

THE CANNON REPORT MAY BE SENT BACK

Council Will Be Asked on
Monday to Return it to
Attorney General

Named Aldermen Claim They Have a
Right to Appeal to the
Courts.

The report of Judge Cannon to be
returned.

This is the next startling aldermanic
move that is to be made. The proposal
was discussed freely to-day by a number
of aldermen who were down at the
City Hall.

Ald. Nault being seen in regard to
this unexpected turn of events, said
to a representative of the press: "Yes,
it will be moved in Council that the
report shall be returned. It would be
unjust to those who have been con-
demned were it not returned."

"The aldermen are finding fault
with the report then?"
"They certainly are, and not only
those who have been condemned."

DETAILS OF THE NEW MOVE.
"And when will this motion be pre-
sented in Council?" was asked of an-
other alderman who is also angry at
the tone of the report.

"At the next meeting," was the re-
ply, "if there is time to take up the
Cannon report."

"Will the proposal be made in the
form of a motion which Council be
asked to formally adopt?"
"That is exactly the form of proce-
dure."

"Do you expect there will be a ma-
jority who will favor such a strong
procedure?"
"I have reasons to think there will
be."

"What reasons will be adduced for
a procedure such as this?"
"They are as follows: It will be shown
when the report is discussed, that there
are statements in the report that
cannot be according to the facts. For
instance the Commissioner says that
over a million a year has been grossly
wasted. It is only right the Commis-
sioner should be asked to make more
than a mere statement in regard to
such a grave charge. He will be asked
to explain how he arrives at such a
decision and to give details."

"Then there is the fact that the en-
quiry was not a complete one, al-
though it was understood, when the
commission was appointed, that it
must be complete. As the investiga-
tion was not thorough, it is not fair
to those who have been singled out
for condemnation."

Better Chance in the Courts.
"It will also be pointed out that, in
an ordinary case before the courts,
those who are being tried have the
fullest opportunity of bringing in
evidence; this was not the custom
that prevailed at the Royal Commis-
sion enquiry. Only a very slight op-
portunity was given those who were
charged with offences to contradict
them."

"There is also the question of costs.
Aldermen and officials are condemned
to costs without any attempt having
been made to show on what basis
costs have been apportioned. Any
convicted person has the right to in-
formation such as this; yet it is not
given in the commissioner's report.
Besides these points, there are many
others which will be raised."

"Is it the intention?" was asked, "to
send back the report to Mr. Justice
Cannon or to the Attorney General?"
"It is most likely the report will be
returned to the Attorney General."

"Why to him?"
"He will be prayed to consider the
protests, and will be sent with the
report and see if they are well
founded or not. We believe he will
not refuse this. He could go over the
protests, and the commissioner's re-
port, with Mr. Justice Cannon him-
self. The fact is the aldermen have
right to appeal as a last resort to the
courts, and in paying the costs im-
posed. So there is no reason why we
should not appeal to the Attorney
General and ask him to consider the
complaints and make a ruling against
the entire findings of the report. It is
British fair play we are looking for.
Every man is entitled to the fullest
opportunity of defending himself."

"And do you think the Attorney
General will take the course asked of
him?"
"I think he will. Prominent law-
yers in the city have been, and they
state we have the right to appeal in
law to make an appeal in a case such
as this. You know the Commissioner's
report is not in the form of a regular
judgment; such being the case, why
should not there be right of appeal? All
we are asking is that our claims,
that the report is faulty, shall be con-
sidered. If it is found these faults
exist it is only right the condemnations
should be withdrawn until a
new hearing is ordered."

"Then you want a new Royal Com-
mission?"
"A new hearing does not neces-
sarily need to be before a Royal Com-
mission; the charges preferred against
us can be referred to the criminal
courts. This will give us opportunity
of fully protecting ourselves."

"I do not see why this move should
cause any surprise in council. Surely
no citizen is so malicious against us
that he will object to us trying to
bring our complaints against the re-
port before the Attorney General. Those
who have been charged with
offences are feeling aggrieved; they
claim they have reasons to find fault
with the report, and so demand that
their complaints shall receive atten-
tion."

Another alderman who will vote in
council to send the Cannon re-
port said: "If the Attorney General
does not care to go over the report he
could appoint another judge to go
over all the evidence adduced, before
the Royal Commission, and then go
over Mr. Justice Cannon's report on
the enquiry. This would be a fair
way to proceed."

"What we want is to ascertain why
there is not the severe finding of Judge
Cannon were justified by the evidence.
Our contention is that such findings
go beyond the evidence. It is because
of this that we want the right to a
revision of the judgment."

WHIRLWIND CLOSE PROMISED WITH PEERS GAINING

Lords' Slogan "Prudence and Conser-
vation"—Lloyd-George Likens
Them to Rats in a Trap.

Special to the Montreal Star.
London, December 24.—The London
Stock Exchange markets have settled
down for the holidays. Politics seem
to have been suspended quite as fully
as business till after Christmas. The
excitement has distinctly lessened, but
as the January elections approach, re-
newed vigor will be infused into the
campaign. Both sides are preparing
for a whirlwind close, promising to
eclipse anything in recent history. The
result seems to be much closer than
indicated a few weeks ago, though
Stock Exchange betting is still slightly
in favor of the Liberals.

This measurable though uphill pro-
gress made in favor of the Lords, and
the clever presentation of their case
that has undeniably been made, are re-
sponsible for the confident undertone
in home security markets generally.
Their contention is that the Budget
has not been rejected but has been
referred to the House of Commons
selves, on account of its unusual and
revolutionary character. Their cam-
paign slogan is "prudence and conser-
vation"—features that usually may be
counted upon to appeal to the average
Englishman. If the Government finally
wins, it will be by such a reduced
majority that further tendencies to-
wards extravagance will, in the opin-
ion of the city, have received a salutary
check.

While idle, therefore, the markets are
cheerful. Consols are very strong in
anticipation of favorable developments
in the New Year.

What Canadian Says.
A visitor to England, who has spent
twenty years in Canada, informs a
Manchester Guardian representative
that Canadian feeling strongly sup-
ports the Liberal attack upon the
House of Lords. The average Cana-
dian, he says, does not understand why
we should have a Second Chamber at
all. The Senate, the visitor continues,
is a thoroughly unpopular institution
in Canada, where it is regarded as lit-
tle more than a refuge for superan-
nuated politicians.

WAS DEATH CAUSED BY USE OF NEEDLE?

This Will Be Mrs. Martin's Defence
on Charge of Murdering
Daughter.

The late Mrs. Osey Snead.
New York, December 24.—Was her
own constant use of the hypodermic
needle the cause of Osey Snead's
death?
Col. Robert J. Haile, counsel for
Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, the bath-tub
victim's mother, brought this question
to the fore to-day as he was prepar-
ing for the third hearing on the case
of Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Snead, whom
the New York authorities are holding
pending extradition.
Col. Haile declares that he has evi-
dence to show that the young woman
was what is known as the popular
vermicular as a "dope fiend." She
used drugs, chiefly morphine, for near-
ly two years before she died. I have
learned this from talking with her
mother about the case.

"The hypodermic needle was used
upon her when she was seriously ill,"
continued Col. Haile, "and after that
its employment was constant."
"She tried to stop the habit and
would resist for periods. Then
would come another period of illness
and the temptation to secure relief
was too great for her to resist. She
would go for days and days without
food, living on morphine."

Col. Haile said that this would be
Mrs. Martin's defence on the charge
of murdering her daughter. Addi-
tional documents found by the Brook-
lyn police in the Henry street house
once occupied by the Wardlaw im-
bued the detectives to-day with the
belief that the entire family had
a suicide pact, which was only partly
fulfilled by the death of Osey Snead.
The alleged pact is said to be revealed
by letters signed by Osey Snead,
her husband, Fletcher, by Mrs. Mar-
tin, her mother, and her two aunts,
Mrs. Mary Snead and Miss Virginia
Wardlaw. Accompanying them were
several blank forms of power of at-
torney, all signed by Osey Snead.

CHRISTMAS AT OTTAWA.
Most of the Members are Going to
Their Homes.

Special to The Montreal Star.
Ottawa, December 24.—Most of the
Cabinet Ministers will spend Christmas
in Ottawa. Mr. Pugsley, however, has
gone to St. John; Mr. Graham, to Brock-
ville; Mr. Mackenzie King, to Toronto;
and Mr. Aylesworth, to Newburg.

The city is almost deserted politically,
only three members from the Far West
remaining here.
Mr. R. L. Borden has gone to Grand
Fro to spend Christmas with his mother.

COOK'S PHOTO SOLD FOR TWO CENTS AT CHARITY AUCTION

Clergyman Sold it at Minneapolis.—
Cook Was Not Decorated by
Danish King.

Special to the Montreal Star.
Minneapolis, Minn., December 24.—
After delivering an address to a ca-
pacity house at the Unique Theatre
last night, the Rev. G. L. Morrill, pa-
stor of the People's Church, said in or-
der to raise some money for a Christ-
mas poor fund he would publicly auc-
tion an autograph photograph of Dr.
Cook, which the explorer presented to
him when he was last in Minneapolis.
Dr. Morrill removed the picture from
his pocket, and assuming the attitude
of an auctioneer, said he would be
pleased to turn it over to the highest
bidder.

"Fifty dollars," cried the amateur
"Pioneer," which remark brought
forth cheers and laughter from the au-
dience. Determined to dispose of the
picture, Mr. Morrill cried out for an
offer from some one in the crowd, and
one weak bidder, "two cents."
"Going at two cents. Two cents only
bid for an autograph picture of Dr.
Cook! Hear you, are my friends; you
are the highest bidder," and with these
words and an exchange of two cop-
per pennies, Dr. Cook's autograph pic-
ture, which was prized so highly by
the minister when presented to him,
passed away for the value of a post-
age stamp.

Danish Honors for Previous Work.
Washington, December 24.—That
Dr. Cook was not decorated by the
King of Denmark is the substance of
a statement made here by Maurice F.
Egan, United States Minister to Den-
mark. "Contrary to the generally ac-
cepted opinion, Dr. Cook was not de-
corated by the King," said Dr. Egan.
"The King held his decoration back,
awaiting the decision of the Univer-
sity of Copenhagen. The honorary
degree conferred upon Dr. Cook and
Dr. Cook and the medal which the
Royal Geographical Society of Den-
mark gave to him were not for his
supposed discovery of the Pole, but
for his previous achievements in Polar
exploration, particularly his work in
the Belgica expedition. He will not
be asked to return those honors."

Will Give Cook Every Chance.
Two elements figure in the deferment
of the meeting of the sub-com-
mittee of the National Geographical
Society, until the first of the year.
First, the disposition of the case.
Cook, every possible opportunity to
present his observations, and second,
the absence in Boston of Rear-Admiral
Pillsbury. The committee purposes
by no means to be governed by the
Copenhagen verdict.
The sub-committee in case it fails
to receive the original data, will not
condemn Dr. Cook on merits, but will
report that he failed to produce any
papers that proved he reached the
Pole. "He has a perfect right to
withhold them," according to one
statement to-day.

Will Never be Leader Again.
Never again will he head another
expedition either to the South Pole or
to the North Pole.

This announcement was made last
night by Commander Peary. He stands
ready, however, to assist any expedi-
tion which contemplates setting out
for other extremity of the earth.
"My work has been accomplished,"
said Commander Peary. "I made it
known some time ago in Brussels that
I would assist any expedition that
would set out for the South Pole and
at the same time I also said that I
would not personally conduct and an
expedition."

"I will hold to this and I have no
intention of changing my mind."
Brunswick, Me., December 24.—The
achievement of her distinguished
graduate in reaching the North Pole
will be accepted by Bowdoin at the
close of the college year. This an-
nouncement was made by President
Wm. Dewitt Hyde, who took occasion
to speak of the vindication which he
said has come to Commander Peary.
President Hyde declared that Bowdoin
College has never a moment's doubt of
the correctness of Peary's achieve-
ment or the justice of his judgment."

WHAT'S
GOING ON
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WILL BE USED AS A TRAINING SHIP

Newly Acquired Cruiser Rainbow
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Ottawa, December 24.—The cruiser
Rainbow, which the Government has
purchased from the British Admiralty,
at an unstated figure, is intended to be
used only as a training ship and ne-
cessarily so, having regard to the char-
acter of the ship.

The Rainbow was built nineteen years
ago, and as a cruiser, is obsolete.
The original speed was 20 knots.
The tonnage of vessels of the class to
which she belongs is 3,400, indicated
horse power, 7,000; forced draft, 5,000;
length, 380 feet; beam, 43 feet; draft,
16.6; armor in the gun division, 4 1/2
inches; coal supply, 4,000 tons.

The ship's armament consists of two
6 inch guns; six 4.7 guns; eight 6-
pounders; one 3-pounder, and four
torpedo tubes. The vessel is construct-
ed of steel.
It is understood that the Rainbow,
which will have a complement of 273
officers and men, will go to the Pa-
cific coast, though at the Marine De-
partment it is stated that this point
has not yet been determined.

It is probable that in a few weeks
the negotiations for the second train-
ing ship will be concluded, and this
vessel will be assigned to the Atlantic
seaboard.
The cruisers are of about the same
armaments as those the British navy
proposed for the Canadian navy.

WILL QUESTION ACTION.
When the naval bill comes down on
January 12, there will doubtless be a
reference by the Opposition members
to the purchase of the training ship.

The money, even though it may be
provided for in the estimates, has never
been passed upon by Parliament, or
been ratified in any way. The Gov-
ernment appears to have acted on its
own initiative, which, the Opposition
will contend, is a dangerous precedent,
and as no naval policy has ever
been brought down, or even hinted at
in Parliament.

Strathcona's Christmas Message to
London Emphasises Need for
Readiness.

Canadian Associated Press.
London, Eng., December 24.—Among
the Christmas messages for Londoners,
published in the Evening News to-day
is one from Lord Strathcona.
The High Commissioner's message reads:
"The nation ever shows itself to be
unmindful of its responsibilities, we
cannot expect to look forward with con-
fidence to the future. On the other
hand, as long as it is recognized that
in order secure peace we must be
strongly well prepared, and ready to
make sacrifices to meet any emergency
that may arise, and see that the right
generation is trained up on these ill-
luminous national home will be safe, and
the future of our Empire assured."

Annexed Ecclesiastic Dead.
Special to The Montreal Star.
Quebec, December 24.—Rev. Edward
Paffard, cure of St. Joseph de Levis,
died yesterday, at the age of
eighty years. He was a native of L'Islet,
and had been in Quebec for a number of years.

AUBORA, Ont.—John E. Clugine died
suddenly of heart failure.
CONCORD, Ont.—John Allan is dead,
in his 32nd year.

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CIRCULATION OF THE STAR.

WEEK ENDING DEC. 18TH, 1909.
MONDAY 70,137
TUESDAY 70,157
WEDNESDAY 70,156
THURSDAY 70,148
FRIDAY 70,198
SATURDAY 75,811

TOTAL 426,607
Daily Average 71,101
Weekly Star Last Week 130,839

CIRCULATION OF THE STAR, DAILY AND WEEKLY, LAST WEEK.

One issue of the Daily and Weekly

Star aggregates

200,000

From the above figures are excluded several thousand subscriptions regarded as more or less ephemeral.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1909.

The Star will not be published on Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS.

Christmas is the great home festival of the Christian peoples of the world.

It is the time of all times when the "bairns" come joyfully back to the parental roof-tree to renew the "olden days." It is the time when we all are children again. The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of youth; it is the spirit of joy; it is the spirit of love. These are all eminently of the home. In this world of "storm and stress" we are sometimes apt to forget these finer elements of human nature. But when we gather together to welcome Santa Claus or Kris Kringle, we renew and set them deeper in our everyday selves. It is at Christmas that we most readily and thoroughly "become as little children."

Some people there are, rich in the wisdom of this world, who loftily condemn the fairy lore of Christmase as an education of the children in prevarication and error. These are the "grown-ups" of the spirit, and a "little child shall not lead them." For them the "fairy gates and golden" will never swing open. Their language is not the language of the "not-grown-ups," and there can be no communication between them. Among such count us not. We believe that the memories of childhood are all the richer because of a vision of Santa Claus driving his reindeer over the snowy hills into the face of the rising sun; or because of a dream of Santa clambering down the chimney with his pack, which even the sootiest of flies cannot blacken; or because of lying close hidden under the bed-clothes for fear the effort to spy on him might frighten away the driver of the reindeer. For the true child—of six or of sixty—Santa Claus and his reindeer are real, and prosaic facts of every day that would push him into the background are of the things that shall pass away.

When Scrooge awoke out of his dream, he shouted: "I am as light as a feather. I am as happy as an angel. I am as merry as a schoolboy." Scrooge had the true spirit of Christmas. He had escaped from the chrysalis of the "grown-up" into the freedom of the "not-grown-up." That is how we gather around the grate and open the stockings one by one; or reach for our parcels out of the mail-bag as it is opened by the Father of the Family; or frolic about the gaily lighted Christmas Tree, with its fruits that grow on no other tree in all the world. It is as "little children" that we join in the fun of opening the parcels, and get just as much pleasure out of the pleasure of others as out of our own gifts.

That is the secret of the deep appeal of Christmas. For the day we all join hands; we are all akin; for we are all children together. This, too, is the heart of the message of Him,

Whose birthday we celebrate. The message of Christ and the message of Christmas to the world is "Brotherhood." For nineteen centuries this haven has been at work and still the whole lump is not leavened. But it yet will be. And of this our faith is ever stronger on Christmas Day, as Christmas calls us back to the spirit of childhood—and of Love.

A WESTERN BOGEY MAN.

At stated intervals a growl is emitted from Manitoba about the extension of her boundaries to the north or to the north and east. So far, despite all negotiations, the matter has not been arranged between Winnipeg and Ottawa. The delay is variously explained, and among the mass of pros and cons, figures the Separate School Question—dragged out of its grave to do political duty once more. Certain Manitoba politicians—with what warrant does not appear—assert that the Ottawa authorities will not allow any annexation of "new territory" by the "Postage Stamp" Province until assurances are given that separate schools shall be maintained in the new provincial areas. And this alleged reason is put forward at intervals from Winnipeg in the most provocative manner. So far we have not observed any Ottawa rejoinder, and in that respect, at least, the tactics of silence under fire are commendable. Canada has had enough of school questions with their obliteration of live national issues and the stirring up of strife in the interest of politicians. We do not pretend to know the mind of the Ottawa Government in this matter, but the Premier's former action with regard to Manitoba would hardly indicate that he seeks to rivet separate schools upon the province. Sir Wilfrid is possibly playing politics in the matter just as are Messrs. Roblin and Rogers. All three are adepts; all three are in power, and they all three are inclined to grasp at the best weapon readiest at hand. There is considerable credit to be given to any provincial government in Manitoba that succeeds in widening the provincial boundaries; Sir Wilfrid knows that; possibly, too, he knows that a good way to deprive an opponent of credit is to withhold the factor that would confer popularity and win acclaim. No; Sir Wilfrid is not giving away any tricks to his wily Western opponents. So we have the Separate School bogey. The capacity of Mr. Rogers to make a straw man a thump that makes a noise like a cracked rib no one will deny. Mr. Roblin, too, is an expert when it comes to crying "Wolf!" Their political opponents in Manitoba sometimes accuse the Roblin Government of coquetting with the school question a great deal nearer home than the territory desired for annexation. But let that go for what it is worth. We started out to say that we have had enough Manitoba school questions; and we stick to it, and denounce the politicians who drag that question in by the heels as mischief-makers.

"PAY—PAY—PAY!"

In Great Britain the elections are fairly free from certain gross forms of bribery, especially that whereby the promise of public expenditures in the constituency attacked buys the electors with their own money. Politics there have large issues; and better than all, Britain commands the services of a considerable number of disinterested men who pursue politics as a career instead of as a profession or a trade. In many respects we may admire British conditions. But in the one field of specific spending of the candidate's or the party's own money in the constituency we are not without distinguished British company. Some time since Blackwood's Magazine published an entertaining article by a defeated candidate. He had nursed his constituency for about two years; he spent \$3,000 in the process; and after his failure had the satisfaction of hearing that his misfortune had been due to his stinginess! He mentioned one member of Parliament whom he knew to spend \$4,000 a year for the privilege of remaining in the House of Commons. In his opinion about as much money goes into a constituency as in the old days of buying votes, the only difference being that the recipients are now more respectable. Instead of paying sovereigns on polling day to the lords of the manor, the candidate, the aspirant for the House of Commons subscribes to countless societies, funds, churches, chapels, the local Territorial regiment, benevolent societies, civic projects, and so forth.

To this first-hand testimony is added a few direct words from that candid friend of the Unionist party, The National Review. It falls foul of the habit of making "local demands upon the cheque-book of the member or candidate. Indeed, The National Review goes beyond the writer in Blackwood's and charges that many local Conservative Associations make exorbitant demands on their own account—blackmail, it styles it. Such associations look for a local plutocrat; if none be available, "they usually confront the Central Office with a demand for a \$1,000-a-year, or maybe a \$2,000-a-year, candidate. According to a politician who has had some experience of constituencies, \$500 per annum is the minimum extorted from a Unionist candidate in any seat where there is even a fighting chance." This very frank editor mentions one case which came to his own personal knowledge. A candidate, in a certain safe seat, was expected to spend \$700 per annum in subscriptions and registrations, the cost of the election itself being \$1,700; and he also was expected to take a house and live in the division. "In other words, no man with less than \$5,000 a year need apply, and an expenditure of from \$15,000 to \$20,000 might be anticipated before the general election." This extortionate disposition seems to be lo-

The Passing Hour

Dr. Cook's high-priced gold brick could not stand the real deal test.

At this stage, too, it would help a good deal if those who are merely doing Christmas shopping would withdraw and give those who want to do their Christmas buying a chance.

Canada begs to state that it is not looking for trouble in a tariff war, but that we insist on it, it will be there with the goods at the appointed time—Indianapolis News.

The child of to-day casts legends away. And looks to his parents, his uncles or aunts. Romance to the mat! For life in a flat is able to table the fable of Santa.

Chicago News.

Can it be that the information from Copenhagen indicates that making observations backward from the pole does not satisfy the carping scientists?

B. & B. might stand for a certain paving firm, but we let it go at "better and better" when writs are issued.

Wish I was a Kid.

Golly! don't I wish that I could go back to days gone by. Wish that I could lie awake, thinking Santa Claus no fake, peering through the dim little light we'd left for him! Can not do it now, folk say. Only kids do "that-away."

Christmas time my stockings' hid—How I wish I was a kid!

—W. Buzan.

A TRAVELLER'S REFLECTIONS.

Kid gloves and a walking stick are useless to a man driving an ox team.

Many a man begins where he ought to finish, and then wonders why he never accomplishes anything.

A college education is a good asset, but practical experience pays better dividends.

Small pitchers have large ears, so be careful what you say in the presence of children.

It is a fool who flies in airplanes even though the walking is bad.

The man who always carries a chip on his shoulder generally gets his head knocked off.

A "good fellow" is usually the one who died poor and whose widow discovers that his life insurance policy had been allowed to lapse.—Bob Blake.

Santa Up-to-Date.

Christmas days are going fast. Like the reindeer of the past, Santa's airship comes in sight. And the reindeer take to flight.

—Robert Barr Warman.

"Pshaw!" exclaimed Miss Yerner.

"Pshaw!" exclaimed Miss Yerner, impatiently. "I'm sure we'll miss the first act. We've waited a good many minutes for that mother of mine."

"Hours, I should say," Mr. Sloman, retorted, rather crossly.

"Ours? Oh, George," she cried, and laid her blushing cheek upon his shirt front.

WHY HE DOES IT.

Old Tray "Shut up your howling! Why do you want them to let you in?"

Togo—"So I can sit down inside the door and howl till they let me out."

Now is the time likewise when the members of the City Council can win a good deal of applause for what they obtain from doing.

called. The National Review describes the suburbs of London and the Home Counties as peculiarly corrupt. "There is the notorious case in which a very wealthy constituency insisted that a very popular and distinguished Unionist politician should receive £2,000 a year, while in another case one of the leading members of our party, whose presence was recognized as indispensable, was called upon to pledge himself to squander £1,500 a year before being selected as candidate." On the other hand, in Birmingham no such demands are made.

Nor is the practice confined to Unionists. Some time ago, for example, a Liberal member was driven out of a Welsh seat because he refused to subscribe to multitudinous local affairs. Apparently the only revenge he could obtain was to publish the unedifying correspondence in which his agent insisted that he must pay for the privilege of representing the borough.

To a great extent, British candidates, other than those of the Labor party, find these large sums from their own pockets. This practical limitation of membership in the House of Commons to rich men, and the comparative scarcity of men willing to pay so high a price, explain many peculiarities in British politics.

We thus see that our English brothers know how to spend money in constituencies. We do not often spend quite such large sums, and to that extent can hold our heads. But we must temper our disposition to be self-righteous by the reflection that the nursing of a riding by open subscriptions is less disreputable than the secret purchase of individual voters' franchise; that bribery by public works is a peculiarly mean and harmful form of corruption from which Great Britain, for the most part, is free; and that we hear nothing of the hideous perjury which has become an accepted feature of a converted election in Canada.

In matching bribery against bribery, we still find the score in the Englishman's favor.

HOW THEY VOTE "AT HOME."

Why are the elections in the United Kingdom strung out over several days instead of having the vote in all constituencies the same day, as is the case in Canada?

The question is one which many people who have voted in the Old Country have never asked themselves, and can not answer. The fact is that the day of polling is fixed in every constituency by the local returning officer, who is not a servant of the Government. There are certain restrictions. As soon as a proclamation of dissolution is

Don't forget to be a Santa Claus to somebody.

So far, the cold wave appears to have been demoralized or stuck in a snow bank on route.

Some people go South for the winter, and others stay at home and spend their money buying turkey.

Make sure and see that you have got everything in for your Xmas Dinner.

Our Stores will be open to midnight for the sale and delivery of your Christmas Dinner. Everything of the very best quality in Groceries and Provisions, Wines and Liquors, Cigars, Cigarettes and Tobaccos.

Xmas Fort Wines

2150, The "Royal Wine," Particular, Oldest \$2.50
2100, "Old Reserve" 2.00
"Private Stock," Tawny, Very Old Delicate 1.75
"E. P. No. 2," Extra Particular Old 1.50
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FROM THE STAR-FILES THIRTY YEARS AGO-TODAY

"Bridget Tobey was arrested last night, charged with stealing two tickets from the O'gilvy store on St. Antoine street, after being sentenced to imprisonment for a month this morning."

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"The chief of police favors the adoption of telephone communication between all the police and fire stations in the city."

"Mrs. Sophia Cronyn Dead."

Sister of Hon. S. H. Blake is Dead, at Age of 70.

London, Ont., December 24.—Mrs. Sophia Cronyn, wife of Verechoyle Cronyn, K.C., is dead at her home in this city after an illness of six weeks of heart trouble. Mrs. Cronyn was 70 years old and is a sister of Hon. Edward and Hon. S. H. Blake. She was married fifty years ago at her home in Toronto and had lived in London ever since. Besides her husband, she is survived by five sons, Edward, Benjamin, Verechoyle, of Toronto; Dr. William, and Major Hume Cronyn, of this city.

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POINT ST. CHARLES.
Sunday, December 25.
Morning service—Voluntary, "Pas-
sara" (Frego); hymns, Nos. 33, 88, 92;
carols, "Ring the Christmas bells";
"The Christmas Carol" (Chor.);
"Peace"; anthem, "Hallelujah
to the King" (C. H. Gabriel); recessional
"Prelude in D" (Ashford).
Evening service—"O Come all ye
faithful" (Ashford); carol service at
7.30.

Doctor Steadman's
Worm Powders
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Worms in the intestines are not only an inconvenience and a nuisance, but in very many cases lead to serious danger. In children, convulsive fits may be induced by their presence, and in adults, distressing indisposition. All the different kinds of worms are acted on by this Preparation, the tape-worm, the round worm, and the thread worm. A few doses will develop the worms, disengage the enemy, and in most cases prevent its re-appearance. Besides being a safe and sure remedy in cases where the worms are present or suspected, these Powders may be used as an occasional aperient for children from 3 to 15 years, suiting the dose to the age.

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Women's Work Interests



Practical Fashions

The Hat Problem.

A great deal is said and written of the responsibilities, the cares and perplexities which the rich man of to-day has to contend with, but it may be questioned if he has any more nerve-racking, puzzling problems to face than has the rich woman of to-day. She realizes to the uttermost how essential it is to be smartly gowned after fashion's latest edict. One reason for the strain being so wearing, so incessant is the constant changing of the styles and the consequent terrible uncertainty as to whether the expensive hat purchased on Monday is in fashion the following Saturday, with such lightning rapidity that the fashions change at present, especially the fashions in millinery. Enormous picture hats are replaced in favor by the more minute close fitting toques, turbans and, let it be said with bated breath, by bonnets, for every sign and indication is pointing the way to the return of the close fitting bonnet.

Wide brims that stand out in the back, mushroom shapes, both tabooed months ago, are now triumphantly displayed as among the newest models. Crowns vary from the exaggerated large, soft ones, to the hard, stiff, comparatively small, and are entirely lost to view under the shaped fold of whatever material the hat may be composed. And the materials are so many in number, and so absolutely unlike, satin, hatters' plush, velvet, plain or mirror beaver and felt all in fashion, and often one or two of these fabrics are combined. Hatters' plush, for instance, which an effective is not always a becoming material, so the crown of the hat may be made of it, but the brim will be of velvet, so much softer and more becoming, while with satin there will also be velvet.

Tulle and maline net are not materials generally associated with winter, but tulle combined with velvet or fur is immensely smart at this moment and so are velvet and beaver, satin and beaver, and so on, infinitely through a series of combinations never before attempted. The tulle and velvet creation is exceedingly smart, and is adapted to the winter through a series of combinations never before attempted. The tulle and velvet creation is exceedingly smart, and is adapted to the winter through a series of combinations never before attempted. The tulle and velvet creation is exceedingly smart, and is adapted to the winter through a series of combinations never before attempted.

The Vogue of Fur Hats.

Unquestionably small hats are considered, very much in vogue, at the moment, and the large hat for "dresses" still is a prime favorite, and this in spite of the fact that every day sees new models in the most fascinating small shapes, picturesque to a degree and more and more on the line of a headress or Empire turban. In a theatre box or at a restaurant the large hat worn with the gown open at the throat seems to fit in with its surroundings. At the same time the close fitting turban with the elegant—leather or silk—placed as to give the needed height—seems marvellously in accord with the close clinging satin or velvet gown on the picturesque order. Which will win out, the small hat or the large, only time can tell. For the moment it is essential to happiness to be possessed of both.

Prettiest and most becoming of all the many and varied styles this season are the fascinatingly becoming fur hats which are so many different models. Made entirely of fur, of velvet or beaver with fur, of soft turban shape or in stiff three cornered style, there is not a more attractive variety, to choose from. Much depends upon the fur with which the hat is worn; for this season everything must match. Two kinds of fur may be combined in the hat, but hat, stole or coat and muff must be the same. The woman who can afford to wear chinchilla—and this means that it must be becoming—can have a most fascinating turban or toque with crown of gray, cerise or blue velvet and brim of chinchilla. If the gray of the fur is becoming—the velvet crown of the same color is the smartest, but if the touch of contrast is best, then it should be chosen instead. The band of skunk around the crown of a smooth beaver hat, in the three cornered shape is effective, and two stiff feathers of cerise or bright scarlet make the model most becoming. A dull gold ornament and a tuft of marabou feathers in a colored velvet turban, trimmed with a band of sealskin, is another popular fashion; but the plainer, more severe styles will win the greatest amount of approval. As a rule, the fur hats are small, but there are one or two styles that are quite large and are made in sealskin or baby lamb, trimmed with a band of skunk, lynx or fox. The large Chacoak shape, too, with broad band of fur around the brim and the entire crown made of roses or orchids, is another of this season's models that is decidedly new. Although at first glance it may seem like the same old turban lines that have been known for so many, many years, it is quite different, larger in head size, so that it comes more over the face and with higher inside crown; and while it is as if it were round it is shaped larger in front and back than at the sides. The short haired furs, sealskin and baby lamb, are not so effective in this style as the long haired ones, and most effective with a high cockade of tulle or net bows.

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For Infants and Children.

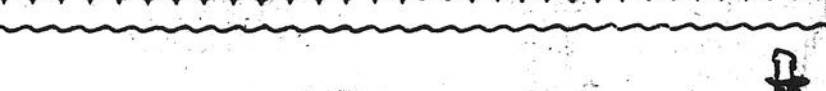
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A CHRISTMAS REMINDER.

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.



MY LADY'S BOOK SHELF

Books as Gifts.

When I doubt play trumps, is an old axiom, and I think a good one. For Christmas might be tramped to "When in doubt give books." True, it is that there are some benighted persons who have no use for a book, except to put in a bookshelf or to cutting garments. There is an old story about some Oxford, or was it Cambridge? don who was known to buy books chiefly to fill his shelves and one day when a box had been opened he said: "Dear me, I am surprised to find that I have not a single book in my library."

Personally, I am not a book collector. I don't know what I shall do with "em, and the reply was, "Read 'em, my dear sir, read 'em."

Everybody knows persons like that, persons who buy books to furnish their shelves just as they buy bric-a-brac for the drawing room. They get whole sets bound in red leather, and they are put beautifully in order from volume one to volume twenty, and books so seldom go together. Why is it, I wonder. Is there something in the bookish frame of mind which is not conducive to the accumulation of books? We must ask our Mr. Murray, who always knows everything about books.

When I look over my shelves at the old favorites I am surprised to find them nearly all poetry. That is, I suppose, the result of being brought up on Homer, Tennyson and Longfellow. One of my very oldest books is a scrapbook with favorite poems cut from papers and magazines pasted in. This was done by one long dead who had a true love of poetry. Another youthful favorite is called "Poetry for Home and School," and has such jolly old rhymes as "There was an old man who lived in a wood,"—the old man, you remember, who thought he could do more work in one day than his wife could do in three. It applies to many men to-day. Any other favorite at this season would be "Twas the night before Christmas," and all through the house. I think I must cull a poem from this old volume for my readers to-day. Here I am musing on about my old books when I started to consider books in presents. Well, they make very nice presents and that is just about all there is to say, only choose them carefully, choose them carefully.

Merrie Christmas

Try to keep happy and "Merrie" Christmas. Try to make it a blessed and unforgettable festival of pleasure for more than yourselves. Do some little special kindness, unobtrusively, in your own immediate neighborhood, and never bother about the "inconvenience" or "the trouble," or "the cold."

Cold Christmas? No! Our Christmas is not cold; Although the north winds blow And pile the drifting snow, And the beech-trees on the freezing wold Rock sadly to and fro.

Our Christmas bears a warm, true heart, His face is red with glee, And he jests and laughs And sings and quaffs— He was never unkind to me, my love, May he never be cold to thee!

Old Christmas? No! Though states and kingdoms wear, And change and ruin grow From ages as they flow, He's as light of tread, as young and fair As a thousand years ago.

The morning beams are always new And scatter blessings free, And Christmas, the Day Is as new as they, He was never old to me, my love, May he never grow old to thee!

OUR LIGHTER MOMENTS

Father's "Night Before."

(With apologies to the original.) 'Twas the night before Christmas that I was lying in bed, and my father was pacing the floor up and down the stairs. Looking quite as ferocious as fifty old bears.

And when he came to my door, he said: "Six stockings were hung: To fill them with presents. His wallet he'd wring, For the children, Emma, And Florence and Joy, And Gerald—"

This last was a boy, Besides Grandpa and Grandpas And Cousins galore. There were Uncles and Aunties, A dozen or more.

For the children, Emma, And Florence and Joy, And Gerald—

The money to buy with From Father was sought, And then back to bed, with Words one could scarce hear: Christmas, thank goodness, comes Just once a year!

The Yarn That Fetched a Quarter.

Sed-eyed Party—"Say, boss, won't you give me a few cents towards get-

ting my wife into the Old Ladies' Home?"

Householder (dubiously).—"Why doesn't your wife come herself?"

For some reason, it is quite clear, she's a woman, and you kin hardly expect her to go around admittin' she is old enough for that."

See that the Name CROMPTON Is on your Corset. It means Perfect Fit Latest Style and Wearable Qualities unexcelled. 35 Years Uninterrupted Popularity.

THE HOME MAKERS' DEPARTMENT

A Vegetarian Christmas Menu.

The ordinary Christmas recipes are so well known to all that I am giving you to-day a vegetarian Christmas menu, furnished me by the Secretary of the Order of the Golden Age. A suggestion I should like to make is that the salad course instead of being plain lettuce might be celery and apple chopped together on lettuce leaves with mayonnaise dressing. This is called Waldorf Salad and is delicious.

Another suggestion is that the cheese be the little cream cheeses made so deliciously by our Macdonald College pupils.

Soup Julienne with fried bread dice. Walnut Roast. Cranberry Sauce. Bread Sauce. Cauliflower. Mashed Potatoes. Plum Pudding. Mince Pies. Cheese. Lettuce Salad. Nuts, raisins, fruit.

Soup Julienne. Cut carrots, turnips, onions, celery and leeks or onions into thin strips, using double the quantity of carrots and turnips. Fry slowly in two

Two charmingly pretty books that I have read and that everyone would enjoy, without any danger to their morals, are "Katherine the Arrogant," by Croker, and "Galatea of the Wheatfields," by M. E. Francis. Digressing a moment it is always cause for wonder when you read the condensed work you find it either so silly or feeble or puerile that it slides off your mind like water off a duck's back, or is a more local simile—spew off our house-rooms.

The morals that are affected by such works must be in a very bad state indeed, and only waiting for the thinnest shove, real or imaginary, to topple into the mud. I am a great believer in the old saw, "To the pure all things are pure," and I do not believe in forbidding the young person to read this or that. Do not have morbid nor unwholesome nor low books in the house, but remember that youth is apt to hanker after the forbidden fruit and once it is forbidden it becomes desirable. If the taste of youth is formed in its earliest years it will turn instinctively from what is bad to what is good.

But to return to Katherine, the Arrogant. It is a brightly told tale of a well born and luxuriously brought up girl, who upon the world with scarcely a penny. A worldly old body takes her in charge and from thence on her adventures are full of interest, ending, of course, as all proper novels do, with a happy marriage.

Galatea is the story of a country girl transported from the wheatfields to the desert of society. She is in love with a man who is a Christian, and of her I leave you to find out. Both stories are light and bright and eminently readable.

Once More.

Once more Christmas has come around and once more we are all immersed in the business of sending presents. Unfortunately it is too often a business and not the pleasure it should be and I do think that when it becomes so it is time to give it up. Not only when it is a business for all pleasure possesses a certain business element, but when it is business devoid of pleasure. When it becomes a hardship, a tediousness to the flesh, a bore and a nuisance to get presents for people, don't get them. The way to enjoy Christmas is to throw oneself into the spirit of it, to rush round from shop to shop picking up pretty little things, expensive or inexpensive as the case may be. Thinking of each one of our friends and wishing them something that will suit their habits or tastes, trying up each little gift daintily and sending them off, delivering love letters on Christmas Eve, on Christmas morning, in this manner it is possible to give and to take much unselfish pleasure out of Christmas.

You hear of cynics and of the cynics running down Christmas, saying it is a melancholy time, a season of rejoicing for children alone and so forth. But do away with Christmas, and where would we be? Is it possible to imagine a nation of Christians doing without the universal rejoicing over the birth of their Saviour? The religious side of Christmas is sometimes supposed to be lost in the social but after all what is Christmas but the essence of Christianity, namely, love and service. We may not talk much of being Christians, but we are Christians if we spend ourselves in bringing joy and happiness to others.

When doing so do not forget the poor and lowly and those who serve us. Do not forget the scavenger and the post-man and the newspaper boy and those who help to make our life in life easy and comfortable. There are men and women who think only of their rich and influential friends, but those who love out of her station and what becomes of her I leave you to find out. Both stories are light and bright and eminently readable.

POEMS WORTH REMEMBERING.

SUNDAY.

O day most calm, most bright! The fruit of this, the next world's bud: The endorsement of supreme belief. Write by a Friend and with His blood: The couch of Time, care's calm and bay: The work we mark but for thy light: Thy torch doth show the way.

The other days and thou Make up one man; whose face thou art, Knocking at Heaven with thy brow: The working days are the back part: The burden of the week lies there: Making the whole to stoop and bow, Till thy release appear.

Man had straightforward gone To endless drifts, the cold and dull And turn us round to look on one, Whom if we were not very dull, We could not choose but look on still: Since there is no place so alone The which he did not fill.

Sundays the pillars are On which Heaven's palace arched lies: The other days fill up the space, And below room with vanities. They are the fruitful beds and borders In God's rich garden; that is, the work we mark but for thy light: Thy torch doth show the way.

The Builders. All are architects of Fate, Working in these walls of Time: Some with massive deeds and great, Some with ornaments of rhyme. Nothing useless is, or low: Each thing in its place is best: And what seems but idle show Strengthens and supports the rest. For the structure that we raise, Time is with materials filled: Our to-days and yesterday Are the blocks with which we build.

Truly shape and fashion these: Leave no sawing gaps between: Think not because no man sees Such things will remain unseen In the older days of Art. Builders wrought with greatest care Each minute and unseen part: For the Gods see everything. Less on our work we dwell, Both to us work and the sum: Make the house where Gods may dwell, Beautiful, entire and clean.

Else our lives are incomplete. Standing in these walls of Time Broken stairways where the feet Stumble as they seek to climb. Build to-day, then, strong and sure, With a firm and ample base: And ascending and secure Shall to-morrow find its place.

This alone can we attain: To share the life the eye Sees the world as one vast plain, And one boundless reach of sky.—Longfellow.

Women Who Work.

Early this month women were privileged to hear one of the most eloquent speeches I have ever heard from man or woman, a speech that it was a joy to hear and an education to Mrs. Snowden, a suffragist from England. In her moving speech she brought some vital facts before the eyes of the women whose sphere of work lies outside the home. Picture to yourself what this means, an army of working women almost equal to the whole population of Canada. There are persons who deem women working and proclaim with eloquence and persuasiveness that the home is woman's sphere and that her work is domestic. But what of these five million women who are forced to work? Surely any woman would prefer to stay comfortably at home and do the easy household tasks, to go forth to toil in factory or shop or office.

The truth is that at present, as things are, women are forced to work. And as they are forced to work is not right that they should be paid a living wage? And are the many thousands of women who work in shops and factories in our city paid a wage that makes it possible for them to live honestly and decently?

This is a matter I should very much like to see our women's clubs take up seriously. I should like them to investigate the pay girls get in shop and factory and other places of employment, and see if it is right and just. There have been cases known to me of girls coming from the country and working in shops where they got only three or three-fifty a week. One such case was where a girl of seventeen got three-fifty and paid three for her board, while at home she had the place of employment that she had to take the cars one way at least. This left her just twenty-five cents a week for clothes, laundry, medicine and all the other necessary expenses. Could she live on such pay? Such facts give one the heart-ache, but we sit around and do nothing. Let the women of Montreal bestir themselves and see that the working-girl gets a chance.

CHRIST CRUCIFIED. I saw in milk and mine, and shop. The little slaves of greed: I heard the strife of race with race, All sprung from one God-seed. And then I bowed my head in shame, And in contrition cried "Lo, after nineteen hundred years, Christ still is crucified."

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

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ounces of butter until brown. Then place in two quarts of desired amount of vegetable stock and simmer until tender. Season with salt and a touch of sugar. Before serving add finely-chopped parsley.

Walnut Roast. Take three cups of bread crumbs, one and a half cups of crushed walnuts, one finely-chopped onion, browned in butter, and powdered herbs to suit, and three well-beaten eggs. Pour sufficient water over the bread to soften thoroughly. Mix all well together and bake for one hour in a little olive oil. This should cut solid.

Force Meat Balls. Take a quarter-pound fine bread crumbs, rub in a little butter, chopped parsley and seasoning and bind with a beaten egg. Make into small balls and fry crisp in boiling oil. Drain well and serve garnished with parsley.

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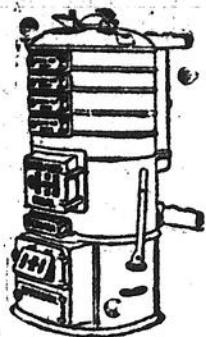
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WATER POWER FOR THE COBALT MINE

Matibichonama River Power Will Revolutionize Conditions in Camp.

Special to The Montreal Star.
Toronto, Ont., December 24.—Mr. E. A. Wallberg, of the Mines Power Company, Limited, which is developing power at the Matibichonama river for transmission to Cobalt, is in the city and reports that the company at the present rate of progress, expects to be in Cobalt shortly after the New Year.

There is a 310 feet fall at the point named, and the company proposes to supply electrical power and compressed air to the various Cobalt companies. The advent of this power will mean much to the Cobalt camp in the development of promising prospects, the owners of which do not hold themselves prepared to erect expensive plants to prove the properties.

LOCAL OPTIONIST UP AGAINST IT

Sudbury License Commissioner Charged With Breaking Licensed Law.

Special to The Montreal Star.
Sudbury, Ont., December 24.—In the heat of the local option campaign at Chapleau, a charge of selling liquor without a license has been laid against Thomas Pellow, a merchant of that town, an ardent local optionist and a member of the Board of License Commissioners for the district of Sudbury. The hearing of the charge, which was taken place yesterday, but was adjourned for a week at the request of the Crown, owing to an important witness having been called out of town. It is alleged by the private prosecutor that Pellow had been selling in his store wines greatly in excess of the strength allowed by law.

WHITE'S COVE, N.B.—Samuel B. Orchard is dead, aged 49 years.

MIXED MARRIAGE AND ITS SEQUEL

Archdeacon's Daughter Who Married Japanese Boy Returns to Her San Francisco Home.

Special to The Montreal Star.
San Francisco, December 24.—Helen Emery Aoki, daughter of the Episcopal Archdeacon of San Francisco, who was married to a Japanese house servant last spring, will return to her parents' home, alleging cruelty on the part of her husband.

When Miss Emery wedded Gunjiro Aoki, her Japanese house boy, nine months ago it created a fine days' sensation. Archdeacon bitterly opposed the marriage, but the mother sided with the girl. The couple went to Seattle, where they lived in a colony of Orientals who had married white women.

Recently a child was born, and this seemed to change Aoki. He stopped regular work and began to spend his days among his own countrymen, returning home only when his money was exhausted. When Mrs. Aoki refused to give him funds that he requested, he abused and finally beat her.

COLORED LAD CONVICTED.
Pushed Way Into Post Office Line, When Ejected, Used Dirk.
Special to The Montreal Star.
Toronto, N.S., Dec. 24.—A young colored lad named Ashe has been convicted of stabbing and wounding Percy Hill, a commercial traveller, who undertook to prevent his place, and that of several lady friends, who had formed in line at the postoffice delivery window here on Monday evening.

Ashe and several other colored lads forced their way into the group, and Hill resented the intrusion by ejecting Ashe. The latter drew a dirk and slashed Hill's arm.

Application has been made to have Ashe committed to the reformatory in Halifax for four years.

BROODING LED TO INSANITY.

Chief Crown Witness Who Was Friend of Murderer Loses Reason.
Western Associated Press.

Pilot Mound, Man., December 24.—The aftermath of the Hainor murder case, which closed last night ago, in Yorkton, is the commitment to the Morden jail of Reginald Wooke, for investigation as to his insanity. Wooke was a friend and an employee of the murderer, Alfred Fraser, and was the chief witness for the Crown. It is supposed that the crime preyed upon his mind.

PARIS STUDENTS SHOW DISPLEASURE

An Unpopular Law Faculty Dean Made to Realize His Official Unpopularity.

The students of the Paris School of Law, opposite the Pantheon, have recently been clamoring for the resignation of the Dean of the Faculty, and they demonstrated their dissatisfaction with some violence. The students' plain of undue severity and favoritism on the part of M. Lyon-Caen, and they decided to show that they are united in desiring him to resign. As soon as the amphitheatres were opened for the lectures there were shouts of "Conspuez Lyon-Caen! Conspuez Lyon-Caen! A bas le Doyen!" And the hubbub was so great that the lectures could not even be begun.

This quite answered the intentions of the students, who thereupon commenced to break up everything that they lay hands upon. Desk-stands were torn off and thrown through the windows, and chairs and stools were hurled about. There was not an unbroken piece of furniture or an unbroken window-pane in any one of the amphitheatres. When there was no more destruction to be done the students gathered in one of the corridors and burned Bengal lights and shouted "A bas Lyon-Caen! Lyon-Caen l'assassin!"

Meanwhile M. Lyon-Caen had telephoned for the police, and a whole brigade invaded the doors and courtyards. All strangers and press representatives were expelled, and the police then attempted to drive the students out of the school. The students, however, with a better knowledge of the disposition of the different corridors, staircases, and doorways, led the police a merry chase for more than a quarter of an hour, appearing first here and then there, and breaking the windows to let out their cries, always the same: "A bas Lyon-Caen l'assassin!" The crowd which had gathered outside were then amused to see 200 students run out in fours, and make away down the Rue St. Jacques, shouting and brandishing sticks and bats as they went. The police were several seconds behind, so that their attempt to break up the body of demonstrators came to nothing. The students then kept up a jog-trot, made a short demonstration in front of M. Lepine's room at the Prefecture of Police, and then visited different quarters on the right bank of the river, generally making sufficient disturbance to draw a police force, but always showing a quick pair of heels when danger threatened them.

The agitation is for once a non-political effervescence. In contrast to this was the demonstration at the cemetery of Mont Parnasse, at which all the Royalist and Roman Catholic students were present. This demonstration, which was to commemorate the notorious Nationalist agitator Syveton, also provoked the intervention of the police. About three hundred Nationalist Royalists assembled near Syveton's tomb, but for some time the police did not interfere. At last, however, one of the demonstrators showed a bill on which was printed: "To the memory of Syveton, murdered by order." The seizure of this bill, and the attempt to rescue it, caused the first conflict between the police and the demonstrators. A repetition of the sentiment expressed on the bill and a general cry of "Vive le Roi!" "A bas le Ratons!" brought about a renewal of the struggle. The police charged several times, and then cleared the cemetery. Twenty of the demonstrators were arrested, but most of them were released soon afterwards.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—Miss Charlotte Vassie, daughter of the late William Vassie, wholesale dry goods merchant, is dead, aged 23 years.
Daniel Pritch is dead, aged 62 years.
Fanny M. wife of Charles H. Lee, of the Bank of New Brunswick staff here, is dead.

Personals

Mr. C. A. Cole, of Caledonia Springs, is at the Windsor.

Sir Henry Pellatt, of Toronto, was at the Windsor yesterday.

Mr. Elwood Hosmer leaves for Europe in the middle of January.

Mr. Kenneth Rae, Solicitor, has left to spend a few weeks in England.

Mrs. Riley and Miss Riley, who are still away, will spend Christmas in the South.

Miss M. A. O'Brien, of Quebec, is in town, the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. Mackay.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Smith are residing at 461 Lansdowne avenue for the winter.

Mrs. James Dunbar, of Quebec, is in town, the guest of her son, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Dunbar.

Miss Cecil Buller is visiting her sister Mrs. Arthur H. Allan, Bishop Court Apartments.

Miss Elizabeth Nunns, Park avenue, will spend Christmas with her parents in Coaticook.

Miss Amy Dwyer, who is at present in the city, will return to Chicago early in January.

Mrs. R. McCarthy, Victoria street, has left to spend the holidays with her sister, in Utica, N.Y.

Miss Marion Goldsworthy, Broadway, Lachine, is still in the Hecopathia Hospital, ill with typhoid fever.

Mrs. Charles Handyside and Miss Lorraine Handyside, Dorchester st., are visiting relatives in Toronto.

Miss Boyden, Mackay street, is confined to the bed with a dislocated arm, the result of a fall.

Mrs. H. S. Albro, of Fitchburg, Mass., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Joseph Sissons, McGill College avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McDougall and their family will spend the Xmas and New Year holidays at Atlantic City, N. J.

Mrs. Lever, of New York, who arrives in town shortly, will be the guest of Mrs. Leslie Gault, McTavish street.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Bernard Evans, "Hampton Court," have left for Toronto, where they will spend Christmas.

Miss Beatrice Weir, who has been at the University of Chicago, since September, has returned home for the holidays.

Captain Newton is the guest of Their Excellencies the Governor-General and the Countess Grey at Government House, Ottawa.

Dr. Fraser D. Gurd arrives in town today from New Orleans and will be the guest of his father, Dr. D. F. Gurd, Bishop street.

Mrs. and Mr. T. J. Stevenson, Bishop Court, and niece, Miss Upper, left for day for the Catharines, Ont., to spend the holidays.

Mrs. McMullen, of Woodstock, Ont., who has been the guest of her brother, Captain F. A. Gascoigne, Hope avenue, has returned home.

Dr. Arthur Lemieux, who has been travelling abroad for some time with Mrs. Lemieux and son, will arrive in Montreal on Tuesday.

Dr. and Mrs. G. Guelph Armitage, St. Catherine street west, have gone to Sherbrooke to spend Christmas with Dr. Armitage's parents.

Mrs. Cecil Pangman and family, Stanley street, have left for Quebec to spend Christmas with Mrs. Pangman's mother, Mrs. Sewell.

Mrs. George Smithers, Sherbrooke street, is giving a not-out dance on Tuesday evening, Dec. 28th, for her daughters, the Misses Smithers.

Miss Jeanne and Miss Claire Marcell have left to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Hon. Charles and Madame Marcell, in Ottawa.

Mrs. Arthur Gault, University street, is entertaining at "bridge" on Wednesday afternoon, December 29th, in honor of Mrs. Lever, of New York.

Mrs. D. A. Hart, Sherbrooke street west, accompanied by her son, Mr. Gault, the amphi-theatre here opened for the first time for ten days.

Mrs. Bertha H. Murray, has returned from a three months' visit in Duluth, Minn., and will remain for the winter with her mother, Mrs. Knapp, 77 Mansfield street.

Mr. Glendyn L. Coran, lately of Montreal, and now of New York, is at present at the Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., completing his course of civil engineering.

The marriage of Miss Janet Fielding, daughter of the Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, to Mr. R. N. McFee, of London, is arranged to take place on January 1st.

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Macdonald, of Winnipeg, accompanied by their two young daughters, have arrived in town to spend Christmas with Mrs. Macdonald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell, Park avenue.

The Alma Mater dance will take place at the McGill Union on Monday, January 17th. This dance is given by the Students' Union of McGill University and is the most important undergraduate social affair of the college year.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Atkinson, Toronto, announce the engagement of their second daughter, Etta Marjorie, to Mr. Thomas Arthur Domes, only son of the late Thomas Domes. The wedding will take place very quietly on January 5.

Xmas Tree.
The pupils of Miss M. N. Ball's school, 33 Bishop street, gave a Xmas tree and entertainment, followed by an afternoon tea. The sum of \$25 was realized, which goes towards the support of the school held in the Children's Memorial Hospital. The following children took part: Ruth Foster, Ruth and Athol Nash, Betty and Carroll Gault, Jackie and Mary Macintosh, Marjorie and William Robertson, Isabel Robertson, Jean Dunbar, Dorothy and Eileen Russell, Clara Murphy, Reginald Jacobs, John Sneltinger, Margaret Mitchell, Phyllis Rykert.

FATAL FRACAS IN A BOARDING HOUSE

Proprietor Tried to Settle Row, Was Plunged Against Wall and Died.

Special to The Montreal Star.
Milton, Ont., December 24.—William Hilson, who kept a boarding house at the Limekilns, about two miles from Milton, died on Wednesday as the result, it is claimed, of a fight which took place in his house last Sunday. It is alleged that on a row starting over a game of cards, among some of the boarders, Hilson intervened, and in the fracas which followed was thrown against a wall with such violence that he was badly cut about the head and lost a large quantity of blood. It is claimed, however, that the man's death was hastened by diabetes in an advanced stage.

No arrests have been made as yet. An important witness wanted by the police is missing. Dr. H. A. McCall, of Hamilton, the coroner, opened an inquest last night, but adjourned it for a week in order that the cause of death may be ascertained by a post-mortem examination, and that further evidence from the witnesses of the affair may be secured.

BIGAMIST BLAMES WOMEN.

Woodstock Man Who Deserted Second Wife to Marry Third, Caught.

Special to The Montreal Star.
Woodstock, Ont., December 24.—George Thornton, aged 24 years, whose home is in Ingersoll, was charged at the police court with bigamy. He pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to two years in the Kingston penitentiary.

Thornton was tried on the same charge here four years ago, but was released on condition that he would look after his second wife. He went to Flint, Mich., after deserting two little ones, and married a third wife. He was arrested to-day on a warrant sworn out by his second wife here. Thornton's only plea was that women had led him astray.

WILD LEOPARD AT RIVERDALE

Escaped From Cage and Required Five Shots to Kill.

Special to The Montreal Star.
Toronto, Ont., December 24.—In the removal of the animals from the Riverdale Zoo yesterday, the untoward actions of the Indian leopard caused much anxiety. The animal rushed out of the open cage into a netted enclosure and defied all efforts to dislodge it.

It was found necessary, finally, to put an end to its existence, and two expert shots were called into requisition. Five shots were required to kill the untamed animal.

LORD ROBERTS ON WAR IN THE AIR

He Points Out Great Value Aeroplanes May Be In Coming Warfare.

A stirring appeal to the nation to "wake up" to the possibilities of war in the air was made by Lord Roberts at the United Service Institution recently. The veteran's call came as an unexpected adjunct to an address by Major Baden-Powell on aviation. The lecturer dealt largely with the dangers, unrealized in this country, of an aerial war.

Lord Roberts, speaking with surprising energy for a man of his years, said:

From the experimental stage of the airship, something must be evolved which will, perhaps, astonish those who come after us as much as the present incomplete aeroplane and dirigible balloon astonished us. What we have to do is to make war in the air.

We have not done much in England in the matter of aerial machines. We have been rather willing to benefit by the experience of other people, but we cannot afford to be behindhand—they may be of the greatest value in the next war.

People are brave and confident about our own trials, and above all, we must have a staff of men trained ready to adapt themselves to aerial machines. I am anxious that the country should wake up to the necessity of doing the utmost to perfect these aerial machines. We are still strangely apathetic upon everything.

I have just read a book called "The Value of Ignorance." It is the value of ignorance which pervades the whole country. People are brave and confident because they know nothing about what is going on.

They would not be quite so valorous if they knew what is in what is in store for them unless they wake up. At any rate, they might be valorous, but they would not be so confident.

Major Baden-Powell said that both dirigible balloons and aeroplanes could be made great use of in war; and in a few years their efficiency would be greatly increased. If properly used, not by ones and twos, but by hundreds, they would without doubt greatly affect our methods of warfare.

Reconnaissance would be much more efficiently carried out, operations quickened, and wars more rapidly lost or won. Raids into the enemy's country would tend to hamper and delay his actions and spread the zone of operations over the whole country. This country must at once make due preparations for defence against aggression.

The lecturer went on to remark: "It must sound curious to speak of an aeroplane being used as a substitute for a horse, and a dirigible as a substitute for a small compact form (like Santos-Dumont's Demoselle) might almost be used in such a capacity."

"Such a machine could probably be built for £100, and the manipulation, to a thoroughly trained man, need not occupy much more of his attention than would that of a horse."

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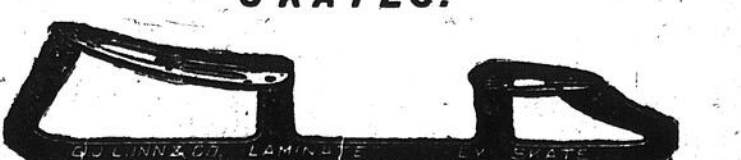
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grappling irons and the lassoes used to cut the enemy's propellers. A collision between two aeroplanes, he added, would be fatal to both.

Having described the dangerous uses to which aerial warships might be put, the lecturer showed how Britain ought to guard against them.

"Every likely point of attack, such as arsenals and stores, even though far inland, should have arrangements for defence," he said. "Special guns should be mounted around it, and other appliances, such as rockets and kites or small captive balloons could be let up to a great height with explosive mines and electrical equipment."

PEER'S GRANDSON

MARRIES ACTRESS.

Miss Violet Holm, a pretty young actress who had been appearing in "The Merry Peasant" at the Strand Theatre, was recently married to Mr. Alan Hillier Henry Gardner, a grandson of Lord Blyth.

The ceremony took place at the Strand Registry Office, the bride, who is in her twenty-first year, being described on the register as the daughter of Mr. James Holm, of independent means. The bridegroom, who is twenty-

three, is the eldest son of the late Colonel Alan Gardner, formerly M. P. for Ross, Herefordshire. He was educated at Eton and afterwards at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. He first saw his bride behind the footlights when she was appearing in "Peter Pan" and a friendship then began grew into love at subsequent meetings on the golf links.

The ceremony took place quietly in the presence of a few friends, who afterwards adjourned to Clement's Inn. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Gardner left town for an extended honeymoon.

For some time past Mr. Gardner has been a constant attendant at the Strand Theatre, but the marriage has come as a complete surprise to Miss Holm's colleagues. The only intimation received by the stage-manager was a letter informing him that Miss Holm would be unable to appear again.

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AT LOCA L'HEATRES.

May Robson will be seen at His Majesty's Theatre for one week beginning December 27. Miss Robson has scored the hit of her career in this quaint comedy "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary," by Anne Warner. She has played it to crowded houses from coast to coast and all the principal cities in Canada. This is Miss Robson's third season as Aunt Mary. L. S. Sims, under whose management Miss Robson is starring, has surrounded her with the same cast as when first produced. Miss Robson loses her own identity completely in the role. Her quaint, old-fashioned wit and humor is spontaneous. The play is divided into three acts, the first and last of which take place in the old colonial home of Aunt Mary, while the second act is laid at the home of a wealthy young New Yorker. Jack Watkins is a young college man who, while something over six feet in height, never grew up mentally until he met the girl. Aunt Mary has the ready money and has not only brought him up, but has furnished him with a comfortable home at different times to get him out of trouble. At the opening of the play Jack has shot somebody's cook in the arm for which \$500 is asked, plunder a cabman soundly for which a demand of \$5,000 is made; and get himself tangled up in some way with a girl from Kalamazoo, who thinks \$15,000 a day right for her lacerated feelings. Jack is strapping fellow and looks better qualified to saw wood than to beat up a fied to saw wood than to beat up a cabman and live in the bounty of Aunt Mary. Aunt Mary stands for everything with a ready pocketbook until the girl from Kalamazoo comes on the scene. She believes that Jack has gone a little too far this time and tearfully destroys her will. Three weeks later she is tired to the house of Jack's friend, Burton, in New York, where, in the hands of her nephew and his three friends the rejuvenation begins.

THE PRINCESS.
The closing week of the short season of the French opera bouffe at the Princess theatre will begin Monday next. The repertoire is as follows: Monday, "Le Petit Duc," 8.15 p.m.; Tuesday, "Carmen," 8 p.m.; Wednesday, "Carmen," 8 p.m.; Thursday, "Carmen," 8 p.m.; Friday, "Le Petit Duc," 8 p.m.; Saturday, "Faust," 8 p.m.; Sunday, "Mignon," 8 p.m. It will be observed that the time for the curtain to rise has been fixed slightly earlier than usual. The object of this is to allow of the opera being performed in the best of time and to permit of the audience getting home in good time. Those who attend the productions will therefore be contributing to the general enjoyment of the play, and a point of being in their seats in good time. The casts will be stronger than ever next week, for with the additions to the list of artists, a special shape of soloists.

ACADEMIE.
One might characterize next week's programme of the French School Company at the Academie, as from grave to gay, as the one act drama "Cavalleria Rusticana" is a serious and most dramatic story. It deals with a young Italian soldier going away to war, leaving his wife and child in the hands of a wicked woman, who, in his rage, challenges his rival and meets his death in duel that follows. It is a play of dramatic scene and situation and in it Miss Robson, as the wife, has played with a fidelity and a thoughtfulness that has won the approval of the audience. The second half of the bill is given over to a bright bit of opera bouffe, "Chouchette," which is a comedy in a love affair, but it treats the subject in a humorous way. The hero is a bashful lover, lacking the courage to propose, and only forced into doing so when the happy idea of a thoughtless friend incites his jealousy. "Chouchette" is an opera with a plot and in its cast Rouvriere will be seen at his best, as a jolly singing character. It will offer him an opportunity to display his versatility as he has not as yet been seen in the role. Both plays are excellent of their kind, distinct and different in every way, and the combination should offer an exceedingly attractive holiday bill to the patrons of this theatre. A special matinee is announced for next Monday.

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MUSICAL NOTES.
Beethoven Trio.
Madame Marguerite Froehlich, who founded the Beethoven Trio, will be the soloist at their next concert in Windsor Hall on January 10th. Madame Froehlich is a descendant of Anton Schindler, the friend of Beethoven, of musical history, and all the traditions of the master came to her as a right heritage. She has been a well-known figure on the concert platform of Germany, Russia and the United States. Madame Froehlich's selections for this concert will include the latest work of Emil Seaver, called "Concert in E-flat major," which made a hit in Berlin recently. Furthermore, the concert will be a most interesting one, as the Beethoven Trio consists of three composers, such as trios by Schubert, the waltzer of the Queen of Sheba, and Hans von Bülow. The latter trio being dedicated to von Bülow; also a sonata for cello and piano by Rachmanoff.

Sacred Cantata.
On Wednesday evening, December 29th, the choir of Trinity Church, numbering about sixty voices, will render the sacred Christmas cantata, "Story of Bethlehem," by John E. West. This cantata has never been given by any choir in Montreal. Trinity choir have been doing very good work, and have gained a reputation for themselves. Mr. O. M. Brown will be at the organ, and the soloists will be Mrs. C. M. Cameron, soprano; Mrs. Jones, also Mrs. E. Jones, tenor; Mr. H. Bourdon, tenor; Mr. C. McL. Johnson, bass. A short organ recital will precede the cantata.

Mme. Mariska-Aldrich.
At the song recital in aid of the Montreal Poor Relief Association, on Wednesday, January 7th, the following programme will be given:
(a) "Tutu" (from the opera "Mozart")
(b) "Die Jungfrau von Orléans" (Schubert)
(c) "Wanderer's Nacht Lied" (Schubert)
(d) "Der Schimmel" (Brahms)
(e) "Recita and Aria" (De Liza)
(f) "Ronde d'Amour" (Chaminade)
(g) "Hungarian Songs sung in English"
(h) "Russian Song sung in Russian"
(i) "A Morning Hymn" (Henschel)
(j) "My Highland Maid" (Henschel)
(k) "The Fire Worshippers" (Von Liebig)
(l) "The Song of the Sea" (H. Ware)
(m) "Danza" (Chadwick)

Volanda Mero a Bride.
Volanda Mero, the beautiful Hungarian pianist, who came to America six weeks ago to make a concert tour, was married in the Prince George Hotel, New York, to Horvath, one of the managers of the Steinway Piano Co. The wedding occurred at 9 o'clock, and two hours later Volanda was playing at a morning musicale given by the Harlem Women's Philharmonic Society at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. On Monday, December 28th, she will play at the Manhattan Opera House Sunday night concert. She met her husband for the first time a week after her arrival. On January 11th, 1910, she will appear at the Windsor Hall, Montreal, together with M. de Gogorza.

Amateur Opera.
The Montreal Amateur Operatic Society have commenced rehearsals on the new musical comedy, "The Merry Widow," which will be produced in the Stanley Hall in February. The stage manager is Mr. W. Tremayne, and a full orchestra has been engaged for the production. Mr. Metcalf himself will conduct. There will be a chorus of 15.

Busoni Coming.
It is claimed that there will be almost a dearth of really great pianists coming to America this winter. In this account, however, Busoni's visit evokes special interest. His three recent appearances in London, where he arrived in New York shortly for a three months' tour of the United States and Canada, have been most successful. He will play at the St. Paul Symphony Orchestra, the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, and the St. Paul Symphony Orchestra. He will also play at the Montreal Conservatorium of Music.

Y.M.C.A. Concert.
The Central Young Men's Christian Association are making plans for their annual New Year's concert. This year the concert will be under the direction of Prof. F. H. Blair, and the programme will include such artists as Mr. Merlino, tenor; Signor Barberi, violinist.

PROF. ROBERTSON TAKES LONG HOLIDAY TRIP.
Professor J. W. Robertson, of Macdonald College, will leave for Europe on a long holiday trip towards the end of January to study conditions of rural life in the old land. The professor will visit Switzerland, France and Italy, and will investigate the various systems of agriculture as practiced in European countries.

SHOEMAKERS' CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF CONTROL.
The candidature of Mr. J. P. Carnon to the Board of Control was warmly supported by a meeting of shoemakers held in the rooms of the Canadian Federation of Shoemakers last night.

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Soprano—Madame Hissom de Moss (New York). Contralto—Miss Edith Castle (Boston). Tenor—Stuart Moncur (Glasgow). Bass—Mr. Kenneth Bingham (New York).
Organist—Mr. J. E. F. Martin. Conductor—Harry T. Dickinson.
Tickets, \$1.00 and 75c. Reserved. To be had at Messrs. J. W. Shaw & Co., 375 St. Catherine St. West. General admission, 50c.
An open rehearsal will be held with Soloists and full chorus on Monday, December 27th, at 8.15 P.M. Admission tickets to be had at door, 25c.

NEW YORK THEATRES
Special to The Montreal Star.
New York, December 24.—For singular stage sights in New York this week, I must take you to the largest two playhouses in the world, the New Theatre and the Shubert. They are showing things in "The School for Scandal" and "A Trip to Japan." First, though, it may be as well to tell that some things long wanted to be seen in New York. The Shubert, which they were not in when the author directed its performances; and at this to be presented in New York. The "School for Scandal" is given with ten minutes of useless matter restored at each end—crecendo and diminuendo. The latter was saved before. But the minutest that has been danced at Lady Sneerwell's afternoon gossip session, sometimes in trailing evening wowns, is eliminated.

It is not easy to like the lack of the semblance of a supper in Charles Surcouf's house. As Sheridan wrote the profane says the factually portrays the life of his uncle, who pretends to be a money lender, while the profligate's cronies sork and guzzle in the adjacent dining room, and their exuberance is shown upon their casual return to the library. It was not long after Sheridan's time, though, that stagecraftsmen saw the entertaining assembly at a table, with Charles Surcouf presiding over the revelry. Augustin Dill kept it out of sight. In Beethoven's great musical comedy, as I saw it last summer in London, it was such a royster-fest that the audience felt like joining in the last refrain of "Drink to the lass." At the New Theatre, quite correctly, but less amusingly, the guests halt in the library on their way to the dining room, from which Charles and Careless are called back for the venue.

Who knows whether, in the days of Sheridan, the hypocritical Joseph reached out to grasp the hand of the weeping Sir Peter, as they sat about the table, and shook it in bogus sympathy? You have never seen that left out; and in stock company revivals it is repeated as long as the audiences laugh. Sheridan's comedy was led to its exultation here. The choice had to be made between still more hand-shaking and none at all; so the lines are spoken without the cheapening effect.

There was laughter on the opening night that wasn't wanted in Joseph Surcouf's apartment, although the careful acting has avoided it since. A dramatic test of any actress's Lady Teazle has been a quick step of merriment when the screen is thrown down and she is shown to Sir Peter as Joseph's secret visitor. In the New Theatre cast, Rose Coghlan is merely the Mrs. Candour. In the Wallackian company, after leaving the brilliant Lady Teazle to John Gilbert's unctuous Sir Peter; and never did a titter hold over from the previous fun to break the pause of dramatic silence when she stood by his side, and he, the human woman, the highly gifted Rose, and can't you fancy her listening behind the scenes for the laughter that comes from the audience at the crucial situation. And it came. Not from the parrot. Nor yet from balcony or gallery.

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One Half of Uncle Sam's Exports Go to British Territory

Washington, December 24.—Nearly one-half of the exports from the United States go to British territory, and nearly one-third of its imports come from British territory.

Nearly one billion dollars, according to the Bureau of Statistics, was the value during the first ten months of the present year of the trade between the United States and the British Empire.

The total foreign commerce of the country during the same ten months amounted to about \$2,500,000,000.

The total value of merchandise exported from the United States to British territory in the first ten months of 1909 was \$824,000,000, while the total amount imported from British territory was \$822,000,000.

In its trade with British territory the United States shows an excess of exports over imports to every political division except the East and West Indies.

Canada, second to the United Kingdom, among the British territories, as a market for products of the United States shows the largest increase, the value of the exports there during the ten months of 1909 having been \$154,000,000, as against \$123,000,000 in the corresponding period of last year.

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Shawinigan—10 at 102 1/2, 25 at 103, 25 at 103.

C.P.R. rights—3 at 9 1/2.

The Wall Street market was quiet, but the tone was firm. At 10 o'clock prices of the leaders were pretty well above the opening level, as will be seen by the following:

	Open	One p.m.
Union	202 1/2	202 1/2
U.S. Steel	90 1/2	91 1/2
Reading	171 1/2	171 1/2
Lehigh	105 1/2	105 1/2
Hack Island	48 1/2	49 1/2
Do. pfd.	92 1/2	92 1/2
Copper	87 1/2	88 1/2
Pennsylvania	137 1/2	137 1/2
Smelters ad. 1 p.c.	191 1/2	192

TORONTO RAILS HELD FIRM UP TO THE CLOSE.

Towards the close of the morning session the local market was rather quiet, but interest in Toronto Railing kept up and there were sales at 123 7/8.

Shawinigan was a little firmer, and sold at 103.

PRICES OF QUEBEC MERGER.

Special to The Montreal Star.

Quebec, December 24.—It is stated here that the price paid Mr. Emerson Light & Traction Company, for the Quebec Electric Company, recently merged with the other local electric and gas companies, was \$1,400,000, and that the same interest paid Emerson, McMillan & Co. and J. M. McCarthy \$500,000 for the Frontenac Gas Company.

Wheat Prices Firm, Trade Dull

Wheat at Winnipeg and Chicago was a little firmer to-day, but the markets generally were dull. Winnipeg opened at \$1.04 1/4 for May, and held at that figure during the morning, while December was steady at \$1.01 1/4. Chicago prices opened at \$1.16 for December, and went to \$1.16 1/4, and May at \$1.11 to \$1.11 1/4.

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FIRST POLLING JANUARY 14, IN LONDON

Balfour Expected to Have Walk Over Polls in Manchester First After London

Lloyd-George Compares Peers to Rats, and Says Large Rats are Caught.

By Special Cable From Our Own Correspondent.

London, December 24.—The atmosphere, which is charged with political electricity in a degree unparalleled in recent years, is not exactly favorable to the divine message "Peace on Earth, Good-will Towards Men," but to-day politicians and journals on both sides are making almost pathetic efforts to forget Lloyd-George and Balfour, and think only of Santa Claus.

The Christmas truce will be for four days only, however, and thenceforward the public excitement will intensify until January 14. That is the earliest possible polling day, and certain London boroughs are expected to draw first blood, including Bonar Law's constituency at Dulwich. Balfour will probably have a walkover on the same day in the city of London, where no Radical opponent has yet appeared.

Manchester and Salford, which in 1906, under Winston Churchill's personal championship, gave Radicalism a tremendous start, poll on January 15. The pollings increase in number day by day, and the general result will be pretty clear by Thursday, January 21, though the whole of the seven and a half million electors will not finish polling until January 28.

WINDERMERE.

"A Clear Path to the Throne."

Canadian Associated Press.

London, Eng., December 24.—The following were the leading points made by Lloyd-George in his speech last night:

"The Lords are in the trap! When I recall the contemptuous things said about Wales and Welsh questions, I am glad to think that a Welshman who set the trap. (Prolonged cheers.)

"We have caught the large rats at last! They will not destroy our measures much more. There will be rejoicing in the land when we see the House of Lords set aside, and can see a clear path to the Throne.

"When we see a clear path for education in the land, and for religious equality, the song of Wales will resound through the hills and dales, a song that has not been equalled since the song of Miriam after the Red Sea had been crossed."

Speaking to a large audience, the Earl of Cawdor said: "There is a big tide beginning to flow in favor of Tariff Reform. This tide may be retarded now, but before long it will sweep with it the great mass of feeling throughout the country. (Cheers.)

"The moment we touch Tariff Reform," continued the Earl, "we will have a trade boom in this country, and so bring about a diminution in unemployment." (Cheers.)

Would be First Since Jericho.

Mr. Bonar Law, addressing a meeting last night, deprecated the noise and fury of the campaign, saying: "If the election is going to be settled by violence and shouting, then we are out of the competition, and the campaign is won already, but the City of Jericho is the last recorded instance in history in which a great citadel fell on account of shouting and laughter."

An encouraging report was issued to-day regarding Mr. Balfour's illness. The condition of Mr. Haldane, Minister of War, shows no change.

TEN THOUSAND VISITORS CRUSH CITY STATIONS.

By the different railway lines there have poured into the city in the past day and a half ten thousand people to spend the Christmas vacation here. The railway officials estimate that the number makes up the exodus from the city for the same reason. Every train arriving at the Windsor and Bonaventure Stations to-day was somewhat delayed by the heavy rush of passengers, long stops having been made at all points.

The trains for Ottawa, New York, Toronto and down East all have gone out for the winter. In two to three sections, and all the available rolling stock, has been called into requisition to handle the crowds.

About ten thousand visitors are expected to come to the city for the New Year, many of them staying over till Epiphany.

Probabilities: Western winds, fair; Saturday—Fair at first, snow by night. New York forecast: Eastern States and New York: Partly cloudy to-day; night: Saturday, cloudy, rain or snow by night; moderate north-west to north.

Western New York—Local snows to-night; Saturday, snow; moderate variable winds, becoming south-east.

Montreal weather readings by Hean & Harrison's standard barometer: At noon yesterday, 28.2; at 5 a.m. to-day 29.1; at 10 a.m. to-day 30.0; temperature to-day maximum 25 minimum 15; yesterday maximum 22 minimum 20.

Sun rose this morning at 7.49 o'clock. Will set this evening at 4.48 o'clock. Montreal temperature this date a year ago: Maximum, 11; minimum, 5 below.

Maximum and minimum temperatures: Kamloops, 18, 12; Edmonton, 14, 6 below; Battledore, 2 below, 10 below; Calgary, 20, 4 below; Qu'Appelle, 10, 16 below; Winnipeg, 16, 8 below; Port Arthur, 24, 10; Parry Sound, 22, 26; Toronto, 25, 20; Ottawa, 28, 20; Montreal, 28, 20; Quebec, 28, 16; St. John, 22, 20; Halifax, 24, 22.

Temperature elsewhere: New York, 30; Atlantic City, 40.

GREAT FLOODS IN SPAIN.

Many Houses Swept From Foundations.—Death Roll Heavy.

Madrid, December 24.—Rain storms in the provinces of Salamanca and Leon have caused the most disastrous floods experienced in years. The towns of Burgos, Zamora, Valladolid and Bilbao have suffered most. Many houses have been swept away. Several towns are without light owing to the inundation of the gas and electric plants.

The house was a two-story frame structure, and Glerbo, its occupant, was well-known among the Italians and others in the district. The whole family was wiped out. The house was destroyed.

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SUPREME COURT DISQUALIFIES ALDERMEN

Appeal Allowed with Costs --Two Quebec Judges Fitzpatrick and Girouard Dissent

No Proper Authority for Payment or Controller's Certificate, Declares Majority Judgment.

Special to The Montreal Star.

Ottawa, Ont., December 24.—The Supreme Court at noon to-day pronounced judgment in the case of Laren vs. Laplan 3 et al., allowing the appeal of the Court of Review. The effect of the judgment is to disqualify the members of the civic finance committee of Montreal. The judgment is that of Justices Duff, Davies, Anglin and Ilderton. The two Quebec judges, Chief Justice Fitzpatrick and Mr. Justice Girouard dissented.

The appeal was taken by Laren from the judgment of the King's Bench, reversing the judgment of the Court of Review, and restoring the appeal of the Finance Committee. Laren asked that by quo warranto the Finance Committee be ousted from their seats, disqualified for a term of years, and be made to repay \$5,800 paid on the committee's resolution to Mayor Payette and assistant City Clerk Beaudet on account of expenses to the Champlain Tercentenary. It was alleged that there was no proper authority for the payment or certificate of the controller.

The formal judgment of the majority was not available to-day. It was prepared by Mr. Justice Duff. The expectation in court circles here is that the case will go to the Privy Council.

Details of the Litigation.

The history of the case is an interesting one. At the time of the Tercentenary an invitation was received by the City Council from France to attend festivities that were to take place in that country celebrating the great event.

After discussing the invitation, the City Council decided to instruct the Mayor to attend the function. He was to take with him his secretary. At the time of the giving of the consent no definite amount was stated as to what sum should be spent.

Some time after the Mayor's return from the function, the Finance Committee had voted the expenses of this trip. For this reason the committee should be disqualified for a period of two years. A question also arose as to whether or not the secretary had the right to take his wife with him. In reply to this criticism the secretary stated that he had personally paid the expenses of his wife, and that they had been paid through court after court in the city till it reached the Court of King's Bench, when a judgment was given that merely technical errors had occurred, and that disqualification was not merited.

It was also stated by one of the judges that even if the expenses of more than the mayor and his secretary had been paid, no great wrong could have been committed, as the function was an important one and the mayor had the right to incur expenses to uphold the dignity of his position when attending the festivities.

From the Court of King's Bench the matter was taken to the Supreme Court.

KING ALFONSO'S CONDITION

Declared So Grave That an Operation is Imperative.

Paris, December 24.—The Gil Blas to-day prints a private communication from Madrid to the effect that the condition of King Alfonso has created the gravest anxiety in court circles. Another operation is imperative.

The first of the test cases which the Dominion Alliance is bringing against several city license holders for contravention of the liquor laws, came before Judge Bazin this morning in the action Dominion Alliance vs. Carlsberg. Senator Gioran acted for the Dominion Alliance and Mr. Greenhalgh for the defence. After listening to the arguments on driver side, learned Judge decided to hold the case on till December 31st, when he will render judgment.

EIGHT PEOPLE KILLED.

Whole Family and Boarders Killed by Explosion.

Hillville, Pa., December 24.—The explosion of an oil tank in the home of Santano Clerbo, early this morning, caused the death of at least eight people. Clerbo, his wife, two daughters and a son, and three boarders, Frank Ambrosino, Steve Renzler, and Mike Paradillo. Two other boarders were seriously injured in making their escape.

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AMBULANCE DRIVER RIVALRY TO END IN CRIMINAL COURT

Notre-Dame Hospital Driver Knocked Down by Fire Chief and Suit to Follow.

Either a warrant for his arrest, or an action for damages, and probably both, will be taken against Sub-Chief Briere of the Fire Brigade for striking the driver of the Notre-Dame Hospital ambulance at the fire on William street, last night, when it is alleged that the Sub-Chief forced the driver to release his hold on an injured fireman and ordered that the fireman should be placed on a General Hospital stretcher.

It was an instance of the rivalry that exists between drivers of the Notre-Dame and General Hospitals to get on the scene first and obtain possession of injured patients. In this case the Notre-Dame driver was helping to carry the injured fireman towards his own ambulance, while the General Hospital driver was coming up with an empty stretcher. Several of the firemen wanted to put the injured man on the stretcher, but this would have meant that he would be taken to the General, but the Notre-Dame Hospital wanted to carry him to his own ambulance nearby.

Then Sub-Chief Briere strode up and, it is alleged by the driver, struck the latter on the face, knocking him down and forcing him to release the injured man, who was then put on a General Hospital stretcher, so that the Notre-Dame Hospital lost the case.

All last night the driver, Lambert Tanguay, lay in bed with a headache and, it is alleged by the driver, struck the latter on the face, knocking him down and forcing him to release the injured man, who was then put on a General Hospital stretcher, so that the Notre-Dame Hospital lost the case.

Meanwhile, Sub-Chief Briere is mourning the death of his son, and while steps were being taken to institute an action against him, his son's funeral, afterwards accompanying the body to the Cote des Neiges Cemetery.

"I am certainly going to take out a warrant for Briere's arrest or an action for damages, and both if I can," declared Mr. Vincent M. Hain and Vincent, who has the contract for the Notre-Dame ambulance service.

Mr. Vincent left to see his lawyer late this forenoon to find out exactly the time of the assault no definite amount was stated as to what sum should be spent.

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SUPERIOR COURT, MONTREAL.
In re Dame Eva I. I. is, Deceased
The relatives and creditors of the late Dame Eva I. I. in her lifetime of the City and District of Montreal, are ordered to appear in Room 21, of the Superior Court, on Monday, the 10th day of January, 1910, at 10.30 of the clock, in the forenoon, to give their advice concerning the appointment of a curator to the vacant estate of the said late Dame Eva I. I.
PAUL G. MARTINEAU, J.C.S.
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MEETINGS AND DIVIDENDS

Nova Scotia Silver Cobalt Mining Co., Limited

The Directors of this Company beg to notify all shareholders that Supplementary Letters Patent have been issued, authorizing increase in the capital stock by 500,000 shares, to be issued at the rate of 50c per share. This stock will be offered to all shareholders pro rata with their holdings in the Company, being one share of the new stock for every four held as of record December 31, 1909, on the following terms of payment:

20c per share with application.
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20c per share, April 1, 1910.

A special meeting of shareholders will be held at the office of the company 171 St. James street, Montreal, on Friday, January 21, 1910, at 10 o'clock a.m., and the transfer books will be closed December 31, 1909, and re-opened January 22, 1910.

By order of the Board,
J. A. JACOBS, Sec.-Treas.

Canadian Consolidated Rubber Co., Limited.

Notice is hereby given that a Quarterly Dividend of One and three-quarters per cent. on the Preferred Shares of the Capital Stock of this Company has been declared payable on January 3rd, 1910, and that a Quarterly Dividend of the Per Cent. on the Common Shares of the Capital Stock of this Company has been declared payable on January 3rd, 1910, to Shareholders of Record of December 15th, 1909.

By order of the Board,
W. BINKHORN, Secretary-Treasurer.

THE Provincial Bank of Canada

Quarterly Dividend No. 24

Notice is given that a dividend of one and one-fourth per cent. (1 1/4%) upon the paid-up Capital Stock of this institution has been declared for the quarter ending the 31st of December, 1909, and that the same will be payable at the Office of the Bank of Canada, 100 King Street West, on and after the 3rd day of January, 1910, to the shareholders of record on the 27th day of December, 1909.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders will be held at the head office of the Bank of Canada, the 15th day of January next, at noon.

By order of the Board,
TANCREDE BIENVENU, General Manager.
Montreal, November 25th, 1909. 306 4 am

The West India Electric Company, Limited.

DIVIDEND NO. 8

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of 1 1/4 Per Cent. for the current quarter ending the 31st of December, being at the rate of Five Per Cent. per annum upon the Capital Stock of this Company, has been declared, and the same will be payable on the 3rd day of January, 1910.

The transfer books of this Company will be closed on the 24th day of December, 1909, to the 2nd day of January, 1910, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
H. E. FLOWER, Secretary.
Montreal, December 22, 1909. 306 5

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CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Precautions Against Fire

The attention of storekeepers and others is drawn to the greatly increased danger from fire during the present holiday season, due to highly inflammable decorations, temporary ornamental electric illuminations, the rapid accumulation of waste paper, rubbish, etc., and the disarrangement of the usual order and care. Consequently, the risk of business, long hours, and the employment of strange help, all of which imperatively call for increased care and supervision.

Watchmen should be employed to regularly patrol the premises day and night. Employers should be specially detailed to gather and remove all waste paper and refuse, and where electric decorations are installed, a careful watch should be kept. Chemical Fire Extinguishers or pails of water should be conspicuously distributed throughout the premises.

Christmas Trees and Decorations in dwellings also call for attention. If any illuminations are used, have a chemical extinguisher or a few pails of water handy. A wet blanket is also an excellent resource. The use of Cotton Bunting is dangerous in proximity to any artificial light.

A. L. W. HADRIEL, Secretary.
Montreal, December 23rd, 1909.

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Christmas Eve.

We want to pause momentarily, in the enthusiastic rush of the last few shopping hours of to-day, to wish you a bright, beautiful, wholesome, happy Christmas. We want, moreover, to pay a just tribute to

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The Christmastide had been less joyful, less interesting, less successful, less happy without her. She entered into the spirit of Christmas willingly, cheerfully, enthusiastically in the beginning. She remains the same to-day. If there be anyone who can measure against the demands of the final Christmas rush, it is she. You'll find her true to the end—till her Christmas work is done. That will be at closing time to-night.

The John Murphy Company Limited

A MERRY XMAS

to all our patrons and friends, thanking them for their part in making this Christmas season the most successful in our history.

We also extend our most sincere thanks to all our co-workers, who, through their sympathetic co-operation, have made it possible to call this the most popular home furnishing store in Montreal.

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"FOR GOD'S SAKE LET ME SPEAK!"

Lord Denmore Makes Passionate Plea, But is Heckled Off Stage at Barking.

Lord Denmore at Barking essayed to address a meeting on behalf of Mr. Williamson, the Unionist candidate, but was heckled off the platform in characteristic manner by the Radical. Amidst cries of "Down with the Peers," he attempted to quote from a speech of Mr. Lloyd-George.

A Voice—Three cheers for Lloyd-George. Loud cheers were given.

Lord Denmore—In rejecting the Budget the House of Lords asked the people to give their decision on it.

A Voice—And so we will.

Lord Denmore—I object to the Budget also because it includes the principles of the Licensing Bill, and I believe we were justified in throwing that out. ("No, no!") A Unionist Government would not have brought in such a bill.

A Voice—No, for it wouldn't suit them, and you are in the same boat. Who is to rule, that is the question, the Peers or the people?

Lord Denmore—Do you want a Second Chamber?

A Voice—Yes, but elected by the people.

Lord Denmore—Have that if you like, but let it have the power of appeal from the House of Commons to you.

A Voice—Who is to rule?

Lord Denmore—For God's sake let me speak.

The Voice—We want to.

Lord Denmore—Oh, him. Come on, I'll answer any questions you like. Do you want me to deal with tariff reform?

A Voice—No, that is not the question; it is "Peers or People."

Mr. G. H. Williamson, the candidate, said that the only question was tariff reform.

Voices—No, the House of Lords read Lord Lansdowne's amendment.

Mr. Williamson endeavored to speak further on the subject of tariff reform, but was unable to obtain a hearing. Eventually, as the uproar continued, Mr. Williamson and Lord Denmore left the platform.

A vote of confidence in the candidate was defeated.

Poet Watson Not Talking Now.

Havana, Dec. 24.—William Watson, the English poet, and his wife are staying at a hotel in a suburb of Havana. In an interview, Mr. Watson said he came to Cuba in search of inspiration, and intended to study the people and scenery of the island. Since their arrival Mr. Watson and his wife have been engaged in sight-seeing around Havana and vicinity. The poet's health apparently is good. He said he was enjoying his visit, and was quite undetermined how long he would stay or where he would go next. He declined to make any further statement.

PLAYER-PIANOS

Both American and Canadian makes. Great reduction in prices until we remove to our new St. Catherine Street warerooms.

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WITNESSES WANT REMUNERATION

Lots of Actions in Jamaican Earthquake Insurance Claims Subject of Quarrel.

Special to The Montreal Star.

London, Dec. 24.—Now that all the test cases in connection with the recovery of their insurance money by Jamaican policyholders for damage caused to the property by the earthquake are over, an amusing, if rather angry, quarrel has arisen over the division of the sum awarded as costs in the actions.

This item, it appears, amounts to \$370,000, and the quarrel now raging is concerned with the question, what has become of it?

Witnesses for the policyholders declare they have been paid only their bare legal expenses, while they allege that those for the insurance companies were remunerated beforehand. They complain, moreover, that they have been bamboozled and assaulted, and in their anger have accused the solicitors concerned with dividing the spoils among themselves. Charges of bribery and perjury are freely made.

CHAIN WORN BY PRESIDENT OF CANADA CLUB IN LONDON.



President's Chain, Canada Club, London.

This handsome chain and badge of office has been presented by Mr. Thomas Skinner to the Canada Club of London and was worn by the president for the first time at the dinner, held at the Princes' Hotel on December 1. This handsome piece of jewelry is emblematic alike of the Dominion as a whole and of its several provinces.

TORONTO NOMINATIONS.

Municipal Affairs Exciting Little Interest in Queen City.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—The municipal nominations were quiet and but little real interest was manifested in the speeches. Although several mayoralty candidates were nominated, the real fight will be between Controllers Geary and Hocken. The nominations follow:

For mayor—Horatio Clarence Hocken, George Reginald Geary, William Alexander Douglas, Robert Bulet Noble, Jos. Maryn Briggs and Thomas Davies.

For Board of Control—William B. Harrison, James Henry McInnis, Thos. Foster, Francis S. Spence, William Peyton Hibbard, James Hale, Mark Bredin, John Joseph Ward, Albert Chamberlain, Thomas L. Church.

For Board of Education—Henry Edward Smallpiece, William Harper, W. Fraser Bryans, Charles Wesley Mitchell, William Houston, William W. Hodgson, C. A. B. Brown, Robert G. Agnew, Robert G. Furness, Richard Reade Davis, John Wilson Siddall, T. H. Carter and Clare Brett Martin.

Ald. Anderson and Ald. Baird were returned by acclamation to the City Council for Ward Seven, formerly the city of West Toronto.

Judge Awards Heavy Damages.

Winnipeg, December 24.—Justice Metcalfe has handed down a judgment awarding \$4,000 damages to Miss Isbister, who was injured and who suffered loss of belongings in a fire which destroyed the steamer Premier on Lake Winnipeg in August, 1908. In this catastrophe, several lives were lost.

Ald. Leclair to Run Again.

A number of electors from St. Jean Baptiste ward met in the Academie Hall last night to offer the Alderman candidature to M. Noe Leclair. Mr. Leclair warmly thanked the electors, and stated that he would accept the nomination.

Self's Recorder is Dead.

His Honor Judge Fitzgibbon, Recorder of Belfast, and Chairman of the Quarter Sessions for County Antrim, died suddenly at his residence Jordantown, near Belfast. Deceased who was eighty years of age, had been in bad health for some time, but had carried on his work as usual. The day before his death he attended at the Court, and in going to bed at the usual hour that night, he appeared to be quite well, but, on his housekeeper entering his room the following morning about 7 o'clock to call him. She found him lying on the floor dead.

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HARD TO BE HAPPY IN VILLE ST. LOUIS

If Filtration Destroys Typhoid, in Name of Humanity Let Us Have it, Says Mance St. Lady.

"We find it hard to be happy at this season of peace and goodwill, with so much sorrow about us."

This was the statement made to-day by a married lady living on Mance street, Ville St. Louis, in thanking the Star for calling attention to what she described as "the terrible state of affairs existing in the town of St. Louis re the typhoid outbreak."

The amount of sickness in that region, she declares, is growing worse every year, and the statement in The Star that at the present time alarm prevails throughout the district at the ravages of typhoid and other diseases is only a mild way of describing the general feeling.

"Those who have suffered from this awful scourge," she says, "are fearful as to who will be the next stricken, as one by one we hear now of a young man in his prime, then a wife and mother, then a little child, being taken away, either to die or to be restored to their loved ones only after weary weeks of suffering and expense."

"It is as Dr. Anderson stated in The Star, the filtration plant has completely done away with the plague of typhoid in Verdun, then in the name of humanity let us have one. At any rate, let us try something, for so far absolutely nothing has been done even to try to stop the progress of the disease."

In regard to scavenging in the Annex, the same lady made the serious statement that on the west side of Mance street, between Vateur and Bernard, not one scavenger has been seen since September 1, and the only reminder that the officials at the Town Hall had not entirely overlooked this particular district was the prompt arrival of the tax bills.

Other residents in the district make serious allegations as to the state of the drains and plumbing in many of the houses there. In some houses sewer gas is constantly bubbling up through the sinks, filling the houses with nauseating stenches. It is quite evident, from complaints made by householders, that not only the water supply, but the problems of scavenging and sanitation generally, are in urgent need of attention from the authorities.

OVERDOSE OF MORPHINE TO CALM HER NERVES CAUSES WOMAN'S DEATH.

An overdose of morphine caused the death of Mrs. Aylin, aged 27, boarding with her husband and young daughter, at 42 St. Cecile street, Mrs. Aylin had been suffering from bronchitis for some time, and as it shattered her nerves, was in the habit of using morphine to soothe them. She took a dose before retiring at 9 o'clock last night.

About an hour later her husband became alarmed at his wife's condition, and summoned the General Hospital ambulance. An hour after being removed to that institution, the woman died.

Mrs. Aylin came to this city from New York with her husband about three months ago, coming through from Germany. Mr. Aylin failed to find employment here, and shortly intended to leave the city.

MR. VICTOR GAUDET IS POST OFFICE INSPECTOR.

Mr. Victor Gaudet, advocate, has been appointed Post Office Inspector in succession to Mr. Bain, who died a few months ago. Mr. Gaudet enters upon his new duties in the course of a few days.

A native of Ste. Sophie, Terrebonne County, Mr. Gaudet was born on January 31, 1873. After a course at St. Therese college, he entered Laval as a law student, serving his legal apprenticeship with his cousin, Mr. Oscar Gaudet. He was admitted to the Bar in 1897.

Since he left college, Mr. Gaudet has prominently identified himself with Liberal politics, and was the choice of the Liberal convention in Maisonneuve at the last Federal election. On the request of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, however, he withdrew in favor of M. A. Philippe Verreille, the sitting member.

STOLEN FLOUR SOLD TO BOARDING HOUSES.

A scheme by which the Elder Dempster Company has been considering for some time, was revealed yesterday afternoon in the Court of Special Sessions. Frede Cooper, a checker, employed in the company's sheds, had been furnishing flour in bags to two carters who disposed of it to various boarding houses at 75 cents a bag. The flour was worth \$2.50 a bag. Cooper's sentence was six months in jail, while Dubois and Levesque, the two carters, were found guilty of receiving stolen goods. They will be sentenced next week.

DID NOT KNOW WHAT THEY HAD SIGNED.

Much contradictory evidence was given yesterday afternoon before the License Commissioners, in the case of Greenopon, corner Montreal and Ontario streets. All the agents who canvassed the district testified that they had told the voters that the petition was against Greenopon with the exception of Mr. Valiquette. There were about thirty signers of the petition who could not tell the Court what they had signed. The case was taken on adjournment.

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makes one of the most acceptable Christmas presents that you can give a lady. No gift is more keenly appreciated by the ladies than a nice piece of China, and out of our extensive stock you can quite easily choose something that will combine beauty and utility for exactly the amount of money you wish to spend.

The following are some of the goods we carry in stock in large variety: Chocolate Sets, Tea Sets, Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Liqueur Sets, Lemonade Sets, Vases, Jardinieres, and hundreds of other useful and ornamental articles too numerous to mention, all of which we sell at prices that are extremely reasonable.

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BYRRH WINE

All notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths must be endorsed with the names and addresses of the persons sending same.

BIRTHS.

BYONS—On December 18th, at 1135 St. Denis street, to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Lyons, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BOND-LANGMAN—At the Pro-Cathedral, Calgary, Alberta, by the Rev. Dean Paget, Frederick Le Fargue, Esq., of London, England, to Margaret, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Langman, of Montreal.

DEATHS IN THE CITY.

ANDERSON—On December 24th, 1909, at the residence of his daughter, 1037 Tupper street, John Anderson, in his 61st year. Funeral Saturday, 25th inst., at 2 p.m.

BENJAMIN—At Cambridge, Mass., the age of thirty-one years and five months, Joseph Benjamin, son of Mr. V. H. Benjamin, merchant. The funeral will take place at quarter to eight, Monday, December 27th, from his father's residence, 27 Jarvis street, to St. Charles Cemetery. Friends and relatives are requested to attend without further notice.

CHAPERON—On December 23rd, after a brief illness, Mlle. Bernadette Chaperon, daughter of Mr. Joseph Chaperon, 115 Farnham street. Funeral will take place on the 25th inst., from her late residence, to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, at 7:45 a.m., thence to Cote-des-Neiges Cemetery. Parents and friends are invited.

DUNLOP—At 229 Peel street, Thursday, December 23rd, Eleanor Bellhouse, wife of Mr. Justice Dunlop. Funeral private. Family notice.

DOONER—On the 23rd inst., at her daughter's residence, 112 Sherbrooke st. West, Catherine Farrel, widow of Edward Dooner. Funeral private.

LINTON—On December 23rd, at 71 The Linton, Mary Linton, widow of the late Edward S. Sharpe. Funeral private.

LYNCH—December 24th, 1909, Agnes Claire Lynch, aged 15 months, beloved daughter of Richard Lynch, Asst. Supr. Road Dept., 31 Burnside place. Funeral private.

LYONS—On December 18th, at 1135 St. Denis street, Bernadette, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Lyons.

SULLIVAN—In this city, on the 23rd inst., at her late residence, 109 Saint-Jacques street, Nellie, wife of Michael Sullivan and sister of M. Sullivan, of the C. P. R. Funeral Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Funeral service on Monday morning, 27th inst., at 7:30, at St. Agnes' Church. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation. (Boston, Allen County, Ohio, and County Kerry, Ireland, papers please copy.)

SHARPE—On December 23rd, at 71 The Linton, Mary Linton, widow of the late Edward S. Sharpe. Funeral private.

WYLLIE—At 1839 Park avenue, on Thursday, December 23rd, 1909, typhoid fever, Ruby Kate McWood, beloved wife of Alec T. Wyllie. Funeral Saturday, December 25th, at 2:30 p.m.

WILSON—On December 21st, at 297 Duroit street, Amelia Maud, beloved daughter of Walter and Lillian Wilson, aged 5 years and 5 months. Funeral private, Thursday afternoon.

DEATHS OUTSIDE THE CITY.

CRONIN—At Farnham, London, Canada, on the morning of Thursday, December 23rd, 1909, in her nearly three hundredth year, of Verachoye Cronin, K.C., wife of Verachoye Cronin, K.C., of the late Chancellor Blake. Funeral private. Kindly omit flowers.

JOHNSTON—At Lachine, Que., December 18th, Emily Ward, wife of William James Johnston, aged 66 years.

JOLEAND DE ST. MAURICE—In Senegal, Africa, on December 21st, 1909, Paul Vicomte Joleand de St. Maurice, brother of Mrs. W. C. Hodgson.

MURPHY—At River du Loup, John R. Murphy, engineer, I. C. R., formerly of Montreal. Buried at St. Anne's church, December 18th, 1909. Mass for repose of his soul at St. Anne's church, Montreal, Tuesday, December 21st.

IN MEMORIAM.

ST. CYR—In loving memory of J. H. St. Cyr, who died December 26th, 1908. "Gone, but not forgotten."

BERGER—In loving memory of our darling, Bonita, who departed this life December 26th, 1908. One year has gone and still we miss her. She will be remembered by those who loved her. Loving thoughts will always linger around the place our darling lays.

COMPLICATED JACK

Small have Santa Maria olives, if he'll only come back.

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GREAT FIGHT OVER LEOPOLD'S HIDDEN MILLIONS IS ON

Dead King's Daughters Will Attempt to Discredit Baroness Vaughan's Position.

Special to The Montreal Star.

Brussels, December 24.—With King Leopold laid in his grave and the new King reigning, the curtain is raised on a battle for millions which promises extraordinary revelations. On the one side are the heirs of Leopold, his three daughters, Princess Louise, Princess Stephanie and Princess Clementine. They have the tacit backing of the new King. On the other side is Marie Leclercq, created Baroness Vaughan by Leopold, his morganatic wife and the mother of his two children. The three daughters are in Belgium and, as far as possible, have assumed control of the late King's estate. It is admitted by all that the greater part of King Leopold's fortune has not yet been discovered.

Baroness Vaughan is now absolutely controlled by her attorneys. They insist that she shall pose as a martyr.

Allege King Not Father.

The heirs intend to produce Baroness Vaughan's first husband, who so far has not appeared, but is being traced. It is alleged that she is still married to him, never having been divorced. This husband, M. Durieux, has been for several years an inmate of a gambling house in the Rue de Capucines. He is described as a man of villainous personal habits, a great gambler, and always well supplied with money by Baroness Vaughan.

When the Durieuxs left Brussels and went to Baintcourt, she spent one night there, and the next morning went to Boulogne-sur-Mer, where Durieux has a villa. She was in consultation with him for some time.

King Leopold's heirs will assert that Durieux, and not Leopold, was the father of the two sons of the Baroness.

Princess Louise Not Reconciled.

Paris, December 24.—A special from the Brussels says that Louise, the eldest daughter of the late King Leopold, has left that city without effecting a reconciliation with her sisters and that King Albert's efforts to induce her to resume her place as a royal princess have failed.

SANTA CLAUS COMES TO ALL THE NEWSIES

Three Hundred Boys and Girls Stop Shouting "Extra Star" to Receive Presents.

One of the most strenuous deputies of Santa Claus was Mr. Little, the circulation manager of The Star, this morning when nearly three hundred boys and girls raided the business offices of The Star for their annual Christmas presents. They were all sizes and all shapes, there were boys, lean boys, pale boys, and rosy boys; girls with long hair, girls with short hair, blonde girls and brunettes; girls with a perpetual smile and girls who commenced grumbling directly they arrived. Some wore fur caps and some wore hats. They were all possessed with one dominant idea that somewhere, somebody would rob them of their chance of getting at least a little of the good things of the season. The Star gives them every year.

They were put in lines which they promptly broke, they were placed in groups which immediately scattered; they were arranged here, and they were arranged there, but unless they happened to be near the desk where the presents were being handed out the demeritizing pile of bags of candies was their only hope.

The Star's finances would not convince them that the extra presents were empty by the time their turn arrived. All that, except three little maids who sat on the steps and regarded each other with stories of former years. They were matrons in their way and talked circulation and such like matters with the wisdom of the manager himself.

Once they got within reaching distance of the presents, however, their worried look began to depart and a smile of blissful anticipation content began to steal across their faces which never left till grasping their ticket they reached their mecca and exchanged for the candies and money. Then came a change. The waiting was over, the anxiety passed, the Star had after all been able to meet its obligations and a smile spread over their features which was good to see. Then friends and brothers and sisters had to be accounted in tones which though accustomed to cry down the city traffic could not be heard above the din of the others, and finally away home to share the candies or put them aside for to-morrow, and to dispose of the money in some more or less useful way; for The Star news vendors are most of them potential millionaires and do not waste much on the frivolities of life.

A Chicagoan who recently advertised that he had a stove for sale received a letter from a lady who answered the following: "If you have a kitchen stove, water front, or a nice single bed that you would care to trade for new electric plumes or brand new mourning bonnet, I would be glad to hear from you and will give you a good trade."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Remember the Name!

It's easy to get what you don't want in this world—coughs, colds, sore throat, asthma, for instance. It's easier still to get the remedy you don't want unless you remember to say "Shiloh's Cure."

—then you're safe, then you have the genuine. For 40 years Shiloh's Cure has been the most successful, throat, bronchial, and lung remedy in the

market. Scores of imitations have arisen, but Shiloh's Cure is the genuine article.

—the sham—but the delay, the risk, the harm of a substitute may be obviated now and always, if you'll just remember the name, and see that you get—

Shiloh's Cure

A FAMILY FRIEND FOR FORTY YEARS

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CHRISTMAS JOYS FLOOD THE HOMES OF RICH AND POOR

Theatrical People the Happiest of the Home-denied, Though the Ghost Walks Slowly This Week.

To-day the joyous spirit of Christmas is entering in full flood into the home of rich and poor alike.

At no time are home surroundings more appreciated than at this season of goodwill. The re-uniting of brother, sister, son, daughter, old friends; the bright faces of the old people, the



Jollity behind the scenes.

laughter of the children, the excited whispering, the joy of giving and the pleasure of receiving, all combine to create the glamor of happiness about the home and to dispel the sorrowfulness of the hum-drum world.

The home that opens its doors to the spirit of Christmas—no matter how modest or how pretentious it may be—opens to a guest whose stay means smiles and gladness for all. Supposing it is hard to make ends meet, the weariness of the struggle is forgotten, and hope—the very essence of Christmas—revives afresh. Supposing the children do make a prodigious



"The Drummer is thinking."

din, what of it? smiles the father and mother. God bless them! It's Christmas time, isn't it?

But what of those whose lot it is to spend their Christmas outside the pale of these happy surroundings? The drummer who is too far away or whose baggage has kept him too far from home to permit of his getting back for his Christmas turkey; the student who, because of limited means, cannot afford the heavy railway fare; the hotel or boarding-house dweller, who, perhaps, has no home to go to, even if he wanted to; the actors who are in the city to amuse and



"One of life's little ironies."

entertain the Christmas pleasure seekers; what of these?

One can easily imagine one hears the forced note in the drummer's laugh as he listens to some new story or story that would strike him as being irresistibly funny any other time than now. He is thinking of the wife

and the kiddies at home and the story jars a little.

The poor student, who has told himself that he will study hard over the holiday and not give himself time to remember that it's his first Christmas away from home, finds he is indeed wandering from the text-book before him and wondering what the folks at home are doing at that moment; then tries to concentrate.

Attention on his studies again, but finds the printed matter strangely blurred and hard to read.

The man who has been compelled to spend the day in his boarding house or hotel is ashamed to find himself saying that Christmas is a stupid day and he'll be glad when it's over. The dinner was a good one, no doubt, but he didn't seem to enjoy it for some reason or other.

The after-dinner cigar doesn't taste as good as usual, either; it's clear he's not himself to-day.

The theatrical people are, perhaps, the happiest of the home-denied. Despite the fact that in most companies "the show must go on" at all but the usual halt during Christmas and the preceding week, the season is a more or less unusually happy one. The good comradeship and generosity, so characteristic of the profession, are now given full sway.

Christmas is a day of hard work, as two performances are given, so the night before is chosen for the festivities.

The odd odor of sheep appears to ex-

ercise some influence tending to the prevention of disease. Sheep are especially good for whooping cough, so that in a sheep country, when a child is taken down with that malady, it is the custom for the mother to put it among the sheep to play. The next day, it is said, the child will be well.

Men and women working in lavender,

whether gathering or distilling it, are said never to suffer from neuralgia or nervous headache. Lavender, moreover, is as good as a sea voyage for giving tone to the system. Persons suffering from nervous breakdown frequently give their services gratis to lavender planters in order that they may build up their vitality.

Japanese mothers do not kiss their children, though they may press their lips to the forehead or cheek of a very young baby.

The HAMILTON Company

DETERMINATION TO CLEAR, THE KEY-NOTE OF MONDAY'S SALES.

The prices quoted below, the display in our windows indicate in no uncertain way the spirit of clearance which will prevail on Monday. Profit will not be considered in this sale, all over the store mighty bargains will be found—space forbids us to mention them here. Come early and share in this wonderful "end of season" value giving—nothing like it will be witnessed in Montreal.

All Toys at Half Price, For a Speedy Clearance, and There Will Be No Exceptions.

We do not carry over toy stocks from year to year, immediately Christmas is past, profits are thrown to the winds and in many cases we stand to lose. They will go quick now. Remember, Half Marked prices will rule 'till all are gone.

CHRISTMAS EVE DELIVERIES

The tremendous strain upon our delivery service to-day will be much relieved if purchasers take small parcels with them. Delivery wagons leave our store at—

8 A.M., 12 NOON, 6 P.M. and 10 P.M.

In case of non-delivery within a reasonable time, please ring up East 1725, and complaint will receive immediate attention.

All Wool Dress Goods, Worth

50c, 75c and \$1.00

Black and colored all wool dress goods, plain and fancy double fold fabrics, 42, 44 to 56 ins. wide. Comprising tweeds, chevrons, chevron cloths, serges, poplins, all wool Cashmere, fancy cloths, plain and fancy Mohairs, Panamas, Bengalis, Liama Cloth, Albatross, Sicilian cream goods, fancy blousings, all wool flannels, opera flannels, chables, voiles de Paris, etc. In the season's best colors.

See Window No. 2.

Satins, Flannelettes, Muslins, Etc.

Colored mercerized Saten and Roman Satins, worth 15c; odd shades of 20 inch Japanese Silk, worth 25c; 32 inch heavy white double fleeced Saxony flannelette, worth 15c; 34 inch English shirting flannelette, worth 15c; 36 inch fine white Mull and Lingerie Madras, worth 15c; 38 inch cream India Mull Muslin, worth 25c; 36 inch fine white Nainsook, worth 15c; imported zephyrs, ginghams, prints, ducks, etc., worth 15c; English Drill, worth 25c; Mercerized Foulards and Foulardines, worth 15c; Crossbar White Muslin, worth 15c; White Victoria Lawn, worth 15c; heavy pure linen Huck Towelling, worth 15c; pure linen Huck Roller Towelling, worth 15c; heavy Art Cretonne, worth 25c.

Flannels and Blousings

All wool French flannels, plain opera flannels, Cashmere flannels, embroidered blousings, fancy Mohair blousings, cream striped blousings and mercerized vestings.

Values 45c, 50c, 55c

EXTRAORDINARY WAIST SALE

A final and determined effort before the year closes to eclipse all previous records.

We have cleared out the entire stocks and samples of two of the largest waist makers in Canada. This purchase includes fine lingerie, fine embroidered muslin, fine Swiss embroidered lawns, high class tailored waists, white linen waists, all wool Cashmeres and fine Mohairs.

The materials are extra fine, and the embroidery cannot be excelled.

A life-time opportunity to secure a few splendid waists for the price of one.

Sizes are mostly 36 and 38, but a few 34, 40 and 42.

Values to \$3.00. Clearing at 79c

No C. O. D. or Phone Orders.

See Window Display.

HEAVY RIBBED HOSE

100 dozen Ladies' and Children's all wool heavy ribbed hose, in all sizes; suitable for overstockings.

15c A PAIR.

SOUTHDOWN BLANKETS

50 pairs Southdown white wool blankets, with fancy borders.

Regular \$3.25.

MONDAY, \$2.50.

CARPET SWEEPERS

Bissell's Carpet Sweepers, nickel plated—a splendid line.

Regular \$3.00.

MONDAY, \$2.19.

Heavy Hemstitched Pillow Slips

1 pair fine lace curtains, Colbert edge, size 60 ins. by 2 1-2 yards, and 1 oak, cherry or white pole complete with ends, rings and brackets. The lot complete is worth \$2.25.

MONDAY, \$1.23.

CURTAIN STRETCHERS

Adjustable curtain stretchers, up to 3 yards by 4 yards.

95c.

FLOOR OILCLOTH

A fine lot, worth up to 80c a yard. For

21c.

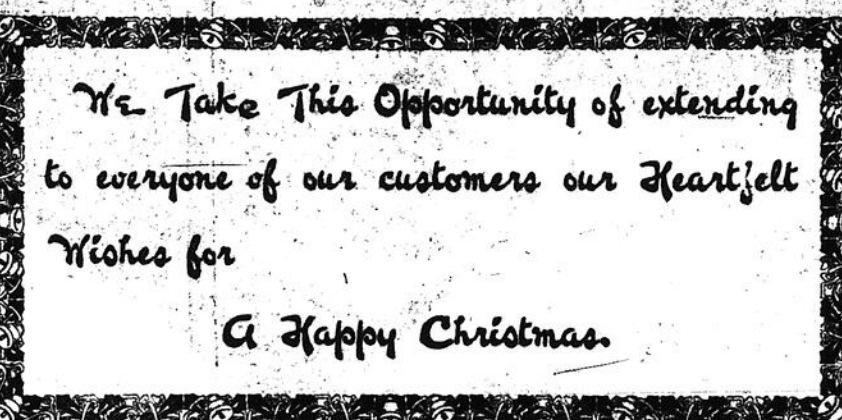
Wishings all our friends and patrons

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

American Tailors

392 St. Catherine Street West, cor. McGill College Ave.



We Take This Opportunity of extending to everyone of our customers our heartfelt wishes for a Happy Christmas.

ALLOVER LACES

100 pieces of allover laces; 18 inches wide, in cream, white and black; assorted designs.

Worth to 50c.

Clearing 15c

See Window No. 3.

Foulard Satins and Plain and Fancy Silks,

Worth 55c, 65c and 75c

About 1,000 yards of Printed Foulard Satins, plain grounds with white spots as follows: Black and White Spot, Navy and White Spot, Grey and White Spot, Watercolor and White Spot, Reseda and White Spot, Hello and White Spot, Sky and White Spot, Green and White Spot, etc. Also about 2,000 yards of other plain and fancy silks in Taffetas, Fawnettes, Tussors, Japanese Cords, Chiffons Taffetas, Satins, 27 ins. wide, white and colored Lyons finish Japanese Silk, Beau de Chine, and several other odd lines to clear. A big variety of new colorings.

See Window No. 3.

Fancy Dress Goods, Flannelettes, Etc.

Double fold, plain and fancy Dress Goods, in odd shades, worth 35c; odd lines of fancy kimono flannelettes and wrapper flannelettes, fancy French organdies, muslins, English sephers and Galatesa, worth 25c; 46 inch sheer white lingerie mul, 35c; fine 25c Persian lawn; fancy drawn

IRISH CATHOLICS WANT SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD

But Westmount Commissioners are
Strongly for the "Statu
Quo."

Evidence before yesterday afternoon's session of the Royal Commission inquiring into school administration in Montreal showed that there is a strong movement among Irish Catholics for the establishment of an Irish Catholic School Commission embracing the whole of Montreal and its suburbs.

Evidence in favor of such a commission was given by Father Casey, of St. Agnes parish, and Father Kiernan, of St. Michael. The former said that a request demanding the establishment of such a commission had already been sent to the superintendent of public instruction for the province, it being suggested that it should be composed of nine representatives, of which three should be named by the Archbishop, three by the Government, and three by the English-speaking Catholic parishes.

Senator Dandurand asked whether it would not be possible to make satisfactory arrangements with the French School Commissions for giving instruction to pupils in the English language, but Father Casey replied that he and the parish he represented would much prefer to have a separate commission. On the other hand, Father Kiernan, curé of St. Leon de Westmount, and chairman of the Westmount Catholic School Commission, presented a petition from the French school, commission-ers and others of his parish, declaring in favor of the "statu quo," it being considered that having their own School Board with full control, not only of the schools, but of the collection and disbursement of taxes, would be the most satisfactory to all concerned.

Asked whether he knew that the chairman of the St. Henri School Commission had demanded annexation to Montreal, Father Kiernan said that this opinion would not influence Westmount in holding to its autonomy. A letter was received from the parish of St. Mary, saying that at a meeting a resolution was passed in favor of a Central Council of Catholic Schools, elected by popular vote.

Letters were received from several other parishes in favor of retaining the present system of parochial commissions. The Commission will sit again on Monday and Wednesday next, and the Commissioners expressed the hope that the School Commissions which have not yet presented their views will do so at these sessions.

HAMILTON MAN WAS EASY MARK

Put Up Security to Carry Money to
Canada for Distribution to
Poor.

Special to the Montreal Star.
Hamilton, Ont., December 24.—When "an" Baby, son of W. A. D. Baby, of this city, was on his way home from China, where he had been engaged as a civil engineer on the building of a railway, he fell into the hands of a couple of sharpers during a stop at Rome, who robbed him of \$247. Mr. Baby returned to this city yesterday. He said he thought the men who robbed him were the same pair arrested some days ago. The men represented they had under the provisions of a will, instructions to distribute a large amount of money among the poor, and one of them asked Baby if he would take \$1,000 to Canada with him. When Baby consented the men asked him to put up security, and he handed over all he had. That was the last he saw of them.

The best thing you
can do for your
throat is to use
PATERSON'S
COUGH DROPS
The Candy Cure
Made by Paterson of Brantford

CHRISTMAS

You ought to have the
Dinner Room in shape, so
that you can enjoy
Your Christmas Dinner

Our desirable assortment in
this line is the newest, and gives
the greatest satisfaction.

**Co-Operative Family
Gifts to the Home**

Parlor Suites, from \$20 to \$250.
Dining-Room Suites, from \$30 to \$500.
Brass Beds, from \$17.50 to \$150.
Bureaus and Stands, from \$15 to \$150.
Parlor Cabinets, from \$5 to \$30.
Music Cabinets, from \$5 to \$25.
Ladies' Desks and Secretaries,
from \$7 to \$35.
Morris Chairs, from \$4 to \$22.50.
Fancy Rocking Chairs, from \$1.50 to \$15.
Centre Tables, from \$2 to \$20.
Brass Tables, from \$1.50 to \$15.
Erie-a-brac, from \$2.75 to \$50.
Carpets, Rugs, Pillows, Squares,
Curtains, Portières and Fancy
Articles for Christmas.

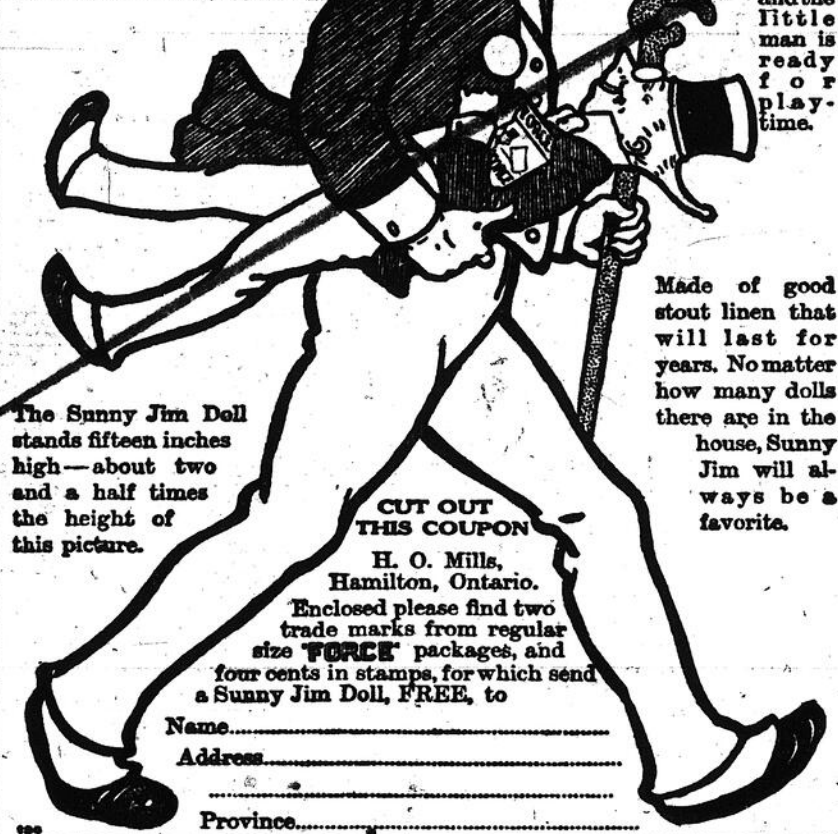
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Corner Montcalm.

A SUNNY JIM DOLL FOR THE KIDDIES

The funny little man comes home as a playmate

Sunny Jim has been a famous character in many lands—everyone is amused with his quaint personality—particularly the children. Here is an opportunity to get the beaming little figure into their hands in a practically indestructible doll form.



The Sunny Jim Doll stands fifteen inches high—about two and a half times the height of this picture.

CUT OUT THIS COUPON

H. O. Mills,
Hamilton, Ontario.
Enclosed please find two trade marks from regular size "FORCE" packages, and four cents in stamps, for which send a Sunny Jim Doll, FREE, to

Name _____

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For two "FORCE" trade marks (cut from two regular size packages of "FORCE") and four cents to pay postage, we will send a handsome linen outfit of Sunny Jim, printed in three bright fadeless colors, with full directions for cutting and sewing. Ten minutes' simple work and the little man is ready for play-time.

Made of good stout linen that will last for years. No matter how many dolls there are in the house, Sunny Jim will always be a favorite.

PLUCKY ENGINEER AVOIDED A WRECK

Stuck to Engine While Fireman
Jumped, and Passengers Knew
Nothing.

Special to the Montreal Star.
Guelph, Ont., December 24.—By the breaking of an axle of one of the drive wheels on the engine, the afternoon train from Palmerston yesterday became detached, and by its own momentum rolled a distance of about one hundred yards, crashing through a wooden fence and landing in a swamp.
The train was not derailed, and Engineer Grege Skea, remaining at his post, brought the train and the wrecked engine to a standstill within a couple of hundred yards. The fireman jumped when the crash came, but was unhurt, as was the engineer, and the passengers were not aware of anything wrong until the train came to a stop. The courage of Mr. Skea perhaps avoided a serious wreck, and a handsome present was made to him by the passengers.

Queen Helena's Maid in New York.
New York, December 24.—A young Italian woman, who registered as Constantine Goulet, and who, it was whispered among passengers on board the ship, was maid to Queen Helena of Italy, arrived here on the steamer Prinzess.

It is understood that a representative of the Italian embassy at Washington was at the pier to meet her, but it was not known for what purpose she is here.

Will Have Four Daily Papers.
Calgary, Alta., December 24.—A fourth daily paper is promised for Calgary, and it is expected that the first issue will appear March 1. Some ranging from thirty-five to fifty thousand dollars are mentioned as having been subscribed for the purpose of installing the plant.

BREWER'S MILLS, Ont.—Ella Shannon, wife of William F. Lynn, is dead, aged 30 years.

DECLARES WILL BE NO TARIFF WAR

Satisfied That All Differences Between
France and States Will
Be Settled.

Special to the Montreal Star.
New York, December 24.—That there will be no tariff war between the United States and France and that all commercial matters will be settled before next April, is the belief of M. Auguste Calvet, a Senator of France, who came here, on November 19, to confer with representative Frenchmen in this country and officials at Washington.

"I am most pleased with my reception here," said Senator Calvet, before sailing for Havre to-day. "For in Washington I found the same amicable sentiment for my country as has always existed since time of Marquis De Lafayette. I fully expect that all commercial differences will be settled between the two countries. There will have to be concessions on both sides, but there is no difference that cannot be settled in diplomatic manner without friction."

PRACTICAL CHRISTMAS AID.

Special to the Montreal Star.
Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 24.—A whole trainload of wood was distributed among the poor of the city by J. D. McArthur, contractor for a section of the National Transcontinental yesterday. There were about 250 cords in the train.

Mining Appeal Was Dismissed.

Toronto, Ont., December 24.—The Divisional Court has dismissed the appeal of Mrs. S. R. Clarke, from the judgment of Mr. Justice Riddell, in favor of James Goodall, in an action to have it declared that he was entitled to 20,000 shares in the Lawson Mine, Ltd., alleged to be worth, at the time of the original action, about \$100,000. The matter was referred to a referee to determine the amount Clarke shall pay Goodall.

Blow From Belt Caused Death.

Trenton, Ont., December 24.—While at his work Louis Bodore, an employee of the Gilmour Box Factory, Trenton, was struck by a broken belt, which fractured his skull. He lived only a few minutes. He was a married man with a family, and had been 26 years in the employ of the Gilmour Company.

Can Divide Land as Desired.

Washington, December 24.—Attorney-General Wickham has rendered an opinion for the War Department to the effect that the Philippine Government has the right to sell the "public lands" in the Philippines in any number of acres desirable, notwithstanding the organic act of the Philippine government, which limited the sale of the unappropriated public lands, obtained by treaty with Spain, to forty acres.

Bryan is Seriously Ill.

Jacksonville, Fla., December 24.—Wm. J. Bryan, who has been in this city for several days as the guest of his cousin, ex-Governor Wm. E. Jennings, was too ill last night to deliver his scheduled address at the Duval Theatre for the benefit of a local hospital. Mr. Bryan is suffering from a severe cold, and is threatened with pneumonia. He has cancelled all future dates and will remain here for several days.

TO QUEBEC VIA THE NEW SHORT LINE.

The attention of people intending to travel between Montreal and Quebec during the holidays is drawn to the elegant buffet, parlor and sleeping car service provided by the Canadian Northern Quebec Railway between these two cities—a maximum of comfort at a minimum charge.

Special Notice.

See holiday stock of small musical instruments received by the Leach Piano Co., Ltd. (two stores), 534 St. Catherine St. West, near Drummond, and 488 St. Catherine St. East, between St. Andre and St. Timothy St. Violins, Mandolins, Guitars, etc. Open evenings. 805-2

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Our Toronto Factory where the styles for our Coming White-wear Sale are originated.



The Above Shows Our Ottawa Store.

TO-MORROW
BEING
CHRISTMAS DAY
THIS STORE
WILL BE CLOSED.



We Wish You All
"A Very Merry
Christmas"

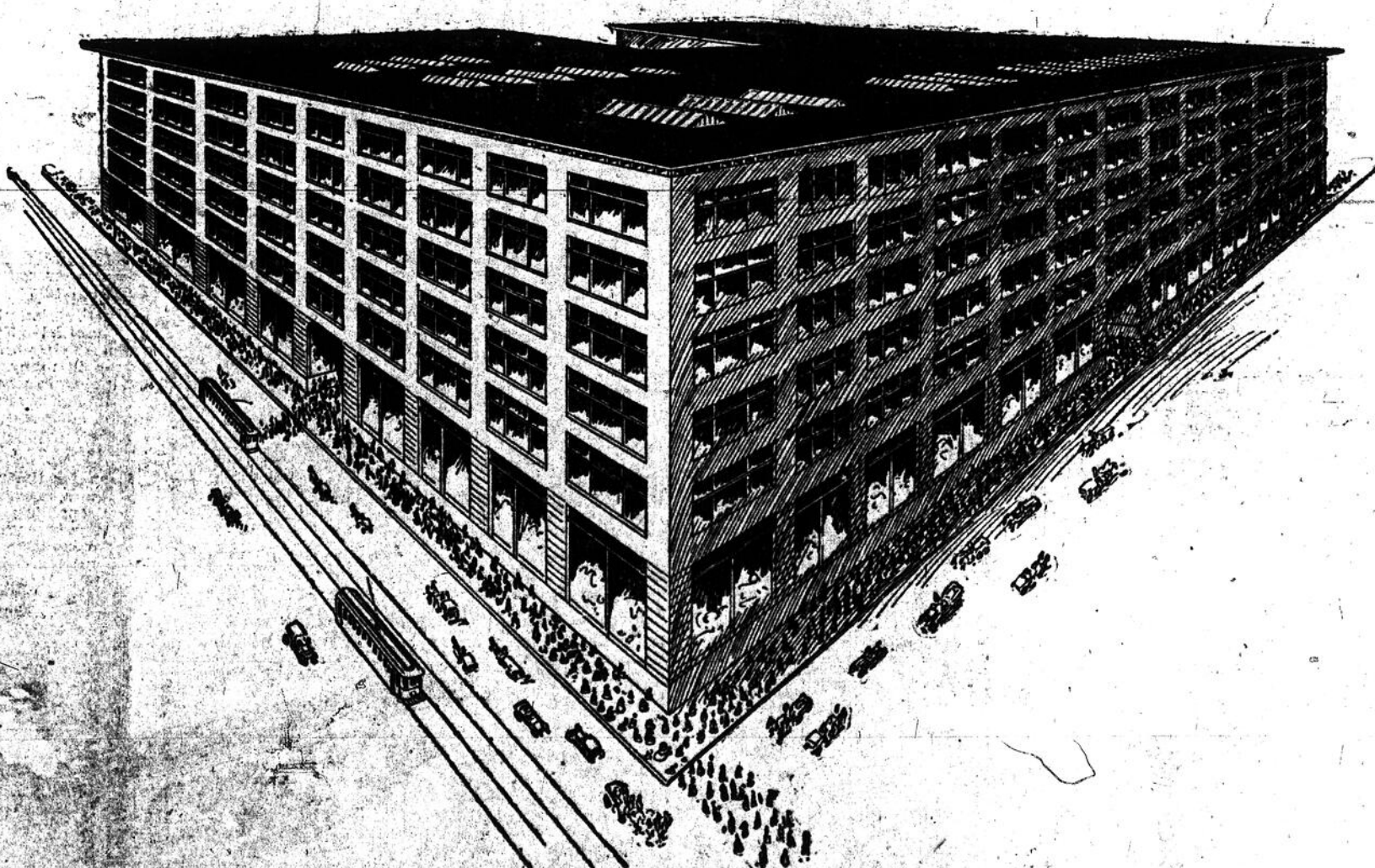


—and take this opportunity of thanking the public generally for the courtesy shown us in putting up with the many inconveniences on account of the lack of space. But to show our appreciation of the patronage accorded us, we have decided to build a store that will meet the demands of the public, and below is a cut of what the new building will look like, which will be completed, and ready to receive Santa Claus on a normal scale, next year.

We also wish to thank our staff for the cheerful manner in which they responded to the extra requirements imposed upon them by the strenuous rush of business.

A·E·REA & CO. Montreal, Limited

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The above shows the new store which we will have completed next year. It will give us four times the floor space we have in our present store.