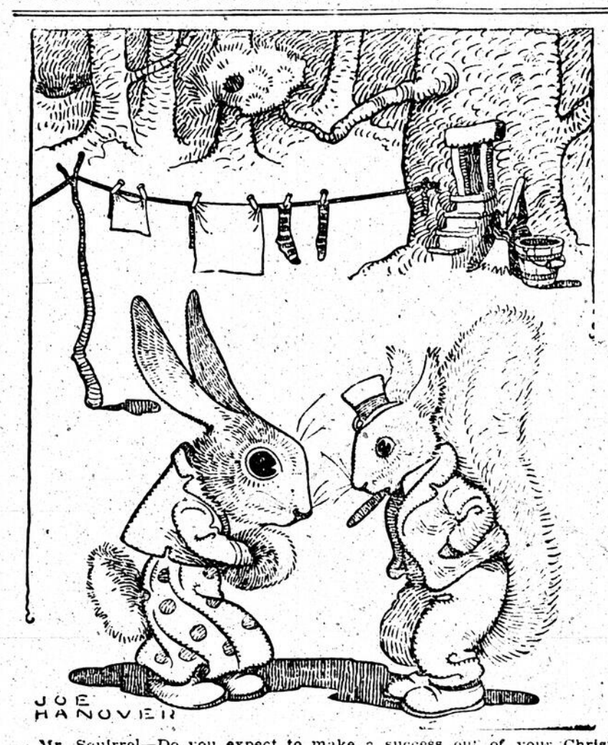
To-day is the lawyers' holiday. A well-known lawyer remarked this morning that the day before Christmas is regularly the slackest day in the whole business year with members of the legal profession. People seemed to hesitate about entering upon or even discussing matters of litigation upon the eve of the Day of Peace and Goodwill toward men, and no one ever had money to pay his lawyer's bill on that day.

So to-day the offices of even the busiest legal firms are deserted. The office boy sits and dreams of huge stockings, plum puddings and glorious stomachaches, while the pretty typewriter addresses her Christmas cards, or puts the finishing touches to belated bits of fancy work.

SHOPLIFTERS SENTENCED.

Mother and Daughter Punished for Taking Things from Stores.

Mrs. Virginie Sigouin, of Mount Royal Avenue, and her daughter, Aimee Sigouin, were arrested yesterday in Hamilton's store by Detective Demers, on the charge of shoplifting. The goods were found on them, and in Judge Lafontaine's court to-day they pleaded guilty. The mother was sent to jail for one month and the daughter for six hours. Chief Carpenter says shoplifters had better confine their operations to their homes, as he has every big store in town watched closely.



Mr. Squirrel—Do you expect to make a success out of your Christmas party?

Mrs. Bunny—Yes, indeed. Mr. Porcupine has kindly consented to act as the Christmas tree. We will start to decorate him to-morrow.

DASTARDLY DEEDS OF CRIMINAL.

Mannington, W.Va., December 24.—The residence of Robert Floyd, two miles north of here, was blown up with dynamite by robbers last night. Mr. Floyd was killed instantly, and Mrs. Floyd and the servant girl were seriously injured. The house was completely demolished. One thousand dollars, which it is said Floyd had in the house, is missing.

Edline, Ala., December 24.—A. M. Bass, foreman of the coal chutes of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, was killed, and J. F. Jones, agent of the road here, was wounded last night while sitting at the supper table of a hotel, the assassins firing through the window. There is no clue to the perpetrators.

RESTRICTIONS ON PHILADELPHIA.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 24.—The Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company, in order to increase the supply of anthracite coal in New York and Philadelphia has issued orders that no family in this section be permitted to purchase more than one ton of coal at a time. All employes of the company have been limited to one ton a month.

The collieries which were flooded by the rains of last week are still idle, and in consequence, the anthracite production has been considerably decreased.

CANADIAN SOO CLOSES SATURDAY.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The Canadian Soo Canal will close for the season on Saturday nights next. The American canal was closed a week ago, but the Canadian canal was kept open for the accommodation of a couple of the Clergue Company's boats. The season has been an exceedingly successful one.

CANADIAN WEED PLAGUES SCOTLAND.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Professor Dougall of Glasgow, Scotland, has written the Fisheries Department asking in what way they can kill or get rid of a Canadian water weed called Anacharis which came to them from Canada some years ago. This weed has overrun one of the most famous trout fishing resorts in Scotland, Loch Leven, and the experts are at a loss to know how to get rid of it.

A NEW YORK VILLAGE BURNED.

Carning, N.Y., December 24.—Lawrenceville, Pa., was visited by a disastrous fire to-day. It originated in Spring's millinery store, from an overturned lamp, and all the buildings on one side of Main Street were destroyed, including Wing & Bostwick's large department store. The Rustling block and Opera House, the Darling block and five other stores were burned. Loss over $50,000.

BACK FROM WOLVERHAMPTON.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Mr. W. D. Scott, Canadian commission to the Cork and Wolverhampton exhibitions, has reached Ottawa this evening. Mr. Scott says that both exhibitions were a decided success. The attendance was large and the impression made by the Canadian exhibit was excellent.

A JERSEY MAN TAKEN.

Last evening Detectives Cowan and Sampson arrested Fred. Kendelberry alias J. Fisher, who is wanted in Jersey City, N.J., on a very serious charge. The authorities there have been notified.

STOLEN GOODS.

Two brothers named Michaud, who keep a St. Catherine Street pool room, were arrested this morning by Detective Gladu, of the National Detective Agency. They are accused of receiving stolen goods. They appeared in Judge Lafontaine's court, and were remanded for enquete.

FOUR MONTHS' PUNISHMENT.

David Carmichael, who was found guilty of theft, was sentenced to four months in jail by Judge Lafontaine to-day.

SUGAR CONVENTION TANGLES.

MOST FAVORED NATION'S CLAUSE.

The statement which Mr. Balfour volunteered to the House of Commons with regard to the most-favored-nation clause of our commercial treaties shows, says the Daily Graphic, that the tangle in which we are involved by the Brussels Convention is even more serious than was imagined. It is on record, Mr. Balfour stated, that in 1880 the law officers of the Crown gave an opinion that to impose countervailing duties on bounty-fed sugar would be a violation of the most-favored-nation clause. How the Government could have remained so long in ignorance of the existence of this record is one of the many curiosities involved in the convention. More important, however, than this historical puzzle is the question of what is now to be done. We have commercial treaties with almost every country in the world, all containing this crucial clause. It is indeed hardly too much to say that the whole of our export trade with foreign countries is carried on under the protection of the most-favored- clause. By virtue of that clause we secure entry for our goods into foreign markets at the lowest rate at which any goods are admitted. If that clause disappears our goods will be liable to be taxed at higher rates than goods coming from our rivals. The possible seriousness of such a blow to our trade can hardly be exaggerated; but it is now clear that the Government must either drop the convention or run the risk of losing in all the countries which are not parties to the convention, the splendid advantage we now possess of entering their markets at the lowest tariff rate.

It is, of course, for the Government to drop the convention after having advanced so far towards ratification; but, except for the personal unpleasantness involved in drawing back from an untenable position, there is nothing to lose. Ministers appear to have gone into the Brussels Conference with an exaggerated idea of what the West Indies might gain, and with a very inadequate conception of the cost that might be imposed upon the United Kingdom. It is clear that there can be no gain to the West Indies unless there is a substantial rise in the price of sugar, and if there is such a rise the cost to the consumers and to the industries of this country must be heavy. If there is to be no rise in prices, as ministers seem now inclined to argue, there can be no gain to the West Indies. The question is still further complicated by the fact that the larger part of the sugar produced in the West Indies is sold in the United States, where it is now protected by countervailing duties against German competition.

THE OAKVILLE BANK SMASH.

Palmerston, Ont., Dec 24.—"Everything is lost, nothing is left" is the startling announcement C. Bert Anderson, manager of the Oakville Bank makes for the information of hundreds of depositors.

When told his father had said Friday night, that the depositors would perhaps realize from 75 to 100 per cent. on their accounts, Bert Anderson observed dejectedly: "Well, father really knows nothing of the situation." The only ray of hope for the depositors is contained in an after-thought of the discouraged man. "All I want is my health and I will pay back every dollar involved."

He denied having gambled on the stock market with bank funds. "My operations never impaired to any extent the resources of the bank as the books will show."

The firm's investments turned out badly. Securities from that service are worthless, mostly second real estate mortgages. One of the assets of Oakville Bank is $40,000 owed by firms to the Palmerston Bank.

THE TORONTO MAYORALTY.

Toronto, Dec. 24.— (Special.) — The temperance party is pressing G. F. Marter, ex-M.P., to run for Mayor. He has asked a day or two to consider. He is now in Chicago. Ex-Mayor Shaw is still undecided whether to contest for Mayor or alderman. C. C. Robinson is well into his campaign for the mayoralty. Mayor Howland has not yet begun his.

LONDON.—James Headley, the famous Waterloo coursing judge, is dead.

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THE RUBBER COMPANY PAYS

In the Superior Court this morning Mr. Justice Doherty dismissed, with costs, the action of the Canadian Rubber Company of Montreal vs. the city of Montreal to recover $438.45 paid on a special assessment for the construction of a sidewalk in front of the company's premises on Notre Dame street, near Papineau Square, in 1893.

The plaintiff claimed that the civic authorities had destroyed a permanent cement pavement and had put down instead a sidewalk of inferior asphalt, and the plaintiff asked that the assessment riol be annulled, and the amount of the special assessment be paid back by the city.

The city pleaded that it was necessary to remove the sidewalk in question in order to widen the street, and the court maintained the opposition, holding that the city had the right to decide what kind of a pavement should be laid.

ANOTHER RESULT OF THE COAL FAMINE.

Mr. Antoine Robert has entered suit against Hon. Treffle Berthiaume, proprietor of La Presse, for $20,000 damages for libel. The article complained of appeared in yesterday's issue of La Presse, and charged Mr. Robert with posing as a public benefactor in pretending to sell hard coal at a very low price, when as the article asserts, Mr. Robert was really selling a kind of soft coal at the price of hard, and was prompted, not by charity, but by cupidity, and a desire to secure favorable publicity.

PEACE ON EARTH.

The Court House will be closed to-morrow and New Year's Day, and between the two dates no cases will be heard except summarily in Practice Court and chambers.

The Court of Appeal wound up its business yesterday, and to-day the Court of Review will conclude the December term. The judges of the Superior Court will not sit to hear cases until January 12, when the January term opens.

SUDDEN DEATH AT ST. HYACINTHE.

St. Hyacinthe, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Mr. Alex. Blanchet, of this town, died suddenly this morning of apoplexy at Ste. Madeleine. On rising out of his bed he felt somewhat dizzy, and had barely time to call for help when he fell over and died. The deceased was 82 years of age.

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THE STEAMER ASSYRIAN BRINGS SMALLPOX CASE.

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Halifax, Dec. 24.—The steamer Assyrian, from Hamburg and Bologne, with 534 passengers, arrived this morning and anchored in quarantine. She has a case of smallpox on board, and all passengers must go into quarantine. The steamer will be detained.

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CHRISTMAS.

When all is said, Christmas Day is the high festival of the modern age. The world has not yet gone as far as it might go towards realizing the gospel of good will towards men, but "the world do move." Amongst men and amongst nations an earlier tradition still holds strong, but by slow and sure degrees progress is made. The nations are jealous of the successes of every other nation, and do not stop as long as they should to enquire whether the good of one may not possibly make for the good of all. Individuals are still prone to think every man their enemy, or rather to act upon that theory without thinking too much about it. The strong are still fortifying their strength at the expense of the weak, without worrying unnecessarily about the injury that may result. But there are signs, as in the magnificent bequests to institutions designed to promote the common good, to colleges, to libraries, to hospitals, that the strong are not insensible of their obligations, and are disposed to do their part, if not in the way others would choose, at least in the way that commends itself to them, to improve the common lot. The Christmas festival, whatever its original significance, has come to serve the noble purpose of reminding mankind of the need there is for yet greater progress in this direction. It will be a long time, indeed, before the race will find the need of a still higher teaching because all things are as the Christmas spirit would have them to be.

A CHURCHMAN MILITANT.

The portraits of the late Archbishop Temple prepare all who look upon them for the accounts of his grimly courageous attitude when he was obviously in the proximate presence of death. The lines of his face make it easy to understand the fortitude he showed at the coronation, and more recently in the House of Lords. The strong nose, the firm mouth, the square jaw, the massiveness of the ensemble, want only a something in the eye to complete that eagle aspect which, in the case of Mr. Gladstone, bespoke high purpose joined to an undaunted spirit. The spirit of the late Archbishop of Canterbury rose superior to the physical limitations imposed upon him by old age. Those who describe the pathetic scene at the coronation, when his limbs failed in their office, tell of how his voice, nevertheless, was stronger, clearer, more resonant, than that of any of the younger prelates who took part in the ceremony. So in the House of Lords, when the Education Bill was under consideration, he said what he had to say, he played the role his strong sense of duty told him the Archbishop of Canterbury should play to the very last. Dumas, who loved the strong man of his own creation, went out into the streets weeping when the knees of Porthos had failed him for the third and last time. The feelings of his brother bishops must have been akin to this when Archbishop Temple collapsed in the House of Lords the other day, when his knees failed for the second time, and when, ruggedly disdaining assistance, he waited a brief moment, rose again, and spoke the word he had determined to speak. It was a signal triumph of mind over matter, an example of physical courage as great as any that a battlefield affords. And this man had in his day been head master at Rugby, and later, in the Episcopate, had had innumerable opportunities of transmitting to others something of his own indomitable spirit. Who can measure the influence of such a man upon his times and upon his race?

GLORIFIED COMMON SENSE.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman may not have Mr. Gladstone's genius nor Lord Rosebery's brilliancy, but he has always had a reputation for talking good common-sense. His speech of yesterday was an excellent example of his method. Kipling, no doubt, in his appeals to those passions which survive since the troglodite period, has a pretty large audience, larger than it ought to be. Nevertheless, his rhymed insults directed against Russia after the Czar had called a peace conference, against the South African Dutch after the war was over and the reconciliation period begun, and now against the Germans, richly deserves the uncompromising denunciation applied to it by Sir Henry. Kipling is not the only one who may fairly be accused of indulging in this policy of "rasping writings and foul gibes," but as the most popular of them he must take the largest measure of the blame. Of course, European politics are kaleidoscopic. You never can tell, from day to day, whether one of the powers is to be hailed as England's traditional enemy or as her natural ally. In one of Cobden's writings he pictures the amazement of a Britisher who might have left on a short sea voyage at a time when England seemed to be on the verge of war with France, only to find, on his arrival at his destination, that English and French armies were on their way to the Crimea, where they were to fight in company against Russia. In the case of Germany, she has been Britain's best friend and worst enemy alternately half a dozen times in the past half dozen years. There is no reason why they should not be the best of friends, for the two peoples have all essentials in common and are only divided by a wholesome rivalry of trade that has been and ought to be, good for both and for the world. To talk of trade rivalry being the same thing as war is to talk nonsense, and the world has had so much costly experience of the evil resulting from this confusion of ideas that statesmen ought by this time to have learned their lesson as it is written.

Equally just, and timely, moreover, were Sir Henry's observations touching the need of a good understanding with the United States. In Canada we have a set of people, more influential, unfortunately, than they deserve to be, who are forever drumming it into our ears that the normal attitude of the British Empire towards the United States is one of hostility. They talk about the Monroe Doctrine as though it had been evolved as part of a plan of studied affront to Great Britain, the fact being, as everyone ought to know, that the real author of it was Canning, who proclaimed the right of the South American republics to their independence when they had won it from Spain, and refused to allow pressure to be brought to bear against them by Spain's European allies. The Monroe Doctrine was, and is, the direct and logical development of that action, and the formal enunciation of it was made by President Monroe only after intimate consultation with the British authorities. It is a conscious protest, and a lofty protest, against that ancient and inglorious policy which has made Europe an armed camp through all the centuries, retarding the progress of the race by the burdens it has placed upon industry. It is pleasing to note that Sir Frederick Borden, in the speech he delivered in New York the other evening, speaking as a member of the Canadian Government, cordially endorsed the doctrine in this sense, recognizing in it a pledge of the continued utilization of the bounties of nature in the new hemisphere on the new and better plan. Nothing could be worse for the world, in the condition in which its affairs stand to-day, than the embroilment of the United States and Great Britain in war, for nothing could well be more destructive of a civilization patiently built upon the triumphs of invention, industry and commerce, than a death struggle between those peoples which have contributed most to the advance that has been made. And be the ambitions of the German Emperor, formed in large part, perhaps, on the traditions of his war-making house, what they may, it yet remains that in the last half century the German people have also, by their patient application to material science, deserved well of the race. The Emperor is running great risks in his Chinese and South American adventures, and his people stand to suffer for his unwisdom. But to assail them as they have been assailed, or to imperil the peace of nations which are doing so much to raise the standards of human living the world over is surely the height of folly.

The Mayor, A. L. Laporte and Hon. Mr. Foran, are to be congratulated upon having at last reached an agreement upon the question of the sum to be paid the province by the city on account of old lawsuits. Both city and province seem to be advantaged by the terms of the agreement, for while the one might be forced to pay more, the other stood to lose something in the additional law costs. That a business settlement should thus be made after so long a delay is a hopeful sign of the times, and should be accepted, even by the most unreasonably pessimistic of our citizens as a sign that the conduct of affairs at the City Hall is much improved.

If Only.



If only you were Santa Claus
And I Jim Cochrane, Mayor,
We'd form a little combine
To treat the city fair.
We'd hand around some presents,
And gladden e'en the air,
If only you were Santa Claus
And I Jim Cochrane, Mayor.

If only you were Santa Claus,
And I had Jimmy's place,
We'd pick clean streets from off the tree,
And help the human race,
While tons of coal would raise a smile
On every mother's face,
If only you were Santa Claus
And I had Jimmy's place.

If only you were Santa Claus,
And I were Jim, the Peach,
We'd shinny up the Christmas tree
And from it gaily reach
Stone pavements, lower taxes and
We'd hear the people screech,
If only you were Santa Claus,
And I were Jim—the Peach.

HOLY FATHER IN GOOD HEALTH AND EXCELLENT SPIRITS.

Rome, Dec. 24.—Theer is absolutely no foundation for the report that the Pope is ill. The Pontiff is in good health and excellent spirits. He did not retire until ten o'clock last night, rose at seven this morning, celebrated mass in his private chapel, and proposes to celebrate a Christmas Eve mass at midnight.

A COLUMN OF XMAS VERSE

Christmas Greens.

I.

Down in the Southland far away,
Where summer days forever stay;
By sluggish pools where lizards sun
And ghostly moss swings tendrils dun;
High up where gnarled branches grow,
Gleam waxen berries, mistletoe.

II.

On sullen reach of sandy shore,
And, stretching backward evermore,
In waste of stunted shrub and tree,
Swept by the chill breath of the sea,
One touch of color burns and glows—
'Tis where the scarlet holly grows.

III.

Upon New England's rock-ribbed crest
With Nature's frosted fretwork dressed,
Its roots by massive bowlders stayed,
Its top by bleak winds rudely swayed,
The Tree of Trees, with arms outspread
To greet the Storm King, rears its head.

IV.

And so from solitudes apart,
Unto the city's throbbing heart,
To children's outstretched hands they come,
To deck the feast in every home,
And show that Christmas and its cheer
Unites all places far and near.

King Christmas.

Sweet is the spring, with earth's fresh incense laden;
Richer the summer with its ripening grain;
Autumns bright days are loved by youth and maiden,
But Christmas comes o'er all the year to reign.

He brings the scattered flock back to the home-fold;
The wand'ring birdlings to the parent nest;
Grandsire and children worship in the church old,
And praise God for His Son—of gifts the best.

He makes the churlish heart o'erflow with kindness;
E'en from the miser roll the years away,
Until, recovered from his wilful blindness,
A child again—he hails the happy day.

He lights the path for those who stray in error;
Proclaims forgiveness, sympathy and love;
Lifts from the heart its gloom of doubting terror;
Points to the Wise Man's Star which shines above.

He fills the children's hearts with joy and gladness.
He makes their elders all forget their care;
By giving pleasure they forget their sadness;
Forgetting Self, the gladness of the day they share.

Therefore we hail thee, king of every season,
O Christmas, dear, our sovereign, comrade, friend!
Nor in our loyal hearts lurk thought of treason;
Thine they shall be till earth and time shall end!

—Lena Rogers in the Christmas Pilgrim.

Jest 'Fore Christmas.

Father calls me William, sister calls me Will,
Mother calls me Willie, but the fellers call me Bill;
Mighty glad I ain't a girl—rather be a boy,
Without them sashes, curls an' things that's worn by Fauntleroy;
Love to chawnk green apples an' go swimmin' in the lake—
Hate to take the castor-ile they give for belly-ache;
'Most all the time, the whole year 'round, there ain't no flies on me,
But jest 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be!

Got a yeller dog named Sport, sic him on the cat;
First thing she knows she doesn't know where she's at;
Got a clipper sled, an' when us kids go out to slide,
'Long comes the grocery cart, an' we all hook a ride;
But sometimes when the grocery man is worried an' cross,
He reaches at us with his whip an' larrups up his hoss,
An' then I lay an' holler—Oh, ye never seed the like!
But jest 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be!

Grammar says she hope that when I git to be a man,
I'll be a missionarer like her oldest brother Dan,
As was et up by the cannibals that lives on Ceylon's Isle,
Where every prospeck pleases an' only man is vile;
But grammar she has never been to see a Wild West show,
Nor read the life of Daniel Boone, or else I guess she'd know
That Buffalo Bill and cowboys is good enough for me!
But jest 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be!

An' then old Sport he hangs around as solemn like as still,
His eyes they seem a-sayin', "What's the matter, Little Bill?"
The old cat sneaks down off her perch an' wonders what become
Of them two enemies of hern that used to make things hum!
But I'm so perlite and treat 'em so earnestly to-day,
But father, havin' been a boy himself, suspicions me,
When jest 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be!

For Christmas with its lots and lots of candy, cakes and toys,
Was made, they say, for proper kids, and not for naughty boys;
So wash yer face and brush yer hair an' mind yer p's an' q's,
An' don't bust out yer pantaloons an' don't wear out yer shoes;
Say "yessum" to the ladies and "yessur" to the men,
An' when there's company don't pass your plate for pie again;
But thinkin' of the things yer'd like to see upon that tree,
Jest 'fore Christmas be as good as yer kin be!

—Eugene Field.

God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen.

God rest ye, merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ, Our Saviour, was born on Christmas Day.
The dawn rose red o'er Bethlehem, the stars shone through the gray,
When Jesus Christ, our Saviour, was born on Christmas Day.

God rest ye, little children, let nothing you affright,
For Jesus Christ, your Saviour, was born this very night;
Along the hills of Galilee the white flocks sleeping lay
When Christ, the child of Nazareth, was born on Christmas Day.

God rest ye all, good Christians, upon this blessed morn
The Lord of all good Christians was of a woman born;
Now all your sorrows He doth heal, your sin He takes away;
For Jesus Christ, our Saviour, was born on Christmas Day.

—Dinah Maria Mulock.

Old Christmas.

Now he who knows old Christmas,
He knows a carle of worth;
For he is as good a fellow
As any on this earth.

He comes warm cloaked and coated,
And buttoned up to the chin,
And soon as he comes anigh the door
We open and let him in.

We know that he will not fail us,
So we sweep the hearth up clean;
We set him in the old arm-chair,
And a cushion whereon to lean.

And with sprigs of holly and ivy
We make the house look gay,
Just out of an old regard to him,
For it was his ancient way.

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He must be a rich old fellow;
What money he gives away!
There's not a lord in England
Could equal him any day.

Good luck unto old Christmas,
And long life, let us sing,
For he doth more good unto the poor
Than many a crowned king!

—Mary Howitt.

A BEAUTY CONTROVERSY

There is an interesting dispute going on in Stratford, Ont., between a clergyman and an hotelkeeper as to which has got the best face, and the hotel man wants to leave it to a committee of strangers to decide. He thinks a red, healthy face is all right, and is confident that his own isn't any worse than the man of the cloth.

A week ago the clergyman in his service referred to the referendum, and mentioned that he had seen "a red-faced hotelkeeper," and a Y.M.C.A. youth outside a polling booth, and that the contrast was most striking. The hotelkeeper resented the description of his countenance, which he considered pleasing and of exalted character, and he offered to bet anything, from the drinks to a sum of money, that his face was as good as the preacher's.

It is a peculiarity of mankind that, no matter what sort of a figurehead adorns him, he is willing to wager, and firmly believes in his heart, that it is as good as the next man's. Whether he has a kind face or a kind of a face, he still thinks it would pass. Were it not that competitions of this sort tend to become personal and always bring out defects which were not realized before, and are sure to drive a man to desperate measures, some interesting contests might be made.

There is always the danger, of course, of the beaten man trying to even things up by spoiling the other man's looks, but this isn't fair, and in the present contest it is debarred from the possibilities. It would not soothe a man's feelings when he stood up to have his face judged to be told that his ears flapped slightly and that he had a laughable mouth.

To come down to a conclusion, it makes very little difference, after all, what sort of face a man has. J. Pierpont Morgan doesn't look like Cinderella, but most of us would trade him jobs. Hall Caine and Rudyard Kipling haven't won any prizes at a beauty show, but they get their name in the papers in large type, and seem reasonably well off. In five cases out of six you will see a regal woman, with the face and figure of a goddess, following with adoring eyes some little Sprig of humanity that seems more of an excuse than the real article, and nothing could persuade her that he is not a prize.

It is only in story books of our youth and in Richard Harding Davis' fairy tales that the good little boy with the angel face is accosted on the street by the wealthy old widower or bachelor, and after saying manfully what he is keeping two widowed mothers and a family of sisters without stealing, is adopted and left several millions in cash, and the superintendency of a Sunday school.

Making it further decent, and getting local, we could point out some Montreal men who hold good jobs and draw their pay regularly, whose pictures would never be hung in the halls of fame for their looks. Mayor Cochrane is a handsome man, but there are handsomer, and he is a hundred years ahead of some of the aldermen who might object to having the fact mentioned in connection with their names. Fathers-in-law-generally are unnaturally prejudiced and don't receive with open arms the youth with the eager, honest face who wants to marry his daughter and hang up his hat on the family pegs.

There are a lot of things more desirable than a handsome face. A sound digestion, that can dispose of Welsh rarebit at 1 a.m. without a twinge, is a priceless boon in comparison, and all things considered, we undertake to find that our looks were equivalent, to a cash basis.

HER ONLY SON DROWNED.

Tehmas Beckerton, of Bayside, N.B., Fell From a Boat in the Wawsig River.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 24.—Thomas Beckerton the only son of the widow Beckerton, of Bay Side, near St. Andrews, was drowned from a boat in the Wawsig River Tuesday. He was twenty-two years of age. Two companions succeeded in reaching the shore in safety.

SHARKEY'S TEN-YEAR SENTENCE

New York, Dec. 24.—Thomas J. Sharkey, the private detective, who was convicted of manslaughter in the second degree for having killed Nicholas A. Fish, the banker, on September 27, was to-day sentenced to States prison for ten years.

THOUGHTS.

There is many a one needs a helping hand,
While others stand alone,
And many a ship sails out from land
That never reaches home.

The shadows fall surely at twilight,
No matter how sunny the day,
The heart that feels sorrow the keenest
Is one that seems oft times most gay.

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A Cold is the Starting Point of One-Half the Diseases of Mankind.

It is through colds that most of the illnesses come to the human family. Our climate is responsible for most diseases. The ill effects of the climate first expresses itself through a cold. Immediately following the cold is a derangement of one or more of the organs. It may be in the head. It may be in the stomach. It may be in the pelvic organs, but somewhere in the body the cold is sure to settle.

If Peruna is used at this juncture, all trouble would be averted, but unfortunately many people do not use Peruna.

Some of them use some other remedy, and some of them use no remedy, and the cold is allowed to develop into influenza (la grippe) or chronic catarrh. At this stage even of the disease, Peruna will cure, but of course it takes longer. Used in time Peruna never fails to break up a cold and thus avert a great deal of sickness.

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CHRISTMAS MUSIC IN CITY CHURCHES

The Services Which Are to be Held in the Various Places of Worship.

Christ Church Cathedral.

Christmas Day Services—8 a.m., Holy Communion; 9.45 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., choral communion and sermon. Preacher, Mr. Boyle. Friday, St. Stephen's Day, Holy Communion, 10 a.m., Saturday, St. John's Day, Holy Communion, 10 a.m.

St. George's Church.

Right Rev. James Carmichael, Coadjutor Bishop, of Montreal, rector. Christmas Day. Holy Communion at 9 a.m. and after. Morning service 11 a.m., morning prayer, preacher, Bishop Carmichael. The Christmas offerings will be in aid of the fuel fund of the parish.

St. James the Apostle.

Celebrations of holy communion will be held at 7.15, 8 and 9.40 a.m., and choral communion at 11 a.m., when the preacher will be Rev. Canon Ellegood. The collections will be in aid of the poor. Seats are free at the first three services.

St. Stephen's Church.

Weredale Park, Dorchester street and Atwater avenue—Celebrations of Holy Communion will be held on Christmas Day at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 11 a.m., at which the offerings will be given to the poor. Morning prayer will be held at 11 a.m., at which the Very Rev. Dean Evans, D.D., will be the preacher. The offerings at this service will be devoted to the building fund.

St. Martin's Church.

Christmas Day, 11 a.m.—Choral communion and sermon. Preacher, the Rector.

Trinity Church.

Christmas services at 8 and 9 a.m., Holy communion at 11 a.m. Full choral service; preacher, Rev. Charles G. Rollitt.

All Saints' Church.

Corner St. Denis and Marie Anne streets. Seats free. Rector, Rev. Canon Evans, M.A. There will be holy communion at 9 a.m. Morning service and holy communion at 11 a.m. Christmas music. 11 a.m., processional hymn, 61 A. and M., "Christians, Awake," Venite Russell G; psalms, Ousley D; Te Deum, plain song; Jubilate, Sleggall G; anthem, "There Were Shepherds," Edgar Rettman; Kyrie, Mendelssohn G; Gloria Tibi, Tallis; Hymn 59, A. and M., "O Come All Ye Faithful;" offertory solo, "The Star of Bethlehem," Mr. H. Hoodspeth.

St. Matthias Church, Westmount.

Christmas service. Holy communion at 8.30 and 11 o'clock. The rector, Rev. E. Bushell, M.A., will preach at the 11 o'clock service, and the special music will include "Venite" and psalms appointed for the day from the Cathedral Psalter; "Versicles" (Tallis' Festival in C), "Te Deum" (Garret in D), "Jubilate" (Smart in F), "Kyrie" (Mendelssohn), "Gloria Tibi" (Tallis), soprano solo, "Star of Bethlehem" (Adams), solo quartette and chorus, "Adeste Fidelis" (Novello); organ postlude, "Hallelujah" (Handel). Sunday, Dec. 28, special music at each service, including portions of the Christmas morning service, supplemented by "Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis" (Stainer in A); Christmas carol, "When Christ Was Born" (A. H. Brown), and "Come Unto Him (Cenen). Soloists, Mrs. Bonner, Mrs. Mumford, Misses Haensgen and Gertrude Millar, Miss Sweeney and Messrs. Douglas and Howe. Organist and choir master, Mr. W. S. Birks.

St. Paul's.

The following music will be sung at the morning service, at 11 o'clock: Tenor solo and chorus, Gounod's "O, Holy Night," "Sing, Oh Sing, the Blessed Morn," Bartlett; "From the Eastern Mountain," Brackett; trio for female voices, "Where the Christmas Bells are Ringing," Franz Abt; "A Cradle Song of the Virgin," with violin obligato, Barnby; carol, "Come Hither Ye Faithful," Berryn; anthem, "Oh, Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel," Bullard (contralto and baritone solos.) The usual Christmas hymns will be rendered. Organist and choirmaster, Mr. J. Henry Robinson.

St. Andrew's.

The Christmas service will be held at 11 o'clock, Rev. J. Edgar Hill, M.A., D.D., officiating. The collection will be applied to Sunday school purposes.

Dominion Square Methodist.

The order of service at 11 a.m. is: Doxology, "Praise God from Whom;" hymn, "Angels, from Your Realms of Glory;" prayer; anthem, "There Were Shepherds" (trio, solo, chorus), Thomas; Scripture lesson; solo, "Awake Ye Sons of Light and Glory," Spence; hymn, "To us a Child of Royal Birth;" sermon, Rev. Hugh Pedley, B.A.; duet, "There Was Joy in Heaven" (soprano, alto), Smart; offering for the Old Brewery Mission; solo, "Messengers of Peace," Newton; hymn, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing;" benediction.

St. James Methodist.

There will be a public service at 11 a.m., at which the preacher will be Rev. C. A. Sykes, B.D. Special Christmas hymns and anthems will form the musical portion of the service.

Douglas Methodist.

The Christmas portion of the Messiah will be sung at the 11 o'clock service. Christmas carols and anthems by the choir. Collection in aid of the General Hospital.

St. James Cathedral.

"Minuet Chretiens" (solo and chorus), A. Adam; "Kyrie" and "Gloria," from Lesueur's "Messe de Noel;" "Credo" (and the Glory of the Lord), from Handel's "Messiah;" Et Incarnatus (He shall feed His flock), from Handel's "Messiah;" "Crucifixus" (Behold and see), from Handel's "Messiah;" Et Resurrexit (Why do the nations), from Handel's "Messiah;" Et expecto (All we, like sheep), from Handel's "Messiah;" Sanctus (Worthy is the Lamb), from Handel's "Messiah;" Benedictus (And suddenly), from Handel's "Messiah;" Agnus (Behold the Lamb of God), from Handel's "Messiah;" offertory (organ solo), preceded by Witt's quartette, "Laetentur."

After midnight mass—Old and modern Christmas carols.

Day mass, 10 a.m. — "Kyrie" and "Gloria," from Lesueur's "Messe de Noel;" Credo, Sanctus and Agnus from Lesueur's "Third Mass;" offertory (organ solo), preceded by Witt's quartette, "Tui Sunt;" postlude (organ solo). Solemn vespers and benediction, 3.15 p.m.—Schaller's psalms, hymn, "Jesu Redemptor" (Nazareth), C. Gounod; Magnificat (solos and grand chorus), Durante; Alma (chorus), Suriano; Maria Refugium (chorus), from Gounod's "Redemption;" "Cor Jesu" (chorus), from Gounod's "Redemption;" Adeste Fideles (solo and chorus), Th. Dubois; Ave Maria (tenor solo), A. Letondal; Tantum Ergo (Pilgrim's chorus), R. Wagner; Laudate (chorus), C. Gounod. Soloists, Messrs. Ed. Lebel, Z. Morin, A. Destroismaisons, A. Laurendeau, M. Bertrand, G. Panneton, E. Guillemette, and J. E. Lafontaine.

St. Ann's Church.

A splendid service has been arranged for the midnight mass. Riga's mass will be sung by sixty voices, the boys of St. Ann's School being prominent in the soprano and alto parts. The soloists are Messrs. Wm. Murphy, F. Hartford, F. McCrory, R. J. Hiller and Ed. Quinn. Novello's "Adeste Fedelis" will be sung before the Gospel, with Messrs. R. Latimer and Ed. Quinn as soloists. At the offertory Mr. M. E. Norris will sing Gounod's "Noel." A number of Christmas carols will be sung during the second and third masses, and Mr. Shea will play Christmas selections for organ by Gigout, Guilmant and Dubois. Mr. Wm. Murphy will wield the baton, and Mr. P. J. Shea, organist and musical director, will preside at the organ. This service will be repeated on Sunday morning at 10 a.m.

Richmond Square Mission.

Morning at 11 a.m.—Organ, voluntary; opening hymn, 482. "Angels from the Realms," Venote Fanant; proper psalms, 19, 45, 85; hymn 329, "Once in Royal David's City;" 60, "Hark the Herald;" 59, "O, Come All Ye;" offertory, "Carol, Sweetly arol; closing hymn, 62, "While Shepherds Watched;" closing voluntary. Organist, Miss Baker. C. T. Cocker, boy reader, in charge.

Christian Science.

First Church of Christ Scientist, 41 Closse Street, Western Square. Services on Xmas Day at 11 a.m. Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Scandinavian Mission.

Scandinavian Evangelical Mission, in the American Presbyterian Chapel, 75 Inspector Street. The pastor, Rev. J. Ohling, preaches at 11 a.m. All Scandinavians are invited.

The Andrews Home.

On Christmas Day holy communion will be celebrated at 9 a.m. The Rector will preach. At 11 a.m. a morning service will be held at which Rev. J. Cattermole will preach.

PIANO RECITAL.

Mr. L. F. Beutayoux, a French pianist, gave a recital at the Windsor Hall last evening. The recital was not largely attended. The programme consisted of 18 numbers, all of which were composed by Mr. Bentayoux himself. Six Canadian songs were rendered during the evening. The first group consisted of a reverie, a song without words, a caprice and a tondo. The entire group was admirably executed and elicited applause.

Mr. Emile Belanger and Mr. Henri Landry contributed songs. Mr. Bentayous beautifully rendered a woodland series, the first number of which was concerning the hunt and the second being of Sunday in the village. The concert closed with the sporting quickstep, "Le Regiment qui passe," and "L'Entraineuse," a pretty waltze.

McGILL EXAMINATIONS.

Results Announced by the Faculty of Applied Science.

The following results of the recent examinations in connection with the Applied Science Faculty of McGill were posted yesterday:—

Mathematics—Third year—Class I., Cole, McCloskey, Dutcher, Lawrence, McPhee, Drysdale. Class II., McMurtry, Cardew, Weinger, Blumenthal, Davis, McDougall, C. H.; Carlyle, Grice, Harvey, Chaplin. Class II., Chambers, Taylor, Parlee, Kemp, Wilkes, Wurtele, Devlin, Roffey, Sullivan, Gnaedinger, Lambert, Gravy, Campbell, Ells, Kent, Atkinson.

Special Examination—Class III., Deyell.

Analytic geometry — Second year — Class I., Cropper, Boyle, MacMillan, Jost, McLeith, Cunha, Jewett, Fysche, Blanchet, Scouler, MacDerfott. Class II., Archibald, Drinkwater, Miner, Willard, McLean, Bowness, Mundy, Chendrill, Baker, Wheaton, Harris, Johnstone, Kydd, Livingston, Sutherland, Weagant, Glasco. Class III., Cockshutt, Findlay, Pattison, Ryan, Bray, Macnab, Price, Ross Campbell, J. A.; Robertson, Redpath, Eadie, Higgins, Martin, Wright, Piche, Mooney, Batchelder, Burpee, Fraser, D. M.; McIntosh, Turnbull, Hamilton, W.; Barclay, Sharpe, Dickson, G. L.; Gibbs.

Geology—Third year—Class I., Spencer, Grice, Blumenthal. Class II., Johnson, Lawrence, LeMaistre, Parlee, McDougall, C. H.; Campbell, McPhee, Kent, McMurtry, Harvey. Class III., Gnaedinger, Taylor, Carlyle, Wilson, Deyell, Atkinson, Chambers, Davis, Cameron, Webster, Lambart, Dawe.

Elementary chemistry—Class I., Fysche, J. M.; Wheaton, J. A. Class II., Campbell, J. A., and Willard, C., equal; Johnstone, G. A.; Archibald, H. H., and Boyle, R. W., equal; Jewett, F. C.; McDermott, S. G. F.; McLean, D., and Redpath, W., equal; Cropper, W. C. McD., and Robertson, A. H., equal; Kydd, G.; Bray, R. P., and Cunha, S. R. S., equal; Baker, C. S., and Blanchet, G. H., equal; Bowness, E. W., and Ross, W. G., equal; Livingston, D. C., and McIntosh, R., and Young, H. C., equal. Class III., Burpee, L., and McNab, J. J., equal; Churchill, C., and Glasco, G. B., equal; Mundy, C. A., and Piche, E. A., and Weigeant, R. A., equal; Fraser, D. M., and Ritchie, A. B., and Ryan, J. H., equal; Scouler, G. F., and Sutherland, C. H., equal; Anderson, L. B., and Findlay, D. C., and Mooney, C. A., equal; Cockshutt, H. W., and Drinkwater, K. E., and Pinch, H. H., equal; McLachlin, O.; Bain, J. W. L.; Gillis, H. B., and Idsardi, H. W., equal; Hamilton, W., and Jose, E. B., equal; Dickson, G. L.; Higgins, B. H.; Wright, C. H.; Martin, E. W.

The following arts results were also posted yesterday:—

Geology—Class I., Shanks, Lathe, Freeze, Seaman, Brown, Troop, Davidson. Class II., Mackay, Mingle, Stewart, Griffin, E. McLeod, Walker, Draper and Gass. Class III., Parkins, Learmonth and Armstrong, Dutard, A. L. McLeod, Ross.

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IRON MEN FINDING WHAT THEY WANT

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Iron and steel manufacturers of the Dominion who are members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association appear to be getting closer together in regard to the changes they desire in the tariff, which changes will be submitted to the Government in a report to be prepared by the general committee appointed by the association to deal with the revision of the tariff. The general committee appointed a sub-committee to report upon the desires of the iron and steel manufacturers, and this sub-committee has had several meetings.

A meeting of the Montreal Iron and Steel Manufacturers was held in Montreal on Monday, and yesterday the sub-committee met here. Mr. Frederic Nicholls was chairman, and there was an attendance of about thirty manufacturers from Ontario and Quebec. It is understood that this will be the final meeting of the sub-committee to deal with the question of raw material. The sub-committee will now take up the question of manufactured product, and when an agreement is reached on that a report will be made to the general committee. It is not expected that the latter body will be in a position to report upon the general question of tariff till some time in February.

LENNOX APPEAL WILL BE HEARD JANUARY 7.

Toronto, December 24.—The hearing of the appeal against the judgment of Judges Osler and MacLennan in the Lennox election case has been set for January 7. The two rota judges being, of course, barred from sitting on this case, the court will be composed of Judges Garrow, MacLaren, MacMahon and Meredith. On the conclusion of the Lennox appeal the court will take up the South Oxford case and consider the judgment of the lower court, confirming Donald Sutherland in his seat.

QUEBEC PILOT INJURED.

Quebec, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Mr. Antoine Perrault, a well known Lower St. Lawrence pilot, who resides at Deschambault, was badly injured by a falling tree yesterday. He was unconscious when extricated, and when taken to his home it was found by Dr. Lord, who was called to attend him, that he had suffered severe injuries.

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C.B. CALLS IT A PALTRY QUARREL

London, Dec. 24.—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman in an address delivered at Dunfermline last night, said there was no excuse for the Government in having allowed Great Britain to "glide" into the present position in Venezuela. "It is a paltry quarrel," declared the speaker, "with a bankrupt, distracted and rickety state. If ever there was a case for arbitration this is one.

Continuing, Sir Henry said he had only condemnation for those, who by their "rasping writings and foul gibes," had fomented discord between Great Britain and Germany. He added, that the War Office had done well in such cases where its instructions had been timely. These instructions, however, were often wrong and sometimes they were not given.

The speaker regarded with misgivings certain enterprises being conducted in different parts of the world.

GOOD WILL OF STATES.

Sir Henry strongly emphasized the importance of preserving the good will of the United States. He said it would require a case of the first importance to justify any action likely to alienate the good feeling and confidence the American people entertain toward Great Britain. It was not enough to be on the best possible terms and avoid hostilities. It was essential to the policy of England to stimulate friendship and any course which threatened the continuance in any degree of that perfect feeling of friendship, or invalidated it to any extent, was a crime not only against both great nations, but against humanity itself.

MOROCCAN SITUATION SERIOUS.

London, Dec. 24.—The correspondent of the Times at Fez, Morocco, says the situation caused by the rebellion is undoubtedly serious. The pretender to the throne has had great success, but Morocco apears to have a charmed existence, and this rebellion will probably prove as futile as have previous uprisings.

It is a curious thing, writes the Times' correspondent, that the mystery surrounding the personality of the pretender has not been solved. At the beginning of the rebellion he was supposed to be an educated Moor of the lower classes, a native of Zarahun, who gained a reputation for sanctity by conjuring. To-day, under the title of "Bu Hamara," the pretender is a person whose identity has entirely baffled discovery.

EVANGELIST TURK NOW A PASTOR.

Toronto, Dec 24.—Rev. Geo. R. Turk, who, a few weeks ago, was called to the pastorate of the First Methodist Church, Owen Sound, has decided to accept the invitation. Mr. Turk was formerly pastor of the Carleton Street Methodist Church in this city, but for the past year and a half has been without a charge, having been engaged in evangelistic work with Rev. Mr. Kerby. The acceptance of the call on the part of Mr. Turk will necessarily dissolve this partnership, but Mr. Kerby has not yet decided whether he will also take a pastorate or continue evangelistic work. The change will go into effect on the 1st of July next.

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New York, Dec. 24.—The directors of the Atlantic Trust Company have decided to accept the terms of the Metropolitan Trust Company for the absorption of the former by the latter company. Brayton Ives, president of the Metropolitan Trust Company, will continue in that capacity, and the capital and surplus of the Consolidated Corporation probably will be increased.

SAYS FOOT-AND-MOUTH EPIDEMIC IS OVER.

Ithaca, N.Y., December 24.—Prof. Jas. Law, director of the Cornell Veterinary College, who has spent some time in conjunction with the federal authorities investigating the foot and mouth disease among cattle in the eastern sections of the country, said in his opinion the disease was now practically stamped out. He regards the danger of another outbreak as slight.

TORONTO'S TAXABLE VALUE.

Toronto, December 24.—The assessable property of the city of Toronto on which taxes will be paid next year is valued at $138,645,995. Judge MacDougall has confirmed the assessment rolls at that amount an increase of $1,816,227 over the figures for this year. This will give next year's Council nearly $300,000 more revenue to expend.

TUG BLOWN UP; THREE KILLED.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 24.—While towing the barge Maple in the south branch of the Elizabeta river last night, the tug Lizzie Massey blew up. Three of the tug's crew were killed and two others hurt. The tug sank.

THE CZAR'S DONATION.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.—The Russky-Turkestan says the Czar has given $25,000 for the relief of the Andijah sufferers.

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A CITY SOLICITOR DECLINES TO ACT

Ottawa, December 24.—The assessment appeals of the Ottawa gas and electric companies was continued yesterday, ex parte, before the board of judges, the city being unrepresented by counsel, as Solicitor McVeity had withdrawn from the cas eon account of an adverse decision of the court. The court reserved decision.

The assessment on the Gas Company is $60,000 on the gas house and $15,000 on pipes and mains. The Ottawa Electric Company's assessment is $125,000 on poles and wires, and $125,000 on the new power house. The city has appealed against the assessments as being too low. City Solicitor McVeity, whose motion for an order to compel the production of the company's books and other data was refused, yesterday morning gave out the following explanation of his course: "My action Monday was taken with deliberation, and from my point of view in the public interest. I have been watching for five years all the iniquities of assessments. These are not due so much to weakness of the law as to the application of the same, and I made up my mind that so far as my humble efforts could contribute to it a change would be brought about.

"When the owner of a frail tenement complains that the burden of taxation is pressing too heavily on him by reason of over-assessment, the first question asked him is what his property cost—the cost of his house, item by item, from the foundation to the roof, and he is assessed for the cost of every shingle, and every clap-board. But when it comes to assessing commercial property and expensive buildings, the amount of ingenuity, of subtlety, and of hair-splitting that is resorted to to discover another method of assessment is simply appalling.

"When the information which I asked for Monday was refused me, I knew from my experience, in the past in connection with such matters there was nothing left which I could usefully do. I shall be present to-day, however, for the purpose of watching the progress of the appeals in the interest of the city, with a view to these matters being taken before the Court of Appeal for Ontario."

Mr. Thomas Dunderdale, superintendent of works of the Gas Company was the principal witness this morning. He testified mainly as to the extent of the pipes and mains and their values. Mr. Dunderdale said that there was a large quantity of two-inch pipe in use which would be valueless on sale to another company for the reason that four inches was the smallest pipe used now in newer concerns. He dealt with the generating plant on the scrap iron basis, saying that it was worth only what the buildings would bring for storage purposes. The judges had previously ruled that all plants not on the street were assessable only on the scrap iron basis.

ST. HYACINTHE HAS A NEW DISTILLERY

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

St. Hyacinthe, Dec. 24.—All the preliminary arrangements in connection with the proposed erection of a distillery, bacon, packing plant, cannery and abattoir at St. Hyacinthe were concluded some time yesterday, and the work is now to be pushed on vigorously by Messrs. Tellier & Co., the principal stockholders and promoters of this important enterprise.

The capital stock of the new company is $260,000, $160,000 of which has already been paid up. The distillery will have an approximate capacity of about 250,000 gallons per annum. The main buildings will be of solid brick and erected on a site in close proximity to the different railway terminals at St. Hyacinthe, and with the necessary sidings. Your correspondent was informed that about 250 men would be employed at the opening in the early part of next spring.

As an evidence that the promoters propose to lose no time a contract for all the brass work in connection with the distillery was awarded yesterday afternoon to a leading Toronto firm, the amount, it is stated, being away up in the thousands.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Christmas cards, calendars from five London houses; double the quantity of last year; 5,000 gift books at less than half price. Giving up business May next. W. Street, 3 Bleury.—tf

HULL CHILD SHOOTS SISTER.

Ottawa, December 24.—A distressing shooting accident occurred yesterday at the residence of Isidore Desrosiers, 63 St. Bernard Street, Hull, which may have a fatal termination. Mr. Desrosiers' two children, a boy and a girl, were playing, and the sister having an article in her possession which the brother wished to get, the latter secured a loaded revolver and threatened to shoot her if she would not give it to him. Upon her refusing to comply with the demand, the brother, who is ten years old, discharged one chamber of the revolver, and the ball, which was of large calibre, entered his sister's jaw and came out at the back of the neck. Dr. Ouimet was summoned and dressed the wound, which he reports to be a very severe one.

FELL DOWN ELEVATOR SHAFT.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—C. H. Hatt, financial manager of the Gibson Cotton Mill at Marysville, and son-in-law of Alexander Gibson, fell down the elevator shaft last night dislocating his shoulder and sustaining other injuries.

PRINCESS IS NOW WITH PROF. GIRON

Berlin, Dec. 24.—A despatch from Dresden this evening to the Lokal Anzeiger confirms previous advices from Geneva, Switzerland, to the effect that the Crown Princess is in Geneva, with Professor Giron, a French teacher of languages, whom she met during her last trip to Paris. He is described as 24 years of age, and "a striking personality, with large, bright eyes."

All the theatres in Dresden are closed. The court of the fugitive Princess has been dissolved.

The Tageblatt's Dresden correspondent says: "The difficulty between the princely couple dates from prior to King Albert's death. They had several painful scenes during the King's illness.

HAD A FIGHT WITH HIS BROTHER

It is reported here that the Crown Prince's recent accident, ostensibly the breaking of one of his legs while hunting in the Bavarian mountains, near Salzburg, was an invention, the fact being that he had a fight with his brother-in-law, Archduke Leopold Ferdinand and the Crown Prince was so badly handled that he had to take to his bed and return to Dresden so soon as he was able.

The Saxon Ministers say the affair is closed, so far as the Dresden court is concerned.

The letters of the Crown Princess have been seized. She is expected to give birth to a child in May."

The Munich court excuses the conduct of the Crown Princess of Saxony, alleging she was terrorized by Prof. Giron and yielded to his threats.

SCARE AT A STRATHROY CHRISTMAS TREAT.

Strathroy, Ont, December 24.—While the annual Christmas entertainment of the English Church Sunday school was in progress Monday night a little girl, who was standing on a bench, in the excitement of the affair, jumped up and struck a large coal oil lamp, which immediately exploded. A wild panic followed, women and children were crushed by the crowd, and falling to the floor, were trampled upon. Some of the men in attendance succeeded in extinguishing the fire in about five minutes, while others passed out a number of children through the windows to the flat roof of the building adjoining. With the exception of serious burns sustained by Ida Hancock, a little girl, and the bruises and shocks received by numerous others, no casualties attended the panic.

COUNTERFEITER STEWART GETS ANOTHER SENTE.

Toronto, December 24. Wm. Stewart, the aged counterfeiter, was yesterday morning sentenced to three years in the penitentiary on having counterfeit dollar bills in his possession. The sentence will run with the ten years he is already serving. The further charges against Alpen Reynolds and his wife in this connection have been traversed to the May sessions. When Stewart was arrested $37 in good money was found in his clothes. This [illegible] he was asked whether he would [illegible] he replied that [illegible] he had a counterfeit [illegible] He said he would prefer to have [illegible] $37 returned [illegible] which [illegible]

Special Notice.

[illegible] wish of Layton Bros. to their [illegible] and friends.—Adv.

CHRISTMAS POSTAL HOURS.

Christmas and New Years day will be observed as a holiday by the Montreal post office. The out-going mails will be closed at 10 o'clock, and the night mails at the usual hours. The wicket will be closed at 10 a.m., but the lobby will be open from 7 a.m. to midnight.

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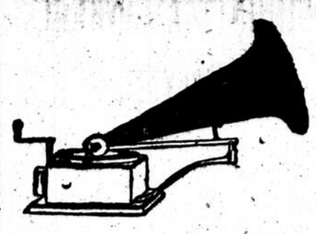
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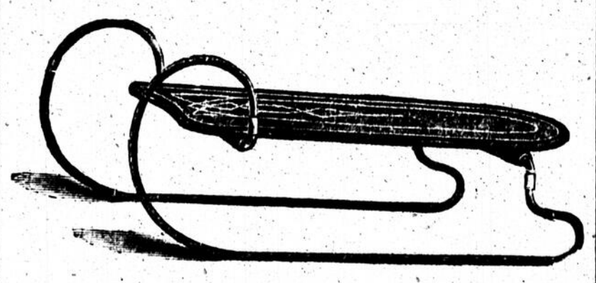
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BIRTHS.

FRANCIS—At 781 St. James Street, on the 21st of December, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. B. Francis.

GRAHAM—At 81 Selby Street, Westmount, on the 20th inst., a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Graham.

HODGSON—On the 21st instant, at 393 Pine Avenue, a son to Mr. and Mrs. William C. Hodgson.

KELLAND—On Dec. 22, at 46 Paris Street, Montreal, to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kelland, a son.

MARRIAGES.

ABBOTT-LEE—At St. Martin's Church, Dec. 20, by the Rev. G. Osborne Troop, Charles A. Abbott, of Sault Ste. Marie, to Adeleine A. Lee, of the same place.

DECARIE-WIDGINGTON — At St. Giles' Church, this city, on the evenings of the 17th instant, by the Rev. J. R. Dobson, Alexander S. Decarie to Winnifred Widgington, both of the city of Montreal.

McLEAN-JOHNSTON—In this city, by the Rev. G. Sykes, Margaret Johnston to John McLean.

DEATHS IN THE CITY.

BAKER—At 194 Milton Street, on the 20th December, William S., infant son of Malcolm C. Baker, aged 3 months.

BARSALOU—In this city, on the 23rd instant, Romeo Barsalou, accountant, eldest son of Erasme Barsalou, soap manufacturer, at the age of 19 years and 8 months.

BOURASSA—In this city, on the 22nd instant, at the age of 2 years and 6 months, Joseph Aime Leo, infant son of Noe Bourassa, butcher.

BRIMS—In this city, on Dec. 20, Williamina Agnes, daughter of John C. and Mary L. Brims.

BRENNAN—On Dec. 21, at 606 Cadieux St., Mary E. Fitz-Henry, wife of W. J. Brennan (manager W. and I. Sharples, Quebec).

CAMERON—On Dec. 21, Margaret E. Cameron, aged 65 years.

DWANE—In this city, on the 21st instant, Charles Frederick Dwane, aged 15 years and 3 months, youngest son of Thomas Dwane.

HARROD—On the 22nd instant, at the General Hospital, Reece Otway, aged 21 years, son of Walter and Eliza Harrod.

LYFORD—At the Royal Victoria Hospital, on Dec. 22, Florence Cristy Lyford, youngest daughter of Wright C. Lyford, Esq., of New York City, and sister of Mrs. A. E. Beckett, of this city.

TAYLOR—In this city, on Dec. 22, Gertrude Lillian Taylor, second daughter of Captain J. Taylor, aged 14 years, 42 St. Gabriel St.

DEATHS ELSEWHERE.

BOSSELIN—At New York, on the 19th inst., Henry Gosselin, engraver, aged 45 years.

JONES—In St. John, N.B., on Dec. 18, Mary, relict of the late Robert Jones, in the 86th year of her age.

LE HERON—In London, England, on Dec. 19, Leon Le Heron, brother to Mrs. Priston and Miss Le Heron, of 190 Congregation Street, and Mrs. Loisel, of 311 St. Lawrence Main Street, and Mrs. Norris, 18 Jardin Street, of this city.

MACDONALD—At Lorne, N.S., on Dec. 17th, Peter Macdonald, in the 31st year of his age.

MACGREGOR—At Martintown, on Dec. 22nd, Christy Ann Macgregor, daughter of the late Alexander Macgregor, aged 44 years.

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S.S. MARIE, ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS, DULUTH—Lv. *10.05 p.m. Ar. *6.00 a.m.

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BOSTON—Lv. †9.00 a.m., *7.45 p.m. Ar. *8.15 a.m., †9.15 p.m.

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SENATOR PRIMROSE DIES SUDDENLY

Aged Conservative Member of Upper House and Merchant of Pictou.

Halifax, Dec. 24.—Senator Primrose died at Pictou shortly after midnight yesterday morning.

The news of the awfully sudden death of Senator Clarence Primrose came as a shock to the community here. He had been slightly indisposed for a few days, suffering from acute indigestion, but was much better and particularly bright Monday evening, intending to be at his office yesterday.

A few moments after he had gone into the bathroom his wife called, but receiving no response opened the door to find the messenger of death had sped more quickly. Death is ascribed to heart disease. Senator Primrose, although seventy-two years old, had always been vigorous and active so that this sudden call was entirely unlooked for.

Clarence Primrose was born at Pictou, N.S., October 5, 1830; he was educated at the Pictou Academy and at the Edinburgh High School and University. He engaged in business as ship agent and as a miller and manufacturer, and became head of the firm of Primrose Brothers, commission merchants, lumber and insurance agents. He was president for some time of the Pictou Academy Alumni Association, and of the Pictou Y.M.C.A., and of various local commercial associations. He was called to the Senate November 28, 1892. He married, in July, 1858, Rachel, daughter of Henry Carre, of Guernsey, C.I. He was a Conservative and an active worker in the local party organizations.

WHERE CABINET MINISTERS WILL SPEND THE HOLIDAY.

Ottawa, December 24.—Those of the Cabinet Ministers who will spend Christmas out of the Capital have either left the city or will take their departure to-day. Hon. Sydney Fisher has gone to Knowlton; Hon. Mr. Blair will spend Christmas in Fredericton; Hon. James Sutherland will be in Woodstock; the Minister of Customs in Brantford; Hon. Mr. Bernier in St. Hyacinthe; Hon. Mr. Prefontaine in Montreal, and Hon. Sir William Mulock in Toronto. Sir Richard Cartwright, Hon. R. W. Scott, Sir Frederick Borden, Hon. Messrs. Fielding, Fitzpatrick, and Sifton will spend the holidays in Ottawa. Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier will spend their Christmas in St. Augustine, Florida, where later they will likely be joined by Sir Frederick and Lady Borden.

FRANCIS OF TECK CAN'T BECOME STOCKBROKER.

London, December 24. — A story is printed to the effect that the King has vetoed a proposal by Prince Francis of Teck, a brother of the Princess of Wales, to become a stock broker. The firm of Panmure, Gordon & Co. offered the Prince £3,000 a year to enter into a partnership. Other prominent firms have since offered much higher figures, there being a keen contest to secure his services. The King, however, would not hear of a brother of the future Queen assuming such a position, which would be in any case a delicate one, and which would become impossible in the event of the Prince of Wales becoming Sovereign.

CHRISTMAS HOUSE PARTIES NOT NUMEROUS IN ENGLAND.

London, December 24. — Christmas house parties are less numerous this year than usual, as a number of prominent people are abroad. The Duke of Richmond is keeping up the time-honored family custom of having a party at Goodwood. The Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch and the Duke and Duchess of Westminster will do the same. Lord Salisbury is at Hatfield House, where he is surrounded by his children and grandchildren. Lord and Lady Algernon Gordon Lennox, who have just returned from the United States, will have a party at Broughton Castle. The Duke and Duchess of Abercorn have a large party at Baron's Court, and the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire are entertaining at Chatsworth. Prime Minister Balfour has gone to Whittingame.

The King and Queen will spend the Yuletide at Sandringham.

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CRAZED BY INTENSE FEAR OF BURGLARS, THEY SHOT BROTHER.

Brantford, Ont., December 24.— A horrible tragedy occurred about nine o'clock yesterday morning at Middleport, about twelve miles from this city, Wesley Watson being shot and instantly killed by one of his brothers. Full details of the shooting are lacking, but the story which was brought to the city by a neighbor who lives half a mile from the scene is a very peculiar one.

Two brothers, Samuel and James Watson, run the farm near Middleport, and the third brother, Wesley, has made his home in Detroit for some time past. Late Monday night he came unexpectedly, it is supposed, to spend the Christmas holidays. The brothers at home, both men over thirty years of age, heard him approaching the house, and apparently they became possessed with a fear that they were about to be attacked by burglars. They ran up stairs, and, getting out of a window, went to the house of a neighbor, where they spent the night. About nine o'clock in the morning they returned, armed with a shot gun. Wesley had gone into the house, and, finding no one there, went to bed. When his two brothers opened the door of the room in which he was sleeping, he raised himself in the bed. They failed to recognize him. Instantly they aimed the shot gun at him, and the contents lodged in his face, killing him instantly.

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WILL BAR ATTORNEYS FROM FLOOR OF TORONTO EXCHANGE.

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 24.—A movement has been started on the Stock Exchange to do away with the privileges accorded to attorneys. Quite recently the Montreal Stock Exchange passed a resolution which, when it comes into effect, will prohibit any but bona-fide members from visiting the exclusive precincts of the exchange. At present a number of members of the Toronto Exchange, by paying a fee, are allowed to have their attorney go on the floor and transact business during their absence. This will soon be a thing of the past. However, should this proposed rule come into force, it is thought that the price of exchange seats will be considerably enhanced. The price now stands at $25,000 asked, with $23,000 bid.

ADVOCATE MULCTED FOR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE.

Coteau Landing, December 24.—Edward Filiatrault was condemned yesterday afternoon by Justice Lavergne, of the Superior Court, to pay to J. W. Poitras, advocate, of Valleyfield, the sum of $2,500 for verbal injuries, together with the costs of an action for $999.99. The case drew a considerable crowd of people at the Court House, and after the hearing of some fifteen witnesses defendant was strongly reprimanded by the Court for his abusive language towards the plaintiff and condemned as above.

KINGSTON WATERWORKS SHOWS GOOD SURPLUS.

Kingston, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The annual report of the Civic Water Works Department shows that the income last year was $31,741.34, yielding a surplus of $2,734.07. The total debt is $257,000. The revenue shows an increase of $775 over 1901, while running expenses are $230 more. A mile of new mains was laid this year.

NOTES AND NOTICES.

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SHORTAGE IN HIS ACCOUNTS.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—A Portage La Prairie despatch says J. Anderson, who held the position of express driver for some months for the Dominion Express Company, left town suddenly yesterday and a shortage was discovered in his accounts.

BONDED WAREHOUSES.

Montreal Merchants Discuss Their Operation With the Minister of Customs.

Yesterday a deputation from the Wholesale Dry Goods Association waited upon Hon. William Paterson, Minister of Customs, to ask his consideration of a number of matters. Among the questions mentioned was that of warehousing privileges. According to the present system the merchant, whose bonded warehouse occupies only an hour's time of a customs official, pays the same fee as a merchant whose bonded warehouse occupies an official's whole time, and the suggestion made to the minister was that each merchant be taxed according to the time occupied, or that some other method be adopted of adjusting the rate of payment according to the requirements of each merchant.

Regulations were also discussed with regard to payment of duties on commission, also the appointing of travelling inspecting appraisers. The new system of the department regarding prepair duties was also discussed, and Mr. Paterson explained the arrangements and the nature of the system. Mr. Paterson will be at Toronto Monday when he will visit the Customs House, to discuss matters with the business men of that city.

Mr. Paterson left last night for his home in Brantford, where he will spend the Christmas holidays.

He expressed himself highly satisfied that during his visit to the port no complaints had been made against any of the customs officials or the way in which the customs authorities carried on their work.

KILLED BY A NEEDLE.

Montmagny County Woman Doctored Herself for Blood Poisoning, With Deplorable Results.

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Quebec, Dec. 24.—Marie Lavallee, spinster, aged 38 years, a resident of Montmagny County, died on Monday morning from blood-poisoning, caused by a needle penetrating one of her fingers. It appears she went to work at the house of a neighbor named Joseph Belanger some days ago, and while washing out some clothing a needle penetrated her finger. She paid no attention to it at the time, but later the finger and hand began to swell. Belanger injected electric oil into the wound, which seemed to make it worse. Afterwards poultices were applied without the advice of a physician, and finally Miss Lavallee became worse and died on Monday last. The district coroner was informed of the facts, and decided to hold an inquest.

WORKMEN'S NEWS.

At the regular meeting of Jacques Cartier Lodge, No. 22, A. O. U. W., the following officers were elected for 1903: P. de Mele, P.M.W.; Albert Chevalier, M.W.; Emile Couillard, foreman; Joseph Laurier, overseer; A. G. Yon, recorder; George Pare, financier; T. A. Gauthier, receiver; E. H. Godin, guide; A. W. Blouin, I.W.; Dr. J. M. R. Trudel, medica lexaminer.

Lachine Lodge, No. 14, A.O.U.W., has elected these officers for next year: M. W., T. R. Burrows; P.M.W., A. W. Ward; foreman, J. T. Leclerc; recorder, N. P. Martin; receiver, A. Wilson; financier, W. M. Brown; guide, V. H. Dupont; J. W., G. H. Snow; O. W., J. B. J. Picard; organist, A. W. Ward; medical examiners, Dr. P. A. Valois and Dr. J. B. Martin; trustees, J. Ramsay, J. B. J. Picard, R. C. Thornloe. The annual dinner will be held Monday, January 26.

DAYS OF THE YEAR.

The Laurie Engine Company have issued a handsome calendar for the ensuing year.

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BOIL YOUR WATER.

At this time of the year the water supplied to the citizens is said to be unhealthy. Dr. J. A. Hutchinson, medical health officer for the town of Westmount, has advised the residents there to boil the water they use for drinking purposes. This is in consequence of the rising of the river and the overflow of the protection dyke opposite the mouth of the St. Pierre River.

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CHICAGO.—Former United States Senator Dwight M. Sabin, of Minnesota, died suddenly from heart failure at the Auditorium Annex.

VICTORIA, B. C.—J. M. McDonald, of Winnipeg, representing McIntyre, Sons & Co., of Montreal, died here this afternoon after undergoing an operation for stomach trouble. The deceased was a well known commercial man, and a brother-in-law of Sir D. McMillan, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba.

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PROVINCE OF QUEBEC,
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.—NO. 2173.

John Wellington Grier, of the City and District of Montreal, Insurance Agent, Plaintiff, versus Dame Nicia De Marchi, a woman of the age of majority, and in the free exercise of her rights; alias Dame Louise St. Jean, alias McLean, heretofore of the City and District of Montreal, and presently of parts unknown, widow of the late Henri Poissard, in his lifetime of the Commonwealth of Australia, Defendant

The Defendant is ordered to appear within one month.

E. BROUSSEAU,
Deputy Prothonotary, S.C.

Montreal, 23rd December, 1902.

MURCHISON & DOYLE,
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Eastern Townships Bank

DIVIDEND No. 86.

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of

THREE AND ONE-HALF PER CENT.

for the current half year, has been declared upon the paid up Capital Stock of this Bank (but on new stock to apply from date of payment only), and that the same will be payable at the Head Office and Branches on and after

Friday, 2nd Day of January Next.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to the 31st December, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
J. MACKINNON,
General Manager.

Sherbrooke, 3rd Dec., 1902.

The Bell Telephone Company of Canada, Limited.

Notice of Dividend.

A Dividend of Two Per Cent. has been declared, payable at the Company's Office, in Montreal, on the 15th January, 1903, to shareholders of record the 31st December, 1902.

CHAS. P. SCLATER,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Montreal, 22nd December, 1902.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT AT the next Session of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, Joseph Stern, of the City and District of Montreal, surgeon-dentist, duly licensed to practise his profession in the State of Ohio, one of the United States of America, will make application for an Act authorizing him to practise his profession as surgeon-dentist in the Province of Quebec, and to be admitted to membership in the Dental Association of the

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MEN, WOMEN AND HAPPENINGS

Mrs. Smith, of Richmond, is at the Albion.

Mr. H. J. Beemer is at the Chateau, Quebec.

Mr. C. A. Neville, of Montreal, is in Quebec.

Mrs. Urquhart, of Toronto, is at the Albion.

Miss Kelly, of Hamilton, is at the Albion Hotel.

Mr. D. Prevost, is spending Christmas in Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Henri Dupont, Quebec, are at the St. James.

Mr. C. Phillips, of Quebec, is spending Christmas in town.

Mrs. J. S. Whiteaves, Ottawa, gives a dance on Friday, Jan. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Weber, of Indian Lorette, are at the St. James.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Jeffrey Penfold have returned from their wedding trip.

Miss D. Grant, of Muskoka, is the guest of Mrs. E. H. Barnfield, 98 Park Avenue.

Mr. Charlie Forlong, of the Bank of Montreal, has gone to Toronto for Christmas.

Mr. F. A. Ritchie, of Toronto, formerly of Montreal, will spend Christmas in town.

Mr. George Hale has gone to Quebec to spend Christmas with his father, Dr. G. G. Gale.

Captain and Mrs. Paul Weatherbee, Ottawa, sailed to-day for England by the Lake Champlain.

Mr. Douglas Wilkes has gone up to Brantford to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilkes.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Blackburne, Montreal, were among the passengers to England by the Lake Champlain to-day.

Mr. E. C. Norsworthy, manager of the Dominion Securities Company, will spend Christmas amongst friends in Ontario.

Mr. Harry Coulson, of Montreal, has gone to Toronto to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Coulson.

Mr. Hamilton Harman, of the Bank of Montreal, is in Toronto, where he will spend Christmas with the Misses Merritt.

Mrs. Geo. McL. Brown left for Ontario last evening. She will return early in January to take up her residence at the Windsor.

Miss Grace Lowry, of Quebec, was the guest of honor at a small dinner given in Ottawa by Hon. Charles and Mrs. Fitzpatrick.

Among the McGill students spending Christmas in Ottawa are Messrs. Owen McGarvey, Smith Henderson, Arthur Smith, and J. Valin.

The wedding of Miss Mabel Mary Baile to Mr. Charles Walter Simpson, of Halifax, takes place on New Year's Day at Trinity Church.

The children's carnival at the Victoria Rink on Jan. 6th is an event to which the young people are looking forward with pleasure.

Mr. Wilson Smith, of Montreal, was a guest at a supper given by the male chorus club, Toronto, this week. Mr. W. D. McMurrich, past president of the Philharmonic Society, was the only other guest present not a member.

Miss Edith White, of Havergal Hall, Toronto, a young English lady, who has many friends in Montreal, is spending Christmas with Mrs. E. Day, McGill College Avenue.

Mrs. E. L. Bond, who is spending the winter in Toronto, goes with her grandson, Master Langley Smith, to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Charles Whitlaw, Paris, Ont.

Sir Seymour Blane and Mrs. Henry Blake, the widow of Henry Blake, of Boston, will be married in January. Sir Seymour John Blane was retired with the rank of lieutenant-general in 1881. He saw much service in India, and was military secretary to four Governor-Generals. He was born in 1833, and has never been married.

The vice-regal party, including the Earl and Countess of Minto, Lady Antrim, Lady Eileen Elliot, Lady Ruby Elliot, Miss Lampton, Miss Howard, Hon. Angus McDonnell, Capt. Hughes, A.D.C.; Captain Bell, A.D.C., and Mr. Arthur Guise, occupied two boxes at the first performance in Ottawa of "The Daughter of Hamilcar."

The ladies of the Ste. Agathe Boating Club intend to give their second annual euchre and dance at the Place Viger Hotel, February 2nd. The affair last year was so exceedingly successful that many people are looking forward with pleasure to this second annual euchre and dance. The ladies committee consists of Mrs. Rolland, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Foster Brown, Mrs. Gnaedinger, Mrs. Von Rappard, Mrs. George Mann and Mrs. Gus Mann.

Fredericton, N.B., December 23.—(Special.)—Miss Twining, who was married in London to-day to the Marquis of Donegal, is well known in Fredericton, having resided here some years ago with her mother, Mrs. Ada Twining, widow of H. St. George Twining, of Halifax. On her mother's side she is a grand-daughter of the late Mr. Chas. Black, of that city, who was a brother of the late Mrs. (Governor) Wilmot, and Mrs. Edward H. Wilmot, of this city. With her mother, Mrs. Twining, she went to England from here about three years ago, and shortly afterwards left for Cape Town, where Miss Twining became engaged to Captain Dangers, a British army officer, who, however, died in England a few months later, leaving a considerable fortune to his affianced. The young lady is also sole heir prospective to her mother's estate, which is a valuable one, including considerable property in Fredericton. The new marchioness, who is very bright, handsome and attractive, is about twenty years of age. She has resided with her mother in England for the past two years, and created quite a sensation when presented at court by Lady Strathcona, her pictures appearing in the London illustrated papers.

At St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Melchbourne Bedfordshire, Eng., recently, the marriage took place of Mr. George Lawson-Johnston to Miss Laura St. John, daughter of Lord St. John, of Bletsoe. The bride, who arrived at the church with her father, who afterwards gave her away, wore a tucked chiffon dress and a white satin train trimmed with rose-point lace, chiffon and horseshoes of myrtle and white heather. Her tulle veil covered a wreath of orange blossoms, and she carried a bouquet of lillies and white heather, the gift of the groom. The bride's train was carried by two pages in white satin costumes, and among the bridesmaids were three of the bride's sisters, two sisters of the bridegroom, as well as Miss Duberly and Miss Harrison. They wore pink crepe de chine, white hats trimmed with lace and pink roses, and muffs made of pink roses. Each wore a turquoise bangle, the gift of the groom. Mr. Edward Lawson-Johnston, of the Scots Greys, accompanied his brother as best man. About two hundred guests travelled by special train from London, and immediately after the service the wedding party adjourned to Melchbourne Park, where Lady St. John held a reception. The wedding presents were on view, including a gold watch and chain from Lord and Lady St. John; a diamond tiara from Mrs. Lawson-Johnston; a diamond and pearl butterfly brooch from Lord and Lady Oranmore, Lady Edith Playfair and many others. Mrs. Lawson-Johnston travelled in a gown of blue cloth, with hat to match, and with this she wore a travelling coat of sealskin and sable. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lawson-Johnston will shortly return from their honeymoon on the continent, and will be in residence at Mrs. Lawson-Johnston's country place, Raynham Hall, in time for Christmas.

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There is a terrible pathos about such Christmas celebrations. The woman mourning her husband with an aching heart, smiles cheerfully and works unremittingly that the baby may enjoy the day, the fathers and mothers who have lost one child make a brave effort to respond to the gaiety of the others, and thus learn the highest and noblest lesson of Christmas—unselfishness.

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THE OLD AND THE NEW.

(For The Herald.)

"Come, Grandpa, do a story tell,"
The noisy children cried,
"When you were young, and there was Santa Claus
Before your father died—

"Did books and tales of Jack and Jill,
And Noah's Arks and cakes
Get packed into your stockings then,
And found when you did wake?"

"Come, children, then, if you are quiet,
I'll tell of long ago—
When this hair you see was shining brown,
That now is white as snow.

"Horns of candies, sugar canes,
Hung behind the window panes,
In the stores that Grandpa knew,
Christmas dears has nothing new.

"What though a fragile toy of two
That's broke before the day is through,
We will admit, I never knew,
Christmas dears has nothing new.

"Hi diddle diddle, the cat played the fiddle,
The cow jumped over the moon,
Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard
And the fox then begged of the moon.

"Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall,
Millions of children since read of his fall,
And the wondrous Bean Stalk that grows so high,
Sixty long years ago climbed to the sky.

"Listen, then, dear ones, mark it as true,
You will love Christmas all your life through;
And dear to your heart as a child though it be,
Age will make it grow dearer to thee.

"The tale of the shepherds who watched in the night,
Where that piloting Star made the Orient bright,
I heard, as you hear, and of Joseph's long flight,
And the birth of the Saviour in the manger that night.

"Old, old is the story, though to you it is new,
Now away to bed, Rascals, for Santa's near due."

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CHAPTER XXIX.—Continued.

He forgot Mrs. Strangeways and went straight towards here, taking her hand and holding it closely. She shrank and shivered a little, but his nerves were all on needle points and he did not notice.

"I am more than pleased," he answered. "You know that, Leslie? Where have you been hiding yourself?"

She drew her hands from his.

"Nowhere," she answered. "Where are your manners, Jasper? You have not spoken to Mrs. Strangeways. She is your hostess. I don't know what she'll think of you."

He turned with an embarrassed laugh.

"Perhaps Mrs. Strangeways will understand," he said. "Sometimes a man forgets everything but one woman."

He held out his hand to his hostess and she laughed a little.

"I've a hundred letters to write," she said. "Leslie, will you mind if I leave you? Jasper won't, I'm sure. Perhaps he has news for you."

She went slowly from the room. Leslie looked at Jasper.

"Have you news?" she asked. "Have you anything to tell me about Philip? Come and sit by me. You look so far away standing over there."

He came at once. He crossed the room with hurried strides. He caught his breath a little as he sat down beside her, then he grew pale.

"Yes," he said, and his lips seemed suddenly to grow dry and lined, "I have something to tell you of Philip. I have had a letter from him. You know his handwriting, of course?"

She looked at him strangely, then she smiled.

"A letter from Philip? Yes," she answered, "his handwriting I know, of course. He is my sweetheart, my affianced husband."

"Was."

She shrugged her shoulders.

"Oh, was' then, if it pleases you best, though really nothing is proved against Philip. I know I doubt him one minute and don't doubt him the next, but nothing is proved."

He took a paper from his pocket and handed it to her. She looked at him steadily for a moment.

"This is his letter?" she said.

"Yes," he answered. "I want you to read it."

The piece of writing paper was folded in half. She unfolded it slowly. It looked like Philip's writing, like his signature; she knew it was not.

"Dear Jasper," it ran, "I am guilty, and have done the only thing I could do to save my neck. I am off to Spain, and hope to be in Madrid in a day or two. I enclose cheque dated previously to the night of the murder. If you pay it through your bank, I don't see how my bank can refuse to pay it. I am not dead, and my balance is a large one. If you get the money post it to me at the chief post-office (I don't know what the Spanish for post-office is) in Madrid. You had better tell Miss Bell that I am indeed guilty. I don't want her to waste her life on me. Of course I can never marry her now. Yours,

"PHILIP."

He expected she would turn faint, cry out. She handed him back the letter quite calmly.

"It is a horrible letter," she said.

"Horrible, indeed," he answered, "but true."

"Of the man who wrote it, yes, I suppose so. So I am to think no more of Philip? Well, there are as good fish in the sea as ever came out of it, I daresay"—she turned and looked at him—"I shall not have to wait long for another lover? I must have a lover, of course."

He leant forward and caught both her hands in his. He dropped to his knees.

"You know that you need not wait a moment," he said. "I love you, love you far more than Philip did or could. It is only blood, cold, sluggish blood that flows in his veins, in mine it is fire; fire that burns and consumes me, that will, until you satisfy my love, Leslie, Leslie, you said come often, come every day. Leslie, that must have meant that you love me."

CHAPTER XXX.

Leslie left her hands, in Jasper's though she loathed their contact.

"But I am engaged to Philip," she said.

"To Philip, who can never marry you, who says so himself? To Philip, coward and murderer? No, you are not engaged to him. It would be too horrible. Leslie, Leslie, you are engaged to me—my sweet, is it not so?"

He slipped his arm round her waist. His face was lifted to hers. She put her hands on his shoulders, then she bent a little towards him.

"I am engaged to Philip," she said again, and there was a ring in her voice that frightened him. "You asked me once, before, if you remember, and I refused you. I meant what I said then. Let me go, please, Mr. Warne."

His clasp tightened. He almost drew her to him, but she resisted. He thought she was only playing coquetting with him.

"But you don't mean it now. You have led me on, you have let me hope. I am not the sort of man to be made a fool of, Leslie. You know that you wouldn't love me, and you do, you delicious, tantalising creature, you do. You are mine, Leslie. I hold you, I mean to have you mine utterly and for ever!"

"I think not," she said, slowly. "As I told you, I refused you once before, and I did mean it. I refused you, if you remember, on the night you murdered your wife, Jasper!"

He sprang to his feet, he turned ashen gray, he trembled from head to foot. All love-making was forgotten in fear. For fully two minutes he could not speak.

"What do you mean?" he said at last. "You are mad! My wife! I never had a wife!"

He sank slowly into a chair, he put his hands on the back of it, and for a moment rested his head upon them. He was absolutely unnerved.

"And I know that you had," she said, slowly. "I have seen the entry of your marriage in the Parish Church of Market Burnham. Your wife's name was Carline Mansfield. I have had the opportunity disguised as Maria Bloor—oh, you never suspected, did you?—of turning over your desk. I have got from it love-letters of Carline's to you, the photograph stolen from Philip's room, and proofs of three more photographs taken of Carline at the same time as the one which was produced in court. I have found enough evidence to hang you!"

He looked up with wild, terror-stricken eyes.

"You are mad," he said, "mad! Have I run away, or has Philip?"

"Neither," she answered. "That was part of my plan to lure you to a false sense of security. Philip did not run away, he was kidnapped—by my orders; kept a prisoner by my orders."

A sneer crossed Jasper's face.

"And you have shared his prison now and then, perhaps? I am glad you refused me, Miss Bell. If you had not I should have withdrawn my proposal, I don't marry other men's——"

She lifted her fan and struck him full across the face. He drew back with a little cry.

"You coward!" she said. "You miserable coward! But what else can one expect of a man who lures his wife to another man's rooms, murders her, and arranges the evidence to incriminate an innocent man? Oh, I have no words to express what I feel for you, the hatred, the loathing, and yet——"

"And yet?" he repeated as she paused.

"And yet, murderer, forger that you are," she said, "I am going to let you go. Make the most you can of your time; to-morrow the ports will be closed against you."

His face changed, the despairing look left it.

"You have not taken your rock-and-bull story to the police, then?" he asked. "Well, I'm glad of that. I shall get away, of course. I can see that the evidence you have trumped up against me is pretty strong, but I do love you, Leslie, remember that. If I murdered my wife it was done for love of you. Women, they say, are but savages where love is concerned, and forgive everything done for its sake. Perhaps one day you——"

"Go," she said, and, crossing to the door, flung it open, "and do not desecrate the name of love, you know nothing about it."

And with one backward look he went.

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MR. ROOSEVELT'S CABINET OBJECTS TO HAGUE COURT

As Arbiter of American Principles Involved in Monroe and Calvo Doctrines.

London, Dec. 24.—The Berlin correspondent of the Standard says he has seen a private telegram from Washington to a prominent personage in Berlin stating President Roosevelt's acceptance of the office of arbitrator of the Venezuelan dispute will reach the powers on Dec. 25.

An important and lengthy communication dealing with the British views of the arbitration of the Venezuelan dispute was made by Foreign Secretary Lansdowne to the United States charge d'affaires, Mr. White, yesterday evening. It was transmitted immediately to Washington.

Lord Lansdowne's communication contains no final decision further than a lengthy statement of what is expected by Great Britain.

Notifications have been received at the Foreign Office here from Germany and Italy that the announcements of their blockade of the Venezuelan coast have been gazetted.

WASHINGTON HESITATES.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The Cabinet spent its entire session yesterday in a discussion of the Venezuelan situation. Views for and against the President's acceptance of the invitation to arbitrate were discussed. Pending the receipt of the invitations, it is stated that the President declines to commit himself as to his course.

The meeting was prolonged for more than two hours. All the members were present except Secretary Moody, who is out of the city.

Secretary Hay brought to the meeting practically nothing new relating to the situation. No response has been received to the President's original suggestion to the powers that they consent to the reference of the Venezuelan controversy to the arbitration of The Hague tribunal, and no formal request had been received that the President act as arbitrator of the difficulty. That such a request should be received formally and officially is now practically assured. It is known that the President and all the members of his Cabinet at first preferred that the whole vexatious question should be referred to The Hague tribunal.

It is understood that the President's plan, if he determines to arbitrate, contemplates the appointment of a board of arbitrators. He would not confide this important undertaking to any one man, nor does he feel able himself to spare the vast amount of time necessary for an examination in detail of each of the many claims that would be presented against Venezuela. Necessarily, the President's arbitration board would include some members of a high order of legal talent, as well as others thoroughly versed in the practice of international law.

THE "CALVO DOCTRINE."

It is stated that the crucial point to come before the arbitration is the famous "Calvo doctrine."

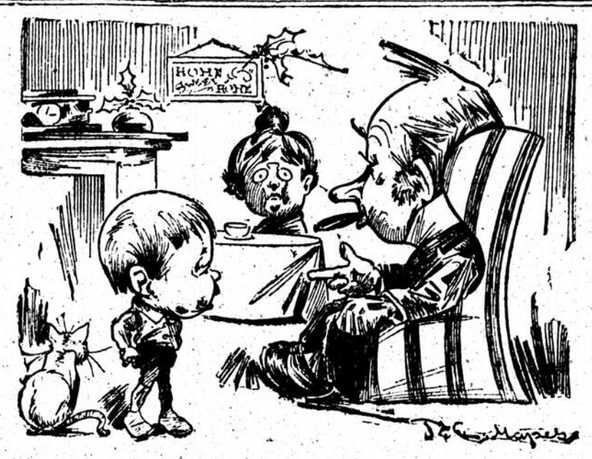
This doctrine, which was laid down by the greatest of Latin-American international lawyers, and for very many years has been regarded as beyond question by all of the Latin-American republics, denies the right of any nation to intervene diplomatically in behalf of one of its subjects where the courts of the country are open to his application for justice. Thus, Venezuela has asserted that all of these claimants, British, German, Italian and French, might have gone before the Venezuelan courts, and if their causes had been just, and so decided causes had been just, and so decided by the courts, the Government would have paid the judgments.

The objection to this view is that no account is taken of miscarriage of justice and of racial antipathies. But so determined are the South American countries to adhere to this doctrine, that some of them have gone to extraordinary lengths in their resistance of diplomatic efforts of foreign governments to secure justice for subjects. A notable case is that of Salvador, where recently a United States corporation obtained, after arbitration, a judgment against the Government of Salvador. The verdict was received with intense indignation in Salvador, and so intense was the anti-foreign feeling excited that a law has been passed within the last few weeks making it a criminal offence, and one to be heavily punished, for any Salvadorian to give any evidence whatever before any court in behalf of a foreigner claiming damages against the Salvadorian Government. This doctrine will be on trial before the arbitration, and because of its vast importance, if President Roosevelt appoints a board he will see that the members are men of the highest calibre."

FEARS FOR MONROE DOCTRINE.

It is known that now some members of the Cabinet are opposed to referring the matter to The Hague tribunal for these reasons: In the first place they have no desire to submit the Monroe doctrine to the arbitrament of any non-American tribunal, not even excepting the august and eminently fair tribunal at The Hague. They very much prefer that if this doctrine is to be the subject of arbitration, if it is to be even brought in incidentally, that American influences shall pass on it. Not that the fairness of The Hague arbitrators is impeached, but as most of them represent European and monarchial interests, it is realized that their training may be regarded as unsympathetic where they are required to deal with such an essentially American subject as the Monroe doctrine. It is true that on its face the arbitration proposal contains nothing that indicates that this doctrine is to be attacked, but so complex and numerous are the questions which will come before the arbitration that it is apprehended here that the famous doctrine can scarcely be kept from consideration.

Another reason that animates these Cabinet officers in this inclination towards acceptance is their conviction that an inordinate length of time would be consumed if the issue is taken before The Hague tribunal. The machinery is sufficient, but ponderous and difficult to put in motion. First there must be arranged a basis of arbitration, the arbitrators must be selected by the parties to the case, and these in turn must choose an umpire or umpires, and while this is going on, the blockade would continue with its ever-present danger of active hostilities and bloodshed that might render nugatory all attempts at arbitration. On the other hand, if the President undertakes the settlement he can get rid of all red tape and start the work of arbitration within a few days.



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ANOTHER STREET EXTENSION CASE

Proprietors Want the City to Pay the Whole Cost of Opening Milton Street.

A question which promises to be as interesting as the Notre Dame Street expropriation bill will be brought up at the next session of the Legislature of Quebec in connection with the expropriation for the opening of Milton Street from University Street to St. Lawrence Street. The commissioners, Messrs. Gilman, Gauthier and Kennedy, have decided that the limits of assessment fixed in 1891 are still in force. A bill will be presented at the next Legislature, through Mr. T. P. Butler, K.C., asking that the costs in connection with the Milton Street opening should be paid in full by the city out of the general fund. This is in direct opposition to the claims of the city, which asks that the proprietors of the street pay the cost and pay it in full.

The question of the Milton Street expropriation has been left dormant for many years. It was first mooted in 1890, and the city obtained authority from the Legislature to open the street in accordance with the homologated plan for St. Antoine and St. Lawrence Wards.

It is contended that the improvement was not asked for by the majority in number and value of the proprietors. At all events, the street was opened, and the proceedings in expropriation lay in abeyance for many years. During that time many properties within the boundary limits changed hands, through transfer or purchase, as if not subject to any charge for the cost of the expropriation. It is not contended that the city is acting unjustly in attempting to collect from the present proprietors the whole cost of improvements which they did not sanction and which they were led to believe did not encumber the properties at the time of purchase. It has been an acknowledged principle, they claim, that when improvements are made in spite of the fact that they were not asked for by the proprietors, the city should pay the whole cost.

Mr. Butler said it was but fair under the circumstances to ask the city to pay the whole cost and asks the Legislature to force the city to do so.

BERNHARDT CREATES NEW PART

Paris, December 24.—Sarah Bernhardt, playing at her own theatre last night, added a fresh branch to her many laurels by the creation of the title role in "Theroigne De Mericourt," a new play by Paul Hervieu, which deals with the meteoric career of a now forgotten woman, who, beginning as a courtesan, became a prominent personage during the reign of terror, and ended in a lunatic cell. Mme. Bernhardt's impersonation of the heroine was warmly applauded by a typical audience of Parisian first nighters. The piece is superbly staged and presents an interesting revival of revolutionary Paris, with the picturesque costumes of the epoch.

MYSTERIOUS STEAMER REPORTED.

Queenstown, December 24. — The White Star line steamship Oceanic, Captain Cameron, which arrived here yesterday from New York, reports that when 72 miles west of Fastnet Light she met a large passenger steamship heading about northwest, showing three red lights, which is the signal for "not under command." The Oceanic showed two sets of signals, asking if assistance was wanted. She received no reply and proceeded on her voyage.

ART ASSOCIATION RECEPTION.

A reception will be held by the Art Association in the Art Gallery, Phillips Square, on New Year's Day, from four o'clock to six. A musical programme will be provided by the Ladies' Morning Club. A collection of fine pictures will be on exhibition.

GREEK STEAMER LOST.

Constantinople, December 24. — The Greek steamer Parthenon, having on board a crew of 22 men and six passengers, is reported to have been lost.

The Parthenon was last reported at Novorossisk, November 28, from Taganorg.

KING EDWARD WINS A LOTTERY.

Copenhagen, December 24.—King Edward of England has won the first prize in the annual lottery of the Stockholm Society of Arts, entitling him to first choice of the works of art the society thus distributes. King Oscar has drawn the twenty-first choice.

IRISH CONFERENCE ADJOURNED.

Dublin, December 24.—A meeting of the Irish land conference was held here yesterday. It was decided to adjourn until December 27, when the final draft of the report will be submitted.

D'AURIGNAC'S MISTRESS ARRESTED.

Paris, December 24. — The Spanish Government has granted the extradition of the Humberts.

Buenos Ayres, December 24.—Mme. Balenza, said to be the mistress of Romain D'Aurignac, who was arrested with other members of the Humbert family in Madrid last Saturday, was taken into custody upon her arrival here from France. A quantity of her baggage was seized.

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Jack Marshall, the speedy centre forward of the champion Montreal Hockey team, was injured in a street car accident last evening.

He was going to the M. A. A. A. rink to skate, before the practice at the Arena. He jumped off the west-bound car and started across the track to the club house. He was struck by an east-bound car. The fender picked him up and when he was picked up he was unconscious. He was taken to the Western Hospital, where he soon recovered. He had a couple of cuts in the head and had a finger dislocated, otherwise the only injury was a bad shaking up. He was sent home later in the evening, and will be out again in a day or two.

Jack is a gritty boy, and say he'll be out at practice to-morrow.

Saturday's Match.

The Vics are training for Saturday's match with the St. Nicholas Club of New York, just as if the championship depended on the result, and are not taking any stock in the fact that they were defeated by the Princeton College team in New York last Saturday, when they were short several of their best players, who will figure in the line up here on Saturday night.

The advance sale of seats for the match opened at the Star Branch Office this morning, when quite a large number of the regular patrons of hockey were on hand to secure their accustomed seats.

To-Morrow's Practices.

The senior practices to-morrow at the Arena are:

Victoria, 10 to 11.
Montreal, 11 to 12.

METROPOLITAN SCHEDULE.

The Season Opens January 5 and Closes on March 9.—Their Finals.

A meeting of the Metropolitan Hockey League was held last evening, when the following schedule was drawn up:

Series A.

Jan. 5—Stirling vs. Overland, 10 to 11.
Jan. 9—Ontario vs. Red Star, 10 to 11.
Jan. 12—Bell Cow vs. Overland, 10 to 11.
Jan. 16—Red Star vs. Stirling, 9 to 10.
Jan. 22—Bell Cow vs. Ontario, 10 to 11.
Jan. 26—Ontario vs. Overland, 10 to 11.
Jan. 29—Stirling vs. Ontario, 10 to 11.
Jan. 30—Bell Cow vs. Red Star, 10 to 11.
Feb. 2—Red Star vs. Overland, 10 to 11.
Feb. 5—Red Star vs. Bell Cow, 10 to 11
Feb. 6—Overland vs. Stirling, 9 to 10.
Feb. 10—Stirling vs. Bell Cow, 10 to 11.
Feb. 13—Overland vs. Red Star, 10 to 11
Feb. 20—Stirling vs. Red Star, 10 to 11.
Feb. 20—Ontario vs. Bell Cow, 10 to 11.
Feb. 27—Overland vs. Bell Cow, 10 to 11.
Feb. 27—Ontario vs. Stirling, 9 to 10.
Mar. 5—Overland vs. Ontario, 10 to 11.
Mar. 6—Bell Cow vs. Stirling, 9 to 10.
Mar. 9—Red Star vs. Ontario, 10 to 11.

Series B.

Jan. 8—Outremont vs. Unions.
Jan. 16—Parkhill vs. Welland.
Jan. 20—Union vs. Parkhill.
Jan. 22—Welland vs. Outremont.
Jan. 27—Welland vs. Unions.
Feb. 5—Parkhill vs. Outremont.
Feb. 12—Unions vs. Outremont.
Feb. 13—Welland vs. Parkhill.
Feb. 19—Parkhill vs. Unions.
Feb. 20—Outremont vs. Welland.
Feb. 24—Outremont vs. Parkhill.
Feb. 27—Unions vs. Welland.

Games to be played on ice of last named club.

Juvenile League Meeting.

A meeting of the Juvenile Hockey League is called for Friday, the 26th inst., at 8 o'clock, in the Empire Hall, corner St. Catherine and St. Lawrence streets. All delegates requested to be present.

To Defy the O.H.A.

Kingston, Dec. 23.—The Whig states that "the O.H.A. may have a wayward child in its fold this winter, and may have to turn that child adrift. The Frontenacs are to meet this week, and 'tis said they will defy the association by going to Pittsburg, Pa."

Frontenacs Secede from O.H.A.

Kingston, Dec. 24.—The Frontenacs have practically decided to secede from the D.H.A. Their application for admittance has been accepted by the Quinte District Hockey League. The admission of the Frontenacs will strengthen the Quinte League. The Frontenacs will carry out their agreement with the management of the Desquene Gardens, of Pittsburg, Pa., and by so doing come under the censure of the D.H.A., but the club will play a team in the Quinte District League and will also play exhibition matches. The K.B.C. Ramblers have a team in the intermediate series of the D.H.A., and also one in the D.H.L.

Caught in the Goal Nets.

Montreal had a rattling practice last evening.

London Canadians—S. D. Mackenzie, T. C. Keefe, F. Carr-Harris, D. A. Hingston and F. Edgear.

Phillips, who is practicing with Montreal, will not be able to play with them, as he has given his promise to McGill.

Pittsburg Despatch:—Fred. Lake, of Winnipeg, who will play forward for the Keystone Hockey team, arrived yesterday and was on the ice last night at Duquesne Garden. He will be in the game Tuesday night against P.A.C.

The American League has named this committee to take part in the peace conference with the National League:—President Johnson, Charles A. Comiskey of Chicago, Henry Killilea of Boston, and Charles Somers of Cleveland.

Harry Westwick is expected to turn out with Ottawa next week. At present the quartette on the forward line consists of W. Gilmour, S. Gilmour, J. Fraser and Chambers. Behind the line Spittal and Hutton are in the best of shape.

The Pittsburg team have a few Canadian players. The Victorias contain no less than six Caandians—McKay, Duval, A. Sixsmith, G. Sixsmith, Henry and B. Stuart—on the team, while of the Keystones there is not a single player who can claim any other place other than Canada as the place of his nativity.

The Victoria Hockey Club are not going to take any chances when they meet St. Nicholas on Saturday evening and consequently have been practising steadily. The ease with which Princeton defeated the St. Nicholas aggregation does not give any false confidence to the local team.

The Williams and Wilson Hockey Club have got to work in earnest, and the following officers have been elected: Captain, A. H. Milroy; secretary, Herbert Thomas; treasurer, Wm. G. Young. They have secured the Crystal Rink for Tuesday evenings from 10 to 11 during the winter, and are practising hard.

Victoria, of Pittsburg, defeated the Banker's two to one. Campbell scored for the bankers in the first half and B. Stuart two for Vics in second half. The teams were: Victorias—McKay, Steen, Duval, A. Sixsmith, B. Stuart, G. Sixsmith, Henry. Bankers—Richardson, Morphy, Phymister, Campbell, H. Stuart, Willett, Howard.

At London, Eng., on Saturday night the attraction was an important ice-hockey match between the club and the London Canadians. A highly interesting and exciting game was seen, for Prince's, after holding the winning hand until the last five minutes, were then outplayed by their opponents, and beaten by eight goals to seven. The teams were: Prince's—H. Bishop, B. Patton, C. Napier, C. Howell and C. Clayton.

Baseball

Base Hits.

Manager Burnham announces having signed Pitchers Gus Weyhing and Robt. W. Lawson and First Baseman Fred. Clark for his 1903 Eastern League team. Weyhing is the well-known veteran ex-National leaguer, who pitched last season in the Southern League. Lawson is a right-hand giant, being 6 feet 2 1-2 inches tall and weighing 195 pounds. Clark, the new first baseman, played for Chicago Nationals and Peoria last year.

Plans are now under way for the formation of a privincial baseball league on somewhat more pretentious lines than hitherto attempted. The circuit proposed is Quebec, Three Rivers, Hull, Montreal, St. Johns and Ste. Hyacinthe. In this city, if the Mascottes adhere to their intention of seeking entrance to the Northern New York League, a new club will be started in St. Henri and Ste. Cunegonde.

Curling.

NORTHWEST BONSPIEL.

At Canadian and American Soos 144 Men Will be on the Ice at Once.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., December 23.—Preparations for the tenth annual bonspiel of the Northwestern Curling Association, which will be held in this city during the week of January 12th, are practically completed, and forecast the greatest event of the kind ever held this side of the Atlantic. With the completion of the mammoth rink in the Canadian Soo, 18 rinks with 144 men in action, may be put into commission.

The bonspiel has been thrown open to the curlers of the world whether members of the associations or not, and already acceptances have been received from New York and eastern Canadian cities, Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Winnipeg and other Canadian cities west of that. At least 400 curlers are expected to be present.

FROM MONTREAL TO TRUSTEES, GREETING

Club Decides to Write to Trustees Enclosing the C.A.H.L. Resolution.

The Montreal Hockey Club executive had a lengthy session last evening at the Arena. It was after midnight when they came to a final decision over the Stanley Cup. And here is their decision:—

To-day they will write to Mr. P. D. Ross, enclosing a copy of the C. A. H. L. rule which reads as follows:—

"The champions of this league are not allowed to defend the Stanley Cup until the end of the playing season."

The letter will call the attention of the trustees to this clause, and say that the Montreal club will abide by whatever the league says. If the trustees wish to order the cup matches before March that the trustees should communicate with the league. If then the league ordered Montreal to play they would obey the league."

Mat and Ring.

BANTAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

Unsatisfactory Fight at 'Frisco.—Harry Forbes Got the Decision.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 24.—The championship bantam contest between Harry Forbes, of Chicago, and Frank Neil, of San Francisco, before the Reliance Club last night, ended in an unsatisfactory manner in the seventh round. Neil claimed that he had been hit below the belt and danced against the ropes for a second and then fell to the floor. He was carried to his corner, and while in the ring was examined by the physicians. They stated they could see no evidence of a foul, but would give a positive decision in an hour. Referee Smith reserved his decision pending the report of the club's physicians. The public was divided as to whether or not a foul blow was struck.

Neil made a brave battle for seven rounds and took much punishment. Forbes proved to be a general in the ring, and constantly jolted his opponent. It was only in the rushes and fierce fighting that Neil made a showing. At the finish Neil claimed to be in great pain, but outside of the alleged injury he showed little punishment. At the end of an hour physicians decided that Neil had not been injured by a foul blow. Referee Smith then declared Forbes the winner of the contest.

Jeffries and Munroe.

Butte, Mont., December 23.—Clark Ball, manager of J. J. Jeffries, to-day posted a forfeit of $1,000, which he will pay Jack Munroe, amateur champion heavyweight of the Pacific coast, if he can stay four rounds with Jeffries in a battle for a knockout.

Munroe secured the decision and $250 here last Saturday night by staying four rounds with the champion. The bout may take place here this week.

Tom Sharkey says he knows Munroe and says he is the hardest hitter he ever met not excepting even Jeffries.

Munroe Won't Fight.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 24.—Jack Munroe states that he will not meet Champion James J. Jeffries at present.

"My condition is wholly unfit at the present time to fight successfully any one, let alone Jeffries or Fitz," he said. "I propose myself to diligent training, and in a short while any one who wants to can challenge me."

Kid McCoy Exonerated.

New York, Dec. 23.—Norman Selby, the pugilist, known as "Kid McCoy," has been exonerated from the charge of stealing a $1,000 bill from David Lamar. In withdrawing the charge to-day Lamar explained to the police that he had been the victim of a practical joke perpetrated by some of his friends.

Ring Notes.

Steve O'Donnell has come back to his old love and will tackle Jim Jeffries in a six-round bout in Boston New Year's night.

There is one ambition in Tommy Ryan's life besides making money, and that is to get Kid McCoy into a ring and beat him. I would stake all I have on that battle," says Ryan.

Kid Carter and George Gardner have been matched for a six-round fight Dec. 29 at the Lyceum Athletic Club, Chicago. The men have signed articles of agreement and posted forfeits, agreeing to weigh in at 165 pounds at 3 o'clock the afternoon of the bout. The weight will allow both men to be in the best possible condition. Carter has lost three times to Gardner, but never within the six-round limit.

Efforts have been made to induce Frank Erne to box again, and to this end the International A. C., of Fort Erie, has offered the ex-lightweight champion a purse to box Warren Zurbrick. Zurbrick is a newcomer, and those who have seen him box speak well of his powers.

Skating

Christmas at the Rinks.

To-morrow the rinks will be covered with merry Christmas skaters before dinner to collect an appetite and afterwards to aid digestion.

The M.A.A.A. La Montagnard, St. Lawrence and Ontario rinks will be open during the afternoon and evening, and music will be furnished.

The Prince Arthur rink will be open morning, afternoon and evening, and the rink band will furnish music during the afternoon and evening.

The band of the Prince of Wales Fusiliers will furnish a special programme of music at the Crystal afternoon and evening. The ice is in perfect condition, and the patrons of the rink can look forward to a good day's enjoyment.

BELGIANS WILL CHALLENGE

Antwerp Yacht Club Will Make a Try for the America's Cup.

Boston, December 23.—Belgian yachtsmen are deeply interested in the America's Cup races, according to a special from Brussels to the Transcript to-day, and are ambitious to take part in the contests. If the present plans are carried out the Antwerp Club will challenge for the trophy in 1904.

The club purposes next year to enter for the German Emperor's cup at Kiel, and for the English cup at Heligoland regatta, and also to build a yacht as challenger for the America's Cup on lines laid down by M. Maurice Grisar, who will be the principal, if not the sole, owner of the challenger.

To Make True Chimes Pace.

New York, December 23.—Mr. A. E. Perren has bought of E. B. Van Deusen, of Brooklyn, his good trotter, True Chimes, 2.12 1-4, by Chimes. On the opening day of the Empire City track, September 4, 1899, Mr. Perren drove True Chimes, then a five-year-old, a mile in 1.02 3-4, hooked to a track waggon, although the horse was soft and had received no special preparation. He was immediately purchased after the trial by Mr. F. T. Holder, of Yonkers, for $6,000, who afterward sold him to Mr. Van Deusen.

True Chimes is now eight years old and although possessing all of his former speed it is Mr. Perren's intention to try and make a pacer out of him for use on the New York Speedway. He is a great brush horse, and has often trotted quarters in 30 seconds.

STEWARDS SUSPEND JOCKEY AND FIRM

Three Favorites at New Orleans—Paul Grayton at 20 to 1.

New Orleans, December 23. — Fading Light, Hayward Hunter and Flo Carline were the winnig favorites to-day.

The stewards have recommended that entries of horses belonging to the firm of Hifield and Ownby be refused for the remainder of the meeting, and also that the suspension of Jockey Hicks be continued indefinitely. Weather, fair; track fast.

FIRST RACE, 5 furlongs—Fading Light, 5 to 2; Sweet Nell, 18 to 5; Candareen, 12 to 1. Time, 1.03.

SECOND RACE, selling, 7 furlongs — Paul Greyton, 20 to 1; Tillo, 11 to 1; Playlike, 20 to 1. Time, 1.29 1-5.

THIRD RACE, selling, 1 1-16 miles—Vesuvia, 8 to 1; Charles Ramsey, 4 to 1; Nettie Regent, 13 to 5. Time, 1.50 3-5.

FOURTH RACE, handicap, 1 1-4 miles—Major Mansir, 2 to 1; Barrack, 15 to 1; Jessie Jarboe, 7 to 5. Time, 2.09 4-5.

FIFTH RACE, selling, 1 5-8 miles—Hayward Hunter, 6 to 5; Lady Chorister, 7 to 1; Cogswell, 7 to 2. Time, 2.52 3-5.

SIXTH RACE, mile—Flo Carline, 1 to 5; Witful, 10 to 1; Handspinner, 10 to 1. Time, 1.43.

Whitney Has English Stud.

London, December 23.—W. C. Whitney will breed thoroughbreds as well as race them in England. He recently secured a stud farm of moderate size but complete in every detail in the neighborhood of Newmarket, within easy reach of Heath House.

Noted Judge Dead.

New York, Dec. 24.—Horsemen interested in harness racing were shocked to learn that the unidentified men accidentally killed by a horse while crossing Broadway at Spring street on Monday evening, was E. C. Walker, a trainer, driver, starting judge, and writer, who was known to followers of trotting all over the country. Mrs. Walker recognized the description of the dead man published in the newspapers and went at once to the Morgue, where her fears were confirmed.

Turf Notes.

The amateur reinsmen of Cleveland have just organized the Cleveland Road Drivers' Association. The main object of the organization is to secure a speedway similar to that enjoyed by the horsemen of New York, Buffalo, Chicago, Boston and other cities.

The gross income of the racing associations in the metropolitan district, New York state, during 1902, amounted to $3,401,717.60. A tax of $170,085.88 goes to the state.

The racing dates assigned Kansas City by the newly-organized Cincinnati Turf Congress will not be accepted by any of the people behind the Turf Association in process of organization. They will now look to the Western Turf Club.

Athletics.

The French Runner Won.

In an interesting twelve miles race for £50 a side at the Oldham, Eng., running grounds this month, Fred Bacon, ex-amateur champion, was defeated by the French long-distance champion, A. Charbonnel, three times winner of the great French road race. The men alternated in the lead, and the issue was left in doubt until a mile from home. From the eighth to the eleventh mile the men made alternate running until the last four laps, when Charbonnel took a lead of about four yards, and, gaining ground in the last lap, won easily by thirty yards.

Miscellaneous

Levis Club Officers.

At the thirty-eighth annual meeting of the Levis Snowshoe Club, held on December 20, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Hon. president, Mr. C. Blouin; hon. vice-president, Capt. Davie; president, T. A. Poston; vice-president, G. W. Walker; secretary-treasurer, A. O. Anderson.

The Victoria Hockey team to meet St. Nicholas will be chosen to-morrow.

MONT PELEE IS GROWING HIGHER, WITH A STRANGE CONE.

New York, Dec. 24. — Mail advices from Barbadoes, B.W.I., Dec. 13, state that Mayor Hodder, the officer commanding the British Royal Engineer force at St. Lucia, W. I., has reported observing the growth of a cone on top of Mont Pelee, Martinique, first reported by the Martinique police on August 11.

The cone, according to Major Hodder's calculation, has now reached a height of 928 feet, with a base of 495 feet. This marvellous cone has taken only 701 days to reach its present dimensions, and it is still growing.

Mont Pelee is still also growing, being now 5,000 feet in height, as against its former altitude of 4,428 feet.

MONTREAL MEN BUY BALL FRANCHISE

Mr. Dooley Met Them Yesterday and a Deal Was Made—Carr May Manage Team.

There was a meeting yesterday afternoon between Charles F. Dooley and a number of men interested in baseball, and the result was the issuing of a definite statement that a settlement of the franchise question had been come to, and so the baseball team will remain in Montreal during 1903.

At the annual meeting of the club, Mr. Dooley announced his retirement owing to his position with the U. S. Government. He then offered to sell the franchise to the club, and stated his figure. They considered it and made a counter offer. This Mr. Dooley refused, and yesterday the two parties got together and agreed on a figure.

The company which is taking over the franchise is different from the old one, though a number of the same men are interested.

The club has seven applications for the position of manager. Charlie Carr, of Jersey City, is most favored up to date.

THE HUMBERT CHASE

Interesting stories of the chase after the Humberts continue to crop up. One is of a French magistrate who has fallen a victim to her case; the reason given for his discharge apparently is not a want but an excess of zeal. He is said to have spent nearly £1,500 in telegraphing for information as to her whereabouts. The irritation of the high government officials, who are said to have known where she was during the entire time of her absence, at this reckless extravagance will be appreciated.

It was pretty generally agreed that Mme. Humbert had with her all the money and almost all the brains. Where that masterful woman went, then, they must have gone too; that is to say, her two brothers, her sister, her husband and her daughter. Mme. Humbert, though common, was still so well known in appearance as to make it difficult for her to escape notice. Besides, she was one of those vital and ebullient creatures, who would find it difficult to escape notice wherever they went; she was sure to have a row with someone about her rights and claims; and to have urged her claims with the volubility and the determination to win, which were the basis of her character, and the secret of her success. And it must have been even more difficult for the daughter to escape notice and detection. Frenchwomen are not, as a rule, tall; and this girl was six feet high, perhaps even a little more, and was a giantess in more ways than one. A woman of that height attracts notice even among ourselves, with all our stalwart and gigantic tennis-lawn and tailor-made girls; but in France she must have stood out—in every sense of the word—much more from people around her.

THE HUMBERT SALE.

Even in their absence they still added to the gaiety of Paris, for their remains made their way to the salerooms with that dignified and measured slowness which marks all the proceedings of the law courts of France. For two days at the end of November the well-known auction rooms in the Rue Drouot were crowded by all fashionable Paris for the purpose of having a look at the clothes of Mme. Humbert and her family. It was well-known that the great thief had a pretty taste in dress, especially in boots and in furs. Also the visits to her country house had shown a luxuriousness of fancy and an opulence of expenditure in her bed linen which promised fine sights and perhaps delicious bargains. Finally, Mme. Humbert was known to have ordered hats and bonnets with the same Monte Cristo spirit of lavishness which characterized all her doings; she, like Cecil Rhodes, thought in millions and dreamed in billions.

DISAPPOINTMENT AMONG BUYERS.

However, there was a certain degree of disappointment in store for the fashionable buyers. The clothes had been hawked about a good deal since their first seizure, and by the time they got to the sale rooms were considerably the worse for the wear. One has to go to the pen of a lady to find an adequate description of the scene which took place when these precious goods were put on the market. Mrs. Emily Crawford, the famous correspondent of Truth and the Daily News, writes:—

The body linen, of beautiful fineness and workmanship, and in all respects simply exquisite, lay in piles made up of a dozen of each article, neatly folded and bound with pink or blue or white narrow ribbon. The pink ribbon distinguished the underclothing of Mme. Humbert, the blue that of Mlle. d'Aurignac, which was of exceeding sumptuousness, and, perhaps, had been ordered to serve as a trousseau at an imaginary wedding, and the white that of Mlle. Humbert. The auctioneer's man took specimens of the different garments out of the piles and went round holding up one at a time before him, and then handed them to the auctioneer, who again displayed them. Those of Mlle. Eve were so long that any one of them might have made two for the tallest lady present. Mlle. Eva exceeded six feet two in height when they were made. Her mother, whisperingly gave out, when she ordered them, that an engagement had been concluded between her and M. Deschanel, but that it was not yet to be officially announced.

AGRICULTURAL MEETINGS.

Dates Fixed for the Lectures to be Given in This Province.

The agricultural associations throughout the Province of Quebec, English divisions, will hold meetings from January 6 to January 23rd. In the first division the speakers will be Messrs. C. W. Nash, Toronto; Robert Thompson, St. Catharines, and R. F. Holterman, of Brantford. The dates and localities are as follows: January 6, Howick; 7, Ormstown; 8, Dundee; 9, Huntingdon; 10, Franklin; 13, Clarenceville; 14, Bedford; 15, Granby; 16, Waterloo; 17, Knowlton; 19, Sutton; 20, Mansonville; 21, Ayer's Flats.

In the second division the speakers are Robt. Ness, Howick, Que.; and Major James Shefford, Queenstown, Ont. The dates and localities follow: January 6, Howick; 7, Ormstown; 8, Dundee; 9, Huntingdon; 10, Franklin; 13, Clarenceville; 14, Bedford; 15, Granby; 16, Waterloo; 17, Knowlton; 19, Sutton; 20, Mansonville; 21, Ayer's Flats.

The meetings are being organized by the Department of Agriculture of Quebec.

VANDERBILT STILL IMPROVING.

New York, Dec. 24.—In a bulletin issued at the Vanderbilt residence at 9.30 o'clock the attending physicians state that Mr. Vanderbilt's temperature is a little lower and his general condition is also slightly improved.

The date for the indoor championship skating races has been fixed for February 4th, and will take place in the Victoria rink. There will be four events, the quarter, half, one and three mile races.



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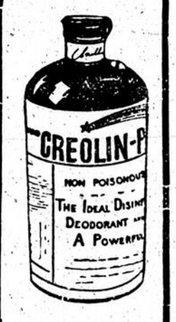
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GOSSIP OF THE "STREET"

The Bank Statement.

According to the statement for November of the chartered banks of Canada, which will be issued this week, the call and short loans on stocks and banks in the Dominion aggregated $51,958,911, an increase of $14,406,438, compared with the same month of 1901. Call and short loans elsewhere than in Canada totalled $49,563,674, a falling off of $1,399,803, as against November of last year. Current loans in Canada amounted to $318,172,228, a gain of $23,356,908. Current loans elsewhere than in Canada were $34,358,355, or $5,823,470 more than for the same four weeks of the previous year. Deposits by the public in Canada on demand totalled $111,691,073, as against $98,754,438 for November, 1901. Deposits after notice totalled $250,815,073, as against $232,188,847. Deposits elsewhere than in Canada were $39,645,067, as compared with $33,711,374.

The principal items in the November statement of the Dominion chartered banks compare as follows with those for October:

	November. 1902.	October. 1902.
Public deposits	$111,691,073	$113,176,952
do. on notice	250,815,073	248,612,677
do. elsewhere	39,645,067	35,389,263
Call loans	51,958,911	51,247,417
do. elsewhere	49,563,674	47,510,549
Current loans	318,172,228	314,390,567
do. elsewhere	34,358,355	35,356,704

November, 1901: Public deposits, $98,754,437; do. on notice, $232,188,847; do. elsewhere, $33,711,370; call loans, $37,552,474; do. elsewhere, $50,963,477; current loans, $288,820,260; do. elsewhere, $28,544,885.

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Price and Earnings.

In the table which follows, we give some figures showing the present position of a number of active stocks with respect to earnings. The true test of the relative cheapness or dearness of a stock is the amount that the road can earn per cent. upon the market price of that stock. In the table below, we show the present earning capacity taken from the latest official figures, the market price, and the earning capacity per cent. on market price. The table is as follows:

	Present earning capacity.	Price.	Earning capacity on price.
Atchison com.	6.63 p.c.	82	8.08 p.c.
B. & O. com.	8.30 p.c.	98	8.47 p.c.
B. R. T.	1.19 p.c.	64	1.86 p.c.
Can. Pac. com.	10.34 p.c.	127	8.14 p.c.
St. Paul com.	9.62 p.c.	173	5.56 p.c.
St. Paul pfd.	9.62 p.c.	192	5.00 p.c.
C. & N. W. com.	17.18 p.c.	215	7.99 p.c.
C.C.C. & St. L. com.	5.01 p.c.	95	5.27 p.c.
D. & R. Gr. com.	3.12 p.c.	38	8.21 p.c.
Erie com.	1.13 p.c.	34	3.32 p.c.
Hocking Val. com.	6.75 p.c.	99	6.82 p.c.
Hocking Val. pfd.	6.75 p.c.	98	6.89 p.c.
Ill. Central	11.86 p.c.	142	8.23 p.c.
Louis. & Nash.	9.02 p.c.	123	7.33 p.c.
M. & St. L. com.	5.94 p.c.	106	5.60 p.c.
M. K. & T. com.	1.09 p.c.	25	4.36 p.c.
Mo. Pacific	8.40 p.c.	104	8.07 p.c.
N. Y. Central	6.00 p.c.	152	3.94 p.c.
N. & W. com.	6.75 p.c.	71	9.50 p.c.
Pennsylvania	11.98 p.c.	154	7.77 p.c.
Rock Island com.	*5.00 p.c.	40	12½ p.c.
So. Pacific	5.13 p.c.	63	8.14 p.c.
So. Rwy. com.	0.75 p.c.	31	2.42 p.c.
Un. Pac. com.	10.34 p.c.	98	10.55 p.c.
Wis. Cent. com.	1.02 p.c.	25	4.04 p.c.

*Estimated, current fiscal year.

This table is worth study by those who want to know the relative position of the various active stocks. The figures, of course, are not conclusive as they stand, as in many cases there is what may be called concealed earning capacity. Nevertheless, they are of considerable value.

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Canadian banks increased their call loans a little during November in spite of the fact that they had a large number outstanding.

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The Toronto brokers are having a Christmas tree on 'Change to-day.

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Dividends Declared.

The directors of the New York Central and allied railroad lines met here to-day and declared the regular dividends except that the Canada Southern dividend was fixed at one per cent. for the six months. Last week it was 1½ per cent. The New York Central statement for the quarter ending December 31, 1902 (partly estimated), showed net earnings of $5,825,400, as compared with $6,350,947 for the corresponding period last year. The net earnings for the last six months of this year (partly estimated), were $13,019,900, a decrease of $567,700. The surplus after payment of the last quarter's dividends was reported at $361,700, a decrease of $683,044. The surplus for the six months showed a decrease of $942,500. According to semi-official explanations these differences arose from the increase in the capital stock demanding larger dividend payments.

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Railroad Earnings.

The New York Commercial and Financial Chronicle contains a summary of gross and net earnings for the month of October. This emphasizes the feature of recent earnings brought out by the preliminary returns, namely, that net earnings have decreased in the face of large gains in gross revenue. The October returns, for instance, show that in spite of a gain of $6,277,165 in gross earnings of 105 roads, net earnings declined by $416,786. Following are comparisons for the month, and for the ten months ended October 31st:

For month of October (105 roads):

	1902.	Increase.
Gross earnings	$112,017,914	$6,277,165
Operating expenses	71,348,349	6,693,951
Net earnings	$40,669,565	*$416,786

From Jan. 1 to Oct. 31 (100 roads):

	1902.	Increase.
Gross earnings	$817,212,525	$51,126,723
Operating expenses	547,682,347	44,106,287
Net earnings	$269,520,178	$7,020,436

*Decrease.

GRAIN IN TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Wheat—68 1-2c to 69c for No. 2 red and white, east, and 68c to 68 1-2c middle freight. Goose, 66c for No. 2 east; spring, 68c to 69c for No. 1, and 68c for No. 2 east. Manitoba 81c for No. 1 hard, and 79c for No. 1 northern, Port Huron and Owen Sound. No. 1 hard, 85c, and No. 1 northern 93c at North Bay.

Flour—27 cars 90 per cent. patent, buyers bags, east or middle freight. Manitoba flour, $4.20 cars Hungarian patent, and $3.90 strong bakers', bags, track Toronto.

Millfeed—$16 shorts, and $14 bran, bulk, east or middle freights. Manitoba millfeed $19 cars shorts, 117 bran, sacks, Toronto.

Barley—45c for No. 3 extra; 42c for No. 3 east or middle freights.

Buckwheat—53c for No. 2 east, 50c high freights west, and 51c middle freights.

Rye—50c for No. 2, east and middle freights.

Corn—40c for new Canada yellow, west; American, 53c for new No. 3 yellow, 52c for new No. 2 mixed, and 61c for No. 3 old yellow, car lots track Toronto.

Oats—31c for No. 2 white, east; 30c high freights, west, and at 30 1-2c middle freights.

Oatmeal—$4.10 cars, bags; $4.25 barrels, track Toronto.

Peas—75c choice milling, east or west, No. 2 for export quoted at 72c middle freights.

DRESSED HOGS

There was no actual change in the condition of the market, which rules steady under a good demand for small lots, and sales of frozen stock were made at $7.75 to $7.85 per 100 lbs, and fresh killed abattoir stock at $8.25 to $8.50 per 100 lbs. Car lots of frozen hogs were quoted at $7.50 to $7.75 per 100 lbs.

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MONEY IS TIGHT, BUT STOCKS HOLD

Wall Street Firm in spite of Nine to Ten Per Cent. Money — The Local Brokers Played Football Chiefly.

The stock markets to-day were fairly firm and Wall Street particularly so, in view of the fact that money was comparatively light and was loaning between 9 and 10 per cent.

A spirited football game on the floor of the local Exchange interrupted the 12 o'clock call, and killed business for half an hour. The brokers all seemed to be in pretty good condition in spite of the fact that the market of late has not been productive of large profits.

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Without a single transaction, Richelieu moved up to 93 3-4 bid and 95 asked, and it looks as if it might assume a more normal level in view of the fact that it pays 6 per cent. and promises a good season's profits for the six months beginning next May.

Canadian Pacific held its own pretty well around 129 1-2, and Dominion Steel fluctuated between 57 1-4 and 57 1-2.

In connection with Steel an error crept into the "Street Gossip" last night. It was stated in a table that the return on Steel was 6.89 per cent. The mistake would of course be at once apparent to anyone at all familiar with the stock, and of the fact that it has never paid a dividend on the common.

$ $ $

Toledo was a shade better at 32, but the remainder of the market was very quiet, and there was only scattered trading in Power, Detroit, Cotton and Rails.

The brokers decided to adjourn at 12.30, so that there was no afternoon session to-day, and the market is closed until Saturday morning. Wall Street closes to-morrow only.

$ $ $

L. J. Forget & Co.'s London cable quoted Grand Trunk first at 107 1-8, second at 94, third at 44 1-8, Canadian Pacific at 132 3-8, Hudson Bay at 36, and Anaconda at 4 1-2.

$ $ $

Mr. C. D. Monk's messages said: Americans in London irregular. Mayor Low signed N.Y. and N. J. Tunnel franchise. Collections for customs yesterday $1,181,489, or close to largest record in any week in a year. Outside lenders placed some money yesterday at 5 1-2 for six months. All grain exchanges are closed to-day except St. Louis. Grain exports still moving freely, fifty loads yesterday. H. C. Frick & Co. increased wages 8 per cent. Coal Trade Journal says mines are turning out a full quota of coal and it is being rushed forward as rapidly as possible. The market to-day is likely to be professional, partly influenced by money rates, after further early recessions there is likely to be a rally on evening up of short contract. Up to noon the market remained dull and featureless. Money 9 1-2 to 10 per cent. We extend to all our friends our heartiest Christmas greetings.

$ $ $

Sub treasury gained $514,000 from banks yesterday, since Friday it gained $92,000 from banks.

The largely increased earning power of B.R.T. is beginning to have effect on the stock, operating expenses gradually decreasing the rapid growth of Brooklyn augurs well for this particular traction company.

$ $ $

It was said that the plans were laid for a bull campaign in R. I. after the turn of year.

N.Y.C. advances wages of clerical department average about 20 per cent.

$ $ $

No probability of dividend on R. I. common until preferred has received full rate for one year. Rothschilds invested ten million dollars in Interborough Company. Chicago reports eastern railroads centering there swamped with business. Twin City earnings nearly 6 per cent. on pfd. London closes to-morrow and Friday. Growing opposition to Cuban reciprocity in Washington in view of closer relations between American Sugar and Beet Sugar Co. No probability of peace between conflicting copper interests.

$ $ $

Robert Meredith & Co. received the following over their private wire from Zimmerman & Forshay, New York:—There is very little gossip on the floor concerning the rise in Brooklyn Rapid Transit, and what there is connects it with a similar but smaller gain in Manhattan. There has been no great increase in commission house business, and the room traders have been the principal factors in giving prices their firm tone. The market was, no doubt, oversold on account of the general anticipation of higher money, which has not as yet materialized. London did nothing, and is practically closed until Monday next. Canadian Pacific has added largely to its holdings in Soo preferred. There is no probability of dividend on Rock Island common until the preferred has received full rate for one year. There is growing opposition to Cuban reciprocity in Washington in view of closer relations between American Sugar and Beet Sugar. It is essentially a holiday market to-day, and nothing else was to be expected. There is practically no change in the Venezuelan affair, but negotiations for settlement are said to be progressing. Money is very scarce for speculative purposes, but all over the country the shopkeepers assert they never saw as much of it as they have this season. The market opened with few transactions, but with a profusion of wishes for a merry Xmas, to which we take pleasure of adding our own. Sales to noon were 229,200 shares. Canadian Pacific closed at 132 1-2.

MORNING BOARD SALES.

150 Can. Pacific at 129.
15 Can. Pacific at 129 1-4.
100 Can. Pacific at 128 7-8.
5 Can. Pacific at 128 1-2.
100 Can. Pacific at 129 1-4.
75 Can. Pacific at 129 1-2.
100 Dom. Steel at 57 1-4.
10 Dom. Steel at 57.
25 Dom. Steel at 57 1-2.
25 Dom. Steel at 57 3-8.
50 Dom. Steel at 57 1-2.
25 Detroit Ry. at 85 1-8.
10 Detroit Ry. at 85 3-4.
50 Toronto Ry. at 112 3-4.
57 Toronto Ry. at 113 1-4.
100 Montreal Power at 82.
60 Montreal Power at 82 1-2.
2 Toronto Ry. new at 110.
2 Toronto Ry. new at 111.
75 Dom. Cotton at 50.
15 Ogilvie pfd. at 131.
4 Montreal Telegraph at 169 1-2.
50 Toledo Ry. at 32.
10000 Dom. Steel bonds at 90 1-4.
1000 Dom. Steel bonds at 89 3-4.

WALL STREET'S CHRISTMAS GIFTS ABOUT $1,000,000

New York, December 24.—A million dollars. That's what Wall St. will give in Christmas presents this year. It is more than double the largest amount of any previous year.

Bank clerks and brokers' clerks are dazed with expectations of increased salaries, for most of this Christmas money has taken the shape of higher wages. This is in line with the increase in wages by railroads and other corporations.

The financial district, while covering a relatively small area, contains the largest number of wage-earners in the world for the area. Some single office buildings house as many as 5,000 salaried men and women. There are more than 3,000 members of the different exchanges who are known as brokers. Each of these employs from two to one hundred clerks and messengers.

Christmas gifts and increases of salary to begin with the new year amount to at least $600,000 for the brokers alone. The exchanges have raised funds for those employes who are hired by all the brokers in common.

The New York stock exchange will distribute $10,000 on Wednesday. The Consolidated will give $4,000. Very large sums are to be distributed also by the produce, cotton, coffee, metal, maritime, coal, diamond and wool exchanges.

Banks are also prominent in the larger wage movement. The Chase national announced to-day an increase for every employe. The exact figures are not given, but it is said to be at least 10 per cent. The British Bank of North America was also mentioned as having increased salaries. J. P. Morgan was understood to have given a bonus to each of his clerks.

The Standard Oil Company was a bountiful giver. Clerks in the local railroad offices received no increase of salary, but got money gifts.

Clerks at the issue desk at the sub-treasury were overworked to-day handing out new money in exchange for old to persons who wanted to use the cash as Christmas presents.

Several $10,000 notes were passed out. The number of $1,000 notes was much larger and there was a large bundle of $100 notes exchanged, while a strong man could hardly carry the old $20s, $10s, $5s, and $1s.

Bright new pennies were handed out by the basketful to fathers of small boys. The sub-treasury officials say that a dollar in bright pennies makes the most acceptable present ever known for a boy of 10—and the boys who receive them are legion, according to the records of the sub-treasury.

The thousands of typewriter girls in Wall Street were not forgotten. They are noted for their good looks, and their Christmas presents every year are transformed quickly into fetching hats or gowns.

FEATURES OF THE MONTREAL MARKETS

GRAIN.—A fairly good demand was experienced for oats to-day for local consumption, and as the offerings were still limited, the tone of the market was firm at 35½c for No. 2 white, ex store, and they were quoted at 30c high freights, and at 31c east. There was no change in peas, for which the demand was slow at 72½c high freights. Buckwheat was easier and quoted ½c lower at 50½c east on the Grand Trunk and rye at 50c east.

FLOUR.—A fair volume of business was done in flour and prices were unchanged. Choice Manitoba spring wheat patents, $4.20; seconds, $3.90; strong bakers', $3.50; winter wheat patents, $3.75 to $4; straight rollers, $3.60 to $3.70; do. in bags, $1.67½ to $1.72½; extras, $1.55 to $1.60.

MEAL.—The demand for rolled oats was slow but prices were steady at 4.25 to $4.30 per barrel, and at $2 to $2.05 per bag.

FEED.—The tone of the market for millfeed remains firm under a good demand. Manitoba bran, in bags, $18; Manitoba shorts, $20; Ontario bran, in bulk, $17 to $18; shorts, $19 to $20, and mouillie, $23 to $30, as to quality.

HAY.—A good trade continues to be done in baled hay and values are fully maintained. We quote: No. 1, $9 to $10; No. 2, $8 to $8.75; clover, $6.50 to $7 per ton, in car lots.

CHEESE.—The cheese market was firm in tone, but rather inactive, as sellers as a rule demand prices that buyers are as yet unwilling to concede. From 12¼c to 12½c is about the range.

BUTTER.—The butter market was steady and unchanged, with a good jobbing hovement in finest fresh creamery on local account at 22½c to 23c. Goods under finest continue slow all the way from 21½c to 22c, and held creamery is offered down to 19½c. Dairy butter, steady at 18c.

EGGS.—A fairly active trade in a jobbing way was done in eggs to-day, and the tone of the market remains firm. Selected, 25c; candled stock, 19½c to 20c; Montreal limed, 18c in a jobbing way; straight receipts, 18½c to 19c; Montreal limed, 17½c; cold storage stock, 17½c; and western limed, 16½c to 17c per dozen, in round lots.

POULTRY.—Owing to the more seasonable weather there was an increased demand for poultry this morning, and an active trade was done at firm prices. Choice turkeys sold at 14c to 15c; ordinary at 12½c to 13c; choice chickens, 11c to 12c; common, 8c to 10c; ducks, 10c to 13c; and geese, 7c to 9c per lb.

BEANS.—There was no change in beans, which rule quiet and steady at $2 per bushel for primes in car lots, and at $2.05 to $2.10 in a jobbing way.

MAPLE PRODUCT.—Business in maple product remains quiet, as is usual at this season. Syrup, in large tins, at 70c to 80c; in small tins, at 50c to 60c; and in wood, at 5c to 5½c per lb. Sugar, 8½c to 10c per lb.

HONEY.—The demand for honey continues slow, and prices show no change. White clover, in comb, is quoted at 11c to 11½c, and white strained at 8c to 8½c per lb.

POTATOES.—A fairly active trade is passing in potatoes in a jobbing way, and the tone of the market is firm. Sales of car lots of choice varieties were made at 75c to 80c, and ordinary stock at 68c to 72c per bag, and in a jobbing way they are selling at 95c to $1.

ASHES.—There was no change in potash, which is still dull. Firsts, $4.35 to $4.40; seconds, $3.60; and pearls, $6.25 per 100 lbs.

MANITOBA WHEAT TO MINNEAPOLSI

Minneapolis reports that 10 per cent. of the receipts are Manitoba wheat, and that one mill has bought 2,000,000 bushels of Manitoba. This must be one of the Washburn-Crosby mills, which was bonded last year for a short time, and has been bonded this year, and will be run with a Government inspector, and all product, flour and feed, will be shipped in bond.

The H. D. Metcalfe Company, Limited, received the following despatch from their Winnipeg office, giving the closing prices of No. 1 hard Manitoba wheat at 70 1-2c, and No. 1 northern at 68 1-2c, in store December.

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APPLE SHIPNENTS FROM ALL PORTS

Following are the total apple shipments (in barrels) to European ports during the week ending December 20:—

From	To Liverpool.	London.	Glasgow.	Total.
Boston	1,494	901	3,153	5,548
New York	1,074	3,825	413	*6,108
Portland, Me	2,974	4,231	1,778	x9,509
St. John, N.B.	1,520	.....	1,390	2,910
Total for week	7,062	8,957	6,734	24,075
Same time 1901	3,209	9,853	877	14,152

*Includes 796 and x 526 to various ports.

SINCE SEASON OPENED.

From.	1902.	1901.
Boston	556,836	101,375
New York	464,471	95,694
Portland, Me	109,264	36,329
Montreal	476,756	122,406
Halifax	39,791	145,144
St. John, N.B.	12,903	1,223
Totals	1,660,021	502,171

COTTON PRICES

Mr. D. M. Sexton, cotton broker, 3 St. Sacrament street, manager for Atwood, Violett & Co., New York, reports the New York cotton market opening at a decline of 1 to 4 points as compared with yesterday's close.

Options at the opening were: Jan., 8.53; Feb., 8.28; March, 8.31; April, 8.30; May, 8.32; June, 8.30; July, 8.32; Aug., 8.14; Dec., 8.47.

Liverpool opened 1 down, and at 12.30 was unchanged to 1-2 lower, closed 1 to 3 up steady. Spots were 2 down with sales, 8,000.

Port receipts this date, estimated, 62,000, as against 42,160 this day last week, and 43,220 this day last year.

During the past week the weather in the South has been more favorable, which should increase the movement very considerably. If it fails to do so it simply means that the cotton is not there, and the result will be that the English and Continental spinners will come into the market and purchase heavily. This will naturally put the market up.

The options at 12.30 were as follows: Jan., 8.53; Feb., 8.28; March, 8.32; May, 8.53; July, 8.33; Dec., 8.51.

DOOR CLOSED FOR THE FLANNELLED FOOLS.

The little day of Mr. Kipling's friends, the "flannelled fool" and the "muddled oaf," is, says the daily News, at an end. The following notice reaches us from the War Office: "Applications are still being received at the War Office for the grant of direct commissions in the army without examination. We are, therefore, requested to make known to the public that the grant of such commissions has been discontinued, and that gentlemen can in future only hope to enter the army by the usual channels of examination."

NOTES AND NOTICES.

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CLOSING QUOTATIONS

NEW YORK STOCKS.

By private wire to Mr. C. D. Monk, from J. S. Bache & Co.:—

DESCRIPTION.	Dec. 23. Op.	Dec. 23. Cl.	Dec. 24. Op.	Dec. 24. Cl.
Amalgamated Copper	59⅞	58¾	58	59⅛
Am. Locom've com.	28⅜	27½	27	27½
do do pref	91	94	.....	94
Am. Sugar Ref. Co.	129	126¾	126¼	128½
do. do. pref	.....	.....	.....	.....
American Smelting & Ref. Co.	40⅛	40⅛	40	39¾
Anaconda Mining Co	.....	.....	88	88
Atch., Top. & St. F.	83¼	82⅝	82¾	82⅞
do. do. pref	99⅜	99	98⅞	98⅝
Am. Car & Foundry	.....	.....	.....	.....
Baltimore and Ohio	98⅞	97½	97½	97½
do do pref	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brooklyn Rapid T.	65¼	65⅛	65⅛	69⅛
Chic. & Alton Com.	33	32¾	32¼	32¼
Canadian Pacific	130½	129⅛	129⅛	130½
Canada Southern	.....	.....	.....	71
Ches. & Ohio	47	47	46½	46½
Chic., Burl. & Quincy	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chicago & N. Western	.....	216¼	.....	217
Chicago, R. I. & Pac.	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chicago, Mil. & St. P.	175½	175	175	176¼
Colorado Southern	.....	27¼	.....	.....
do do 1 pref.	.....	.....	.....	.....
Consolidated Gas, N.Y.	211	211½	211	211
Colorado Fuel & Iron	80⅛	80	.....	80
Cleveland C. C. & St. L.	96¾	96½	.....	.....
Del., Lack. & West.	.....	.....	.....	.....
Delaware & Hudson	.....	164	163	163
Denver & Rio G. pref.	90¾	90⅝	90⅝	90
Duluth S. Sh. & Atl.	.....	.....	.....	.....
do. do. pref.	25¾	25¼	24½	24½
Detroit United Ry.	.....	.....	.....	.....
Great Northern pfd.	.....	195	194½	195½
General Electric	178	176¾	.....	177
Jersey Central	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hocking Valley	.....	.....	.....	.....
Iowa Cen. com.	38⅛	38⅛	.....	.....
Kansas & Texas com.	26⅛	25¾	25½	25½
Kansas & Texas pfd.	57	55¾	.....	55½
Louisville & Nash.	124	123½	123¼	124
Man. Elevated	140¾	145¾	145¾	147
Missouri Pacific	106¾	105¾	105¾	106⅜
Metropolitan Trac.	140½	138½	137	139
N.Y. Cen. & Hudson.	153	152	151½	151⅝
Erie Railroad	34⅜	34⅛	34	34½
do do. 1 pfd	65¼	64⅝	.....	65⅛
do do. 11 pfd	46¾	46	45½	45⅝
N.Y. Ontario & West	29⅝	29¾	29¼	30
Norfolk & West com	71¾	71¾	70⅝	71
Northern Sec.	.....	.....	.....	110⅜
Pacific Mail	.....	.....	.....	.....
Penn. R. R.	155	153⅞	153⅝	154⅜
Pressed Steel Com.	.....	60¾	59⅞	60⅞
do do pref	.....	92¼	.....	.....
Peoples Gas	102	101¾	101⅝	101¾
Phila. & Reading	63⅛	63⅛	63⅛	64
do do 1 pref	.....	.....	86¼	86½
do do 11 pfd	77¾	77	.....	.....
Pullman	.....	.....	.....	.....
Southern Ry. com.	32⅛	32⅛	31¾	32⅛
do do. pref	.....	9 ½	92	92
Southern Pacific	64	63⅜	62⅞	63¾
Tenn. Coal & Iron	.....	.....	66	66
Texas Pacific	40¼	39½	99⅜	39½
Twin City	115¾	115¼	.....	.....
U. S. Leather com.	12	12	11⅞	11⅞
do do pref	.....	.....	88	88
U.S. Steel com.	25½	34¾	34½	34¾
do do pref.	84¾	84½	84	84
U.S. Rubber com.	.....	15½	.....	.....
do do pref	.....	.....	.....	.....
Union Pacific com.	98	98¼	98¼	98¼
do do pref.	92½	92¾	.....	93
Wabash	29¼	29⅛	27⅞	27⅞
do pref.	43	42	41¾	42
Western Union Tel.	88	87½	87¼	87¼
Wh'ling & Lake Erie	.....	.....	.....	.....
do pref	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wis Cen. com.	.....	.....	.....	26¼
do pref.	51	50¾	50½	52¾

NO HARD COAL ON THE WHARVES

Referring to the report of the Harbor Master that several thousand tons of coal were to be seen lying on the wharf several coal dealers to-day stated that the coal was held there for delivery on contracts. In the fall of each year thousands of tons of soft coal are deposited on the wharf for delivery during the winter. This coal—soft coal it is—is used in factories and is already sold. It is brought to the city early in the season so as to take advantage of the cheap rates charged by navigation companies as compared with railroads.

"It would be impossible to deliver this coal, at present," one dealer remarked, "for the simple reason that the purchasers have no place to store it. It is delivered to them as demanded. How could a coal dealer, who has coal, holding it for delivery on a contract, attempt to dispose of it to private purchasers?"

As to hard coal the dealers say there is none in the city, and very little coming in.

Mr. Adair, of the firm of Hart & Adair, states that there is no ground for the wrath of the Harbor Commissioners over the shortage of coal in Montreal cellars, and its abundance on the Montreal wharves.

Mr. Adair says the quantity on the wharves is not remarkable, in view of the rise in the river and the consequent difficulty of getting the coal off the wharves.

The coal on the wharves is bituminous, he says, and is not what the people are clamoring for. They want hard coal and there is none of that in the piles on the harbor front.

THE CITY HAS NO OPTION IN THE MATTER

The proposal of the proprietors of Milton Street to pass a bill at the next session of the Quebec Legislature to force the city to bear the entire cost of the expropriation and opening of that thoroughfare has not as yet been officially brought to the notice of the City Council nor submitted to the consideration of the City Attorneys. The question of who should pay for the opening of Milton Street is an old problem, which ten years' endeavors have not successfully solved. The city, at the present time, claims that the proprietors should foot the bill, while the proprietors hold diametrically opposed views and contend that the city should pay. The basis of their contention is given in another column. Briefly they assert that it is unjust to ask the present proprietors to pay for taxes and assessments which they had been led to believe did not stand against the properties at the time of purchase.

The city, however, according to Mr. L. J. Ethier, city attorney, has no option but to act upon the law as it stands and stood in 1890 and 1891, when the valuation roll was made, holding the proprietors of that district to be benefited by the opening of Milton Street responsible for the cost of the work. Since 1890 many attempts have been made to finally dispose of the matter. New assessment rolls were drawn up and the taxable area was shifted, a Third commissioners were subsequently appointed, Mr. Gilman, Mr. Thos. Gauthier and Mr. Kennedy to study the entire question and their decision has been that the rolls upon which assessments can be made is that of 1890 and 1891. Now the city seeks to collect the money, and the proprietors refuse to pay.

TORONTO WANTS A LOT OF NEW POWERS

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Toronto, December 24. Some radical amendments to the Municipal Act are proposed by the legislation committee of the City Council.

Among them are these, that whether the ratepayers want it or not, local improvement may be undertaken upon the recommendation of the engineer, approved by a two-thirds vote of the Council.

For power to establish municipal fuel yards.

That oaths may be administered to witnesses in an investigation before a committee of the Council.

That permanent pavements may be re-surfaced on the local improvement plan.

That the city be enabled to charge 6 per cent. instead of the legal rate on arrears of taxes. Committee also favors reducing the number of aldermen, now 24, to 12.

SUBLIME PORTE SNOWED UP.

Constantinople, Dec. 24.—A violent snowstorm has been raging here for forty-eight hours. Communication by land and sea is interrupted and the telegraph wires are down. The weather is intensely cold.

There have been heavy falls of snow in all the European province of Turkey.

LIGHT THROWN ON BRITISH SUPPLY METHODS.

The select committee which has been inquiring into the systems of steamship subsidies has issued its report at last, says the Daily News. The results are not, perhaps, entirely what the promoters of this inquiry hoped and desired. The reader of this very interesting document will be reminded at almost every page of the report of the old saying about stones and glass houses, and it is clear enough that the committee must have felt the delicacy of their position more and more as the proceedings developed. The predicament may be briefly stated. Starting from the assumption that British shipping was being ousted by a nefarious conspiracy on the part of bounty-fed foreign shipowners, and that the free and honorable competition which it is the pride of Englishmen to maintain was being rendered impossible by the shipping subsidies of other countries, the committee have had to admit that, with the solitary exception of France, England pays more subsidies than any other State, and that, as to competition, what with "Conferences"—the real English of which is shipping rings—and alliances between English and foreign shipowners, for the purpose of raising freights the less said the better. All this is rather humiliating, though it is just as well that the facts should come out even at the expense of a certain loss of dignity. We should have conceived a higher opinion of the committee, however, if they had faced the facts with a little more courage. British trade has been hampered very seriously by these sea rings, concocted by shipowners in London, Trieste and Hamburg, and by the voluntary suppression of competition which one form and another has given a monopoly to the lines on which the commerce of this country depends for its very existence. But the committee, we shall be told, was not constituted to inquire into the grievances of mere traders, but of the shipowners, whose sufferings have been made so much of by a certain school of alarmists.

DO YOU BELCH GAS?

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WESTERN R.R.MEN MAKE DEMANDS

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Demands for an increase of 20 per cent. in wages for passenger and freight conductors and brakemen have been presented to officials of forty systems of railroads west of Chicago.

Accompanying the demands was a notification that an answer must be returned by January 5. The increase would affect 150,000 conductors and brakemen.

Officials of every railroad running west from Chicago and west of a line drawn from Duluth to New Orleans were waited upon and the demands presented.

Although the demands are backed by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Order of Railroad Conductors, the grievance boards of each railroad system presented the papers. All negotiations will be carried on by these boards, although the officials of both brotherhoods will lend their assistance when needed.

The action of the employes is the most sensational event that ever took place in railroad circles, and, while it was generally known that the advance would be asked, the date for its presentation was kept a profound secret and came as a surprise to the general managers, who believed the demand would be made next month.

The employes give as a reason for the necessity of an advance in wages that trains are much heavier now than in former years. The introduction of the Mogul engines has almost doubled the work of conductors and brakemen, as more cars are hauled and it requires more hours to run 100 miles.

Officials of the various railroads declined to discuss the request of their employes. It was said that an answer would be given to their respective employes before the date fixed upon, but that it would probably require many conferences before the subject would be settled satisfactory.

CONTROL AGAIN GOES TO BOARD

At to-day's meeting of the Harbor Commissioners a report was presented by the delegation from the board who went to Ottawa to interview the Minister of Marine and Fisheries regarding the clearing headway to be provided under the bridges for the tracks on the wharves and for reaching the upper floors of the proposed freight sheds on the piers.

On reaching Ottawa the delegation report they found that the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to whom the Harbor Commissioners report, had not returned to the department as was reported and the delegation were referred by the deputy Minister to the Minister for Public Works, who was acting for the Minister of Marine and Fisheries. Upon laying the question before him and reading to him the opinion of the Commissioners' counsel, he deemed the matter of sufficient importance to lay before the Railway Committee of the Privy Council, should the Commissioners decided the headway to be lower than that required by the Railway Act. He also suggested should the Commissioners decide the privilege of that they should make formal application to have the provisions of the Railway Act set aside.

The discussion upon this subject covered a good deal of ground, but it was eventually decided that the harbor engineer should proceed with the preparation of the plans of the new sheds as originally proposed, and to leave the headway at the usual height provided by the railway bridges through which the freight cars had to pass.

It appeared that Mr. Kennedy had ascertained the views of the railway managers as to the height of the headways and the commissioners were of opinion that this was mainly a matter for the railways their views should prevail.

Mr. Kennedy will accordingly proceed with the preparation of the plans as originally proposed.

A communication was ready from the Deputy Minister of Public Works making note of the various payments that had been made in connection with the new elevator, and pointing out that while the payments had been duly made, they had not been certified by the harbor engineer. The minister would be glad to receive a communication stating that the work had been done to the satisfaction of the harbor engineer.

This communication was received by the commissioners with acclamation, for it means that the control of the work, which had been taken out of their hands by Mr. Tarte when the agreement was made with the Weber syndicate, reverts once more to the commissioners. The communication will be further considered at the next meeting of the board.

Mr. Theo. Spafford, manager of the Cobban Mfg. Co., Notre Dame Street, will spend Christm

FRIDAY BARGAINS

LINENS



70-inch Extra Heavy Unbleached **SCOTCH DAMASK**, new patterns. Worth 50c yard. Friday ..... **.40**

Bleached **DAMASK TABLE NAPKINS**, slightly imperfect, size 5-8 x 5-8. Worth $1.00 dozen. Friday ..... **.65**

Very large All-Linen Bleached **HUCK TOWELS**, hemstitcheed ends. Worth 75c pair. Friday ..... **.50**

SCOTCH CRASH ROLLER TOWELLING, with or without border. Worth 9c yard. Friday.. **.6**

Cottons and Sheetings

FULL BLEACHED DOUBLE BED SIZE SHEETS, 1-inch top, ½-inch bottom hems, heavy round, even thread, pure finish. Worth $1.25 pair. Friday ..... **.98**

PILLOW CASES, bleached ready for use, 2½-inch plain hem, sizes 40, 42, 44, 46 inches wide, 36 inches long. Worth 30c pair. Friday ..... **25.**

Blankets and Comforters

50 pairs of Heavy Unshrinkable Scotch White Wool Blankets, thoroughly scoured, soft lofty finish, size 60 x 80 inches. Worth $3.75 pair. Friday **3.00**

Full Double Bed Size Comforters, covered with heavy English chintz, fancy stitching. Worth $3.25 each. Friday **2.25**



Heavy American Crochet Bed Spreads, white, light blue and pink, new Marseilles patterns. Worth $1.40. Friday ..... **.99**

Special Elderdown Comforter, large size, covered with down-proof English chintz, fancy stitching. Worth $4.25 each. Friday **3.50**

Boys' Clothing

Boys' 2-piece Suits in navy blue serge, finely pleated coat, also pants lined. Regular price $3.60. Friday.... **2.69**

Boys' 2-piece Suits in Fancy Mixed Tweed, coat with yoke and box pleats back and front. Regular price $4.75. Friday **3.25**

Boys' Raglanette Overcoats in Heavy Gray Frieze, with velvet collar or self storm collar, farmers' satin lining. Extra value **4.50**

Mail Orders Promptly Attended To.

Flannelette Gowns

Flannelette Gowns of superior quality material, in plain colors of pink and blue, made in three very pretty new styles and trimmed in the latest effects. Friday.. **1.25**

CHRISTMAS EVE

With the memories of the guiding star, and the angel's music, and the wondering shepherds on Palestine's Plains.

CHRISTMAS EVE: With the hasty gathering of gifts—gold and frankincense and myrrh—those strange treasures to lay before a child—the first Christmas offering.

3rd Floor Specials

CURTAIN NET.

Frilled Sash Curtain Net, finished with Battenburg lace and insertion, 28 in. wide. Worth 50c yard. Friday... **.35**



LACE CURTAINS.

100 pairs of White Lace Curtains, Scotch lace, finished with beautiful heavy borders, with plain and figured centres. Size 50 x 3½ yards long. Worth $1.25 pair. Friday ..... **.75**

PORTIERES.

Heavy Mercerised Tapestry, in colors of green red, fawn, fringed tops and bottom. Worth $2.75 pair. Friday.. **1.95**

Figured Art Sateens

Highly finished in scroll, floral and conventional designs, beautiful colorings. Worth 25c yard. Friday..... **.16**

3-Panel Screens

Golden Oak 3-panel Screens, filled with new design Art Silkolines, assorted designs. Worth $1.50 each. Friday. **.98**

Mail Orders Promptly Attended To.

Table Covers

Brocatelle and Silk Mercerised Table Covers, size 6-4, colors of green, navy blue, sage, light and dark red, also green and red mixtures, fringed. Worth $1.25 each. Friday ..... **.95**

Children's Clouds

White Clouds for Children, made of fine quality fingering wool, and finished with tassels. Special Friday.... **.35**

Dress Goods

54-INCH ALL-WOOL EXTRA HEAVY CANADIAN FRIEZE SUITINGS, in Oxford and Cambridge, Black and Dark Brown. Worth $1.00 yard. Friday ..... **.75**

54-IN. ALL PURE CANADIAN WOOL HOMESPUN DRESS SUITINGS, navy, black, fawn, brown, Oxford and Cambridge Grays. Worth 75c yard. Friday ..... **.45**

ALL-WOOL FINE FRENCH CASHMERE, silk finish, in a full range of all colors. Worth 40c. Friday ..... **.29**

SICILIAN OR LUSTRE, in plain colors, all shades, wide width, heavy quality. Worth 40c yard. Friday ..... **.29**

MAIL ORDERS

To Out-of-town Customers we are now paying special attention to our Mail Order department. With increased facilities and more departments we are now in a position to fill all orders with promptness and despatch.

Scroggie's

A Very Merry Christmas.

Let the bells ring out a glad welcome, while strong manhood and serene old age follow the leadership of childhood. Above everything else, Christmas belongs to the children. Homes are made happy with the gladness children can enjoy. Cares are forgotten, and hearts grow lighter in the presence of the Gift King. Like a balm and benediction the festal season comes to mankind, enlarging the fountains of our being, making beautiful the waste places, and uniting all classes and conditions in one common brotherhood. Festival of Peace! Festival of Gifts! The one day in all the calendar devoted purely to joy; ennobling all manner of life with its simple message of "good-will." For nineteen centuries that message has been the trumpet note of human advance, and coming generations will measure progress by the impulse that prompts this holiday.

TOYS! TOYS!

Special reduction sale for Friday. 3 large tables of all kinds of TOYS.

Table 1.
10 per cent.



Dolls,
Animals, Horses,
Dolls' Carriages,
Dolls' Sleighs,
Blocks,
Dolls' Bureaus,
Tool Chests,
Drums,
Toot Balls.

Table 2.
25 per cent.



Mechanical Toys,
Iron Toys,
Blackboards,
Steamboats,
Crokinole Boards,
Lead Soldiers,
Dolls' Pianos,
Butcher's Shops,
Grocery Stores,
Granite Tea Sets,
Violins.

Table 3.
33⅓ per cent.



Dolls' Chairs,
Dolls' Swings,
Dolls' Beds,
Games of all kinds,
Dolls' Cradles,
Tin Toys,
Wood Boats,
Smoking,
Rubber Balls,
Bagatelle Boards,
Musical Toys,
Beds and Mattresses

Friday Boot Bargain

LADIES' $4.00 BOOTS FOR $1.75

60 PAIRS Ladies' Fine Dongola Kid Lace Boots, with patent tips, and Goodyear welted soles. Also some good Patent Leather and Box Calf Lace Boots, all suitable Winter Boots; made to retail at $2.50, $3.00, $3.50 and $4.00 per pair. Friday Bargain..... **1.75**

CORSETS—C.C. A la Grace Corsets

Made of Extra fine coutil, bias cut, fully gored, long over hips, trimmed at top and bottom, with lace and baby Ribbon. White and Gray, sizes, 18 to 26. Regular $1.50. (By Mail, 10c extra.)..... **.95**

Basement Specials

25 more Special Meat Choppers to be cleared at..... **1.19**



Jardinieres, fancy colored, 25c up to **15.00**

Boys' Sleighs, strongly made. **.25**
Girls' Sleighs, assorted colors **.39**
Nickel-Plated Tea Kettles... **12½**
Fancy Vases, assorted shapes, new designs **1.75**



10 more Special Dinner Sets, 97 pieces, can't be bought less than $8.00. Friday.... **5.00**
Fish Sets, 14 pieces, new patterns **7.50**
Game Sets, 18 pieces..... **10.00**

Carpet Sweepers. Special, Friday **1.95**
Chamber Sets, gilt edge..... **2.98**



Glass Table Sets, sugar bowl, butter dish, cream jug and spoon holder. Special, per set **1.25**

St. Catherine and University Streets.

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FRIDAY BARGAINS

FLANNELS

ALL-WOOL HEAVY FRENCH OPERA FLANNELS, colors of light blue, light pink, crimson, garnet, navy, black, mauve, green, 27 inches wide. Worth 30c yard. Friday.. **.23**

ALL-WOOL SCARLET SAXONY FLANNEL, 22 inches wide, Worth 30c yard. Friday..... **.20**

DYED SAXONY FLANNELETTE, plain colors, including cream and white. Special for underwear, etc. Worth 8c yard. Friday ..... **.5**

EXQUISITE ASSORTMENT OF NEW BLOUSE AND WRAPPER CASHMERETTES, in spots, stripes, floral and conventional designs, in all colors, fast dye. Worth 12½c yard. Friday..... **.8½**

WALKING SKIRTS

STYLISH WALKING SKIRTS, of all-wool frieze, in black, made in a pretty seven-gore style, trimmed with several rows of cording around flounce, also several rows around hips, forming a stylish yoke effect. Regularly worth $4.50. Friday..... **3.75**

49c Flannelette Gowns 49c

Made up of good quality Striped Flannelette, trimmed with ruffles and lace edging around front and sleeves. Special Friday ..... **.49**

Curtain Trimmings, Etc.

20-inch Brass Extension Rods, solid tube, with brackets. Regular 10c each. Friday. **.5**

5-foot Wooden Curtain Poles, first grade, with rings; brackets in wood or brass. Regular 25c complete. Friday ..... **.21**

White Curtain Loops, heavy tassel, washable. Regular 10c pair. Friday..... **.6½**

Window Shades, size 37 x 72 inches, heavy opaque cloth, finished with lace or fringe. Regular 65c each. Friday... **.45**

Curtain Chains, brass, well finished. Regular 15c each, Friday ..... **.8**

Ribbons

Duchess Satin Ribbon, regular width, for neckwear purposess, in all shades. Special ..... **.23**

Taffeta All-Silk Ribbon, in all shades, 4 inches wide..... **.17½**



Fancy Striped Silk Ribbon in all the latest colorings, specially adapted for neckwear purposes.

Regular 20c for..... **.15**
Regular 25c for..... **.21½**
Regular 39c for..... **.29**
Regular 45c for..... **.35**
Regular 49c for..... **.39**
Regular 55c for..... **.45**
Regular 60c for..... **.49**

Silk and Satin Baby Ribbon in every conceivable shade from 2¢ yard up.

CHRISTMAS EVE

How the pulses quicken, and the eyes brighten, and the happy laughter rings out, softened only by the waiting for the nuptials of the Gift King.

Merry Christmas Eve:—Nineteen hundred years have not been enough to still the far-off-music, to darken the star that yet speaks of hope.

To-morrow the store will be closed. We shall give the day to rest and gladness, while wishing you and yours a very merry Christmas.

Millinery Snaps

$2.00 and $3 Plaques, Friday 40c. Made in all the newest and most effective designs in best quality camel's hair. Regular price $2.00 and $3.00. Friday ..... **.40**

$5.50 BEAVER FLOPS $2.98.

Best Quality Beaver Flops, in colors of navy blue, cardinal, brown and white. Only a very few of these to go Friday for..... **2.98**

Mail Orders Promptly Attended To.

FURS

Black Coony Fur Storm Collar, satin lining, finished with two pompons. Very special **2.25**

Black Coony Fur Caperine, quilted satin lining, trimmed with 2 tails. Very special **4.50**

Black Goat Fur Muff, well lined ..... **.98**

Electric Seal Fur Muff, barrel shape and lined with brown satin. Regular value $4.90. Friday **3.75**

Oilcloths

Heavy Stair Oil Cloth, 22½ inches wide, light and dark colors. Worth 20c yard. Friday ..... **.15**

First quality well-seasoned Floor Oil Cloth, large assortment new patterns, two yards wide. Worth 25c yard. Friday ..... **.20**

Trimmings

A very special lot of High-Class Dress Trimmings, including Silk Appliques, Colored Sequins, Gimps, assorted colors. Worth up to $1.00 yard. Friday..... **.25**

Mail Orders Promptly Attended To.

Linings

42-inch Pure White Priestleys's English Cambric Dress Lining. Worth 10c. Friday ..... **.7**

All colors of Heavy American Linenette Lining. Worth 12½c. Friday ..... **.9**

Grocery Specials

	Reg.	Friday.
Eastern Townships Creamery Butter	.25	.22
Cooking Eggs, per dozen	.25	.22
2 tins Petit Pois, Moyen's French Peas	.30	.25
3 packages Jelly Powders, "Strathcona" brand	.30	.25
1 lb. Shredded Cocoanut (Featherstrip)	.40	.20
1 lb. Mixed peel, all kinds	.20	.15
1 lb. Best Quality Mincemeat	.12½	.10
1 lb. Best Pulled Natural Figs	.15	.11
3 lbs. New California Prunes	.30	.25
3 packages Best Corn Starch	.25	.19
2 tins (3 lbs. each) New Orleans Molasses	.30	.25
6 lbs. Best Cooking Figs	.30	.25
24½ lbs. Strathcona Flour	.75	.55
8 lbs. Rolled Oats	.30	.25
5 lbs. Special Blend English Breakfast Tea	1.50	1.15
3 lbs. California Muscatel Raisins	.30	.25
1 2-lb. tin Crosse & Blackwell's Marmalade	.25	.22

Full assortment of Table Figs, Table Raisins, Oranges, Apples, Grapes, etc., at lowest prices.

Demonstration of "Red Cross" Fluid Beef in the Basement. Take a cup of "Fluid Beef" and a Biscuit FREE.