

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Notice of Births, marriages and deaths must invariably be endorsed with the name and address of the sender, or otherwise no notice can be taken of them.

BIRTHS. HAWTHORNE—At 20 Berthelet street, on the 23rd of Dec., a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hawthorne.

MARRIED. DUFF—EDMUNDS—On the 17th instant, by the Rev. James Lawson, at the residence of the bride's father, Alexander John Duff, of Carleton Place, to Carrie, eldest daughter of Mr. Solomon Edmunds, of Jasper, Ont.

GOODFELLOW—McMULLAN—On the 10th of December, at the residence of the bride's father, Crumley, by the Rev. D. W. Morrison, B.A., James Charles Goodfellow, of Chateaugay, to Mary Jane, daughter of Mr. John McMullan.

McGLASHAN—TAYLOR—In this city, on Dec. 21, 1933, by the Rev. J. Edgar Hill, M.A., B.D., Robt. Finnie McGlashan, to Mary B. Taylor, both of this city.

FERRY—DOBMAN—On the 23rd instant, by the Rev. James Fleck, Arthur Perry to Harriett Dobman, both of Montreal.

SCOTT—TRUW—At St. Martin's Church, on Dec. 24th, by the Rev. G. Osborne Troop, M.A., Francis Brooks (Frank), of Winnipeg, Manitoba, eighth son of the late John Scott of this city, to Jennie Katie, youngest daughter of the late Capt. Benjamin Truw, Royal Artillery. No cards.

STERNE—HAGERTY—On the 20th instant, by the Rev. James Lawson, at the residence of the bride's father, John Henry Sterne, of Lafayette, Ind., to Louise, only daughter of Mr. Edwin Hagerty, of Jasper, Ont. 26

DEED. BYRNE—At Quebec, on Dec. 22, 1893, Carry Cecilia Cahkies, nee Cousin, beloved wife of Daniel Byrne, Jr., aged 27 years and one month.

BAILLIE—Suddenly, on the morning of the 23rd instant, George Dickson, aged thirty-three years, younger son of Andrew Baillie. Funeral will take place from his father's residence, 706 Dorchester street, on Thursday, the 28th instant, at 2 o'clock p.m. Friends will please accept this intimation.

BALL—At Les Farm, Stanstead, P.Q., on Dec. 23, Albert P. Ball, formerly manager of the Eastern Townships Bank, Stanstead, in his 72nd year.

CRUIKSHANK—At his late residence, 126 St. Famille street, on the morning of Dec. 26, 1892, George Cruikshank, aged 73 years, native of Rothes, Scotland, after a short attack of grippe-pneumonia.

DAVIDSON—In this city, on the 26th Dec., 1892, Johanna Calahan, widow of the late Henry Hamilton Davidson, of Quebec, and beloved mother of Wm. H. Davidson, of this city, aged 55 years.

EVANS—At the residence of her son, Brantford, Ont., Martha, relict of John Evans, late of Edge Hill, Liverpool, England, in her 83rd year. Deeply regretted.

HILLIARD—Suddenly, at 33 Bloor street E., Toronto, on Dec. 24, 1892, Robert Hilliard, a native of Westmeath, Ireland, and former manager of the Bank of Montreal at St. Mary's, Ont., in the 72nd year of his age.

HAZLETT—On the morning of the 25th instant, Martha Hazlett, widow of the late Alexander Hazlett.

HURST—On the 22nd Dec., 1892, Irene J., aged 3 years and 8 months, only and dearly beloved daughter of Henry Hurst.

MANHIRE—At his residence, 110 Chatham street, on Christmas Day, John Manhire, of this city, formerly of Roche, Cornwall, Eng., in his 79th year.

MARSHALL—At Portneuf, on Dec. 12, 1892, Miss Margaret Ann Marshall, aged 47 years, after a long and painful illness.

McLENNAN—Near Portneuf, on Dec. 11, 1892, Malcolm McLennan, aged 37 years.

NICOLLS—At Lennoxville, on Christmas Day, Harriet Mary, widow of the late Rev. Juniper H. Nicoll, principal of Bishop's College, and daughter of the late Right Rev. G. J. Mountain, Bishop of Quebec.

O'CONNOR—At Quebec, on Dec. 23, 1892, Fanny Charlotte Bolger, eldest daughter of Francis Bolger, and beloved wife of John O'Connor, aged 38 years.

PINGEL—In St. Henry, on the 26th instant, John Charles, aged 2 years, 9 months and 5 days, youngest son of John Charles Pingel, Jr.

QUINN—At Longue Pointe, on the 24th inst., in her 75th year, Susan McVey, relict of the late Edward Quinn, of the same place.

RYLAND—At 321 Dorchester street, on the 26th instant, Mary Louise Alberta Kaulbach, wife of Warwick Hastings Ryland.

SZEBOLD—On Christmas Day, at his residence, 490 Upper St. Urbain St., John G. Szebold, in the 75th year of his age.

STANBURY—At Seymour Township, on the 16th instant, Mary Ann Gilmour, beloved wife of Edward Stanbury, a native of Sligo, Ireland, aged 60 years and 4 months.

WISHART—At Lacine, on the 23rd instant, Alexander D. Wishart, aged 30 years.

WOOD—At St. Chrystome, on the 30th of Dec., 1892, after a short illness, Janet Walker, widow of the late Wm. Wood, in her 82nd year.

These standing notices for the above columns may send with them a list of names of interested friends. Marked copies of the "Witness" containing such notices will be sent free to any address in Canada. Manual inserted.

S. CARSLY'S COLUMN.

TO COUNTRY CUSTOMERS. In order to accommodate our distant customers we have arranged to have a number of Lily Bulbs, packed in neat cardboard boxes made expressly for the purpose, and will send post prepaid one Lily Bulb with each pair of Kid Gloves for ten cents extra for each bulb to pay for postage and boxing.

BY REQUEST! At the request of a number of citizens.

WE HAVE DECIDED TO REPEAT -THE- PANORAMA -OF- LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD -ALL- THIS WEEK TOGETHER WITH SANTA CLAUS -AND- HIS REINDEER WE WILL ALSO REPEAT THE CANDIDUM EASTER LILY. THE POPULAR MID-WINTER POT FLOWER FOR 1893 AND 1894 IS THE 'CANDIDUM LILY.'

CANDIDUM.—This lovely Lily produces from six to thirty lovely waxy-white blossoms, which have the most delicious fragrance of all Lilies. It is one of the most charming winter flowers and sure to bloom freely. Plant in 6 to 8 inch pots of good soil and treat like other winter blooming bulbs. It is impossible to describe the charming beauty of this Lily as a pot plant.

All this week we will give one Candidum Easter Lily with every pair of Kid Gloves at 75c or over per pair.

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DRESS BARGAINS Dress Patterns at 50c Dress Patterns at 75c Dress Patterns at \$1.00 Dress Patterns at \$1.25 Dress Patterns at \$1.50 Dress Patterns at \$2.00 Dress Patterns at \$2.50 Dress Patterns at \$3.00 and from \$3.50 up to \$10.00.

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING SALE. Children's Serge Suits, from 90c. Children's Tweed Suits, from \$1.50. Children's Black Suits, from \$4.00. Children's Court Suits, from \$6.75. Children's Velvet Suits, from \$6.90. Children's Jersey Suits, from \$1.75. Children's Kilt Suits, from \$2.20. Children's Tweed Knickers, from 90c. Children's Nap Reefers, from \$1.00. Children's Serge Reefers, from \$1.25. Children's Overcoats, from \$1.40. Children's Rigby Overcoats, from \$1.70. Children's Cape Overcoats, from \$2.25. Children's Morning Coats, from \$5.45.

BOYS' CLOTHING. Boys' Tweed Suits, from \$1.95. Boys' Serge Suits, from \$2.17. Boys' Velvet Suits, from \$5.80. Boys' Cheviot Suits, from \$5.00. Boys' Black Suits, from \$4.75. Boys' Man-o-War Suits (complete) \$2.75. Boys' Eton Suits, \$10.25. Boys' St. Mary's College Suits, \$11.00. Boys' Mount St. Louis College Suits, \$7.10. Boys' Gymnasium Suits, \$2.25. Boys' Nap Reefers, from \$2.25. Boys' Serge Reefers, from \$1.80. Boys' Overcoats, from \$3.50. Boys' Cape Overcoats, from \$3.50. Boys' Rigby Overcoats, \$7.75. Boys' Mourning Overcoats, \$3.25. Boys' Odd Vests, from 50c. Boys' Odd Knickers, 75c.

YOUTHS' CLOTHING. Youths' Tweed Suits, from \$5.50. Youths' Serge Suits, from \$4.50. Youths' Cheviot Suits, from \$11.70. Youths' Black Suits, from \$8.10. Youths' Nap Reefers from \$3.20. Youths' Serge Reefers, from \$3.00. Youths' Overcoats, from \$6.75. Youths' Cape Overcoats, \$4.55. Youths' Rigby Overcoats, from \$10.50. Youths' Mourning Overcoats, \$10.85. Youths' Long Pants, \$1.75.

MEN'S CLOTHING. Men's Tweed Sac Suits, from \$4.85. Men's Tweed Reefers Suits, from \$6.70. Men's Tweed Morning Coat Suits, from \$6.75. Men's Black Worsted Suits, from \$10.55. Men's Cheviot Reefer Suits, from \$12.70. Men's Black Morning Coats and vests, from \$9.40. Men's Black Frock Coats and Vests, from \$15.75. Men's Overcoats, from \$6.20. Men's Rigby Overcoats, from \$11.25. Men's Mourning Overcoats, from \$11.85. Men's Patent Saskatchewan Buffalo Coats, \$10.00, all sizes. Men's Pants, from \$2.75.

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Is the popular commercial event for the present week.

IT IS SAID

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BUY YOUR Mantles and Jackets and all other Dry Goods at

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SPECIAL NEW YEAR'S CHEAP SALE. New Year's TOYS of all kinds, 50 up. New Year's CARDS, assorted lots, 10c package, 12 cards. New Year's BOOKLETS and FRINGED CARDS. FIVE MOVABLE DOLLS, 25c each. LARGEST WAX DOLL in the city for 35c. WOOD HORSES, for 10c and 15c. JACK IN BOX, 3 figures in box, 10c each. ENGINES, PAINT BOXES, DRUMS, BUGLES, FLUSH GOODS, BRUSH and COMB BOXES. JEWEL BOXES, SHAVING CASES, and COMPANIONS. LEATHER GOODS, PURSES, GENTS SHAVING CASES. LADIES WORK BOXES, PDKP. BOXES. PURE SILK HDKFS, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 50c up. GEORGE E. BOWELL, 1489 Notre Dame St., 4 Doors East Place d'Armes. N. B. ALL TOYS and FANCY GOODS must be cleared out before moving. Come for bargains, early.

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IF YOU HAVE YOUR FAMILY WASHING done by the Laundry Department of the MONTREAL TOILET SUPPLY CO. you will Save in Money. Save in Time. Save in Worry. Save in Temper. Save in Wear and Tear of Clothes.

WE DON'T keep second quality TILES. WE DO keep the largest stock of best quality TILES in the Dominion and employ only first-class workmen. WE ARE practical Tile Layers and Setters. WOOD MANTELS LATEST DESIGNS. JORDAN & LOCKER. 1749 Notre Dame street.

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Lundborg's White Musk, Roger & Gallet's White Heliotrop, Crown Company's Crab Apple Blossom, Pinard's Aurora Tulp, Zeno's Highland Heather, and an infinite variety of other Fashionable Perfumes. HENRY E. GRAY, 127 St. Lawrence Mails street. N.B.—Physicians' Prescriptions scientifically prepared under the direct supervision of the proprietor.

TEES & CO., Undertakers and Embalmers, 300 St. James street.

JOHN MURPHY & CO'S ADVERTISEMENT.

Our Store will be open until 9.30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

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CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

A Large Assortment of Beautiful DRESS PATTERNS, each pattern a full dress length. Take your choice at from \$1.00 to \$3.00.

A Large Quantity of really good serviceable DRESS GOODS, well adapted for useful

Take your choice at prices ranging from 10 to 50 cents.

Beautiful BLACK DRESS SILKS, prices from 50c to \$1.00.

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PRINT, BATEEN, and GINGHAM DRESS PATTERNS, at bargain prices.

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1781 and 1783 NOTRE DAME STREET, and 105, 107, 109 and 111 ST. PETER ST. TERMS CASH AND ONLY ONE PRICE. TELEPHONE 2193.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

The first day of a new year, when new hopes, ambitions and resolutions are born, is a peculiarly appropriate occasion upon which to PRESENT GIFTS TO FRIENDS.

Now is the time to select.

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Is the best place from which to select SERVICEABLE GIFTS FOR GENTLEMEN.

177 St. James st.

SEE THE NEW STYLE 20, WITH TONE MUFFLER, and every modern improvement. HOLIDAY SUPPLY RECEIVED. C. W. LINDSAY'S WAREHOUSES, 2268, 2270 and 2272 St. Catherine street. Call this evening and select one for New Year's.

BAMBOO TABLES, EASELS, CHAIRS, Music Racks, etc., etc. At FEE & MARTIN'S great unreserved Auction sale of Household Furniture To-morrow afternoon. At The Stores 337 and 339 St. James street, at 2.30.

ARMSTRONG THE UNDERTAKER VICTORIA SQUARE MONTREAL

LIBRARY CHAIRS, EASY Chairs, Writing Desks, Tables, Jardiniere Stands, Lounges, Sofas, etc., etc. at FEE & MARTIN'S EXTENSIVE AUCTION To-morrow afternoon at 2.30. Sale at the stores 337 and 339 St. James street. No reserve.

Bell Pianos and Organs, the acknowledged standard of the world! Patronized by Convents, Colleges, Schools, Families, and by Royalty in all lands. Endorsed and commended by the trade, press, profession and public. 'Canada's first musical hit.' White & Co., 1824 Notre Dame street, (near McGill street), Montreal. Ware-rooms open at night. On Saturday we will remain open till midnight, and vehicles will deliver to all parts of the city and environs.

FRASER BROS., Auctioneers.

JAS. A. OGILVY & SONS.

HOLIDAY SALE

NEW AND SEASONABLE DRESS GOODS

And if Further Low Prices will do it we are sure to clear them out before New Year's. It don't matter what they cost us. But it is very important to our Customers how cheap they can get them.

SEE OUR DRESS GOODS Before Purchasing elsewhere and we are sure to meet.

WE ARE SURE TO SUIT WE ARE SURE TO PLEASE YOU. Prices must and will go under. It isn't very often that the Staple DRESS GOODS such as the Serges, the Diagonals, the Cashmeres and the Choicest Imported DRESS PATTERNS can be had far below the market value in any considerable variety, and if an opportunity of that kind is to be had, you can depend on it.

That OGILVY'S is the place. And now is the Time. Help us to clear them out before the Holiday season is over.

BARGAINS IN DRESS GOODS BARGAINS IN DRESS GOODS For New Year's Gifts.

Ladies giving a nice present such as a DRESS LENGTH should not fail to see our stock and prices.

We can give you 6 yards of good French CASHMERE in all the newest colors for \$1.50. A good DRESS LENGTH.

6 yards of Serviceable MELTON COSTUME CLOTH, for \$1.20. 6 yards Beautiful WHIP CORD, for \$1.80. 6 yards Beautiful DIAGONAL CLOTH, for \$3.25.00 Imported DRESS PATTERNS, for \$12.50. \$20.00 Imported DRESS PATTERNS, for \$10. \$15.00 Imported DRESS PATTERNS, for \$8.00. \$12.00 Imported DRESS PATTERNS, for \$5.00.

Don't Miss our Holiday Dress Goods Sale The Greatest Bargains Ever Offered.

JAS. A. OGILVY & SONS, THE FAMILY LINEN AND DRAPERY HOUSE, 208 to 207 ST. ANTOINE STREET. 144 to 150 Mountain street. TELEPHONE, 8225.

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The Daily Witness.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 27.

MR. BLAKE HOME AGAIN.

WHAT HE HAS TO SAY OF HOME RULE. New York, Dec. 26.—The 'World' this morning says: Mr. Edward Blake, member of Parliament for Longford, Ireland, and one of the executive committee of the Irish Parliamentary representation, led by Mr. Justin McCarthy, is on a brief visit to this country. He has been with Dr. Addis Emmett, at No. 78 Madison avenue, but is now spending the holidays with his family at Toronto. Mr. Blake has recently spoken very confidently of the situation of the home rule question. He said that his dealing with the Irish evicted tenantry would be introduced at the next session of Parliament. He expected that when several other measures now pending pass the House, a large home rule majority would be returned to support the Home Rule bill. Dr. Emmett declared that the American Federation would not get up a fund for the evicted tenants. 'It takes \$150,000 a year to support the Parliamentary party,' said he. 'We shall collect all we can for them, and if there is any remaining, it will be given for the evicted.' Dr. Emmett hopes to be able to induce Mr. Blake to speak before his return at a meeting in this city, on behalf of the interests of the Federation.

BURGLARS AT LACHINE.

Lachine, Que., Dec. 27.—On Christmas evening thieves burglarized Blanchard & Bolduc's grocery shop. They broke in the outside door and burst the padlock on the inside door between the two back stairs. They were evidently after money only as they touched none of the stock but proceeded straightway to the safe, which contained about two hundred dollars. They drilled three holes, each about two inches square, in the safe door and with an iron bar attempted to force it open but were, fortunately for the grocers, unsuccessful, and had to leave without any booty. Mr. O. P. Roberts, living upstairs, having heard suspicious noises below, came down to investigate but found the front door so securely locked and barred by the burglars with temporary bars, etc., that they escaped before he could reach the back door to intercept them. They were thoughtful enough to place bags on the snow before stepping on it to avoid showing footprints but in the hurried departure neglected to pick them up.

TORONTO MAYORALTY CONTEST

(Special to the 'Witness.') Toronto, Dec. 27.—The W. C. T. U. has resolved to support Mayor Fleming in preference to Mr. Warring Kennedy in the Mayoralty contest.

WEATHER REPORT.

(Special to the 'Witness.') Meteorological Office, Toronto, Ont., Dec. 27.—11 a.m.—Following are minimum temperatures: Edmonton 20; Calgary 17; Medicine Hat 14; Qu'Appelle 8; Winnipeg 4; Port Arthur 14; Toronto 18; Kingston 12; Montreal 4; Quebec 4. Probabilities for the next twenty-four hours: South-east to south-west winds; mostly cloudy; light local snow falls; higher temperature.

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TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL.

THE REAL ESTATE OWNERS CRITICISED—A HIT AT BOYCOTTING.

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council took place last Friday in their hall on Notre Dame street. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, credentials were received and delegates admitted from the following organizations: Hochelaga Assembly, T. Dubreuil, A. Charette and P. Gordon; Ville Marie Assembly, J. C. Laverdure. The nomination of officers was the next order taken up with the following result: President, T. Dubreuil, elected by acclamation; for vice-president, P.J. Ryan and G. H. Lenox; English recording secretary, A. Blondin, elected by acclamation; for French recording secretary, A. Campeau and J. A. Renaud; financial secretary, A. Blondin, elected by acclamation; for treasurer, J. Brennan and J. Beland; for corresponding secretary, A. Charette, J. Brennan and A. Campeau; for sergeant-at-arms, P. J. Ryan, J. A. Rodier, U. Lafontaine, W. Darlington, Mr. Paquette, J. McGrath and Mr. Holland; for credential committee, J. Malone, M. Larkin, J. A. Renaud, U. Lafontaine, J. Beland, P. Drole, G. Lapointe and John Brennan; legislative committee, J. Brennan, A. Campeau, J. C. Charette, W. Darlington, R. Seal, J. McGrath, G. M. Lenox and Mr. Lesser; organization committee, J. Beland, J. A. Renaud, A. Campeau, B. Rodier, M. Bonenfant, A. Charette, J. A. Rodier, O. Lessard and W. Darlington.

The report of the legislative committee was then read. It was ordered to be placed on file and copies of the same to be sent to every organization connected with the Council. The report of the 'Property Qualification' Committee was the next business item. A lengthy discussion took place, which was presided over by Messrs. Darlington, Dechene, Kerrigan, Brennan and Renaud. Mr. Brennan made the speech of the evening on the result of the delegation to Quebec. He dwelt at length on the necessity of concentrating their forces on the property qualification issue. It became absolutely necessary for them to set everything else aside and fight this question to the end. There should be no mincing of matters at all. It was a fact that they had to fight that portion of the property owners in this city known as the Real Estate Owners Association, and it was their duty to draw the attention of the Council to what those people were. They were a very small proportion of the proprietors of this city, he thought, not more than four or five percent, and he might unhesitatingly say that they were what the late Sir John Abbott termed 'vipers'. Let them look down the list of names and what would they find? They would find that the association was composed of men who demanded the highest possible rent and would make no repairs to the miserable hovels that unfortunate people were forced to live in. That was the class of men they had to deal with. There was only one way to fight them and that was by striking at their pockets. There should be a committee appointed immediately which would deal with those people in a very forcible way. If his hearers could do nothing in the way of teaching these people common sense, they could at least reduce their bank account. Houses were worthless to the landlords if they had no tenants. Mr. L. Z. Boudreau retired from the presidency after occupying that position for several years. The election of officers will take place at the next meeting.

CONSERVATIVES MEET.

THE HON. MR. OULMET MAKES AN ADDRESS.

At a special meeting of the Club Conservateur, held last evening in his honor, the Hon. J. A. Oulmet addressed a number of prominent Conservatives, among whom were Solicitor-General Curran, the Hon. Mr. Tasse, Messrs. Bergeron, M.P., Jeannotte, M.P., Donald MacMaster, Richard White, J. D. Roland, Aldermen Clendinning, Stevenson and Germain, Sir Donald Smith and others. Mr. Oulmet reviewed shortly the history of the Conservative party. To it the people of Canada owed everything that made Canadians proud of their country. He counselled respect for the constitution as it stood, and the principle of revision was let in there would be no end until the privileges of the French-Canadians were entirely wiped out. Dealing with the Manitoba school question at some length, the speaker said he left it to his countrymen to purge the parties on this question on their respective records. In 1870 the Conservatives enacted the law intended to protect the separate school system, and the party had supported that system for twenty years. Messrs. Blake and Laurier had been the first to propose the submission of the legality of the Greenway bill to the courts. In that submission the Catholics had not been successful. Facts had recently been brought to light, which, as a professional man, he had no hesitation in saying would have greatly strengthened the case for the Catholics, had they been laid before the Privy Council, and the issue might have been different. He had no doubt that, this time, the Hon. Mr. Curran had seen to it that the record for the Catholics was complete, and they might still have hope to win. After the expounding of the law by the highest authorities in the empire, he had no doubt that the whole population would submit. Tolerance was always the first plank of the Conservative programme. In politics a question was never definitely settled, whatever the system of courts. If the Catholics of Manitoba did their duty, the separate schools might be re-established. If the Liberals came to power, they would shelve the question, as they had done in the case of the New Brunswick schools. The Conservatives were, from principle, in favor of separate schools. The Liberalism in education, he concluded by predicting the success of the Conservative party on the strength of its well-tried principles. Short addresses were also delivered by Messrs. Curran and Tasse and Bergeron.

PRESENTATION.

On Saturday afternoon, Mr. Joseph Brunet, the chief clerk in the foreign passenger department of the Grand Trunk Audit Office, before leaving the office was made the recipient of a very handsome piano lamp and shade, from the clerks in his department. Mr. John Croston, in a few well chosen sentences made the presentation, alluding to Mr. Brunet's long connection with the Grand Trunk and congratulating him upon his appointment as chief clerk of the department. After wishing him and Mrs. Brunet and family all the happiness of the Christmas season, he asked him to accept the lamp not for its intrinsic value but as a token of the high esteem in which he was held by the clerks over whom he presides. Mr. Brunet, who was visibly affected at this unexpected mark of respect, briefly replied, thanking the clerks for their kindness and expressing a wish that the happy relations at present existing between the chief and staff of the foreign passenger department might long continue.

APPALLING FIGURES.

THE RECORD OF FINANCIAL LOSSES IN THE UNITED STATES.

A MEMORABLE YEAR IN RAILWAY AND COMMERCIAL CIRCLES—MILLIONS LOST.

The New York 'Press' publishes an interesting article on the losses of 1893, and the railway losses in particular. It says:— This year will be forever memorable as a year unprecedented in the number and magnitude of railway and commercial bankruptcies. Eighteen hundred and ninety-three ought to stand in American economic history as the year 1792 still stands in French political history. It ought to bring a revolution in methods of railway financing, and it ought to end, for a generation at least, fraud and false pretence in politics. The evil wrought by these has been great enough to cause permanent revolution. The railway bankruptcies of 1892 involved nearly 73,000 miles of railway, and \$1,611,284,000 in bonds and stocks. The 'Press' has compiled these figures from careful tables prepared by the 'Railway Age,' an acknowledged authority. We have added the Atchison failure of Saturday. The aggregate of these figures, involving the bankruptcy of nearly one-fifth of all the railways in the country, is too large to be comprehended at a glance. It is difficult to realize that the stocks and bonds involved have a par value of more than twice the whole national debt of the United States. Unwieldy floating debts, shrinking credit, and steadily falling freight rates (which decline in rates has been universal throughout the country for fourteen years) have brought many companies to ruin in the past ten years, but this year's disasters have capped the climax, as the following comparison shows:—

Table with columns: Year, Number of roads, Mileage, Stocks and bonds. Rows for 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, and Totals 10 years.

One-half the companies placed in receivers' hands this year have had a mileage exceeding 100 miles each. The full list of the more important embarrassed companies follows in the order of their failure:—

Table with columns: Roads, Miles, Funded debt, Capital stock. Lists various railway companies and their financial details.

Dishonesty or mismanagement have brought a few of the largest of these companies to grief, like the Reading and the Northern Pacific failures, but the majority of the railways are honestly and capably managed. The cause of the majority of the failures lies deeper than the faults of railway officers. A cure is the great problem of the near future. More than half of these \$1,705,819,000 in stocks and bonds have sold at or near par within the past ten years. Ten cents on the dollar is probably too high a price to put on the whole capital stock of these companies now. The mere shrinkage here represented involves an amount of loss approximate to the valuation of the entire city of New York, as shown by the assessors' books.

JUDGE ARCHIBALD SWORN IN.

Mr. J. S. Archibald, the newly-appointed judge of the Superior Court, was sworn in as such before Mr. L. W. Scoote, Clerk of the Peace, yesterday afternoon.

STRICKEN DOWN ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

James Bayley, sixty-nine years old, connected with the Postoffice for 30 years, though superannuated for some years past, while at dinner at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. A. J. Houghton, of 127 Park avenue, took suddenly ill on Christmas day, and died at two o'clock on Tuesday morning. He had been in good spirits, and had been at Communion in St. Martin's Church on Christmas morning, had even turned over the music for his wife as she played the piano during the evening's enjoyment. The event, needless to add, caused general sadness. The funeral will take place to-morrow, at 2.30 p.m., from deceased's late residence, 562 Cadieux street, to St. Martin's Church, and thence to Mount Royal Cemetery.

THE NATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE BAKERY.

The following gentlemen have been elected to office in the National Co-operative Bakery:—President, Mr. Lucien Huot; vice-presidents, Mr. G. Ducharme, Mr. D. C. Broseau; treasurer, Mr. Henry Hogan; secretary and manager, Mr. J. Deamett.

MORTALITY.

The deaths last week show an improvement on those of the week previous, having been 145 as compared with 174. Of the 145, there were 417 Catholics and 28 Protestants. Diphtheria carried off one, croup four, scarlet fever 15, typhoid one, consumption 11, bronchitis eight, pneumonia 10, and influenza eight.

ADVERTISEMENTS.



IN SEARCH OF A NEW YEAR'S PRESENT.

THERE ARE MANY POINTS TO BE CONSIDERED. WHAT WILL BE ACCEPTABLE? WHAT ITS COST AND WHERE TO BUY?

There is no place in the city where there is a wider range of choice than at

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ABANDON COMPANY.

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T. DUBREUIL, Secy.-Treas.

Dec. 27, 1893.

McGILL EXAMINATIONS.

The following are results of the Christmas examinations at McGill:—

FACULTY OF ARTS.

GERMAN.

Second year—Class I: Hammond, Robertson, Hurst, Nichol, Pitcher, Hutchinson, Locke and Mitchell, equal; McBurney, Hill and Denon. Class II: Gordon, Krause, Watson, Pind, Class III: MacPhail, Howel and Graham.

ARTS AND ASTRONOMY.

Fourth year—Class I: Smith, Duclos, Howran, Garrett, Barlow, Blackett and Harper, equal; Stewart. Class II: Fraser, McGregor, Harvey, E. Dickson and Ogilvie, equal; Bond and Brown, equal. Class III: Boyd, Bickerdike and Ireland.

MORAL PHILOSOPHY.

Fourth year—Class I: A. Graham and Warner, equal; McMillan, Hannan, Fraser and Hargrave, equal; Walker, Day; McKechacher and I. Ogilvie, equal; Craig; Letch and Morrow, equal; F. Graham and C. Ogilvie, equal; J. Brown, and Finley, and Lewis, equal; Davis and Duclos, equal. Class II: Garrett, Harvey, and Kelly, equal; Ball; Calvert and Moffatt, equal; Bond; Peever, Shaw and Stewart, equal; Bremner; T. Dickson, Barlow, and Miss Jessie Brown, equal; Murray, Boyd, and Harvard, equal. Class III: McGregor, Harper, and Ireland, equal; Sing, S. Dickson, Bickerdike, Naylor, Lambley, Blackett, Mathers, Jamieson, McCusag and Miller.

GREEK.

Third year—Class I: Craig, Burnett, and McIntosh, equal; Keith, Bickford, Class II: Cameron and McKay, equal; Wallace and Watt. Class III: Crombie, Elliott, and H. Young, equal; Sutherland, S. Young, Weir.

PSYCHOLOGY.

Second year—Class I: Hammond, Hurst and Lennon, equal; Hutchinson, Ferguson and Locke, equal; Nichols and Saunders, equal; Robertson, Hill and Mitchell, equal; Campbell, Cail, Pollock and Smiley, equal. Class II: Pinder, Brown and St. James, equal; Letch and Martin, equal; Betton, Henderson and Pitcher and Ross, equal; Archibald, DeLeon, Gordon and Hamilton, equal; Krause, McAmmond, McAtter and Scott, equal; Chalmers, McPhail, Pollock and Schwartz, equal. Class III: McCusag, Hammond, Mount, W. Smith and Stockwell, equal; Bates, Molson and Patterson, equal; H. Smith, Engelson and Martin, equal; Howell, Kelly, McBurney and Waters, equal; Allison and Keefe, equal; Benny and Scrimger, equal; Kennedy, Seller, Sykes, Mills, Halpheny and Moore, equal; Brunton, Smyth and Turner, equal.

GEOLOGY, MINERALOGY.

Fourth year—Class I: Craig, Warner, I. Ogilvie, J. Graham, Lewis, Shaw and Blackett, equal; Fraser, Naylor and C. Ogilvie, equal; Graham. Class II: Barlow and Hargrave, equal; Davis; Brown, Howran and McKechacher, equal; Garret, Harvey and Peever, equal; Lambrey, Duclos, McConnell; Stewart and Bremner, equal; McGregor. Class III: Letch and Fairburn, equal; Sing, Boyd, Mathers, Bechell; Calvert and Murray, equal; Ireland, Jamieson and McCusag.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1893.

The farmers of the North-West are organizing. At Deloraine, Manitoba, a meeting was recently held to organize a farmers' institute; and at other points there is evidence of an intention on the part of farmers of entering on an educational campaign. This is bad news for the politicians. With discussions of the farmers' rights comes the determination to right the farmers' wrongs. As all questions in Manitoba become ultimately political questions, it need not shock the country to learn before spring arrives that the North-West farmers have come unanimously to certain conclusions respecting a protective tariff which their representatives in Parliament (who are not office-seekers) will find it necessary to support or bid good-bye to political life. In the west, as in the east, the tide is running strongly against legislation for the classes as against the interests of the masses.

What is the meaning of those deputations of manufacturers to Ottawa to interview the Government in regard to changes in the tariff? Did not the finance minister and his colleagues meet the manufacturers in Montreal and other centres during the summer and fall months? Did they not then hear all the manufacturers had to say in regard to the tariff they preferred? Then why these delegations? Why give certain classes a second hearing, which is not accorded to the consumers, who pay the bills? What new information have the protected classes acquired that renders these special visits necessary? Why, if the ministers learned all that they needed to know during their visits to the manufacturing centres, are they treated to those special calls? There is a mystery about these proceedings which seems to call for an explanation. The Government must not be surprised if they are changed with favoritism in granting extra audiences to the representatives of certain interests, when other interests are practically denied this privilege.

The report that the British have annexed the Gilbert Islands is very much on a par with the news that the Dutch have taken Holland. The Gilbert Islands have for some time been under the practical protection of Great Britain, and the British flag was hoisted on one of the islands more than a year ago. The Spanish and German governments have some claims upon the islands, which probably have been a subject of negotiation and settlement since England actually took possession of one of them. It may be that the formal occupation of all the islands has only now been actually carried out. The group lies in one of the routes between Australia and Canada, and has probably become more valuable to Great Britain since the direct cable and steamship lines between the two great colonies became something more than a dream. It is not improbable that the story of the annexation is made the most of at this time in San Francisco for the purpose of arousing the jealousy of the people of the United States, and spurting them into annexing the Sandwich Islands.

ENSILAGE MILK UNDER BAN.

A company styled the New York Condensed Milk Company has been in existence for some time past which makes it a point to secure perfect milk in so far as it is possible for such a thing to be had. This company, in order to accomplish its purpose, makes very strict and uncompromising contracts with farmers and dairymen. It pays an extra price for the best article that can be had. The reason for this is that if the company, by means of cast-iron contracts, can be certain of getting a pure article of milk it can, also, by using bottles hermetically sealed with patent paper caps, deliver that milk to every customer with the absolute certainty of giving satisfaction. To show the extraordinary precautions taken by this company, a few of the rules enforced by them are subjoined here as follows:— The milk must be strained with wire cloth

strainers, of a pattern furnished by the company, and both pails and strainers must be thoroughly cleaned and scalded in boiling water and dried morning and night. No milk can be transported from the farm except in patent spring wagons, so that the precious fluid shall not be jolted, even during the short journey to the receiving station. The milk cans not only must be thoroughly cleaned, but minute directions as to the manner of the cleaning process are enforced by fines. The agents of the company have access to and rights to examine the place for keeping the cows and for milking them, the place for cooling the milk, and keeping the pails and strainers, as well as the stables and sheds for keeping the cows and milk, which they require to be thoroughly ventilated, and kept absolutely clean.

But this is not all. The company also require that the cows shall not be fed on food which shall impart a disagreeable flavor to the milk, or which will not produce milk of standard quality. The prescribed articles of diet are: turnips, barley, sprouts, brewery or distilled grains, linseed meal, glucose refuse, starch refuse, ensilage, rancid oilcake, or gluten meal.

More properly speaking, it should be said that these were the rules, for the company has lately found it necessary to drop ensilage from the list of permitted foods. In justification of this exclusion, Mr. Ernest J. Lederle, assistant chemist of the New York Board of Health, although personally in favor of ensilage as a food for dairy cows when prepared in a thoroughly careful and proper manner, testifies that 'the Board has found that ensilage was frequently used for a cover for swilled milk and other refuse. An analysis could invariably detect the fact that improper food had been given to the cows at the dairy.'

Mr. W. J. Rogers, secretary of the New York Condensed Milk Company, fully confirms this position. He says: 'Mr. Lederle is right. The question, as far as we are concerned, is a practical one. Our milk, like Caesar's wife, must be above suspicion. The contracts with the farmers are drawn, not with the view of taking ordinary, but extraordinary precaution, and to excluding the possibility of doubt. Even should ensilage be a proper food for cows, as it is at least an open question, we should prohibit it in our contracts; for under the name of ensilage as Mr. Lederle justly says, almost any refuse or fermented fodder could be put in the silo, and we would be compelled to accept milk of which we could not, under any circumstances, make the slightest use. Prof. W. W. Cook, formerly of the Vermont Experimental Station at Burlington, and now Professor of Agriculture in the University of Colorado, stated as late as the 23rd of December, 1892, at a large dairy meeting in Brunswick, Me., 'That the nutritive contents of ensilage was a more dried, that of the same order as that of the public, and we do not think our position works any hardship to the farmers, especially as it is well known we pay much more for their milk than they ever received before we came to Oxford, and are able and willing to purchase it in greater quantities. I do not believe that the example of the small number of farmers who have petitioned us to strike ensilage from off the list of permitted articles of food will be followed to any extent. We are willing to pay more than the ruling prices for milk if we can get it of standard quality. If we do not, we will at any price. Our customers and the consuming public at large can readily see that this is a matter of principle with us. We do not believe that it is safe to relax, in the slightest degree, the precautions we take to protect our milk supplies. I feel confident that the good sense of the farmers will come to their rescue, and that they will see the wisdom of the public interest, and their interest, are one together.'

I wish to call special attention to two points in the quotation just made. The first is that it is still an open question whether ensilage is a proper food for dairy cows. I suppose it may be considered settled that ensilage is a suitable food for growing stock, store, and working cattle, but there are not a few intelligent and experienced dairymen who doubt the wisdom of feeding ensilage to cows when in milk. The late Harris Lewis, one of the best practical dairymen in the State of New York, was in the habit of saying in the most public manner that ensilage was no better food for dairy cows than sour kroust was for human beings. Mr. Lewis was a Dutchman, I may add, so that his declaration cannot be put down to mere prejudice. Americans went into the silo business as they do into everything, with a rush. Canadians have followed suit more slowly and cautiously, but in England the silo system has not been adopted to any great extent, and at the present time Professor Long, of the Royal Agricultural College, is in the United States investigating the ensilage industry on this continent. His report will be looked for with great interest by intelligent agriculturists on both sides of the Atlantic.

The other point which I regard as worthy of special attention is that made by Professor Cook as recently as December 23, 1892, to the effect that 'the nutritive contents of ensilage are no more digestible than those of the same fodder dried.' Neither do I believe that they are any more nutritious. I wish that our farmers, our dairy farmers especially, would learn the art of curing clover hay so as to retain the goodness and aroma in it. That is the fodder for dairy cows, and will give the June flavor to winter-made butter. With the addition of bran and meal, it forms the best ration that can possibly be dealt out to cows giving milk. Canada has gained such honor and so many prizes at the World's Fair in the Dairy Department that to retain our laurels we must keep the breeding and feeding of our cows up to the highest standard. We may be sure that United States dairymen will not be content long to lag behind their Canadian competitors. Whatever the best blood, food and care can do for the improvement of their dairy products, we may be cer-

tain will be done in the near future. It is one thing to win distinction, and it is another to maintain what has been won. This can only be done by acting on the motto, 'Get the best,' in regard to cows, management, feeding appliances, and every detail of first-class dairying.

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SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

BICYCLING.

At midnight, between Dec. 24 and 25, a dozen of the more crack cyclists started on a six days journey round the track in Madison Square Gardens. All day Monday and yesterday did they keep on wheeling round the track at a rate that promises broken records at the end of the week.

The score at midnight stood as follows: Schock, 733 miles; Waller, 732; Martin, 701; Albert, 628; Hosmer, 612; Meixell, 561; Golden, 544; Van Emburg, 538; Ashinger, 530; Bafton, 500; Foster, 472. It was shortly after 8.30 o'clock when the first heat races went on, and up to this time the riders the big race kept up their regular pace. When the first heat of the half mile was started the long distance boys made a procession, leaving plenty of room for the time riders to pass without fear of accident. The first race was half mile with two heats and a final. Prize, \$35 divided. First heat won by C. W. Price, I. A. Newhouse, second; Carl Hesse, third. Time, 1.25 2-5. The second heat was won by J. Berio, W. J. Bettner second; time, 1.25 1-5. The final was won by Berio, Price second, Newhouse third; time, 1.17 3-5. At seven o'clock this evening Charles Kluge tendered his resignation to the N. Y. C. and will ride an all sprint races this week. The second ten mile race of the series between Jack Prince and Dick Howell was run. On the 33rd lap Howell's tire burst when near the press stand on the south side of the building and he fell heavily to the track. As he rolled over he had the presence of mind to pull his wheel out of the way and save any possibility of a collision. In an instant he was picked up and in a few minutes wanted another wheel to finish the race. Prince finished the race, but would not claim it, and the race will be run over tomorrow night. Howell was not seriously injured. When Prince started to finish the race, Van Emburg started in for a spurt and around the track they flew with Van Emburg in the lead. Prince decided not to follow. In the spurt Van Emburg passed all the riders and got a lead of three laps. The twenty mile race was started at ten o'clock with six contestants. It resulted as follows—Newhouse, I. Berio, 2, Price, 3, Hesse, 4. The record for the first 48 hours of the six day race was broken by Schock, who made 733 miles, one lap. This is 143 miles and four laps over the record of 1891, which was made by Martin.

QUOTING.

The annual dinner of the Dominion Quoting Club takes place this evening.

HOCKEY.

ORIENTS VS. ST. LAMBERT. These clubs will open the Independent Junior League series at St. Lambert on Thursday evening. Play begins at eight o'clock. The Orientals will leave for St. Lambert from the Bonaventure depot at 6.30 and return at 9.55.

SKATING.

THE WORLD'S SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP. The professional skating championship of the world is fixed to take place at Zwolle, Holland, on Jan. 10 and 11 next. The programme includes the following events: First day, 1,500 and 5,000 metres; second day, 600 and 10,000 metres. Any skater winning three of the four events will be pronounced champion of the world.

AQUATIC.

OXFORD CREW TO VISIT AMERICA. Vivian Nickalls, who rowed No. 5 in the Oxford boat this year, is carrying on negotiations for a race between the Oxford University crew and the winner of the Harvard-Yale race.

IS THE SALE VALID?

AN IMPORTANT LEGAL OPINION

ON THE BEAUPORT ASYLUM-LUM DEAL.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Quebec, Dec. 26.—The 'Electeur' this evening reports an important interview with Mr. C. A. Geoffrin, Q.C., upon the questions raised as to the legality of the sale of Beaufort Asylum. Mr. Geoffrin said in reply to the questions put him, 'I understand that an undivided part of this property was bequeathed in usufruct to Ernest Landry and the absolute ownership of it to his children. The will, it seems, authorizes the usufructuary to alienate his undivided part of the immovable with the consent of two other persons, whose advice Ernest Landry is obliged to take, and without whose consent the sale could not take place. One of these persons, whose consent is necessary to the alienation, is the Hon. Philippe Landry. Pretending to exercise the right of alienation given him by his father's will, Ernest Landry sold his undivided part, which should revert to his child after his death, to the Hon. Philippe Landry and Dr. Lan- dry. The Hon. Philippe Landry therefore appears in the deed of alienation as purchaser and at the same time as vendor, not in the absolute sense of the word, but as an indispensable part of the sale because it could not be made without his consent. I find herein a formal violation of the prohibition contained in article 1484 of our Civil Code. Now, as all prohibitive laws entail nullity, I am of opinion that this sale can be annulled. But its setting aside can only be demanded by Ernest Landry or his heirs. For my part, if one of my clients had consulted me about the purchase of this property, I would have advised him that the title of the vendors is in part open to contestation.'

THE QUEBEC LEGISLATURE.

MORE AMENDMENTS TO THE MONTREAL CITY BILL.

THE ASYLUM BILL BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—THE GOVERNMENT CENSURED—LITTLE ACCOMPLISHED YESTERDAY. (From Our Own Correspondent.)

Quebec, Dec. 26.—It was late when the Speaker took the chair this afternoon there having been scarcely any but resident members in the city until the arrival of the C.P.R. train from Montreal. When Mr. Casgrain proposed to advance another stage his measure for the payment of the commissioners appointed to revise the Code of Civil Procedure, at the rate of \$2,000 a year, Mr. Marchand objected on the ground that the employment of judges on such commissions was calculated to destroy their independence by making them the salaried officers of the Government of the day. Mr. Casgrain argued that it was in the interests of economy that judges should be employed in such work, and that a lawyer of any eminence could afford to give up his time at \$2,000 a year. Besides the judges were more qualified than anybody else for this work by reason of their extensive experience of the workings of the Code. To this Mr. Mercier replied with some show of reason that the question was not one of economy at all, but of safeguarding the independence of the judges, one of the bulwarks of British liberty. He declared that Judge Davidson had only been engaged upon the present commission because he had been a member of the Baie des Chaleurs commission, which had precipitated the crisis involving the downfall of his (Mercier's) administration. From the other side of the point of view, Mr. Tallon had the decided advantage of this phase of the discussion, when he reminded the experimenter that he alone was responsible for the appointment of the commission of which he had complained. Then, too, he said that Mr. Mercier had not always been so jealous of the

INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDGES

employed upon commissions, for he had himself named the late Chief Justice Sir A. A. D'Almeida as a commissioner to investigate the Lavallee matter. At the end of the debate, an amendment by Mr. Marchand was defeated on a division of 32 to 15.

On Mr. Hall's motion for the House to go into Committee of Supply, Mr. Deschenes moved an amendment attacking Mr. Beaubien for having given out the details of his departmental report to the press before submitting the same to the House. The attempted censure of this frightful breach of the privileges of the House was defeated by a vote of 37 to 18.

In Supply, when the item of \$42,000 for school inspectors' salaries came up Mr. Bernatchez suggested that this expenditure might be saved as the respective parish cures are quite competent to inspect the schools. Mr. Tallon did not dare to squarely oppose the principle involved in this suggestion, but based his objection to it upon the ground that the bishops did not favor such a scheme. Mr. Stephens expressed the fear that the inspectors had not the power to remedy the abuses which they discovered in schools inspected by them, and said he knew of schools whose existence was so much a farce that children had attended them for two years without learning how to read or write.

The balance of the afternoon sitting was occupied with a discussion of the vote the farmers' clubs. At this evening's session bills to authorize the bar of the province to admit Messrs. Camille Piche and Louis Glass among its members were adopted. When the House was in Committee on

THE MONTREAL CITY CHARTER BILL.

Mr. Stephens proposed an amendment to the effect that assessments for the widening of Cathedral, Inspector and other streets be paid one half by the Corporation and the other half by real estate proprietors on the street. Mr. Tallon opposed the amendment, which was finally withdrawn until the third reading. The clause to permit the Corporation Recorder's Court to act as Recorder, was opposed by Messrs. Tallon, Casgrain and Hall, on the ground that the clerk was really a prosecuting attorney for those who came before the courts. Mr. Mercier supported the bill. Mr. Hall proposed that the clause be struck out and this was done on a division of 18 to 13. The clause to the effect that no new sidewalks of a permanent nature be granted to a street unless demanded by the majority of the property owners in number and value was struck out. The clause enacting that the Montreal Gas Company must make a uniform rate for gas gave rise to a long discussion and an amendment of Mr. Marlon's was defeated by 37 to 17. The bill was then read for the second time with certain amendments, which were read for the first time.

FARMERS' CLUBS.

The debate on the item in the estimates of \$25,000 for farmers' clubs was resumed by Mr. Beaubien, who spoke highly of these institutions and asked all to aid them. He also eulogized the Hon. Mr. McIntosh for his assistance in matters agricultural. He wanted to see a taste for agriculture cultivated among the farming community. Mr. Ayer, of Montreal, was quoted from to show that the soil of the Province of Quebec was superior to that of the Province of Ontario, and the education of the people so as to enable them to rightly cultivate it was recommended. The dairy industry was particularly highly spoken of. Mr. Beaubien went on to say that the Province of Quebec, though newer to the Province of Ontario, had really done better than the latter at Chicago. Mr. Bernatchez moved an amendment to give farmers security on butter, etc., sold to dealers in Montreal and elsewhere. The motion was lost on a vote of 23 to 16. Mr. Savaria voting with the Opposition. A number of other items on immigration, agriculture and colonization, also passed, and at 1.30 the House adjourned, after adopting certain amendments to the Montreal Zoological Gardens bill reported by the Legislative Council.

In the Legislative Council the chief feature of the Beaufort Asylum debate was the censure of the Government for not producing all documents. The debate was adjourned about midnight.

There is a rumor about the corridors to-day that the Government intends to withdraw the Beaufort Asylum bill, which was really unnecessary and only introduced as a mark of respect for the Council, and merely to abide by the resolutions passed in the Assembly, which are said to be sufficient as confirming the Government's contract in the matter. This action, if taken, will be caused by the strenuous fight made by the Opposition in the Council.

COUNCIL VS. LEGISLATURE.

QUEBEC ALDERMEN PROTEST AGAINST FURTHER EXEMPTIONS.

(Special to the 'Witness')

Quebec, Dec. 27.—Indignant at the action of the Legislative Assembly in taking advantage of their abridges by the Charter, to insert a clause at the instance of Provincial Secretary Pelletier to further benefit the religious and charitable institutions of the Ancient and Charitable of the expense of the city, the Council held a special meeting last night to protest against it. The protesting resolutions are very strongly worded and very lengthy. They recite the history of the city's dealing with the Laval University and other public institutions to prove their fairness and that they were not as represented by those who unwarrantably interfered therewith. The resolutions passed the Council with only one dissenting voice, that of Mr. Fitzpatrick, M.P.P., who so violently assailed the Council on this question in the Legislature. Ald. Robitaille and Councillors Thibaudau, Stafford and Johnson were the principal speakers against the action of the Legislature in the matter. Replying to Councillor Johnson, Mr. Fitzpatrick spoke in French, though asked by the former to reply in English. He said he would speak in either language that suited him and that for those who did not understand French he advised them to add a knowledge of it to their education. He then proceeded to say that the rate of thirty cents per one thousand gallons for water, which the Legislature ordered the city to give water to Laval University for, was more than McGill University paid for water to the city of Montreal, and he asked his hearers to remember that Laval was a 'national' institution. This appeal failed of its desired effect, however, and Mr. Fitzpatrick's vote was alone registered against the resolutions. If the Legislative Council does not strike out the obnoxious amendments the bill will probably be withdrawn altogether. It is rumored that the Hon. L. P. Pelletier, who succeeded in having the amendments placed in the bill, expects to be appointed professor in Laval University in the place of his late law partner, Mr. Fontaine.

CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

A FRENCH ORGAN'S PLEA ON THEIR BEHALF.

The 'Minerve' publishes a leader on the local charitable institutions and the proposal to tax them. It holds that far from being too numerous, these institutions all fulfil duties which civil society would be obliged to undertake, if they did not exist. What would be done with sick, infirm, orphans, and old people, if the charitable institutions did not exist? What would be done with the repentant women? What would be done with the deaf and dumb? What would be done with the young delinquents? A moment's reflection will convince anyone that if such institutions had not been founded and were not constantly provided for by private charity, Government and corporations would be obliged to create them at the public expense. Nevertheless, although people are ready to admit the usefulness and even the necessity of these institutions, they feel indignant if these institutions ask for help in times of need, and as a rule these grumbles come from persons who are not extravagant in their gifts. The writer then refers to the industries carried on in some of these institutions, and says they are a training for the inmates who could not be employed elsewhere, under the same circumstances. Naturally the things produced must be sold for their value, but persons in the trade find fault and think that these institutions should be taxed like themselves. They do not see the difference between a private industry carried on for one's personal benefit, and one carried on in the public interest, having charity for its object, and utilizing elements which society rejects or would refuse to employ. Charitable institutions are quite as necessary for the city as the police and fire brigade, and it would be much more unjust and absurd to tax them than to tax the police offices and fire stations. To tax them would be to tax the charity of the generous citizens who help them, and it would be quite as well to tax the St. Vincent de Paul Society in proportion to the help furnished by it to the outdoor poor. That is a shame the responsibility of which no municipal or other form of government would be disposed to assume. On the contrary, these institutions should receive regular assistance from the authorities. Municipal corporations often grant exemptions to certain industries, and we would refuse everything to institutions that are charitable enough to deliver us from unproductive and troublesome elements which we would have to support otherwise.

The article then refers to the establishment of the members of the Probation Commission, when Mr. Robb declared in their presence that there is no annual contribution on the part of the city for the support of hospitals and charitable institutions, and he adds that he might have increased their accomplishment by telling them that the city exacts the water tax from these institutions, and that the idea of imposing a business tax upon them among them which carry on some industry, is progressing. The writer winds up with the remark that it is time for the city to put a stop to the progress of such a scheme.

PERSONAL.

Messrs. Van Horn and Shaughnessy left last night for Quebec by special car.

COMMERCIAL.

WITNESS OFFICE, Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1893. WHOLESALE PRICES.

Beerholm's cable advices to-day are as follows: Caribbees off coast, wheat quiet, maize nil. Caribbees on passage and for shipment, wheat and maize, slow. Mark Lane English and foreign wheat, market quiet, of a holiday character; do. American and Danubian maize, quiet; do. Ergo and American flour, slow. Weather in Ergo mild. Liverpool spot wheat, slow; do. spot wheat the feeling appears weaker; do., mixed wheat to 24d. Canadian peas, 16 1/2d. Indian corn, quiet. On passage to the United Kingdom, wheat and flour for week ending Dec. 27, 2,200,000 qrs.; do to the Continent, 20,000 qrs. On passage to the United Kingdom, wheat and flour for week ending Dec. 27, 2,335,000 qrs. as against 8,037,000 qrs. the week previous. On passage to the Continent, wheat, for week ending Dec. 27, 1,061,000 qrs. as against 1,100,000 qrs. the week previous; do. maize, 200,000 qrs. as against 232,000 qrs. the week previous.

In Chicago wheat opened 1/4 of a cent per bushel lower at 65 1/2c May, and was afterwards quoted at 65 1/4c May. Receipts 118,487 bushels and shipments, 10,141 bushels. Corn opened 1/4 of a cent lower at 35 1/4c May, and was later quoted at 35c May. Receipts 457,552 bushels and shipments 425,702 bushels.

In New York wheat opened 1/4 of a cent per bushel lower at 66c Jan. and steady at 65 1/2c May, and 71 1/4c May, and was afterwards quoted at 65 1/4c Jan. 65 1/4c March and 71 1/4c May Receipts 109,665 bushels. Corn opened steady at 42 1/4c Jan.; 42c March and 44 1/4c May, and was later quoted at 42 1/4c Jan.; 42c March; 44 1/4c May. Receipts 45,833 bushels.

In Milwaukee wheat was 1/4 of a cent higher at 65c Dec. and 63 1/2c May. In Duluth wheat was 1/4 of a cent lower at 59 1/2c Dec. and 63 1/2c May. In Detroit wheat was about steady at 60 1/4c Jan. and 65 1/4c May.

In Toledo wheat was steady at 60 1/4c Dec. and 65 1/4c May.

In St. Louis wheat was 1/4 of a cent lower at 65 1/4c May.

In Chicago pork opened 1/4 of a cent per barrel lower at \$12.50 May, and was afterwards quoted at \$12.50 May. Lard opened 1/4 of a cent lower at \$7.40 Jan. Short ribs opened about steady at \$4.75 May, and was later quoted at \$4.40 Jan. and \$4.45 May.

Grain.—There is a small demand for coarse grains, but outside of this there is little doing. We quote: No. 1 hard Manitoba wheat, 72c to 75c; No. 2 do, 70c to 71c; corn, duty paid, 88c to 90c; No. 2 oats in store, 37 1/2c to 38c; peas, in store, 68c to 69c; do. alfalfa, 70c to 71c; Rye, 56c to 57c; Barley, for feeding, 42c to 43c; maling, 53c to 54c. Buckwheat 51c to 52c.

Flour.—The business doing at present in the local flour market is purely of a jobbing character and the market affords little interest. We quote: Patent Spring, \$3.70 to \$3.80; Patent Winter, 3.50 to 3.60; straight roller, 3.40 to 3.50; Extra, 3.20 to 3.30; superior, 2.60 to 2.90; strong Bakers' (Man), 3.50 to 3.55.

Meal.—There is some quiet trading in oatmeal but the market is generally dull. We quote: Standard, in bulk, \$4.10 to \$4.30; standard, in bags, 2.00 to 2.15; standard, in bulk, 3.95 to 4.00; standard, in bags, 1.85 to 2.00.

Feed.—The market is firm under short supplies. We quote: Bran, \$15.50 to \$16.00; shorts, 17.00 to 18.00; mealie, 20.00 to 22.00.

Hog Products.—The local market is rather quiet. The chief demand seems to be for lard and smoked meats. Dressed hogs are steady and prices range from \$6.75 to \$6.90 by the car lot and \$7.00 small lots. We quote:

Canada short cut, new pork, \$17.25 to \$18.25; Chicago new mess pork, 17.00 to 18.00; Ham, city cured, per lb., 0.12 to 0.13; Lard, compound, 0.08 1/2 to 0.09 1/2; Lard, pure, 0.10 1/2 to 0.11; Bacon, 0.11 1/2 to 0.12 1/2.

Butter.—The market is dull and prices are unchanged. Prices are firm. Townships, 21c to 22c; creamery, 20c to 23 1/2c; western dairy, 19 1/2c to 20c.

Cheese.—The local cheese market is quiet and unchanged. We quote as follows to-day: First Ontario, 11c to 11 1/2c; Townships, 9 1/2c to 11c; Quebec, 10 1/2c to 11c; other grades, 10c.

Eggs.—The market is quiet but steady. We quote as follows: Boiling stock at 20c to 22c; caudled at 17c to 18c; limed at 18c to 17c.

Ashea.—There is no change, the market being quiet. We quote: First pois at \$4.30; second \$4.10. Peas at \$5.50.

RECEIPTS IN MONTREAL.—Dec. 27.

Table with columns: G.T.R., C.P.R., Canal, Total. Rows: Wheat, bush.; Corn, bush.; Peas, bush.; Oats, bush.; Rye, bush.; Flour, bush.; Mes., bush.; Apples, bush.; Butter, packages; Cheese, boxes; Pork, bbls.; Lard, tierces; Eggs, cases; Beef, bbls.; Ham, hams; Ham, hds.; Meats, packages; Dressed Hogs; Leather rolls; Raw Hides; Petroluem; Phosphates; Talow.

THAT PHILOSOPHER AGAIN.

Under the heading of "Financial Outlook," in Cass & Company's Weekly Market Letter, is the following: "The scale of magnitude is diminished by the tide. Every gift is of equal size measured by the spirit which created it. The price of a gift is the wisdom of a sage. The price of a gift is the goddess of Liberty's torch, and the gift is the only light of love. The Parliament of man, the Continental Congress, and the lady's dream, matters of equal moment. Creative, poetic and legislative power only exist to draw the Nile. The Niagara canal, the New York and P. Erie railway, and tariff reform, can be said to be a child's rattle. About the household of the national wisdom lays its gifts, and over the American Christmas tree there hangs a star of hope and destiny."

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Chicago Union Stock Yards, Dec. 27.—Hogs.—Today's estimated receipts, 30,000. Yesterday's receipts according to official returns, 16,000. Shipments, 7,265. Light, mixed, \$11.00 to \$11.40; heavy, \$10.50 to \$11.00; rough, \$9.50 to \$10.00. The receipts of cattle were 14,000. Market steady.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Returns of traffic earnings from Dec. 14 to Dec. 21, 1893. 1893, \$393,000; 1892, 402,000. Decrease for 1893, \$ 76,000.

SHIPPING.

Yokohama, Dec. 26.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company's S.S. Empress of China arrived here at 3:30 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 25.

NOTES AND NOTICES.

More Fun for the Boys.—Last week's cheap holiday rate for the big warm swimming bath of the Turkish Bath Hotel was a great success, and the time has been extended one week with a free bath on New Year's Day. Admission only ten cents and each bather gets a free pass for New Year's.

Onyx Piano.—What seems to be an Upright Piano in a beautiful Mexican onyx case in Mr. L. E. N. Pratte's Piano Warerooms, No. 1676 Notre Dame street, is in reality made of satin wood burl, the equal of which has never been seen in Montreal. It has the appearance of white satin strewn with bunches of small roses. It is a part of a lot of six made out of this peculiar wood, five of which were sold before they were finished. Lovers of the beautiful should not fail to see it as this wood is very rare and could not be procured for a long while at any price. This piano has been manufactured by Mr. L. E. N. Pratte at his factory in Montreal, and as to its musical qualities, it is only necessary to mention that it is in every respect like the other pianos of the same make recently sold to several of our best musicians. The fifth of this lot was sold and shipped last week to Mr. L. Ringuette, organist to the Cathedral at St. Hyacinthe.

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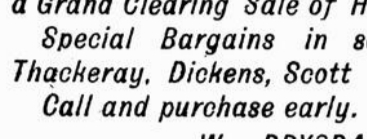
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BIRTHS.

DICKSON—On the 17th instant, at 54 Fort St. street, Mrs. D. J. Dickson, of a son, 27. RINFRET—At Quebec, on Dec. 20, 1893, the wife of Napoleon O. Rinfret, of a son, 27.

MARRIED.

DELL—RICHARDS—At the residence of the bride's mother, on Dec. 20, 1893, by the Rev. D. L. Dewar, S.A., James W. Dell, of Wyoming, to Amanda Page Richards, of Carlisle.

HAWKINS—FRICE—At the residence of the bride's father, on Dec. 21, 1893, by the Rev. John Grenfell, Mr. Adam Hawkins, son of Henry Hawkins, Esq., of Athens, Ont., to Miss Caroline Frice, daughter of Henry Frice, Esq., Township of Yonge, County of Leeds, Ont.

HUNTER—BAILEY—At the Methodist parsonage, Sutton West, on Dec. 20, 1893, by the Rev. A. Martin, Mr. Andrew Hunter, of Newmarket, to Miss Charlotte K., second daughter of Martin Bailey, of Georgina, all of York Co., Ont.

MILLOY—CAMERON—On Dec. 20, 1893, at Grace Church, Brantford, Ont., by the Rev. Rual Dean Mackenzie, pastor, Colin Campbell Milloy, Niagara-on-the-Lake, to Charlotte Ross, eldest daughter of the late John Cameron, barrister, Brantford, and niece of the late Sir Matthew Crooks Cameron, of Toronto.

BOUWER—GRAHAM—At the residence of the bride's father, on Dec. 25, 1893, by the Rev. James Sutherland, of Inverness, Mr. Thomas N. Bouwer, of the Township of Nelson, to Miss Jane Graham, of the Township of Inverness, all of County Megantic, Quebec.

TAYLOR—MELNINIS—At the Methodist parsonage, Sutton West, on Dec. 21, 1893, by the Rev. A. Martin, Mr. Robert Taylor, of Georgina, York County, to Miss Elizabeth Melninis, daughter of Arch. Melninis, of Brook, Ontario Co.

DIED.

BAYLEY—Suddenly, on the 28th instant, Jas. Bayley, late of the P.O. Department, Montreal, in his 69th year. Funeral from his late residence, 562 Cadieux street, on Thursday, the 29th Dec., at 2.30 p.m., to St. Martin's Church, thence to Mount Royal Cemetery.

HANLEY—At Montreal, on Dec. 27, 1893, Mrs. Wm. Hanley, of Ottawa. Ottawa papers please copy.

MCCARTHY—In this city, on Dec. 26, 1893, Jeremiah McCarthy, aged 77 years, native of the County Kerry, Ireland. Funeral from his late residence, 177 Island street, Point St. Charles, on Friday, 29th instant, at 7.30 a.m., to St. Gabriel's Church, thence to the Cote des Neiges. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend, and members of St. Gabriel T. A. and B. Society.

POTTER—At 484 Selmeurs street, on Dec. 26, 1893, Muriel, eldest and beloved daughter of T. J. and Lizette Potter, aged 4 years, 10 months and 10 days. Funeral private.

COMMERCIAL.

WITNESS OFFICE, Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1893.

STILL ON THE DECLINE.

The wheat market had one of its weak turns this morning, which depressed the bill's very much. Wheat touched 85c for May delivery in Chicago and everybody wondered if it would go lower. It was struggling at this point at noon, and it was hard to say what the result would be. Some old heads predicted that the price would be lower than that. And there was a substantial decrease in the visible supply of wheat to, about one and a quarter million bushels less than last week.

LOCAL STOCKS WEAK.

The local market was weak to-day, and to effect sales holders had to make some concessions in price, resulting in a larger business than yesterday. At the close there was more animation, especially on the part of bidders for cotton stocks.

BUYERS. SELLERS. COUNTER.

New York Funds 1-10 dis. to 1-22. 1/2 % premium to 1/4 Sterling, 84c to 85c. 9/16 to 9/16 Sterling, demand 9/16 to 9/16 Sterling, cables... 9/16 to 10/16 Paris Cheques... 1.18 1/2 to 1.17 1/2 to 1.14 1/2 Gold, 8 days, 30% to 40; Reichmarks, 8 days, 94% to 95; Documentary, 60 days,

8 1/2 to 8 3/4; Cattle Bills, 3 days, 8 1/2 to 9; Money in London, 2 1/4; Bank of England rate, 9 percent. Market dull and heavy. The sales this morning were: 35 Can. Pacific at 7 1/4; 50 Can. Cable at 18 1/2; 25 at 18 3/4, 75 at 18 1/2, 50 at 18 1/4; 50 R.C. & Ont. Nav. Co. at 75 1/2, 50 at 75, 25 at 75 1/2; 222 Street Railway at 150, 50 at 150; 7 Gas at 17 1/2; 10 Merchants Bank at 150; 80 Peoples at 117 1/2; 30 Ville Marie at 80; 18 Dominion Cotton at 96 1/2, 25 at 96 1/2, 50 at 96 1/2, 50 at 97 1/2; 80 Duluth Common at 5 1/2; \$10,000 Champlain & St. Lawrence bonds at 100.

Reported by Messrs. Nichols & Marler stock brokers, corner of Notre Dame and St. Francois Xavier streets:

Table with columns: Bank of Montreal, Ontario Bank, Banque de Peuple, etc. and values for Sellers and Buyers.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Table with columns: Opening and Closing Prices, 10 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. for various stocks like Atchafalpa, Can. Pacific, etc.

Chicago, Dec. 27, 1.15 p.m.—Closing—Wheat, 59 1/2c Dec., 64 1/2c May, 65 1/2c July, Corn, 34 1/2c Dec., 34 1/2c Jan., 35 1/2c May, 35 1/2c July, Oats, 28 1/2c Dec., 28 1/2c Jan., 29 1/2c May, 29 1/2c July, Pork, \$12.40 Dec., \$12.40 Jan., \$12.55 May, \$12.55 July, Lard, \$8.27 1/2 Dec., \$8.27 1/2 Jan., \$8.37 1/2 May, \$8.37 1/2 July, Short ribs, \$6.40 Dec., \$6.47 1/2 Feb., \$6.52 1/2 May, \$6.52 1/2 July, Cash prices: wheat, 59 1/2c Dec., 64 1/2c May, 65 1/2c July; corn, 34 1/2c Dec., 34 1/2c Jan., 35 1/2c May, 35 1/2c July; lard, \$8.27 1/2 Dec., \$8.27 1/2 Jan., \$8.37 1/2 May, \$8.37 1/2 July; short ribs, \$6.40 Dec., \$6.47 1/2 Feb., \$6.52 1/2 May, \$6.52 1/2 July.

MILWAUKEE, DEC. 27, 1.15 P.M.—CLOSING PRICES—

Wheat, 57 1/2c cash; 61 1/2c May. St. Louis, Dec. 27, 1.30 p.m.—Closing—Wheat, 58 1/2c cash and Dec.; 63 1/2c Jan.; 61 1/2c May. Corn, 35 1/2c Dec.; 35 1/2c Jan.; 34 1/2c May, 34 1/2c July. Oats, 28 1/2c Dec.; 28 1/2c Jan.; 29 1/2c May, 29 1/2c July. Pork, \$12.40 Dec.; \$12.40 Jan.; \$12.55 May, \$12.55 July. Lard, \$8.27 1/2 Dec.; \$8.27 1/2 Jan.; \$8.37 1/2 May, \$8.37 1/2 July. Short ribs, \$6.40 Dec.; \$6.47 1/2 Feb.; \$6.52 1/2 May, \$6.52 1/2 July. Cash prices: wheat, 57 1/2c Dec., 61 1/2c May; corn, 34 1/2c Dec., 34 1/2c Jan., 35 1/2c May, 35 1/2c July; lard, \$8.27 1/2 Dec., \$8.27 1/2 Jan., \$8.37 1/2 May, \$8.37 1/2 July; short ribs, \$6.40 Dec., \$6.47 1/2 Feb., \$6.52 1/2 May, \$6.52 1/2 July.

THE MANITOBA WHEAT MARKET.

The situation locally is about the same, and business is on a purely speculative basis, though there is very little doing. There is some tendency to deal in May wheat, and the idea of values in May delivery is about 65c delivered at Fort William for No. 1 hard. Cash wheat is going into store very slowly, country deliveries being light. The idea of values is about 85c to 85 1/2c per bushel, Fort William, on which basis a few cars are changing hands and going into winter storage. There is absolutely no shipping business, prices being above an export basis, and consequently trading in cash wheat is really on a speculative basis. Whether it will be carrying charges or not is of course very questionable at the moment. Prices to farmers in Manitoba country markets are irregular, and range from 40c to 45c per bush. No. 1 hard, 41c to 43c being the usual range. There has been a rise in some country markets, owing to local influences, which have advanced prices temporarily even beyond the top quotations given. Owing to the light deliveries, some buyers are already being withdrawn from country markets, and if there is not an increase in marketings, a good many country elevators may be closed up after New Year's. Receipts at Fort William for the week ended Dec. 16 were 139,845 bushels, and shipments 1,283 bushels. Total stocks on the date named at lake ports were 1,353,614 bushels, being an increase of 47,127 bushels. A year ago stocks were 1,807,579 bushels, being an increase of 231,643 for that week. For the week ended to-day receipts at Fort William are 88,000, and no shipments. Making total stocks at lake ports amount to 1,436,961 bushels.—The Winnipeg Commercial.

WHEAT IN SIGHT.

Table with columns: Dec. 23, Dec. 18, Dec. 24, 1893, and values for Visible supply, U.S. and Canada, United Kingdom, etc.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Market seemed of a half-holiday character. The quotations are as follows: Straight roller, \$2.75 to \$2.80; extra, \$2.80 to \$2.75; white wheat, 65 1/2c; spring, No. 3, 57c; red winter, 56 1/2c; goose, 54c; No. 1 Man. hard, 72c; do. No. 2, 70c; do. No. 3, 66c; peas, No. 2, 5 1/2c to 5 1/4c; barley, No. 1, 4 1/2c to 4c; feed, 35c to 37c; oats, No. 2, 30c. Sales, white and red wheat outside at 54 1/2c to 57c; oats on track at 34c, and outside at 30c to 31c; No. 1 barley outside at 40c; peas outside at 52c.

MELLO'S MYSTERIOUS MOVEMENTS

(Special to the 'Witness.') Pernambuco, Dec. 27.—Mystery still surrounds the movements of Admiral Mello and his ships, the 'Republica' and 'Aquidaban.' He is reported by rumormongers to be at several different points, some of them thousands of miles from each other. Nothing is definitely known except that he started north with two or more warships on Dec. 20, with the presumed intention of engaging the 'Nichteroy' and 'America.' Since then nothing has been seen of the rebel ships. It is said here that trouble is brewing between Brazil and Portugal because the Portuguese Minister at Rio de Janeiro, Comte de Pacon Arcois, is detained at Rio de Janeiro by order of President Peixoto, although desirous of leaving Brazil. The Minister is said to have attempted to leave in spite of the order issued by President Peixoto and to have been detained by force.

The following is given as the wording of the message forwarded by the Portuguese minister: 'Inform the Messageries Company that I am unable to embark owing to force; am forcibly detained—Pacon Arcois.' The Portuguese Government is investigating the affair and is reported to have asked the representative of a foreign power at Rio de Janeiro to act for Portugal in the matter. A despatch here last night from Lisbon says that the above report prevailed there as a rumor but lacked official confirmation.

EXCITED OVER AROO'S DETENTION.

London, Dec. 27.—A despatch from Lisbon, published here, says: A great sensation has been caused in Government and other circles here by a report that the Portuguese Minister, Comte de Pacon Arcois, is detained by force at Rio de Janeiro. He was recently recalled to Portugal and was to have arrived here on Monday. The passengers of a steamer which has reached this port confirm the rumor that he is detained and a statement to the effect is said to have been forwarded to the Portuguese Government by the minister's brother, and news of his detention is also said to have been telegraphed by the passengers to the minister's relatives in this city.

TOP-HEAVY BATTLESHIPS.

(Special to the 'Witness.') London, Dec. 27.—A despatch to the 'Telegraph' from Paris says it is asserted the 'Bayard,' which has just been repaired at a cost of half a million francs for replacing the 'Triumphant' as a flagship in the French squadron in the far east has been detained at Toulon, the experts declaring that she was unable to stand the voyage. M. Lockroy, the correspondent adds, declares that the 'Hochemarec' and 'Neptune' are also top-heavy.

THE BATTLE CREEK DEBATER.

CONDUCTOR SCOTT ACQUITTED. A despatch from Marshall, Md., says: A verdict of not guilty was reached in the trial of Conductor Scott this afternoon. The jury were out only about an hour.

The crowd which awaited the Scott verdict this afternoon packed the court room to suffocation. Hundreds of elegantly attired ladies, lawyers and business men from surrounding cities and towns, and almost the entire population of Marshall were there. They sat in breathless silence while the learned judge charged the jury and followed the twelve men anxiously with their eyes when they filed from the room. The jury retired at 2.30, and the general impression was that they would not be long absent. They were out just an hour and thirty minutes. When they returned with a verdict of not guilty, the room rang with applause which was long continued. Only one man, voted for conviction on the first ballot.

P. OF I. WILL HAVE CANDIDATES.

(Special to the 'Witness.') Kingston, Ont., Dec. 27.—The Patrons of Industry have decided to place candidates in the field for the Legislature of Ontario for the coming elections for the counties of Lennox and Addington.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(Special to the 'Witness.') New York, Dec. 27.—A better range of prices started some coverings of shorts in the general list this morning. New England certificates, however, broke rapidly, and Louisville, in which London was a seller, dropped down two points, though rallying. Subsequently trading was fairly active.

THE BANQUE DU PEUPLE.

This bank is changing its present western branch offices to its new and fine premises at the corner of Notre Dame and Richmond streets, in the new cut stone block recently built by the Messrs. Costigan. The offices will be open there at 7 o'clock to-morrow evening (Dec. 28), for the transaction of business and hereafter at the usual hours of 10 a.m. and to 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. This branch will continue receiving saving deposits on liberal terms of interest.

THE RIVER.

Gangs of men are to-day engaged in making and marking out a roadway across the ice from the city to St. Lambert. Men are at work at both ends of the road and it will be finished in a day or two at the most.

Montreal, Dec. 27. Readings by Hearn & Harroth's Standard Barometer at noon to-day: 30.01; yesterday, 30.39; to-day temperature, max., 30; min., 0; yesterday, max., 15; min., 1.

CHRISTMAS IN KINGSTON PRISON.

RELAXATION OF DISCIPLINE—OFFENDERS PARDONED AND FED. (Special to the 'Witness.') Kingston, Ont., Dec. 27.—At the penitentiary Christmas is the red letter season of the year, for it brings to the convicts their annual short, but sweet change from the monotony of prison life. For a number of days past boxes of good things, sent by outside friends, have been allowed to the convicts, and great has been the feasting, and pleasant to them has been the eating of such unusual fare as mince pie, cake, apples, oranges, etc. Christmas really started at the prison on Saturday, for in the afternoon the men were given their annual half holiday and were allowed to roam at their sweet will anywhere within the high gray walls, or to talk, or do anything else in fact, except fight or escape. In every shop and department the men who had received good things from outside clustered together, and banquets were held, to which were unashamedly invited every man at that shop whether he was able to 'chop in' or not. The afternoon passed off without a hitch in the enjoyment.

On Christmas day the convicts were within bars all day except at mealtimes and at the church services in the morning. But the Christmas dinner is always the masterpiece of the day, and so was on Monday. It was truly astonishing to see the car loads of pork and beans disappear soon after the men sat down, but it seemed absolutely miraculous when, after this, they tackled, put down, and held, a good half ton of plum pudding. They pocketed also a half dozen apples and a plug of tobacco each. After dinner the warden addressed them. He wished them as happy a Christmas as could be under the circumstances, and among other things pointed out to them how much even they had to be thankful for as compared with the thousands of destitute poor across the line. His remarks were listened to with the deepest attention. After this the men lined up and proceeded to the cells where they remained for the rest of the day. The utmost order prevailed all the time, but as a privilege the men were allowed to sing and talk at any time during the day. The warden ordered also that no one should pass the day in the dark cell. If any one had forfeited his right to a light in the evening it was to be restored, and that which was through misdoing, had been reduced to the third grade of clothing, should be raised to the second grade.

WILSON'S FORCE ANNIHILATED.

A TERRIBLE RUMOR FROM SOUTH AFRICA WHICH LACKS CONFIRMATION. (Special to the 'Witness.') London, Dec. 27.—A terrible disaster is said to have occurred to the scouting party, under the command of Captain Wilson, which has been in pursuit of King Lobengula and which has not been heard from for some time past. Several South African merchants in this city received cable messages to-day announcing that Captain Wilson's force had been completely annihilated by the Matabeles, who are said to have cut them to pieces.

TYNDALL AND NAPOLEON III.

The death of Professor John Tyndall, resulting from the effect of an overdose of chloral, inadvertently administered by his wife, recalls to mind the fact not generally known, that the fatal termination of the illness of Emperor Napoleon III. was brought about in an almost identical manner. It was not the operation upon him by Sir Henry Thompson that caused his death, for the operation had been most successfully performed by him, but it was the fact of chloral. The operation was performed on Jan. 10, 1873, and produced such favorable results that he was able to take his dinner the next day and was free from fever. Indeed, his condition was such that all apprehensions had ceased, his son returning to school at Woolwich on Jan. 12. On the evening of that day he felt so well that he absolutely declined to take the chloral which had been prescribed for him in case of his being prevented from sleeping by pain. He protested that he suffered no pain, that he could sleep without the chloral, and that the dose which he had taken on the previous evening had left a sense of oppression. As he persisted in his refusal, the intervention of the Empress was invoked, and it was only on her urgent entreaties that the Emperor, with manifest reluctance took that fatal dose of chloral which brought to him at only repose for that night, but the sleep eternal.

CHANGE YOUR DIET.

F.P.—I am a young man, thirty years of age. I am troubled with a dull pain, and a soreness in the region of the liver, tonsils, constantly troubled, and very dry; bad breath. Have a full feeling after eating heartily; appetite good. I am employed in an office, leaning over a desk all day. What treatment will benefit my case? Ans.—A diet of plain, warm food, such as warm milk, butter, and fruit. You are eating too much nitrogenous and heat producing foods for the amount of exercise you are taking. Take a long walk in the open air every day, and a cold sponge bath every morning.

THROAT TROUBLE.

Bruce.—I am a married woman, past fifty. I am troubled with a thickening of the mucous membrane of the throat. The phlegm comes in my throat, causing sickness and a tendency to vomit. The trouble is worse since the cold weather set in; general health fairly good, though often rheumatic. Please prescribe. Ans.—Keep the skin active by a cold sponge bath every morning, and a warm bath at bedtime, two or three times a week, and use the Inhaler with the Iodoform mixture, an hour daily.

RHEUMATIC PAINS.

An Old Subscriber, Ont.—Q.—I am a woman, over seventy years of age. Some time ago I caught cold, and the pain settled in my right arm. It is very severe. Please prescribe. Ans.—Take a tablespoonful of the following: 1. H. B. A. food rich in phosphates, apples, corn, peas, beans, potatoes, apples, pears, and figs. Take a tablespoonful of the following with each meal: Bathe the painful part with very hot water, and sponge off with water.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS.

[We invite questions on all possible subjects of general interest, to which we shall do our best to obtain correct answers, and shall insert such queries and replies as we can make room for. This must not be used, however, as an advertising column or as an enquiry bureau for matters not of public interest. Every query must be accompanied with the name and postal address of the sender and no notice will be taken of anonymous communications.]

LEGAL.

(ONTARIO.)

A PURCHASER IN DEFAULT.

Montreal, Ont.—Q.—A sells B a farm for \$700, one hundred dollars down, the balance yearly with interest at six percent. B has failed to pay. What recourse has A? Can he turn B out, and hold the fall crop B has put in, or what can he hold? Ans.—A should instruct a lawyer to take the appropriate legal steps.

A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

J.A., N.W.T.—Q.—A, who is the proprietor of a newspaper, went to B, saying if B would send him a weekly letter for publication of one and a half columns in length, he would pay \$1.50 per letter. B replied by sending twenty letters of from ninety to one hundred lines each, which A published without any complaint. A now refuses, or neglects to pay B's demand of \$1 per letter. 1. Has B a just claim? 2. If so, what steps are necessary to enforce payment? Ans.—1. Yes. 2. Suit proceedings.

CATTLE DOING DAMAGE.

R.P., N.S.—Q.—A and B live on opposite sides of a river. No fence on either side. B's cattle cross the river and destroy A's crops. Can A recover damages off B? If so, what steps should A take? How can A prevent them from destroying crop next year, there being no pond near? Is it lawful to set stock run on the roadway or river? Ans.—A local lawyer should be consulted.

REGISTRATION OF MORTGAGE.

A Subscriber, Ont.—Q.—If a person takes a mortgage as security for a debt, how soon after it is drawn does the law require it to be registered? Ans.—Generally speaking, mortgages should be recorded without delay. And the law expressly requires that for some purposes real estate mortgages should be registered. As to the time, the law requires that mortgages, within five days from the execution thereof.

A VILLAGE CEMETERY.

An Old Subscriber, Ont.—Q.—I live in an incorporated village. The council appointed a committee to find a suitable place for a cemetery. They found one half a mile outside of the corporation, but have not yet purchased. 1. Are the council the proper parties to purchase and manage the cemetery? 2. Or should it be done by the village? 3. Or should it be done by the council outside the corporation of the village? 4. Is there an Ontario law as to the management of cemeteries, and how do we proceed? Ans. 1. Yes. 2. Not necessarily. 3. The Consolidated Municipal Act, 1892, sec. 489, provides for the acquiring of land by an incorporated village for a public cemetery, and the laying out, improvement, and management thereof. But no land can legally be accepted or purchased by the village council for such purpose, except by a by-law declaring in effect that the land is appropriated for a public cemetery, and for no other purpose. Thereupon the land, although without the municipality becomes parsonage, and ceases to be a part of the municipality to which it formerly belonged. Such by-law cannot lawfully be repealed.

MEDICAL.

[Letters for this department should be addressed to the Medical Editor 'Witness,' Montreal. Should a subscriber ask any question which is not suitable for publication, a reply will be sent by mail if a stamped addressed envelope and \$1, physician's fee, be enclosed with such question.]

FOR SIMPLE COMPLAINTS.

M.H., City.—Q.—I am from England, and would like to know (1) some useful medicine to be employed at any time when any member of a family is suffering from derangement of the stomach, such as sick headache, and bad taste on rising; (2) what remedies are employed for ordinary cold, such as sore throat, or tightness on the chest? (3) Also, what is a good cure for earache? Ans.—1. Powdered rubarb, half a drachm; bicarbonate of soda, two drachms; peppermint water, to make six ounces. Give from a dessertspoonful to a tablespoonful at a dose, according to age. 2. Use the following: 1. A diet of plain, warm food, such as warm milk, butter, and fruit. 2. The collar is probably too warm. All rooms do best in a cool cellar. Of course, it must not be so cool as to go down to the freezing point, but the cooler rooms are kept constantly exposed to some one or more features of the system. 5. It is usually published soon after the adjournment of the Legislature. 6. Artificial fertilizers, such as superphosphates, chemicals, etc., are now constantly referring to some one or more statements and value, but I believe the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa is at all times glad to make analyses for any parties desirous of them, and I do not think that any fee is charged for such service.

ERYSIPELAS.

W.H.L., Vermont.—Q.—I am sixty years of age, of temperate habits. For nearly a year I have been troubled with facial erysipelas. The skin thickens, turns red, burns and itches fearfully. It does not gather, but sometimes discharges a thin matter. The upper lip, and about the eyes, are the parts most affected. It appears worse in cold weather. It commenced last winter in the back of my neck, but soon moved to the face. Otherwise my health is good. 1. I have always shaved my upper lip. Ought I to let my beard grow? Please prescribe. Ans.—Your diet is too rich in nitrogenous food. Better adopt a skimmed milk diet until your blood is purified of the excess of nitrogenous waste, and the skin returns to its normal condition. Drink from diet of plain, warm food, such as warm milk, butter, and fruit. Take no other food nor drink. Take a moderate amount of out-door exercise daily. Shaving has no influence upon the cause of the disease, and it is immaterial whether you shave the upper lip or not.

GENERAL.

DUTY ON COINS AND COLLECTIONS.

Subscriber, Ont.—Q.—Please, is there any duty on collections of stamps and coins passing to the United States, and vice versa? Ans.—All coins are free coming into Canada, except silver coins of the United States, on which twenty percent duty is charged. Collections of medals are free, but medals for commercial purposes are charged according to the metal. Stamps are brought in as collections of antiquities or curiosities which are free. The same practice prevails in the United States.

OBSERVATORIES.

Gairbairn, Ont.—Q.—Could you tell me if there are any large observatories in Canada, and if so, please send address? If there are none in Canada please give me the address of one in the United States. Ans.—If you mean by large observatories places where large telescopes are erected, there are none in Canada. In the United States there is the Lick Observatory, California; Naval Observatory, Washington, D.C.; Harvard College Observatory, etc.

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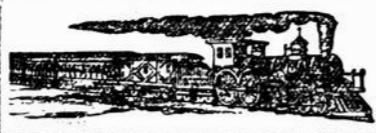
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The curiosity of people in the street also seemed to abate. The more respectable class of people are those proud to show interest in the same way that gaping children show it, and most people in this village belonged to the more respectable class. Those who had come to doors or windows on the street retired from them just as Harkness had done; those out in the street went on their ways, with the exception of two men of the more demonstrative sort, who went and looked down the alley after the stranger, and called out jestingly to some one in it. Then the old man stopped, and with his face still turned, as if blind to everything but pure light, took up his position on one side of the narrow street. He had only gone some forty paces down it. A policeman, coming up in front of the hotel, looked on, listening to the jests. Then he and they drew a little nearer, the children who had followed stood round, one man appeared at the other end of the alley. On either side the houses were high and the windows few, but high up in the hotel there was a small window that lighted a linen press, and at that small window, with the door of the closet locked on the inside, Eliza stood unseen, and looked and listened. The voice of the preacher was loud, unnatural also in its rising and falling, the voice of a deaf man who could not hear his own tones. His words were not what anyone expected. This was the sermon he preached: 'In a little while he that shall come will not tarry. Many shall say to him in that day, "Lord, Lord," and he shall say, "Depart from me; I never knew you!" His voice, which had become very vehement, suddenly sank, and he was silent. "Upon my word, that's queer," said one of the men who stood near the policeman. "He's staring mad," said the other man in plain clothes. "He should be in the asylum." This second man went away, but the first speaker and the policeman drew still nearer, and the congregation did not diminish, for the man who left was replaced by the poor woman with the checked shawl over her head who had first followed the preacher up the street, and who now appeared standing listening at a house corner. She was well known in the village as the wife of a drunkard. The old man began speaking again in softer voice, but there was the same odd variety of tones which had brought effect. "Why do you defraud your brother? Why do you judge your brother? Why do you set at naught your brother? Inasmuch as you do it unto the least of these, you do it unto him." His voice died away again. His strong face had become illumined, and he brought down his gaze toward the listeners. "If any man shall do his will he shall know of the doctrine. He will know—yes, know—for there is no other knowledge as sure as this. Then, in such a colloquial way that it almost seemed as if the listeners themselves had asked the question, he said: "What shall we do that we may work the works of God?" And he smiled upon them, and held out his hands as if in blessing, and lifted up his face again to heaven, and cried: "This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." As if under some spell, the few to whom he had spoken stood still, till the preacher slowly shifted himself and began to walk away by the road he had come. Some of the children went after him as before. The poor woman disappeared behind the house she had been standing against. The policeman and his companion began to talk, looking the while at the object of their discussion. Eliza, in the closet, leaned her head against the pile of linen on an upper shelf, and was quite still for some time. (To be continued.)

CHAPTER IX. The day after his coming, and the next for some reason, the old stranger called Cameron remained in the room to which Harkness had brought him. The young man kept silent for novelty, if for nothing else, began to wonder if he had sunk into some stupor of mind from which he would not emerge. He had heard of him as a preacher, and as the conception of ordinary minds are made up of bits of ideas distinctly presented to them, he had a vague notion that this old man continually preached, as it were, to his work at the hotel on the third morning, and still left his strange guest in the old house, walking about in an empty room, musing now and then at the strange teeth his bright eyes half shut under their bushy brows. Harkness came to the hotel disconcerted, and meeting Eliza near the dining-room, took off his hat in sullen silence. Several men in the room called after him as he passed. "Hello, Harkness!" "How's the ghost you're befriending?" "How's your coffin-gentleman?" There was a laugh that rang loudly in the large half-empty room. After Harkness had despatched two waiting visitors, however, and was leaving out of his window, as was usual in his idle intervals, he noticed several errand-boys gazing up the road, and in a minute an advancing group came within his view, old Cameron walking down the middle of the street, hitting the ground nervously with his stick, and followed by a crowd of various sizes following rather curiously. Every now and then the old man emitted some sound—a shout, a word of some sort, not easily understood. It was this that had attracted the following of children, and was very quickly and distinctly presented to everyone in the street. One of two men, and a woman with a shawl over her head, were coming down the sidewalk the same way and at about the same pace as the central group, and Harkness more than suspected that they had diverged from the proper course of their morning errands out of curiosity. He took more interest in the scene than seemed consistent with his slight connection with the principal actor. He made an excited movement toward his door, and his hand actually trembled as he opened Eliza's door, and called her name. She put her head over the upper banister. "Come down and see Lazarus Cameron," she said. "He'll come in a minute." "He saw through the railing of the banisters the movement of some linen she was folding. "He'll be past in a minute," Harkness's voice betrayed his excitement more than he desired. Eliza dropped the linen and came downstairs rather quickly. Harkness returned to his window; she came up beside him. The inner window was open; only one pane was between them and the outer air. In yards all round cooks were crowding, as on a mild day in the Canadian March, soaks will certainly be seen. Light snow of the last downfall lay on the opposite roofs, and made the hills just seen behind them very white. The whole winter's piles of snow lay in the ridges between the footpaths and the road. Had it not been that some few of the buildings were of brick, and that on one or two of the wooden ones the white paint was worn off, the wide street would have been a picture painted only in different tones of white. But the clothes of the people were of dark color, and the one whole in sight was a blue box-sleigh, drawn by a shaggy pony. Eliza was conscious of the picture only as one is conscious of surroundings upon which the eye does not focus. Her sight fastened on the old man, now almost opposite the hotel. He was of a broad, powerful frame that had certainly once possessed great strength. Even now he was strong; he stooped a little, but he held his head erect, and the well-formed, prominent features of his weather-beaten face showed forth a tremendous force of some sort; even in that distorted position, his eyes were visible under bushy brows, gray as his hair. His clothes were of the most ordinary sort, old and faded. His cap was of the commonest fur; he grasped it now in his hand and going bare-headed, he stepped on the ground with his staff, he walked with nervous haste, looking upward the while, as blind men often look. Harkness did not look much out of the window; he was inspecting Eliza's face; and when she turned to him he gave her a glance that, had she been a weaker woman, would have been translated into many words—question and invective; but her silence dominated him. It was a look also that, had he been a stronger man, he would have kept to himself, for it served no purpose but to betray that there was an undercurrent of antagonism to her in his mind. "You're very queer to-day, Mr. Harkness," she remarked, and with that she withdrew. But when the door closed she was not really gone to the young man. He saw her as clearly with his eyes as a moment before he had seen her with his eyes, and he pondered now the expression on her face when she looked out of the window. It told him, however, absolutely nothing of the secret he was trying to wring from her. There was no square in Chellaston, a part of the long street much wider than any other or more convenient for a public lounging place. Here, in front of the hotel, was perhaps the best open spot, and Harkness hoped some man would make a stand here and preach; but he turned aside and went down a small side street, so Harkness, who had no desire to identify himself too publicly with his strange protegee, was forced to leave to the curiosity of others the observation of his movements.



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THE COUGHLIN TRIAL.

MRS. FOY AGAIN ON THE STAND.

SOME SENSATIONAL EVIDENCE—TELL TALK LETTERS READ IN COURT.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—The second trial of Daniel Coughlin, for the murder of Dr. Cronin, one of the most sensational criminal events in American history, which has been going on for some time, was resumed after the Christmas recess to-day. Mrs. Andrew Foy, whose husband was implicated in the murder, was under cross-examination by ex-Judge Wing.

The defence played its trump card at the conclusion of Attorney Wing's cross-examination of the evidence Mrs. Foy gave direct. The climax was much of a surprise to the witness and the prosecuting lawyers. Both became excited for a time.

'Now I will ask you what promises have been made by the prosecution for testifying in this case, Mrs. Foy?' was Attorney Wing's opening question. 'I swear before God and man that they have promised me nothing if I dropped dead this minute.'

'Do you love your husband?' 'No, no, no, you cannot catch me that way.'

'When did you cease to love him?' 'Not since he tried to keep me from going on the stand three weeks ago.'

'Have you not been living with Andrew Foy as your husband since you came into this Court to testify?' 'I have not seen my husband this week.'

'Your house has been full of policemen since you first came here, has it not?' 'No, only one policeman came to my house to see if I was all right.'

'Have you not been living with your husband within the last week?' 'Yes, in corrected myself suddenly, the witness exclaimed in an excited manner.

'No, no, no, you cannot catch me that way.' 'Do you like this defendant?' 'I have no reason to like him.'

'Didn't you send your regards to him in jail?' 'Yes, but that was to fool him; I did not mean it.'

'Are you fooling now?' 'No, I am very much in earnest.'

'Have you no hope or expectation of reward for telling this story?' 'I don't know about that.'

'Oh! you don't know as to that, eh?' 'I did not mean it in the way you insinuated.'

'Didn't you accuse your husband of being an Anarchist who threw the Hay market bomb?' 'Indeed, I did not.'

'Why didn't you appear in Court at the first trial to testify for the prosecution?' 'I was sick.'

'You were not too sick to go out of doors?' 'I only went to church; I was under the doctor's care.'

'Did you not tell George A. Bingley, a detective attached to the office of States Attorney Longenecker when he called on you in 1889, that you never talked about this case with any one?' 'He never asked me anything about the Cronin case.'

'Did you not tell that Alex. Sullivan's name was never mentioned to you by anyone suspected of having anything to do with this case?' 'I never did. I expect a lot of bad things will be said about me.'

A sensational incident happened at this stage of the trial, and interrupted the examination. Mrs. Foy was being questioned about money inducements, and wanted to give her answer in a way not acceptable to the defence.

'Let her answer,' said Attorney Bottom and simultaneously came the words: 'Let us hear her answer,' from the centre of the newspaper workers.

The lawyer's answers were sent through a daily paper. Then the defence cross-examined the witness.

On the direct examination, Mrs. Foy swore that when she visited Mr. Forrest at his office, Mr. Wing, the attorney, was called in. She denied that she ever talked for money. She appealed to Mr. Wing to admit that he said to her: 'We did not get much money ourselves.'

Mrs. Foy was anxious to make the jury believe she was actuated by love for her husband in wanting to make a deal with the state for defence, and that his reformation was her only desire in life.

'If you don't charge my husband, I will make a public statement,' were the words she swore she addressed to Mr. Forrest and Mr. Wing in the former's office. She swore that she told them: 'Very near about the same story,' she did in Court when she visited Forrest's office.

'That is not true,' exclaimed Attorney Wing. 'Do you expect to get a divorce?' Mrs. Foy asked Mr. Wing, knowing what her answer would be.

'We Catholics never get divorced.' 'You want to accuse him of murder and get rid of him that way?' 'It is an outrageous accusation,' shouted Attorney Bottom on his feet like a flash.

'That is all, Mrs. Foy,' rejoined Attorney Wing, and the most sensational chapter in the history of the second trial of Dan Coughlin was closed.

STREET CARS AND SNOW.

THE ALDERMEN AGAIN DISCUSS THE PROBLEM.

The City Council talked charter amendments, street railway snow and street paving yesterday. Mayor Desjardins presided.

Ald. Beausoleil raised a question of privilege. He moved that considering the attempts made to change the method of electing our Mayor that the Council protest and send a delegation to Quebec to request the Legislature to maintain the present system of election by the popular vote.

Ald. Prefontaine did not see the need. It was useless to protest on one question if all the others interfered with by the Legislature were to be passed by unnoticed. He moved that the Legislature be petitioned not to consider any amendment which the City Council had not recommended.

Ald. Thompson said he had not heard a single person approve of the change proposed. He had heard many speak against making any change in the method of electing the Mayor.

Ald. James objected to taking the votes out of the people's hands. Ald. Prefontaine here took occasion to have a fling at the Legislature. The aldermen were to be given a salary, he understood, for themselves, and did not want any salary, they had decided on a new basis of taxation, too, reducing the borrowing power, but adding at the same time to the city's indebtedness; had decided that the city could not revise its own voters' lists, but the presidents of boards of trade and other parties could. If the mayorality question must go to protest, let all these other things go, too.

Ald. Beausoleil objected to having a mayor who might be the nominee of a clique or party. What was Ald. Prefontaine's object in trying to bring all these other subjects in? Had they not already been discussed and sent to Quebec? Was it to prevent the free expression of opinion on the mayorality? However, he would meet Ald. Prefontaine half way and accept his amendment.

Ald. Rainville added the rider: 'especially any amendment that tends to affect the constitution of the Council itself.'

The only objectors being Aldermen Renault, McBride, Stearns, Savignac and Stevenson, the proposals as a whole were adopted.

That petition to close saloons at 11 o'clock was referred to the Police Committee.

Considerable discussion met the proposal to vote \$10,000 to clear away the snow brushed off the Street Railway tracks.

Ald. Stevenson wanted the 'hogs' backs' at each side of the tracks shaved down to prevent sleighs capsizing.

Ald. Dagenais wanted the five minute service part of the by-law enforced.

Ald. Prefontaine replied that that involved a legal question. It must go to the City Attorney. He questioned if the time service came into force until the whole of the lines were completed, and the three years of grace were up.

Ald. Clendinning refused to accept any responsibility for the company's vagaries. He did not see what the aldermen had to do with them. Let the proper officials see that the company was kept to the letter of its contract. Snow would not go away by people whistling and aldermen couldn't shout it out in the morning and shovel it off the streets. He didn't see why electric sleighs couldn't be run and the snow left as before the advent of electricity. Runners might be utilized as well as wheels or canal boats. In the meantime let officials do their duty and let the people stop hounding the aldermen. He for one was not going to run out and bother about the cars, no matter how many letters filled the papers.

Ald. McBride asked the Mayor to see that the cars were not overcrowded, now that the City Surveyor had come to a decision how many they could accommodate.

Ald. Stevenson defended the merchants who, he said, had not been unreasonable. In fact they had been very patient under most trying circumstances. As for the services he had waited that afternoon twenty minutes for a car. It was a citizen's right to complain to the aldermen, and the aldermen's duty to listen. If some aldermen took as much interest in the citizens' welfare as in that of the Street Railway, the citizens' troubles would soon be remedied.

Ald. Marolais asked that there be added a lease provision that snow be removed at night if necessary. The report, as amended, was adopted.

A report to appropriate \$78,600 for paving Notre Dame street east was adopted, subject to the approval of the Legislature.

Mr. Alfred Perry's gift of a picture of an old fire engine was accepted and the City Engineer ordered to be sent to the donor.

The report to grant Mr. Bertin permission to erect pagodas was referred back to the Water Committee, it being stated that a syndicate was ready to pay for the privileges.

The report to grade Cedar avenue at a cost of \$22,900 was opposed by Ald. Beausoleil, who said the city had already exceeded its borrowing powers by two millions, and was the laughing stock at Quebec. He might as well have shouted at the wind. The report was adopted by 16 to 9.

The Council having accepted Brandon, Gaudry and Plymouth, streets, adjourned.

TO EQUALIZE TAXATION.

Rome, Dec. 26.—Premier Crispien sent a circular to the prefects in Sicily requesting them to urge the communal officers to confer and devise means for a more equitable assessment of taxes, and to see that the taxes upon the necessities of life are levied without undue severity. Prior to the riot in Licara di Freddi, on Saturday, the local workmen's unions sent a telegram to Premier Crispien, begging him to intervene against the duties. The Premier, in reply, expressed sympathy with the people's legitimate demands, pointed out the necessity of preventing violence and urged the people to ignore agitators. The unions telegraphed back to Crispien that they had posted the message throughout the towns and that they confined in him.

THOSE SHAM INFERNAL MACHINES.

Berlin, Dec. 26.—Many sham infernal machines sent by practical jokers as Xmas presents to friends have passed through the postoffice in the last few days. In a number of cases the persons receiving the suspicious looking parcels were afraid to open them and consigned them to the police, thereby giving the examining experts a great deal of useless work. The police are on the track of a number of the senders and they intend to prosecute the offenders with rigorous severity. They have already arrested one offender, a lady.

A MEMORIAL TO THE WORLD.

A REMARKABLE DOCUMENT FROM WORLD'S FAIR COMMISSIONERS TO ALL GOVERNMENTS.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The World's Columbian exposition memorial for international arbitration has been presented to Secretary Gresham and President Cleveland by Mr. William E. Blackstone, of Chicago, commissioner of the World's Columbian Fair. It is a remarkable document, having the autograph signatures of the commissioners from some forty different nations which participated in the exposition, including Sir Richard Webster, of England; George R. Cockburn, of Canada; Enrique Dupuy de Lome, of Spain; Admiral Mauritz, of Brazil; Dr. Anton Von Pallrethes-Palmfort, of Austria; Thokky Bey, of Turkey; Nyamatoka, of Japan; Professor Dr. Sheppan Wertzold, of Germany, and Chun Quan Kee, of China; also the commissioners from the different states and territories of the United States, the directors and officials of the exposition, many of the chairmen and speakers of the congresses of the World's Congress Auxiliary, including Cardinal Gibbons, Mr. Satoll, Dr. Phillip Schaff, Bishop Merrill, Joseph Cook, Mr. Moody, the Rev. Alexander Mackay Smith, Wm. E. Dodge, Lady Somerset and Lady Aberdeen; also the editors of the principal daily papers of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington; also ex-President Harrison, Secretary Morton, Chief Justice Fuller, Secretary Carlisle, Postmaster-General Rissell, Secretary Herbert, Controller Eckels, and Dan A. Lamont, secretary of war; Senators John T. Morgan, John Sherman, William P. Frye, and several of the most prominent business men, John D. Rockefeller, J. Pierpont Morgan, Jesse Seligman, George M. Pullman, George Gould, Cornelius Vanderbilt, and others. The President and Secretary expressed their approval of the object sought by the memorialists, the President mentioning that the same sentiment had been incorporated in his recent message. The following is the text of the memorial:

'To the Governments of the World:—The undersigned citizens of many countries gathered at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, in the United States of America, recognizing the advantages accruing to those nations which have pursued the policy of arbitrating international disputes, and desiring that the like benefits may in the future be enjoyed by all nations and deeming this a fitting opportunity, do hereby join in this memorial to all our various Governments, praying that they will uniformly agree by mutual treaties to submit for settlement by arbitration all such international questions and differences as shall fall of satisfactory solution by the ordinary peaceful negotiations. And for this the petitioners will ever pray.'

It is requested that a copy of this memorial shall be presented to each of the governments of the world. As soon as the requisite facsimile copies are prepared they will be transmitted by Secretary Gresham to the various governments of the world.

DIED AGED 121 YEARS.

Lyons, Dec. 26.—James Morris, commonly known as James Rice, a former slave, died in Lyons yesterday, 121 years of age. He was born on the Rice plantation in Virginia, near Roanoke, on June 18, 1772. After the death of his master, he became the property of Balma Rice, who moved to Lyons and engaged in the manufacture of fanning mills. Balma Rice was one of the richest men in Wayne County, Rice street being named after him. When emancipation was proclaimed, James was set free, but he chose to stay with his master, and after his death remained with the widow, who was his wife. He left him the life use of a house and lot on Maple street, in Lyons, where he died. The Rice heirs have in their possession a record of their several slaves, and the age of James Morris is given as 121 years.

THE FIRE RECORD.

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 26.—The St. Thomas flax mills, operated by Mr. Wm. Keith, were totally destroyed by fire about noon to-day. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have been a spark from the chimney. The loss on the buildings and stock is about \$4,000 with no insurance. Eighteen men are thrown out of work by the fire.

Northport, Ont., Dec. 26.—Mr. W. A. Benson's residence was burned to the ground last night. The fire appliances of the village not being what they should, and the wind blowing a gale, nothing could be done to save the building, and but for heroic work, on the part of the neighbors, the whole village would have been in flames. The building was insured in the Commercial Union Insurance Company.

THE NEW YORK CUSTOMS IRRREGULARITIES.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Assistant Secretary Hamlin, to-day, as a result of investigations so far made in the New York Customs house irregularities, ordered Mr. Kilbreath, collector, at New York, to suspend until further notice all regulations in tobacco cases and all reliquidations under the Tariff act of 1883. It is estimated at the Treasury department that the tobacco liquidation case will foot up at least one million dollars, and that the amount involved in the other cases will reach a much greater figure.

THE FLOOD IN BRANTFORD.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 26.—The flood in the Grand river is abating somewhat, but still continues to be serious. Early this forenoon it was discovered that the head gates of the canal were in a very dangerous condition and that the water was washing its way through the bank there. A gang of men were immediately placed at work filling the place with sand bags and all available material to stop the water. So far the men have held their own. Had this bank at the head gate given away the river would have changed its course to the canal and done great damage to factories along the canal and property in Eagle Place. The water still continues to run through many streets in West Brantford. Main street is in very bad condition.

DEATH OF VICTOR SCHOELCHER.

PARTICULARS OF HIS ARREST AND HOW IT CAME ABOUT.

Paris, Dec. 26.—Victor Schoelcher, the well-known French statesman, author and traveler, died to-day of pneumonia. M. Schoelcher was born in Paris on July 21, 1805; being the son of a prominent manufacturer of porcelain through whose efforts much progress was made in that industry. In 1833, M. Victor Schoelcher made a tour of the United States and Cuba, where he studied the slave question and became disgusted with the institution. The result was the publication of several works demanding the emancipation of the slaves. In 1848 he entered the Ministry of Marine as under secretary and proposed the decree that proclaimed the principle of emancipation for French negroes, and established a commission to prepare a law enfranchising them. It was also through his efforts that the use of the lash in the French navy was abolished. Subsequent to the 'coup d'etat' in 1851 he was expelled from France and Belgium and went to England. He did not return to France until after the first French defeats in the Franco-German war. During the siege of Paris he served as a colonel on the general staff of the National Guard, commanding the artillery and did excellent service. After the capitulation of Paris he resigned his commission as colonel, and was elected a representative of the Seine. He was elected Senator Dec. 16, 1877.

BRITAIN TO SEIZE THE GILBERT ISLANDS.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 26.—The 'Helen W. Almy' which has just arrived from the Gilbert Islands, brings news that Great Britain has determined to seize the whole group, and this has probably been done before now. Sir John Thurston, British high commissioner for the Western Pacific and governor of Fiji, recently completed an inspection of the Gilbert Islands. He reported that the British flag should be hoisted on all the islands as it was nearly a year ago on Butaritari. His report dwelt on the richness of the islands and the prospect of developing British trade. He approved the practical depositing of King Tuberculosa, who, it will be remembered, appealed to the United States against the arbitrary action of Captain David of the Royalists. When the 'Almy' left Butaritari, on Nov. 20, the steamer 'Archer' from Sydney, was expected in a few days to take charge of the islands.

OBITUARY.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 26.—Mr. James C. McGee, the president of the Union Loan and Savings Co., was found dead in his residence, 112 College street, this morning. Mr. McGee, who was 72 years of age, had been a resident of Toronto for many years and was widely known as a man of honesty and great business ability. Associated with Mr. Withrow and a few others, Mr. McGee formed the company which started the Industrial Exhibition, of which he was at one time for a short while manager and again treasurer, which position he held for many years.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Mr. Charles N. Pinhey, for many years at the head of the legal firm of Pinhey, Christie & Christie, died here yesterday. He was 65 years of age.

Yonkers, Dec. 26.—Mr. Robt. C. Fisher, millionaire and philanthropist, aged 57 years, died suddenly in the Parish house of Trinity Episcopal Church in New Rochelle this morning.

THE PRENDERGAST TRIAL.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Attorney Todd, for the prosecution, finished his argument in the Prendergast case this afternoon. Attorney Essex, for Prendergast, followed and held the close attention of the jury while he went over the evidence and brought numerous good reasons to support the theory that his client was not responsible for what he did. The most startling statement made by Mr. Essex was that he believed that if Prendergast could have gone to Washington at the time of the great interest in the silver legislation during the special session of Congress last summer, that he would have killed Cleveland. When court adjourned at 3.30 o'clock Mr. Essex had not finished speaking, and he will continue his argument to-morrow morning.

DIED WITH HIS SECRET.

Phoenixville, Pa., Dec. 26.—Paul Schwartz, proprietor of the American Metallurgical works, died from pneumonia to-day. He was the only living holder of a chemical secret for making cheap high-grade steel, and the secret dies with him.

THREE SCORE AND TEN TO-DAY.

Bellefonte, Ont., Dec. 26.—The Hon. Mackenzie Bowell will be seventy years of age to-morrow. He attended a family party at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. J. P. Holton, yesterday. He went to the capital to-day.

A SAD TRAGEDY.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Thomas Gass, scarcely 30 years of age, committed suicide this morning by firing a bullet into her heart. Her husband, whom she married against her relatives' wishes, in 1884, is now in Boston. She leaves two little children. About a year ago Gass abandoned his wife.

ST. HYACINTHE NEWS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) St. Hyacinthe, Que., Dec. 26.—A very large proportion of the population is down with the influenza, the weather we have had lately having been particularly favorable to the spread of the disease. So far there has been no fatal case among the Protestants of the city. There was a very large gathering of people, young and old, at the Christmas tree entertainment held in the basement of the Presbyterian Church last Saturday evening. The best spirit prevailed. The little ones sang sweetly, recited admirably, and even the older people entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion. At the close of the entertainment Mr. S. F. Duclos took the chair and in the name of the ladies of the congregation presented the Rev. M. F. Boudreau, the pastor, with a beautiful parlor set. It was a complete surprise.

THE WILLIAMS MURDERER.

PARTICULARS OF HIS ARREST AND HOW IT CAME ABOUT.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 26.—McWhirrell, the man suspected of the murder of Mr. Williams and wife, last Thursday night at midnight last night, at the little village of Woburn, and was landed in police headquarters at seven o'clock this morning. McWhirrell's arrest was due to the fact that his pal John Walker, alias Kenzie, was caught at Havelock on the Canadian Pacific Railway, east of Peleeboro, on Sunday morning. Constable Williams, of that place, was brought back here by Detective Siemlin on Sunday night.

The arrest of McWhirrell was quite sensational. Detective Davis, who was first detailed on the case, was spending his Christmas evening at police headquarters when there entered a man named Gallagher. Whatever Gallagher had to tell, a very few minutes after wards Detective Davis put on his hat, pulled his cap well down over his ears, and vanished into the darkness of Court street. The detectives were driven to Woburn, or Donnybrook, as it is familiarly called. One of the best houses in Woburn is that of Henry Stableford. It is a two-story frame building, nicely painted and showing evidence of comfort, and at this place the buggy drew up and Detective Davis alighted.

Mr. Stableford was quickly aroused and the mission of the detective made known. It was then three o'clock in the morning and the master of the house, lamp in hand, led the way to a room on the second flat. Undressed in bed and asleep lay McWhirrell, the young Englishman who has been so much wanted in the Williams' murder case. Going over to the bed the detective caught the young man by the shoulder and shook him, saying: 'Get out of this,' said McWhirrell sat up instantly and started at the burly form at his bedside. Seven o'clock saw McWhirrell behind the bars at police headquarters with the charge of 'murder' written against his name on the station slate.

From Mr. Stableford it was learned that McWhirrell has been at his place since Thursday last. He had worked there for a previous period of some months, had turned up last week and asked for work for the winter.

The family had noticed that he had been acting peculiarly since his return. McWhirrell, when arrested, admitted that he had sold the property which Butcher Lowry had bought and which had been identified as Williams's, but claimed he had bought it from another party, whose name he did not know, but whom he would know if he saw him.

William W. McWhirrell was arraigned in the City Police Court to-day. The prisoner looked entirely unconcerned. The Crown he too was verbally remanded until to-morrow, which was granted, and McWhirrell was immediately driven to the jail. John Kenzie alias Walker, arrested on suspicion of being connected with this tragedy, was also shut up, and at the request of the Crown, he too was verbally remanded until to-morrow, when he and McWhirrell will be taken to Cooksville, to be present at the inquest on the death of the murdered couple, which resumes there to-morrow.

A FIGHT WITH A SNAKE.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 26.—During the performance at Wonderland museum yesterday Mlle. Uno, the Hindoo snake charmer, was nearly choked to death by one of the large reptiles, which resented the freedom with which the woman handled it. Mlle. Uno was badly stung in the thigh by one of the snake's poisoned fangs and found great difficulty in releasing herself from them. The incident caused much excitement among the audience.

The possibility of coaling steamers at sea seems likely to be one of the realizations of the near future. Very successful experiments have recently been conducted both by the British Admiralty and the Navy Department of this country. In both cases it is reported that the work was successfully accomplished, though modifications in the mechanisms employed have been suggested. When the work can be done the effectiveness of cruisers and of a blockading squadron will of course be greatly increased, and the range of sea covered be correspondingly widened.

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