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FIELD DAY WITH THE POLITICIANS AT BEDFORD.

Hon. Mr. Duffy Made a Splendid and Unanswerable Exposition of the Marchand Government's Administration.

ECONOMY HAS SUCCEEDED WASTE

Expenditures Have Been Cut Down in Every Department, and the Appalling Burden of Debts and Obligations left by the Flynn Government Has Been Splendidly Carried.

Bedford, Que., December 13.—(Special.)—The joint debate at nomination here yesterday occupied the entire afternoon and held the attention of an audience of electors that filled to its utmost Victoria Hall in the Cyr Block. It was an audience composed of English and French Canadians; of Liberals and Conservatives; of friends of Dr. Cotton and friends of Dr. Comeau. Throughout the meeting good order was maintained under the direction of Mr. H. H. Hibbard, Warden of the County, who presided as chairman. It was a fair field for both sides. Each candidate acquitted himself exceedingly well, speaking in both languages. The cause of each was ably advocated by men prominent in the two political parties. The best possible case under the circumstances was made against the government of Mr. Marchand, but the supporters of that government had no difficulty in defending the administration, and showing why the electorate of Missisquoi should return Dr. Cotton, and so strengthen the hands of those men at Quebec who are making every effort and are succeeding in giving this province an honest, economical and efficient government. The Liberal speakers were Dr. Cotton, the candidate; Hon. H. T. Duffy, Commissioner of Public Works; Hon. J. C. McCorkill, M.L.C.; D. B. Meigs, M.P. for Missisquoi; W. A. Weir, M. L. A. for Argenteuil; Mr. Bourbonnais,, M.L. A. for Soulanges.

The Conservative speakers were Dr. Comeau, the candidate; Hon. E. J. Flynn, leader of the Opposition in the Quebec Assembly; M. F. Hackett, M.L.A. for Stanstead; S. Savaria, ex-M.L.A. for Shefford. There were also on the platform Senator Baker, C. H. Parmelee, M.P. for Shefford; E. E. Spencer, ex-M.L.A. for Missisquoi, and others.

Dr. Cotton's Fine Showing.

The candidates addressed the audience in both languages and they showed that the medical profession can talk as well as practice. Dr. Cotton really surprised his friends and already shows promise of being a good public speaker. He will not be a silent member at Quebec. He is a man of fine appearance, possesses a magnificent voice and a facility and force of expression that would do credit to a man who had been following political warfare for years. He placed his case fairly before the people and asked for their support, not on personal grounds, but on the ground that he stood for honest government and was a supporter of the Marchand administration. Not even the leaders received a more hearty reception from the assembly than did Dr. Cotton.

Dr. Comeau's Complaint.

Dr. Comeau complained of the appointment to the Council of Mr. McCorkill and of the bringing on of another election, which, by the way, enables him to be a candidate and make a contest. He stated that he had been a Conservative for twenty years, and yet in the same sentence he assured the electors that if returned he would go to Quebec as a kind of an independent.

Mr. Duffy's Speech.

Mr. Duffy followed. He did not think highly of that combination, a Conservative for twenty years and a Conservative now, but an independent if elected. As a member of the administration now on trial and as the representative in the Cabinet of the Eastern Townships, it fell to Mr. Duffy to present to the audience the defence of the Government and its claims to the continued confidence of the people of Missisquoi. The great question was one of finances and into that Mr. Duffy went with great fullness. He showed that when the Flynn Government went out they left an empty treasury and many debts; that during their last year of office there was a deficit of over one million dollars; that during the last Conservative regime the debt was increased by $3,869,810, and that new taxes were collected to an amount of $2,625,000, making a total of $6,131,553. The economies effected by the Marchand Government, the reforms brought about, all these important matters were fully discussed by Mr. Duffy in a speech which should be studied not only by the electors of Missisquoi in the present contest, but by the electorate of the Province.

Mr. Duffy spoke as follows:

At the last elections the Conservative administration published a pamphlet styled "The Province Redeemer." In that pamphlet the Government claimed the support of the people on the ground,

(1) Of having diminished the public debt of the province to the extent of over $2,000,000:

(2) Of having established an equilibrium between the annual receipts and expenditure; and

(3) Of having practised economy generally in every department.

The Hon. Mr. Marchand was able at the time to convince the people that these claims were without foundation, and the people of the province were also so well convinced of this fact that Mr. Flynn was overwhelmingly defeated at the poll, and the Hon. Mr. Marchand was returned to power with a majority of two to one.

It was only, however, after the state of the finances of the province was carefully examined into that its disastrous condition was fully discovered.

INCREASE OF THE PUBLIC DEBT DURING THE CONSERVATIVE REGIME.

An examination of the public accounts for the last year of the Flynn administration, ending the 30th June, 1897, proves this in the clearest manner. Here is the proof of it:

The excess of the liabilities over the assets, on the 30th June, 1892, according to the budget speech on the 31st January, 1893, page 19, was $23,641,346.28. From this amount must be deducted the railway subsidies lapsed under existing laws, confirmed by the Act 59 Vict., chap. 5, amounting to $2,018,769.22; leaving as the total excess of liabilities over assets at that date the sum of $21,622,577.06.

On the other hand the excess of liabilities over assets on the 30th June, 1897, as shown in the detailed statement laid before the House was $25,491,658.16.

Whence it results that during the past five years, instead of diminishing, as was pretended, the debt has been increased by $3,869,081.10.

This increase has taken place notwithstanding the fact that new taxes were imposed amounting on an average to nearly $500,000 per annum, and yielding for the five years a total increase to the revenue of $2 262,452.55, making, with the increase in the debt, in all, the sum of $6,131,533.65.

In place, therefore, of a reduction in the public debt, we have an increase in taxes and liabilities during these five years amounting to the enormous sum of $6,131,533.65.

So much for the pretended reduction of the public debt.

Let us now consider the pretension that an equilibrium had been established in the annual expenditure.

THE PRETENDED EQUILIBRIUM.

The public accounts for the fiscal year 1896-97, which have been laid before the House, show the ordinary receipts and expenditure, including the amounts received and paid on account of taxes on railway subsidies, as follows:—

Ordinary receipts	$3 874,966.22
Ordinary expenditures	4,685,450.42
Deficit	$810,484.20

These figures show an enormous difference between the forecast made by the Conservatives and the actual result of this year's operations. Instead of a surplus of $160,864.68, which they had expected, this year leaves a deficit of $810,484.20, making a difference of $971,348.88 between the forecast and its realization in the receipts and expenditure.

This shows a deficit in the ordinary expenditure of no less than $810,484.20.

But this is not all. If we consider the receipts and payments on both the ordinary and extraordinary expenditure, we have the following figures:—

Payments.

Ordinary expenditure, including $62.133,95 for bonds of loan of 1880 redeemed	$3,881.672.95
Special expenditure	818.583.51
Advances and payments of trust funds	14.163.98
Repayment railway guarantee deposits	255,069.24
	$4,969,489.68

Receipts.

Ordinary revenue	$3,540,607.07
Receipts from sales of property	30.000.00
Trust funds, deposits and receipts on advance	18,313.43
	$3.588.920.50

Showing a total deficit for the year of $1,380,569.18

But this is not all. In addition to the above, there was paid in railway subsidies $1,346,475.01, making a total expenditure for the year of $2,727,044.19 in excess of the receipts for the last year of the Conservative administration.

This is the pretended equilibrium—nearly $3.000,000 added in the last year of their regime. The Province could not advance much more rapidly on the downward road to financial ruin. This was the result of the last year of the administration of the Government pledged to the most rigid economy at the downfall of Mr. Mercier.

The Conservative party upon their accession to power, set about practising economy by imposing new taxes amounting to about $500,000 each year; yet notwithstanding this enormous addition to the revenue by direct taxation, each year of their administration there was a deficit, as the following statement will show:—

Deficit for the year 1892-93	$ 24,828.00
Deficit for the year 1893-94	230,202.28
Deficit for the year 1894-95	162,666.66
Deficit for the year 1895-96	55.673.61
Deficit for 1896-97	1,365,230.63

This was in part the condition of affairs when Mr. Flynn was defeated on the 11th May, 1897. But matters were worse than this for the incoming Administration. Before leaving power the Conservatives, for the purposes of currying favor with the electors, abolished the new taxes which they had imposed, to the extent of at least $300,000. In addition to this they had imposed new burndens and liabilities upon the Province amounting to about $200,000.

The following figures are given to indicate some of the items comprised in this increase:

The interest on the loan of 1897, to pay the 17 1-2 cents per acre of railway subsidies, and the interest on the temporary loan necessitated by the deficit will amount to over	$ 60,000 00
The increase caused by the reorganization of the departments	7,700 00
The saaries of stenographers to courts	7,000 00
The annual contribution to elementary schools	50,000 00
The grants to exhibitions	18,000 00
The revision of the code	6,600 00
The grant to the Ursuline school at Roberval	2,500 00

In addition, the following items were not included in the estimates, but have to be paid:

Premiums of insurance on public busildings failing due this year:	19,050 00
Rents of houses at Rimouski and Montreal	2,000 00
Cost of sequestration, Baie des Chaleurs Railway	7,500 00
Protestant Hospital for Insane, under 59 Vic., Cap. 5	8,325 00
Cost of valises purchased for members	2,940 00
Election expenses	2,000 00
Making a total of	$193,615 00

THE MARCHAND REGIME.

Mr. Marchand on coming into power found that his predecessors had left him the following legacy:

An increase in debt and new impositions of	$6,131,533 65
A deficit in the ordinary expenditure of	810,484 20
A deficit in the total expenditure of	1,380,569 18
An addition to the annual expenditure, as above indicated, of	193,615 00
And a loss of revenue by the abolition of certain taxes of over	300,000 00

This financial condition presented to Mr. Marchand was simply appalling. The Conservatives laughed at it with delight. They said: It is utterly impossible for you to manage the affairs of the province without imposing new taxes, and if you impose new taxes, the people will drive you from power. The imposition of new taxes appeared to them a matter of such necessity that they never dreamt that any other course would be pursued. The Marchand Government, however, made up its mind to face these difficulties, as they were, and to practice the most rigid economy in every direction in order to save, if possible, the people of the province from new impositions in the way of taxation. Mr. Marchand did not expect in the first year to be able to arrive at an equilibrium, but he thought that, at the end of the second year that state might be attained. We have now before us the results of the first year of his administration, which are marvellous, exceeding the expectations of his most sanguine friends.

ORDINARY RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE FIRST YEAR OF THE MARCHAND ADMINISTRATION.

Total ordinary expenditure	$4,351,778 05
Total ordinary receipts	4,112,547 30
Making a deficit of only	$ 239,230 75

It will therefore be seen that without any new taxation and new impositions of any kind, the Marchand administration, during its first year, has reduced the deficit in ordinary expenditure from

	$ 810,484 20
To the small sum of	239,230 75
An improvement of no less than	$ 571,253 45

This is in the ordinary expenditure. If we take the total expenditure, the difference is simply astonishing. The total expenditure of the last year of the Flynn administration was

	$6,634.044 34
The total expenditure during Mr. Marchand's first year was	4,521,470 15
Making a difference in favor of the Marchand Government of no less than	$2,113,474 19

It will be interesting to notice some of the savings that have been effected in the ordinary expenditure, and for that purpose we give the following statement:

Public Works.

The saving in this department during the past year has been	$164,448.61

Legislation.

The saving effected in legislation has been	$44,286.12

Administration of Justice.

The saving in this department has been	$44,286.12

In the Public Works Department alone there has been a saving of about one-half. This enormous saving does not, however, fully represent the actual saving. The main wall in the Jacques Cartier Normal School at Montreal had given way, and the Conservative Administration had voted $10,000 to repair it. It has been fully and thoroughly repaired, and other improvements made to the building, to the sum of $5,627.36.

The Court House at Rimouski was burnt on the 31st October, 1897. This building originally cost $32,551.68. There was recovered for insurance on the building the sum of $16,781, and on the furniture $1,000.

Making a total of	$17,781

The Court House has been rebuilt, with an additional wing of 52 feet by 32, two stories high,

For the sum of	$15,250
The fixed furniture has cost	1,000
And the moveable furniture at	684
Making a total for the building and furniture	$16,934

Being $847 less than the amount recovered from insurance, and about one-half of the original cost, notwithstanding the fact that the above large addition had been made to the building.

Department of Colonization and Mines.

When the Marchand Government came into power they found in the Department of Colonization and Mines that their predecessors had entered into contracts for surveys, involving an expenditure of about $60,000, and the payments made during last year includes the sum of about $34,000 paid in discharge of obligations entered into by the previous administration.

Department of Justice.

In the Department of the Attorney-General there has also been paid on debts due by the old administration, the sum of $88,000.

Department of Lands, Forests and Fisheries.

The difference between the way in which this department is administered under the present Commissioner and that which obtained under his predecessor may be illustrated by a few examples:

Mr. Nantel had given an option for the purchase of the Shawanigan water power for the sum of $10,000. This agreement was cancelled under Mr. Marchand's administration, and the purchasers have paid $50,000 in place of $10,000 for these lands, and in addition have obliged themselves to invest within three years the sum of $4,000,000 in thedevelopment of the water power and the establishment of useful industries.

The Conservative Administration permitted the Grand Mere Pulp Company to take possession of the magnificent power at Grand Mere for nothing, imagining that the water power belonged to the Dominion Government. The Marchand Government, however, claimed this power as belonging to this province, and the company at once admitted the claim, and the value of the power was determined by arbitration at $5,000, and this price was paid into the treasury.

In 1892, Mr. Flynn, as Commissioner of Crown Lands, sold 2,100 miles of timber for $32,000, while a few months ago Mr. Parent sold 1,940 miles, much more unfavorably situated, for $135,000.

The Conservatives after exercising all their ingenuity and calling in the aid of their imagination, cannot find any specific ground of complaint against Mr. Marchand's administration. They must be hard driven for something to find fault with when they cite such grounds of complaint as the slight increase of salary to the prothonotary of Montreal. Mr. Turcotte happened to be a Liberal, and was appointed under the statute which provides that his salary "shall be a sum not exceeding $3,000 yearly," and this salary of $1,000 was given him when he was appointed. The Conservatives, however, to satisfy their partizan spirit, reduced his salary to $3,000, and the present administration simply restored his salary to its former amount. They now cry out against the present administration. But let us see what they did in the dying hours of their political existence.

By an Order-in-Council, No. 302, passed on the 1st of May, 1897, every Tory official in the court-house at Montreal had his salary raised, and a host of new officials were appointed, as the following statements show:—

INCREASE IN SALARIES AND NEW APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE FLYNN ADMINISTRATION ON THE EVE OF ITS GIVING UP OFFICE.

Comparative statement showing the salaries of the officers, etc., of the different offices, court-houses, jails, etc., as fixed by Orders-in-Council Nos. 302, 327, 354 and 382, of May, 1897, and those paid in November, 1898:

Recapitulation.

	Salaries as fixed by Orders-in-Council above mentioned.	Salaries as paid in Nov., 1898.	Less in 1898.
Sheriff's office	$17,300 00	$16,180 00	$ 1,620 00
Prothonotary's office	49,837 50	38,583 00	11,254 50
Circuit Court office	24,700 00	19,427 50	5,272 50
Crown and Peace office	8,600 00	8,175 00	425 00
Court of Appeals	8,550 00	7,650 00	900 00
Police Court	25,625 00	19,345 00	6,280 00
Court House	33,646 25	29,870 50	3,775 75
Gaols	33,180 00	31,177 50	2,002 50
Physicians to gaols	1,600 00	1,360 00	240 00
	$203,508 75	$171,768 50	$31,740 25
Amount as above			$31,740 25
If you add to the above amount the salaries of the stenographers, no longer on salary			16,000 00
The total paid less, in 1898, for salaries, will give			$47,740 25

The Flynn administration, finding that it was defeated by the people, determined to make Government by its successors practically impossible. On the 5th May, six days before election, the Flynn Government entered into contracts for printing with the Montreal Gazette, Demers Brothers, and Eusebe Seneca, for printing all legislative and departmental documents, as will appear by the following:—

The Gazette Printing Company.

Contract dating from the first day of May, 1897 for the space of five years, for printing the following:—

1. Printing copies of the public accounts in French and English;

2. Printing the reports of public instruction in French and English;

3. Printing the reports of the Department of Public Works in French and English.

E. Seneca.

A contract dating from the 1st April, 1897, for printing the following works for the space of five years:—

1. Printing the reports of the Dairy Society in French and English;

2. Printing the reports of the Department of Agriculture in French and English;

3. Printing the reports of the Pomological Society in French and English.

L. J. Demers & Frere.

Contract dating from the 1st January, 1897, for the space of eight years for printing the following:—

(a.) Official Gazette of the Province of Quebec.

(b.) Printing for the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council, including:

(c.) Orders of the day for the Legislative Assembly, in French and English;

(d.) Proces-verbal of the Legislative Assembly, in French and English;

(e.) Journal of the Legislative Assembly, in French and English;

(f.) Proces-verbal of the Legislative Council in French, and the Journal of the Legislative Council, in French;

(g.) Public and Private Bills, in French;

(h.) Statutes in French;

(i.) Resolutions in French and English;

(k.) Estimates—Budget of the Province, English and French;

(l.) Supplementary budget;

(m.) Statement of payments and receipts, French and English;

(n.) Detailed statement of certain services;

(o.) Statement of receipts and expenses since Confederation if the Government decides to print them;

(p.) Financial statement of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, in French and English.

These contracts, as already shown, were for the following periods:—The Gazette for five years; Seneca for five years, and Demers Brothers for eight years.

It will be remarked that all these parties were good Tories.

Such conduct was evidently an outrage on Parliamentary Government. To give contracts involving such large sums and extending over so many years without the sanction or approval of the Legislature amounted practically to setting the will of the people at defiance. It is the prerogative of the representatives of the people to vote the necessary supply for the carrying on of the Government for each year. That is the chief object for which the Legislature meets, and the duties of the administration are mainly to spend the money thus voted in the manner and for the purposes designated by the Legislature. If the administration could enter into contracts involving the expenditure of thousands of dollars and reaching for five or eight years into the future, Parliamentary Government would be at an end. The present administration, therefore, promptly cancelled these contracts as being contrary to the spirit of the British Constitution and in defiance of the people and their representatives. It will appear in a moment, however, that not only were these contracts contrary to the spirit of Parliamentary Government, but they were also grossly scandalous and extravagant, and mere sops to political hangers-on. Messrs. Demers Brothers, upon their contract being concluded, sued the Government for the sum of $85,000 damages, $70,000 of which was for loss of profit which they claimed to have suffered because their contract was cancelled, and $15,000 for improvements to their premises. They pretended that their political friends had given them such a good contract that they would have made out of it no less than $9,325 a year. The courts in this Province have allowed them $9.325 as damages for the first year of their contract. You will see, therefore, that even the courts have held that by this contract Messrs. Demers Brothers would make out of the Province, no less than $9,325 a year. The Government has taken this action to the Privy Council and in the interest of the Province will defend it to the last moment, first, because it is contrary to the spirit of the Constitution and to the supremacy of the Legislature, and secondly, because it was an attempt to enrich a political partisan at the expense of the Province. There was never a greater or more audacious scandal perpetrated on this Province, which had its full share of such incidents without the giving of these contracts.

PROMISES FOR FURTHER EXPENDITURE AND EXTRAVAGANCE.

The Flynn Government, during the session of the Legislature immediately preceding their defeat, introduced railway legislation, by which the public debt of the Province was increased to the extent of over a million dollars. One would have imagined that in the financial condition of our Province, bonusing railways and increasing the debt had at last arrived at their extreme limit. This, however, was not the case. The Flynn Administration, a few months before leaving office, passed orders in Council promising to give over a million in case they were returned to power, to railways and other undertakings of a similar kind. The lists given herewith includes some of these orders in Council, in support of the above statements:

Order-in-Council, No. 76, of the 3rd February, 1897, for a road in the parish of Ste. Marthe	$1,000
Order-in-Council No. 77, 3rd February, 1897, promising $3,000 to the municipality of Granville	3,000
Order-in-Council No. 82, 4th February, 1897, promising $1,400 for works on the River Ducheme	1,400
Order-in-Council No. 300, of 30th April, 1897, promising 100,000 acres of land, Napierville Junction, which, converted into cash, would equal	78,750
Order-in-Council No. 156, 27th February, 1897, promising the Grand Trunk Railway for the Victoria Bridge	250,000
Order-in-Council No. 228, of the 20th March, 1897, promising 10,000 acres of land per mile [illegible] miles to the Drummond County Railway Company, which, converted into cash, would	120,750
Order-in-Council No. 296, 27th of April, 1897, promising $43,375 would be transferred to the Drummond County	43,375
Order-in-Council No. 154, 27th of February, 1897, promising $24,000 to the Chateauguay and Northern Railway Company	24,000
Order-in-Council No. 155, 27th of February, 1897, promising $500,000 to Montreal Bridge Company	500,000
Making in all promises to the extent of	$1,022,275

To meet this sum of $1,022,275, Mr. Flynn, if he had been returned to power, would have been obliged to introduce legislation granting those enormous sums to these different parties. The money would of course have to be borrowed, and the public debt increased by this amount.

The Conservative Government during its dying hours not only increased the salaries of Conservative officials, but appointed new ones where they were not required, in every direction, and granted nearly a million for railways, and promised millions in the future, but they went back for years in the past and countenanced old claims, the validity of which had been denied by every preceding Government. A number of people pretended to have claims for damages against the Government when it was administering the North Shore railway years ago, and these parties pretended that Mr. Senecal did not provide them with all the sums required to convey hay to the United States. The Flynn Administration, by Order-in-Council 308 of the 13th May, 1897, appointed the Hon. A. R. Angers as sole arbitrator to settle these several pretended claims, namely:

Fleury	$7,450.00
Paquin	16,477.50
Pare	12.194.00
Dufresne	14,066.18
Amounting in all to the sum of.	$50.187.68

Mr. Angers lost no time in proceeding with this arbitration, and when the present Government came into power, the Hon. Mr. Angers was far advanced with his proceedings. The present Government, however, repudiated the whole of the proceedings as being illegal and contrary to the public interest. Mr. Angers, notwithstanding this, persisted in his arbitration, and rendered a decision against the Government for the following sums:

Fleury	$2,306.90
Paquin	4.912.80
Pare	3,900.95
Dufresne	3.697.31
Amounting in all to the sum of.	$14.817.96

The Marchand administration, however, has not confined itself to practising economy in the most rigid manner in every respect, it has set to work to improve the schools of the country. It is admitted on all sides that no country in the world has a more intelligent population than the Province of Quebec. An educational bill was submitted to the Legislature at the last session, which had been prepared with care, and contained provisions which, if put into practical operation would have introduced a great improvement in the educational system of the Province. This measure was resisted by the Opposition with all its vigor and force, but it was carried by an overwhelming majority in the Legislative Assembly. It was sent up to the Legislative Council where a Conservative majority existed at the time, and was rejected without the least ceremony. The bill, if introduced in the same form, would probably meet with the same reception in the Council. The Government, however, will not be turned aside fgrom its determination to improve our system of education in every manner possible. It is useless to introduce a measure that cannot be passed in the Council The Government, however, will not abandon all hope of improving our system, and if all the improvements desirable cannot be atatined, the Government will strive to bring about what can be accomplished.

OTHER SPEAKERS.

Mr. Flynn Spoke in French and M Hackett Replied to Mr. Duffy t English Electors.

Mr. Flynn followed, speaking in French, leaving, as he said, Hr. Hackett to answer Mr. Duffy to the English electors. The burden of the ex-Premier's remarks was ringing the old changes upon alleged broken Liberal promises. Then he went back to the days of Mr. Mercier, and at the door of that administration laid the blame of the increased public debt. The answer to these charges was made by Mr. Bourbonnais. Mr. Flynn seemed to revel in the past, and Mr. Bourbonnais gave him several chapters not to Mr. Flynn's liking, but which caught the attention of the crowd and called forth hearty cheers. The abolition of the Legislative Council was discussed, and upon that matter Mr. Bourbonnais stood just where Mr. McCorkill stands. The Liberal party was pledged to that abolition and would bring it about as soon as possible. To do so, it was necessary to appoint ment to the vacant seats in favor of such a measure, for no bill of abolition could become law without the conent of the Council itself. One step in the direction of that reform was the appointment of Mr. McCorkill, who went to the Upper Chamber pledged to support this plank in the Marchand programme. He also appealed to the electors not to be influenced by the cry of nationality raised in certain quarters by the friends of the Conservative candidate. Irrespective of race or creed, let English Liberals and French Liberals vote for Dr. Cotton, the candidate of the Marchand Government and the supporter of honesty and economy in public affairs.

D. B. Meigs, the Federal member for the county, delivered a short speech, which put the whole case in a nutshell. He spoke not as a politician but as a farmer of the county and a taxpayer of the Province. Like every other taxpayer, he was interested in the condition of our provincial finances, for it meant dollars to every citizen. Quebec to-day had a debt of thirty-four millions of dollars. There was no use in wasting words in telling how it had been piled up, but there it was, and the existing conditions had to be faced. There was the debt, and the interest on it had yearly to be paid, and the public affairs administered. To-day that interest amounted to $1,400,000 a year, an enormous sum, but further increase of debt meant an increase of the annual interest charges. Now the first thing to be done was to balance revenue and expenditure and reduce the debt. At present our provincial charges were largely paid out of the proceeds of the sale of provincial timber limits; but when those limits were exhausted, when all had been sold, the treasury would have to come directly to the people for the necessary funds, unless in the meantime sufficient economy was practised as to bring expenditure within the limit of ordinary revenue. Therefore the Province needed a Government that would decrease and not increase expenditure, that would bring down the public debt and not make it larger. Such a Government the people of the Province now had in the administration of Mr. Marchand. It has reduced expenditure, cut down the cost of government, stopped the throwing away of money in the bonusing of railways, and given an efficient public service. It would be time to condemn the Marchand Government when they did wrong. At present the people had nothing against those men, and there was, therefore, no reason for Missisquoi returning an Opposition candidate. Mr. Marchand and his Cabinet deserved the confidence and support of the people. Let them continue that confidence and support by electing Dr. Cotton, the Marchand candidate.

Mr. McCorkill spoke briefly, again placing before the people his position respecting the Legislative Council, whose abolition he was pledged to do all in his power to bring about. The reason given at Confederation for the Council's existence was that the second legislative chamber was to protect the interests of the Protestant minority in the province. But on that ground it was unnecessary, for when had the majority in the province so acted as to interfere with the rights of the minority? The minority needed no such protection; the province required no second branch of the Legislature. He held those views when he entered public life; he held them still, and he went to the Council to give them practical effect.

Mr. Hackett had made much of this appointment, and seemed very zealous in his opposition to Dr. Cotton. Well, it was not a serious matter. In the last election Mr. Hackett's eloquence was heard in one part of Missisquoi, and in that part a former Conservative majority of a hundred dropped to almost nothing.

Mr. Weir devoted his short speech to answering the arguments of previous Conservative speakers respecting the finances. He assured the electors that before the contest was over he expected to have the pleasure of discussing with them more fully some of the provincial questions of the day. The electors of Clarenceville, who have heard Mr. Weir in other campaigns, have requested that he visit them during the present week.

The last Conservative speakers were Mr. Hackett and Mr. Saviard.

The meeting was brought to a close by a five-minute reply from Dr. Cotton. The audience then cheered the chairman, the candidates, and the Queen, after which the assembly dispersed.

PREMIER MARCHAND IS CONFIDENT.

Quebec, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The Hon. Mr. Marchand arrived here this morning from Vercheres County, and went to his office in the Parliament Buildings, where he was seen by a Herald representative. He was a little tired after his recent trip, but expressed himself highly pleased at the result of his visit; the spirit shown by the rival Liberal candidates was to him most gratifying, and he was warm in his commendation of Mr. Geoffrion's unselfish conduct. He considers the Government safe in Vercheres County. In Missisquoi he believes that the Conservative efforts to use the race cry against the Government candidate will be of no avail. Beauharnois he also considers safe. The hon. gentleman is busily preparing for the coming session.

Notwithstanding emphatic denials by Mr. Bourassa, reports of his intention to retire from the contest in Levis County are still being variously circulated by Mr. Langelier's friends. The latest rumor is that he promised to make an announcement at three o'clock this afternoon. Should he retire, Mr. Gelley would, no doubt, follow his example. Meantime, there seems to be a good deal of langour among the Conservative leaders. Mr. Peletier has gone to Rimouski on important business, and the others remain in Quebec.

MR. HAYS WANTS CREDENTIAL S.

Telegraphers' Committee Must Show They Are Authorized to Act—There Will be a Conference on Friday.

The most important announcement in connection with the G.T.R. telegraphers' agitation for improved conditions of employment comes to-day from the Grand Trunk. Here is the official statement given by the managerent at Point St. Charles:

"The Codmittee of Telegraphers, with Mr. Powell, the Grand Chief of the Order, had an interview with Mr. Hays, the general manager of the Grand Trunk, yesterday afternoon, and after some conversation they left with the intention of following out Mr. Hays' decision and obtaining proper credentials from the men whom they claim to represent and who are employed by the company as telegraphers."

What these credentials are readers will have gathered from a perusal of The Herald yesterday. They are the answers to the circular letter issued by the committee, and they will fill the double-barrelled purpose of a mandate of authority to negotiate and authorization and strike.

The Telegraphers' Committee were exceedingly reticent this forenoon, and Grand Chief Powell was as close as an oyster. "We are to meet Mr. Hays again on Friday," he remarked, "and intil then there will be nothing said."

Not a word more could be elicited with regard to further replies which have been received from the men. The committee claim that 90 per cent. of the telegraphers are members of the organization, and the Grand Trunk men say that the agents, operators and stationmen from whom they draw their membership number between 900 and 1,000.

Mr. Powell declined to discuss what passed between the committee and the general manager. He adhered to his previously expressed belief that the question at issue would be amicably settled. Mr. Powell has some reason for faith in his own conciliatory methods. During the six years in which he has filled the office of Grand Chief he has never ordered a strike; but many difficulties which might be said to have reached an acute stage have been arranged in a friendly manner. More than once the votes of the men have been taken to decide what should be done.

The management of the Grand Trunk are anxious that their position in the matter should be made perfectly clear. In plain official language it is this:

"As there have recently appeared in the daily press a number of statements relative to the position of the company towards its agents and operators, calculated to mislead, it is thought desirable to make a plain statement of the existing situation.

"While preferring to deal directly with the employes engaged in the Grand Trunk service, rather than through the medium of outside organizations, the present management has never declined to receive and hear properly constituted committees representing the various classes of its employes, upon matters in connection with its rules, regulations, etc. It does not decline to do so in this instance, but having received the assurance of a large number of its agents and operators, that the committee now presenting a schedule of rules and regulations which they propose should be adopted for the governance of these employes, does not represent them, and is not authorized to speak for them, it does not appear improper to require that some definite evidence of the authority which they claim, should be produced, before proceeding to the consideration of the schedule of rules and regulations desired.

The management is making the enquiry of all of its agents and operators, as to whether or not the committee are authorized and have the power to represent them and act for them, and upon receiving satisfactory assurances that such is the case, it will be quite willing to give the schedule presented by the committee further consideration.

"All the management desire is to be satisfied that any understanding arrived at with the committee will be fully observed by the agents and operators in its employ."

CHICAGO MARKETS.

Messrs. J. S. Bache & Co., 16 St. Sacrament Street, report the closing prices to-day, as follows:

Dec. 13.	Opg.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
Dec.	64⅛	64½	64⅛	64⅜-½
May	65⅛-¼	66	65⅛-¼	65⅞-6
Corn—				
Dec.	33¼	33⅜	33⅛	33⅜
May	34⅛-¼	34⅝	34⅛	34⅜
Oats—				
Dec.	....	26½	26½	26½
May	26	26½	26	26½
Pork—				
Dec.	....	$ 10	$ 10	$ 10
Jan.	9 50	9 50	9 35	9 37
Lard—				
Dec.	....	5 10	5 10	5 10
Jan.	5 22	5 22	5 17	5 22
Short Ribs—				
Dec.	....	4 55	4 55	4 55
Jan.	4 67	4 67	4 62	4 65-7

THIS EVENING.

Theatre Francais—"The Professor." Comedy and vaudeville. Good.
Theatre Royal — White Crook burlesquers and Tom Sharkey.
Fair.
Taylor Church Lecture Hall—Fourth anniversary concert.
St. Paul's Church Lecture Hall — Rev. James Barclay's Scotch readings.

Another Missing Man.

George Clarke, living at 403 Centre street, has been reported at the Police Department as missing from his home since December 6th.

A party of some fifty Italians left Montreal by rail this morning for the Cascades, where they will be employed on canal construction.

RIVER STONE

Diamonds

ARE THE FINEST TO BE HAD.

They are found in the bed of the river and are most brillant. We carry these stones in stock.

Sets of Gold Studs (3) $2.25. Silver Chain Bracelets, 90c
Solid Gold Links, $4.00. Silver Thimbles, 20c.

Geo. G. Robinson & Co., Jewellers,
2397 ST. CATHERINE STREET.

TO SAVE TEN THOUSAND.

The Mayor Has a Plan for the Disposal of Next Summer's Garbage Without the Cost of Incineration.

Mayor Prefontaine has in mind a plan by which it is thought the cost of the removal and disposal of the garbage of the city next year can be reduced by about $10,000. The experience of the past month has shown that this will be possible.

Since the work began on the new piers in the harbor, a large amount of garbage has been dumped there for filling purposes, and afterwards buried beneath from twenty to thirty feet of earth. A saving of fully $100 per week has been effected in this way.

When spring opens the harbor work will be resumed on a more extensive scale, and it will then be possible to dump a still larger amount of garbage there. The Mayor's plan contemplates the closing down of the incinerator and the dumping of the garbage now burnt there in the new piers. The annual cost of maintaining and operating the incinerator is about $15,000. It is estimated that the adoption of the Mayor's plan would effect a saving of from $8,000 to $10,000. The announcement of this scheme will assist in killing the movement for giving the scavenging work into the hands of contractors.



CRICK IN THE BACK
—OR—
STITCH IN THE BACK.

That sharp, sudden pain which catches you in the back as you stoop over to lift something, or get up—it is the forerunner of Rheumatism or Lumbago. Let it run a few days and it rapidly grows worse and develops into chronic conditions which often lay people up for weeks or months.

Health is easy to lose if you neglect the warning symptoms. A little care and the right treatment will restore you.

Dr. Sanden's Electric Belts afford a positive remedy for Lame Back, Sciatica, Lumbago, Kidney Complaints and similar Diseases.

ELECTRICITY tones and invigorates the nerves and muscles, enriches the impoverished blood and so increases the circulation that the body is warmed and the whole organism made to tingle with new life.

Medicine won't cure Rheumatism, Doctors know it, and if they were honest they would invariably prescribe electricity, which is nature's own remedy.

Dr. Sanden's Electric Belts

are scientific batteries, constructed by skilled electricians and have been tested and proved effectual in thousands of cases. To show how widespread the use of this great curative appliance is, we have on file in our office over 500 testimonials from grateful patients living in Canada. Call and see them and be convinced.

No one can possiby form any idea of the wonderful currents produced by these body batteries without examining; therefore, if you can, call at our office and see and test one; if not, our illustrated book will be sent free, sealed, by mail, upon application to inventor and manufacturer.

DR. T. SANDEN, 132 St. James street, Montreal. OFFICE HOURS—9 to 6; Sunday, 11 to 1.

WORKMEN AND DEPARTMENTALS

The Laboring Classes Opposed to the Proposed Taxation on Departmental Stores.

A STRONG ARGUMENT

Against Them Made Before Charter Committee Last Evening by Mr. Darlington.

MORE DEPUTATIONS ON FRIDAY

The iniquitous tax the Charter Committee proposes to levy upon departmental stores has not found favor with the workingmen of Montreal. Mr. Wm. Darlington, representing the Canadian Order of United Workmen, appeared before the Charter Committee last evening, and, on behalf of the workingmen, made a strong argument against the proposed tax. On Friday evening the committee will hear more deputations on the same subject.

Mr. Darlington last evening said, in part:

"I am here to represent the Canadian Order of United Workment in opposing any further taxes being placed upon departmental stores, for the following reasons:

"1. The departmental store is the inevitable outcome of the evolution of the industrial system.

"2. They have proved to be a boon to the laboring classes, insamuch as they save a tremendous amount of time and money by having such a large variety of goods in one building, and generally at a lower cost than in the ordinary store.

"3. They have set an example to the whole city in closing their stores early, thereby giving their employes an opportunity to have a little time with their families, and for recreation.

"4. The highest salaried dry goods clerks in the city are to be found in the departmental stores.

"5. It is impossible to sufficiently define what constitutes a given department, so as to benefit the city and not injure the small storekeepers. If the small stores are allowed the same privileges as heretofore, then the departmental stores can be reduced to two departments, dry goods and groceries, for there are many small stores at both ends of the city which keep such a variety that it can easily be proved that everything now sold in any departmental is sold in small stores under one of the two names I have mentioned, groceries or dry goods. There are small dry goods stores that sell, besides dry goods in the ordinary sense of the term, hats, caps, men's and boys' clothing, boots and rubbers, millinery, light jewellery and many things that cannot possibly come under the category of dry goods. Then there are grocery stores that sell hardware, crockeryware, fresh meats, fancy articles and many things not in any way relative to groceries.

"Now, if the lines are drawn tightly, and the various branches sub-divided in the old-fashioned way for the departmental stores, it must, in justice, be done the same for the small dealers. This would mean that large numbers of small storekeepers would have to close up, thereby giving the large capitalist even greater power than ever to crush the smaller one.

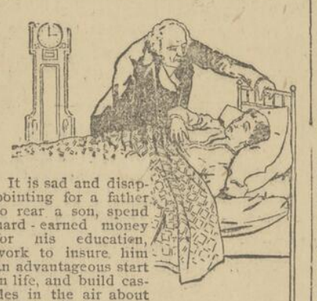
This the Age of Competition.

"It has been argued that the departmental stores often sell goods below cost to attract customers. What law is there to prevent a person giving things away if he chooses to do so? It is often done by other than departmental stores for no other purpose than to attract trade. It should be borne in mind that this is the age of competition, and there is no more fraud in the departmental store selling below cost than the ordinary dealer doing the same thing, both having a similar object in view. Now, the primary object that the committee has in view in this extra taxation is to make up a presumed loss of revenue caused by trade being drawn from the smaller stores to the departmental stores, thereby depreciating the real estate value of the smaller stores without recompensing the city in another way. Let us examine that point by taking the various values of properties in the vicinity of the departmental stores. The property where the H. Morgan & Co. store is situated was, previous to their occupation, assessed at $35,000. At present it is assessed at $300,000. The property between Beaver Hall Hill and Mountain street has trebled in value in seven years. Queen's Block, for instance, was sold by the Allan estate to Mr. Walker for $137,000. It is now assessed at over $300,000. Wiley's place, next to John Murphy & Co., was offered to Mr. Morgan in 1895 for $1.75 per foot. It would now bring $10 per foot. Mr. Boas, a large proprietor, admitted that Morgan's moving near his property had doubled its value. Where Hamilton's are at present was a church that paid no taxes. The opposite corner used to be assessed at $300 a year. It now pays over $2,000 a year in taxes. Other stores, such as Tooke's, have gone up in sympathy with the large departmental stores, and the city is made more beautiful for their presence. Only think what a calamity it would be if Mr. Carsley closed down to-morrow. Why, it would create a panic in the real estate business in that vicinity."

"The figures I have mentioned speak for themselves, and prove conclusively that values in the neighborhood where departmental stores have been established have risen 300 per cent. The city has gained rather than lost by their presence, which goes to prove also that this proposed legislation against departmental stores is not justified by facts, and appears to be promoted chiefly by a few storekeepers who desire to establish a standard by their own particular stores, which apparently have not kept up with the times.

"If a few of the small ones have been absorbed by the larger ones, it is only in keeping with the progress of the times in all matters appertaining to trade. For instance, the shoemaker has been wiped out by the shoe manufacturer, and is no longer needed only to mend boots and shoes. The small machinist can no longer make engines at a profit owing to the large capitalist being able to employ improved machinery in the manufacture of engines. The practical working tailor does not make ten per cent. of the clothing that is worn, owing to the large clothing manufacturers. The farmer can no longer raise horses at a profit owing to the use of electricity on the street railways. Yet who would like to place himself at the mercy of the small capitalists I have mentioned, and go back ten or twenty years, and do without all the conveniences we now have? That the departmental stores have been highly successful is beyond a doubt due to their catering to the public needs and desires. The fact of their selling more cheaply is because they can buy in large quantities and do a cash business, all the benefits of which the general public gets. To tax them is to tax industry and enterprise. It should not be forgotten that they are all large employers of labor in more senses than one, some of them employing many hands in the manufacture of the goods they sell, thereby bringing the producer and consumer together, with only the one profit. As you gentlemen know well that many good solid tax paying industries have been taken from Montreal through the inducements offered in other places of lighter or no taxation, this should make you cautious in placing any further burdens upon any business or industry in this city which is already overtaxed. To obtain the necessary extra revenue required to conduct the business of the city there is in my opinion, only one just way of doing it, that is, by taxing vacant land."

In conclusion, Mr. Darlington said that the workingmen would certainly oppose any alderman who lent himself to this plan to hamper trade and increase the prices of the necessaries of life.



It is sad and disappointing for a father to rear a son, spend hard-earned money for his education, work to insure him an advantageous start in life, and build castles in the air about the boy's future, only to have him killed off in the early years of manhood by the dread disease consumption.

Until recent years consumption was considered an incurable disease. Now it is known to tens of thousands that Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures 98 per cent. of all cases if taken in the early stages of the disease. It also cures bronchitis, laryngitis, throat and nasal troubles and all allied diseases of the air-passages. It is the best blood-maker and flesh-builder, the best general tonic and nerve restorative. It gives a keen edge to the appetite, corrects the impaired digestion, promotes the flow of digestive juices, facilitates the production of chyle in the lower stomach, or intestines, invigorates the liver and purifies and enriches the blood. It tears down old and inert tissues and builds up new, firm, muscular tissues of health. It strengthens the heart's action, promotes the circulation of the blood to every part of the body and deepens the breathing, thus supplying the blood with vitalizing oxygen. Thousands have testified to its merits. The dealer who offers something else as "just as good" is dishonest.

"I never was very strong and then I had La Grippe," writes Mrs. Gracie G. Smith, of 480 15th St., Salem, Oregon. "I had a cough and felt tired all the time. I took three bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and two of 'Golden Medical Discovery' and two vials of 'Pleasant Pellets.' I have better health now than for many years."

Thirty-one one-cent stamps cover the customs and mailing of a paper-covered copy of Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser. Cloth-bound, 50 stamps. Send to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

MONSON SPEAKS AGAIN

This Time He Assumes a Conciliatory Tone—Hopes Rumors of War Are at an End.

Paris, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Sir Edmund Monson, the British ambassador, last night addressed the Anglo-American Young Men's Christian Association here. He referred felicitiously to the entente between Great Britain and the United States and said it would be an ideal thing if they and France should co-operate in the world's civilization. Sir Edmund added that he was glad of the opportunity to express the warm feelings he entertained for France, where throughout his diplomatic career he had never, even in the moment of the greatest excitement, had an offensive word addressed to him. Englishmen coming to Paris would find the best feelings displayed toward them. There could not be two opinions, he added, respecting the blessings attaching to peace between Great Britain and France, and he fervently hoped that the Christmas season would terminate all rumors of war between them.

Railway to Dawson Soon.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—D. C. Fraser, M.P., of Guysboro', is in the city en route to the east from Skagway. He says the White Horse Pass and Yukon Railway will be completed to Bennet and Atlin Lakes next year, and to Dawson City in the year following. Mr. Fraser addressed the Liberal Association here last evening.

$1,000 Check Disappears.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—A letter containing a marked cheque for $1,000 on the Bank of Montreal has disappeared between this city and Nelson, B.C. The letter was mailed at Nelson on November 15th by Mr. John A. Turner, president of the Board of Trade of that town, to his brother, Mr. P. B. C. Turner, music dealer, of this town.

Nova Scotian Dropped Dead.

Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—At Rat Portage, a man named Andrew Walsh, from Fairmount, Antigonish County, N.S., dropped dead in Mrs. Sharp's boarding house Sunday morning.

LORD KITCHENER ON RELIGION.

"I have come for £100,000, and I have no doubt that I shall get it." This eminently practical speech, which was the beginning and the end of the Sirdar's address to the members of the London Stock Exchange, will also not inaptly describe the whole of the somewhat longer proceedings at the Mansion House on December 1st.

Lord Kitchener, who was warmly cheered, said:—I have to thank the Lord Mayor very heartily for allowing us to have this meeting, and you gentlemen for attending to help in furthering the objects of a Gordon Memorial College at Khartoum. I have so recently fully gone into the details, that I think itwould be only fatiguing you if I gave more details on the subject at the present moment. I have to thank the press very sincerely for the unanimous way in which it has supported this scheme I have so much at heart. If I can answer any questions which gentlemen may like to put, I shall be very glad to do so; or to see after the meeting any gentlemen who desire to subscribe to the college. Last night, at dinner, I had the pleasure of sitting next the distinguished prelate who rules this diocese, and I was very glad to hear from him that he considers this project is a most religious one. I have always thought that any attempt to raise the moral and intellectual tone of a people must be doing God's service, and if we can teach the inhabitants of that country to be educated, reasoning, thinking people, we are giving them the foundation of what I believe is our religion. And by giving them this college you will be making our flag which waves in that country not only a symbol of the power and glory of this country, but a sign that wherever it waves the people there have friends here who will stick to them and help them in any way in their power, sympathize with them in their trouble, and, if necessary, endeavor to raise them to a higher level, and thus make our flag not only respected but loved throughout the whole African continent.

The Sirdar sat down amid cheering that was quite remarkable in volume for the size of the audience.

ACCIDENT TO MR. PETER LYALL.

Mr. Peter Lyall, the well-known contractor, is confined to his house, and will be for some weeks to come, as the result of a fall while walking to his sleigh yesterday afternoon.

In company with several gentlemen he had arranged to drive out to the opening of "Thornhill," and being a trifle late, he hurried down the steps of his residence on Bishop street. He slipped and fell, and on examination it was found that one of the ligaments of the right leg was badly strained. Mr. Lyall will be missed by many friends; business and social circles will join in hoping that the illness will be of short duration, and that he will soon be as hale and hearty as ever.

TETE-A-TETE.

Sir James Grant, of Ottawa, spent a couple of days in town last week.

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Teas seem to be the order of the day at present, and one can go to several every afternoon. Mrs. James Peck has issued invitations for one at her handsome residence, "Undermount," Durocher street, on Thursday afternoon.

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The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Vanneck will be pleased to hear of their return after an absence of several months abroad. Mr. and Mrs. Vanneck purpose spending some time in Montreal now.

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Miss Gertrude Price, daughter of Mr. Herbert Price, of Quebec, is here on a visit to friends.

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Miss Janie Ramsay, who has been in New York for some time past, has returned to town for the winter.

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Lady Galt gave an at home on Monday afternoon in honor of Miss Julia Greenshields, of Toronto.

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A number of the young society men gave a drive and supper on Monday evening to their lady friends at the Forest and Stream Club. Mrs. R. Whitehead was the chaperon.

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A steady stream of ladies wended their way between 5 and 6 o'clock on Monday afternoon up Union avenue to number 61, the residence of Mrs. W. A. Molson, who was at home to her large circle of friends. Mrs. Monson received in a handsome gown of black and pale blue, trimmed with jet. Miss Molson, who received with her mother, looked very dainty in white muslin over blue silk. The spacious rooms were filled, and the gay laughter of women's voices told how much enjoyment they were deriving from the most popular form of entertainment. The large rooms were beautifully decorated with quantities of pink and tea roses and smilax, pink roses and mignonette ornamented the tea table, where the most tempting eatables were spread. Among those present were: Lady Van Horne, Lady Melbourne Tait, Mrs. E. B. Greenshields and Miss Greenshields, Mrs. and the Misses Bond, Mrs. Captain Hooper, Miss Roddick, Mrs. John Crawford, the Misses Durnford, Mrs. J. A. Peterson, Mrs. Hebdin, Mrs. James Bell and Miss Ainton, Mrs. and Miss G. W. Stephens, Mrs. S. Taylor, Mrs. David Denne, Miss R. Campbell, Miss Greenshields, Miss A. Gait, Mrs. Heward, Mrs. and Miss Eadie, Miss Sachs, Miss A. Wheeler, Miss Macdonnell, Mrs. Penhallow, Mrs. and Miss Johnston, the Misses Savage, Miss Young, Mrs. I. S. Jarvis, Miss Black, Mrs. L. Sutherland, Mrs. Hayter Reed, Miss Roddick, Mrs. Hugh Wonham, Mrs. Ernest Gault, Mrs. Hammford, the Misses Lambe, Mrs. Barclay, Mrs. Charles Godfrey, Miss Kerry and a great many others.

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Mrs. James Ross has returned to town.

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Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Oswald have taken up their residence for the winter at 211 Drummond street.

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Last evening in the ladies' ordinary of the Windsor hotel, Mme. Nilca held the first of her musical soirees, which she proposes holding during the winter. This first one was devoted to the ancient and modern Italian school. The songs were sung in Italian by Miss Antoinette Trebelli. Mme. Nilca lectured on the different Italian schools, from the fifteenth century to the present time.

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A pretty wedding took place in Grace Episcopal Church on Saturday afternoon, the contracting parties being Mr. H. Hill and Miss Catherine Jackson, the Rev. Dr. Ker, rector, performing the ceremony. Mr. W. Charlton acted as best man, while Miss L. Jackson and Miss M. Hill acted as bridesmaids. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. A. Jackson. Mr. and Mrs. Hill were the recipients of many presents, including a very handsome family Bible from the groom's shopmates in the Grand Trunk Railway rolling mills. The Bible was accompanied with an address.

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The Rev. Arthur French, of St. John the Evangelist Church, who during the past week was confined to his room with a bronchial attack, is, his many friends will be glad to hear, gradually recovering his health.

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Mrs. Robert Fraser, 820 St. Denis street, has returned after an absence of some weeks in Sydney, C. B., where she was the guest of Mrs. (Dr.) E. J. Johnstone.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hosmer received word yesterday that their daughter, who had accompanied them on their recent trip abroad, had been attacked by typhoid fever. Mr. and Mrs. Hosmer will leave at once by the steamer Majestic for Paris.

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Miss Sallie Judah will entertain her friends at a five o'clock tea on Wednesday next.

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Miss Baldwin, daughter of Bishop Baldwin, who has concluded her visit to her aunt, Mrs. Day, is at present the guest of Mrs. Stanway, McTavish street.

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A very successful euchre party was that given by Mrs. Binks at her charming residence, Elm avenue, Westmount, on Friday afternoon. There were eight tables of euchre, and the pretty prizes were keenly contested for, and finally won by Miss Brenda Chillas and Miss Wand. Among those present were noticed: Miss Pinder, the Misses Fisher, Miss Wood, Mrs. Charles J. Brown, the Misses Banks (England), the Misses Balfour, Mrs. Oliver, Miss Molson, Mrs. Alan Rose Binks, Miss Sweeny, Miss Chillas, Miss Ethel Armstrong, Miss Black, Miss Boyd, Mrs. Turpin, Mrs. James Macdougall, and many others.

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Mrs. Leonard Marler has issued invitations for an "at home" at her residence, 2740 St. Catherine street, on Thursday, December 15.

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The engagement is announced of Mr. Arthur Fry to Miss Inez Botterell, second daughter of Mr. E. H. Botterell, Dorchester street. As both are extremely popular congratulations are being received from their many friends.

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Mrs. Nye has been spending the last week in town with her daughter, Mrs. Sargeant Stearns, 307 Peel street.

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Mrs. John Colby, 127 Bishop street, has issued invitations for an "At Home" on Monday afternoon next.

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Mrs. J. M. Crawford is giving a young ladies "at home" next Saturday at the residence of her sister, Miss Ross, 9 Simpson street.

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Mrs. E. B. Greenshields gave a very smart luncheon on Tuesday last to ten of the young married ladies of her acquaintance. The table was exquisitely decorated in pale green with white chrysanthemums.

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The marriage of Miss Larken is arranged to take place on the 27th from the residence of her cousin, Mrs. W. F. Torrance, Stanley street.

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According to Henry J. Morgan's "Canadian Men and Women of the Time," William C. McDonald, who is about to receive the honor of knighthood, was born at Glenaladale, Prince Edward Island, in 1833. He comes of a loyal stock, one of his ancestors having served as a captain in the 84th Regiment during the American revolutionary war. He was educated and received his business training in Charlottetown. In 1854 he left Prince Edward Island, and shortly afterwards took up his residence in Montreal, where he was first a commission merchant. Subsequently he embarked in the tobacco manufacturing business. He is the largest individual shareholder in the Bank of Montreal, and has given to McGill University a sum approaching two million dollars.

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A very pleasant musical "at home" was given by Mrs. Alfred Belasco at her residence, 314 Park avenue, on Saturday evening. Some excellent music was given by her guests. Miss Battersby was in excellent voice, and sang in a very pleasing manner. The Misses Boult and Harkin gave piano solos. Messrs. Davis, D. O. C. Cronin, Langlois and Doherty also sang. The gem of the evening was the singing of Miss Louisa Morrison, who possesses a lovely clear soprano voice of pleasing quality, and who sings most artistically. Besides being a singer she is also a composer of considerable merit, and sang an "Arabian Love Song" of her own composition with great effect.

Tree Killed Lumberman.

Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—A lumberman named Sampson was killed by the fall of a tree at Kelly's lumber camp, near Rat Portage, yesterday.

Serious Charge Against C S.

London, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The charge of manslaughter against the Christian Scientists who treated Harold Frederic may be pressed.

Falling Tree Killed Him.

London, Ont., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Wm. Fraser, an employe of Sutherland, Innes & Co., was struck by a falling tree in the woods near Glencoe Saturday afternoon and was instantly killed. His companion, named McEachren, was also severely injured.

THE NELSON MONUMENT FUND.

Amount required - $2,000

Subscribed to date, $1,433.48

The following additional subscriptions to the Nelson Monument Fund have been received. Subscriptions may be sent to Mr. Wolferstan Thomas, general manager, Molsons Bank; but any that are forwarded to The Herald will be handed to the hon. treasurer.

St. George's Lodge, A. F. G. and A. M.	$5
Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal	100 00
A. D. Durnford	5 00
W. W. L. Chapman	2 50
R. Wilson-Smith	$100 00
Sons of England, Westmount Lodge	52 00
W. C. Macdonald	50 00
Hon. George W. Stephens	50 00
Elder, Dempster & Co.	50 00
From Mr. F. Wolferstan Thomas, being balance of an old fund	47 98
F. Wolferstan Thomas	20 00
Officers Molsons Bank	19 00
Victoria Rifles' Reserve Association, per W. H. Stanley, hon. treasurer	10.00
Lieut.-Col. J. B. Burland	10 00
G. B. Burland	10.00
S. Carsley	10 00
A. F. Gault	10 00
H. Montagu Allan	10 00
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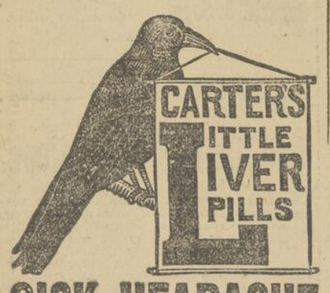
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FIDELITY BONDS.

In the Future Personal Guarantees Will Not be Accepted for Dominion Officials.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The Department of Customs has completed arrangements for placing all officers handling money under fidelity bonds to be furnished by trust companies. In the past personal bonds have been accepted, but in the case of defalcation it has been found difficult, and in some cases impossible, to realize upon them. The new arrangement contemplates the division of the country into four districts, Maritime Provinces, Quebec, Ontario and the West, and each district will be assigned to one or more British or Canadian guarantee companies. Each company will furnish a blanket bond covering the officers in its district, in addition to which particular officers guaranteed will be specifically named. The department will pay the premiums and deduct the amount from the officers' salaries, thus securing lower rates than would be available for individuals.



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One of the Montreal Health Department Animals in Pound.

Westmount Police Found it Wandering Around the Streets—Some One Drove Off With It.

The horses of the Health Department are acquiring fame. The notoriety that has come to the two that were condemned as lockjaw incurables and given to a Lapraine farmer, whose son-in-law paid for a place on the police force that he did not get, has come to the ears of the hard-working equines that have escaped the ravages of the epidemic of tetanus. One of them, more envious than his fellows, started out Sunday morning to make a name for himself.

It happened this way. About four o'clock Sunday morning, one of the men driving this particular horse, attached to a sleigh, stepped into the office at the incinerator to report after having dumped a load of refuse. When he emerged from the office his horse and sleigh were nowhere to be seen. After an hour's fruitless search and enquiry, Engineer Dore was communicated with and apprised of the strange disappearance. As the sleigh bore the words, "Montreal Health Department," on both sides in large letters, it was thought that the thief could not get far. The telegraph and telephone wires were kept warm during Sunday forenoon with enquiries sent in all directions, but no news of the missing property came. The city police were notified, men from the Health Department were sent out, and the search continued all day long.

About five o'clock in the evening Foreman James Dawson was informed that a horse attached to a Health Department sleigh had been seen, being rapidly driven in the direction of Westmount early in the morning. Foreman Dawson went at once to the Westmount Police Station and there found his property in the town pound. The Health Department was taxed $1 poundage fees before the horse was given up.

CITY BOOKS WERE NEVER AUDITED

City Council Decides to Give Mr Dufresne the Power to Reform the Bookkeeping.

TO ADOPT UNIFORM SYSTEM

Heads of Departments Do Not Know Much About Bookkeeping, it Seems.

A VERY MUCH NEEDED REFORM.

The City Council yesterday took the first step towards the revision of the systems of bookkeeping in the various departments at the City Hall, when they gave Mr. Dufresne the power and authority that his office titles, Auditor and Comptroller, would lead one to suppose he already held. A motion by Ald. Laporte to confer these powers upon Mr. Dufresne was adopted without division, only one member, Ald. Marsolais, speaking against it.

Ald. Laporte's motion was to the effect that on and after January 1st, 1899, the City Comptrolier be held accountable for the bookkeeping of all the civic departments; that he have control of all books and papers connected with the bookkeeping; that he be instructed to establish a uniform system for all departments, and that he have control of all employes engaged in bookkeeping.

In support of this motion, he said a uniform system of bookkeeping should be adopted in all parts of the administration. Had the comptroller been better informed on all questions, as he should be, perhaps we would not have seen what took place in the City Hall last year. As a member of the Claims Committee, he had learned that the books in every department were under the responsibility of the chiefs, and that Mr. Dufresne, the city controller, had no power to revise them. The corporation was now called upon to settle accounts for thousands of dollars, of which Mr. Dufresne knew nothing. It might be said, without injuring the heads of departments, that they might be good men in their own sphere, but they did not know much about bookkeeping. The City Comptroller was ready to try the change, which, he thought, could be carried out without increasing his staff.

Ald. Beausoleil concurred in these remarks. The question, he said, was very important and the suggested move commended itself. The whole bookkeeping of the civic administration was neither compared nor audited nowadays, and certain books of the departments did not balance with those of the treasurer. It was necessary that the city's books should be controlled by only one man, as it is done in all large business establishments. Some official should be so well posted on the city's accounts as to give the Council in a moment's notice any required information.

In answer to Ald. Gallery, Ald. Laporte stated that the departments' books never were audited.

Ald. Stevenson wanted to ascertain if the change incurred any increase in the number of employes. There were too many of these already in the City Hall. He thought the books were being well kept as a rule, and would vote against the motion, if it purported an increase in the expend ture.

Ald. Laporte—"I would not be surprised if, with an improved system of bookkeeping, before many months, instead of an increase there were a decrease in the number of men on the staff."

Ald. Marsolais thought the present system was satisfactory, as the City Comptroller now saw to all the money warrants.

Finally the motion was carried without dissent.

The City Clerk read a letter from Mr. E. W. Arthy, secretary of the Board of Protestant School Commissioners, calling the attention of the Council to the fact that the words typhoid fever had been struck from the list of contagious diseases for which children being in infected houses are kept away from schools.

The matter was referred to the Health Committee.

The Parks and Ferries Committee reported that the lease between the city and the Exposition Company for the grounds near Mount Royal avenue had expired on the 1st of May last, and that the city should resume possession of those premises by May 1, 1899. The City Attorney's opinion in the matter was also communicated to the meeting, and the report passed without opposition.

The order list was cleared of a lot of unimportant matters before Council adjourned. A special meeting will be held this afternoon to pass charter amendments.

JENNER IS DEAD.

He Was a Distinguished Pathologist and Physician in Ordinary to the Queen.

London, Dec. 13.—Sir William Jenner, the distinguished pathologist and physician-in-ordinary to the Queen and the Prince of Wales, died yesterday.

The late Sir William Jenner, who was born at Chatham in 1815, and who was president of the Royal College of Physicians from 1881 to 1889, when he retired from the practice of his profession, was well known, not only to pathologists, but to the public at large, as having been the first to establish beyond dispute the differences in kind between typhus and typhoid fevers.

On the death of Dr. Baly, in 1861, Jenner was appointed to succeed him as physician extraordinary to the Queen, and the next year he was gazetted physician-in-ordinary to Her Majesty, receiving the same preferment in 1863 in the household of the Prince of Wales.

It was in recognition of his services rendered during a severe illness of the Prince that he was made Knight Commander of the Bath. He wrote numerous papers on fever, the acute specific diseases, diphtheria, diseases of children and diseases of the heart, lungs and skin.

Bryan Through Soldiering.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 13.—Col. W. J. Bryan, of the 3rd Nebraska Regiment, has either forwarded his resignation to Washington or is about to do so. Of this there seems to be no doubt. To-day he called upon General Lee, commander of the 7th corps, and General Kenfer, commander of the second division of the corps, of which Col. Bryan's regiment is part, and is understood to have announced his intention of quitting the service.

Beaver Rebekahs.

Beaver Rebekah Lodge, No. 5, last evening celebrated the anniversary of the institution of the lodge in a most fitting manner by a complimentary "at home" in their lodge rooms, Unity Hall. There was a large and representative gathering of Rebekahs and Oddfellows present. Among those present were Miss Waddell, district deputy; Mrs. A. Campbell, grand conductor of the Grand Assembly; Mrs. E. Friedlander, grand warden of the Grand Assembly; also the officers and members of Excelsior Rebekah Lodge, No. 6. The programme was interspersed with songs, dances and instrumental music. Beaver Lodge is in a very flourishing condition, it having the privilege of insuring its members on the same basis as the Oddfellows. Their next social will be held some time in January next.

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NEWS FROM CORNWALL.

The Ghost Continues to Walk and People Are Becoming Frightened—Holiday Entertainments.

Cornwall, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—A sad death occurred in the East End on Saturday last, when Miss Meline Laroux, daughter of Honore Laroux, died at her father's residence after a very brief illness. She was a highly esteemed young lady, and her untimely death was the cause of much regret. The funeral took place this morning from her father's residence to the Church of Nativity, and thence to the Roman Catholic cemetery at Flannigan's Point.

The ghost still walks in Cornwall, and his pranks are becoming of a more serious nature. On Friday evening a young man who was going home from dancing school was assaulted and knocked down on First street west by a strange man whose features were invisible under a large slouch hat. The young fellow, although very badly scared, pulled a revolver and fired into the air. This caused his assailant to decamp. On Saturday night a woman was seized and thrown into the ditch on Augusta street. There was also a fire of mysterious origin in the Convent school.

The Counties Court will open here tomorrow.

An avoirdupois social will be held by the St. Lawrence Council, No. 414, R.T. of T., in their hall on First street east on Friday evening, December 16th. All the heavy-weights, likewise the feather-weights, are expected to be in attendance.

The children of the Church of the Good Shepherd are preparing for their annual entertainment, which will be held in Memorial Hall on December 28th.

Farmers' Institute meetings are being held to-day at Cornwall Centre. Other meetings will be held to-morrow on the South Branch. The meetings of Dundas County will be held on the following days: Foster's Hall, Chesterville, Thursday, December 15th; Methodist Hall, Mountain, Friday, December 16th. Addresses will be delivered by J. S. Woodward, of Rockport, N.Y., and Miss Laura Rose, instructress of dairying of the Ontario Agricultural College, of Guelph, and H. H. Dean, professor of dairying industry. There will be various subjects of vital importance to farmers and dairymen.

The Alexandria Carriage Company have made a shipment to Bombay, India.

The snug sum of $1,671 was realized at the picnic held some time ago by the parishioners of the St. Martin's Detours, Glen Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. McNab, who have been visiting friends in Cornwall and Glengarry, have started for their far-away home in Buenos Ayres, South America. Mr. McNab is a son of Sheriff McNab, of Cornwall.

The Liberal Club at Cardinal have elected the following officers: President, Dr. Williams; vice-president, S. Webb; secretary-treasurer, A. Cameron; advisory committee, Jos. Byers, S. Webb, J. F. Hutcheroft, A. Vancamp, N. Bolton; joint committee with Dundas County, Dr. Williams, J. F. Hutcheroft, G. G. Serviss; representative to the Eastern Ontario Association, Dr. Williams.

Miss Lillie Dillon has returned to Iroquois from Montreal.

The mission of the French people of St. Finnan's, Alexandria, was concluded on Sunday. The mission was conducted by the Rev. Father Lava, C.SS.R., and Rev. Father Verneiren, C.SS.R.

Mrs. Arran Winters, of Moulinette, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Alex. Casselman, of Iroquois.

F. Dioniere, of Tweed, has leased the American Hotel at Alexandria from H. R. McDonald.

THE ANCIENT CAPITAL.

It Was 12 Degrees Below Zero at Quebec Yesterday—To Leave for England.

Quebec, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Major Rutherford and Capt. Benyon, who leave for England on Wednesday next to follow a military course during one year, were entertained last evening to dinner at the Citadel by their brother officers. In the absence of Lt.-Col. Wilson, who is suffering from an attack of grippe, Lt.-Col. Farley presided.

Sergeants Herbert, Jordan and Weatherbee, of the R.C.A. and "B" Field Battery, will also leave for England on Wednesday next.

Mr. Arthur E. Scott, of this city, has been appointed to succeed the late Mr. John Laird as resident agent for the city and district of Quebec for the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company. Mr. Scott, who is well and favorably known throughout the province, was associated with Mr. Laird for seventeen years, and his appointment is received with great pleasure by his friends.

A cold spell set in here yesterday and the thermometer dropped to 12 below zero.

At a meeting of Quebec pilots held here yesterday, Mr. L. E. Morin was elected president.

TELEPHONE PEOPLE WON.

The Assessment on the Bell Company in Toronto Reduced by Half a Million.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—Judgment was given yesterday by the special court in assessment cases in the suit of the Bell Telephone Company against the city. The decision was based on the recent judgment of the Ontario Court of Appeal, in the suit of Bell Telephone Company against the city of Hamilton, under the terms of which the assessment was based on the value of the assets of the company as scrap iron. The court of three county judges this morning, following the same line, reduced the assessment from $638,649 to $102,550. In the appeal of the Toronto Street Railway from the assessment of the city, the same principle was followed, but no figures are yet given out. The reduction, however, will be proportionately less, the assessment having been on a scale below that of the telephone company. The assessment of the T. Eaton Company for $200,000 was confirmed without argument, the Eaton Company not being represented.

The Cause of Black's Death.

London, Dec. 13.—Inflammation of the brain was the immediate cause of the death of the novelist, William Black, on Saturday. Three weeks ago, when serious symptoms set in, he began to suffer acutely, and continued in agony until Wednesday, when he fell into a state of coma. He had been subjected to nervous attacks for a long time. The novelist leaves a widow, a son and two daughters. All the family are well provided for. Black made a large income out of his many novels.

Universal Peace Plan.

London, Dec. 13.—A correspondent of the Daily News, who was sent specially to the various capitals for information, emphatically denied the rumors that the Czar's peace project has collapsed. Instead, he says, the full force of Russian diplomacy is being concentrated for the achievement of an international conference at which the nations will promise to stop the increase of armaments and proclaim the equivalent to a mediaeval Truce of God for five or ten years. At the conference also the question of universal mediation and arbitration would be raised.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

BIRTHS.

KERR—On Dec. 3, the wife of D. M. Kerr, 685 Cadieux st., of a daughter.

McHUGH—On the 6th inst., at 296a Liverpool st., a son to Mr. and Mrs. Charles McHugh.

NEIL—In this city, on the 10th inst., at 665 St. Antoine st., Westmount, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Neil.

TANSEY—At 587 St. Urbain st., Dec. 10, the wife of James P. Tansey, of a son.

GRAY—At Bedford, Ont., Dec. 7, the wife of A. W. Gray, of a daughter.

DONNELLY—At Westport, Ont., Dec. 5, the wife of M. T. Donnelly, of a son.

GUEST—At Sherbrooke, Dec. 6, the wife of Edward Guest, of a daughter.

ANDERSON—At the Gore, Hinchinbrooke, Que., on the 2nd inst., the wife of Joseph Anderson, jr., of a daughter.

McCLATCHIE—At Powercourt, Que., on the 8th inst., the wife of Arthur McClatchie, of a daughter.

KEMP—At Ramsay, Ont., Dec. 1, the wife of John Kemp, of a son.

GRAHAM—At Ramsay, Ont., Dec. 3, the wife of John Graham, of a son.

GALBRAITH—At Toronto, Dec. 5, the wife of J. R. Galbraith, of a son.

LYMAN—At Hamilton, Dec. 9, the wife of A. J. Lyman, of a daughter.

LAWSON—At Halifax, Dec. 7, the wife of the Rev. George Lawson, of a son.

WATTS — At Wisawasa, District of Parry Sound, Ontario, Dec. 5, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Watts, of Hartville, Nova Scotia, a son.

MARRIAGES.

BROWN-BULMER—On Dec. 8, by the Rev. P. L. Richardson, Isaac H. Brown to Sarah R. Bulmer, both of this city.

HILL-JACKSON—On Dec. 10, by the Rev. Dr. Ker, Grace Church, Point St. Charles, Hezekiah Hill to Kate Jackson, both of this city.

LEHMANN-LOVICK—At Kingston, Ont., on Dec. 10, by Rev. J. K. McMorine, M.A., Adolf L. F. Lehmann, Ph.D., of Orillia, to Mary Georgina, daughter of John Lovick, of Kingston.

THOM-NEILSON—At Ramsay, Ont., Dec. 1, by Rev. G. T. Bayne, John Thom to Agnes Elizabeth Neilson.

RAGSDALE-BINGHAM—At Rosebank, Ont., Dec. 7, by Rev. J. M. McLean, Joseph S. Ragsdale, of Almonte, to Miss Margaret C., daughter of Mr. A. Bingham, Rosebank.

WILSON-NICHOLLS—On the 7th inst., by Rev. J. Macfarlane, Lindsay, Matthew John Wilson, of Fenelon, to Miss Minnie H. Nicholls, of Somerville, Ont.

BURGESS-BAILEY—At Goderich, Ont., Dec. 7, by Rev. James Anderson, Ralph Burgess, jr., of the Ontario Bank, Toronto, to Elizabeth Maude, eldest daughter of the late James Bailey.

HENSLOWE-SWIFT—On Nov. 5th, at St. Paul's Church, Los Angeles, California, by Rev. Henderson Judd, Henry Bagshot, eldest son of the Rev. E. J. L. B. Henslowe, LL.B., vicar of Preston, Weymouth, England, to Laura Annie Lovett, only daughter of the late Latham Blacker Swift, of Toronto.

STEWART-HYDE—At Hamilton, Dec. 8, by Rev. Mr. MacWilliams, Mabel, daughter of Edward Hyde, to Arch. Stewart.

NIENHUYS-HARRIS—At London, Ont., on Dec. 7, by Rev. Mr. Smith, Gerardus John Nienhuys to Miss Marguerite Jane Harris.

JONES-McCARTHY—At Liverpool, N.S., Dec. 5, by Rev. A. W. M. Harley, Wm. Fenwick Jones, to Mary Ella, daughter of Wm. McCarthy.

BABINGTON-GALE—On Dec. 7, by Rev. I. N. Parker, John C. Babington to Emma Dora, second daughter of George Gale, both of the Parish of Waterborough, Queen's County, N.B.

DEATHS.

VIAU—At Longue Pointe, on the 10th December, Charles Theodore Viau, of the firm of Viau & Frere, aged 55 years and 9 months. Funeral will take place on Wednesday morning, leaving the residence at Longue Pointe, at 8.15, and the factory, 1294 Notre Dame st., at 9 o'clock, for Notre Dame Church, where service will be held at 9.30. Friends and acquaintances are requested to attend without further intimation. 2819

HATTON—At 314 Prince Arthur st., on Tuesday, 13th in st., Constance Hatton, widow of the late Adolphus M. Hart, in his lifetime, advocate, of this city. The funeral will be on Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

VERREAULT—On Dec. 11, at Saint Jean Port Joli, Quebec, Miss Marie Anne Sophie Verreault, aged 22 years and 2 months, beloved daughter of P. G. Verreault, N.P., ex-M.P.P. for L'Islet, Que. Funeral on Wednesday.

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BELL—On Dec. 11, at the advanced age of 73 years, Andrew William Bell, carpenter, a native of Cavan, Ireland. Boston, U.S., and Cavan, Ireland, papers please copy.

GAUTHIER — On the 11th inst., Tharsalie Malouin, beloved wife of Octave Gauthier, aged 67 years.

BEATTIE—On Dec. 11, Robert Beattie, of Detroit, Mich., U.S., twin son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beattie, 333 St. Antoine st., Montreal, aged 31 years. Hamilton papers please copy.

LEE—In this city, on Dec. 12, Sarah Jane, beloved daughter of Thomas and Catherine Lee, in the 12th year of her age. Dublin and Wicklow papers please copy.

LOISELLE—At St. Henri, on the 12th inst., Joseph Loiselle, grocer, 58 Bourget st., aged 65 years. Funeral will take place on Wednesday morning, at 8 a.m. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

SMITH—At 1103 Sanguinet st., Dec. 10, Allen W. (Dickie), beloved son of Frank H. and Radie Smith, aged 2 years, 9 months and 11 days.

TANSEY—At 587 St. Urbain st., Dec. 10, infant son of James P. Tansey. Funeral private.

LEFEBVRE—On the 9th inst., at 121 St. Elizabeth st., Maria Olivine Juliette, aged 3 years and 8 months, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Lefebvre. Funeral private.

O'CONNOR—In this city, on the 8th inst., Ellen Dempsey, wife of the late John Enright O'Connor, aged 60 years, at 98 St. Hypolite st. Quebec and United States papers please copy.

WAGNER—At Cape Cove, Gaspe, on the 10th inst., Maria Diana, aged 12 years, 8 months and 10 days, youngest and beloved daughter of John Wagner. Quebec and Manchester papers please copy.

DELISLE—At Quebec, Dec. 8, Claire Tostevin, wife of the late Regis Delisle, aged 84 years.

McKENZIE—At Quebec, on the 9th inst., Annie McKenzie, second daughter of the late James McKenzie, of Point Levis.

McCOO—At Brockville, Dec. 9, Mary Hare, widow of the late Joseph McCoo, aged 61 years.

RYDER—At Kingston, Dec. 9, Mary Ann, wife of John Ryder, aged 60 years.

ARCHAMBAULT—At Ramsay, Ont., Dec. 7, Peter Archambault, aged 55 years.

COLLINS—On Nov. 27, at Perth, Ont., Ann Hughes, widow of the late Mr. Bernard Collins, aged 90 years.

SMITH—At Quebec, Dec. 11, Robert Herbert Smith, in the 74th year of his age.

FINDLEY—At St. Johns, Que., on the 6th inst., Wm. Findley, aged about 66 years.

BROWN—On the 3rd inst., at Waterville, Que., Mrs. Brown, widow of the late Captain Brown, aged 96 years.

RICKNER—At East Sherbrooke, Dec. 5, Ellen Rickner, wife of Moses Rickner, in her 48th year.

CAIRNS—At Ormstown, Que., Nov. 30, Robt. Cairns, aged 82 years.

GILLEAND—At Abercorn, Que., on the 4th inst., Sarah Crocker, wife of the late Alexander Gilleand, in her 88th year.

BURDETT—At Hamilton, Joseph Burdett, a native of Hull, Yorkshire, England, aged 65 years.

LEGGO—At Hamilton, Dec. 9, Thomas W. Leggo, in his 50th year.

BELL—At Moosomin, N.W.T., Dec. 2, James Bell, formerly of London, Ont., in his 71st year.

HARRISON—At London, Ont., Dec. 9, Thos. Wood Harrison, aged 75 years.

SLEATER—At Halifax, Dec. 4, from the effects of an accident, Alexander Sleater, 62 years of age.

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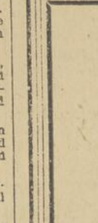


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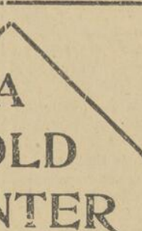
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Young Toughs at the Point

Five-cent concerts on Saturday evenings and good addresses on Sunday afternoons, with lively discussions to follow—such is the fare provided at Unity Hall by the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Society, for the people of Point St. Charles. The Rev. Dr. Barnes and members of the Unitarian Church choir, the Rev. Robt. Hopkin, Mr. Robt. Smith and the Rev. Rabbi Veld and friends are among those who have already given addresses and concerts. The Mayor, who presided at Rabbi Veld's lecture, "How to be Successful," is a member of the society, and Dr. Guerin is to preside at next Sunday's address on "Education."

With such a record in the past, and many good things promised, among others a concert by the Conservatory of Music next Saturday evening, the society does not lack the elements of success. But there has been a drawback this two weeks past in the conduct of a small gang of young "Hooligans" or toughs, who have attended the concerts for no other purpose apparently than to annoy their neighbors. They created something of a "scene" on Saturday last, stopping the performance for some minutes. The law is to be put in force against the ringleaders, whose names and addresses have been ascertained, and thus it is hoped what was fast developing into a scandal at the Point may be stopped at the outset.

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UNION LABEL

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13.

CONSERVATIVE PROMISES UNFULFILLED.

The Conservatives promised on taking office that there would be no new loans.

They kept their promise by floating the Taillon loan, which replaced an indebtedness of $3,860,000 by $5,332,976. The bonds were sold at 77 without tender. This was in 1893.

In 1894 there was another loan of $2,920,000.

In 1896 there was another loan of $3,017,333.

Mr. Marchand, on taking office, found that his predecessor's extravagance necessitated a further loan of $700,000.

The Conservatives, on taking office, promised ther would be no new taxes. They imposed a tax on real estate transfers, licenses were imposed on manufacturers and traders, succession duties were levied, direct taxes were laid on professional men, and municipalities were subjected to a variety of new charges. In all, nearly two millions of new taxes were collected by them.

The Conservatives promised, on taking office, that there would be no new railway subsidies.

They kept this promise by withdrawing subsidies from new lines and giving them to old lines to the amount of $963,000. By extending lapsed subsidies to the amount of $1,486,507, they paid in five years for railway subsidies $5,286,920. And in that time only 416 miles had been added to the system in Quebec.

The Conservatives, on taking office, promised there would be no more deficits. Their deficits for four years aggregated $5,474,189, and this despite their special taxes.

Mr. Marchand made only two promises, that he would do his utmost to keep the expenditure within the revenue, and that he would improve the educational system. He is keeping both promises.

THE PROVINCIAL LEADERS.

Nothing in the present contest is more significant then the small part the Hon. Mr. Flynn is taking in the bye-elections. He was not heard of until yesterday at Bedford, and Conservative speakers spend most of their time trying to explain away the misdeeds of his brief term of office. Mr. Flynn never was a leader who could last, and he left power without any hold upon the confidence or goodwill of the electorate. He did nothing, when the whirligig of events had brought him to power, to atone for his unsatisfactory record of the past. He could not control the selection of his colleagues, and he could not control the ministers after they became his colleagues. He permitted loose methods and corrupt practices to go unchallenged. He was always busy making mistakes. He broke one pledge after another. He imposed taxes after promising freedom from taxes; he ran up the debt; he overloaded the civil service; he allowed party favorites the exercise of their own sweet will, and it was no wonder the country turned him and his associates out.

Mr. Marchand, on the other hand, came into prominence with an unsullied record, and the whole tendency of his official career has been towards improving it. He promised few things, but what he promised he has performed. He leads his Cabinet. He promised to restore the equilibrium of the finances, and in his first year made an improvement of more than three-quarters of a million dollars in the ordinary accounts. He has cut down all the controllable expenditures except that for educational purposes. He promised to do what could be done for the betterment of primary education, and in the first session under his Premiership a bill was brought in with that end in view. Mr. Flynn made many promises and broke them; Mr. Marchand made few promises, but he has kept them.

ABOLITION IN A COUPLE OF YEARS.

The Marchand Government hopes to pass during the life of this Legislature legislation for the abolition of the Legislative Council.

Mr. McCorkill has just taken a seat in the chamber with the avowed purpose of voting for abolition.

The further statement is publicly made that every councillor appointed by Mr. Marchand is pledged to abolition.

This is the quiet, effective way the Marchand Government sets about its work.

While Mr. Leblanc was asking whether we had a government in Quebec, that government was reducing the expenditures by over $500,000 a year and increasing the revenues, from existing sources, by over $200,000 a year, and at the same time going ahead with the fulfilment of its other ante-election promises, such as the abolition of the useless upper chamber.

The people of Missisquoi, we are confident, will not say they do not want economy and a bold and business-like administration.

MR. MARCHAND ON EDUCATIONAL REFORM.

Speaking in Montreal in April, 1897, Mr. Marchand thus defined his views on the question of educational reform:

"We cannot afford, as a people, nor as individuals, to ignore the existence of competition all around us, a competition which becomes more strenuous as nations become more educated. We must prepare our youth to meet the youth of sister provinces and of neighboring states on an equal footing. We are bound in duty to look after every interest of the community, to see that the rising generation shall not be inferior to that of any country. I can give here the solemn pledge that if I am called upon to form a cabinet, one of the leading articles of my programme will be to give the youth of our province every advantage which should be found in our schools. Giving more money alone is not a remedy. To give more money to schools which are unworthy would be to put a premium upon ignorance. Let us give more money, if necessary, but let us see that it is spent intelligently."

To-day Mr. Marchand is able to say that he has faithfully kept this promise. The Education Bill of last session was upon precisely these lines. It was defeated by the solid voting strength of the Conservatives in the Legislative Council. Will the electors of Missisquoi condemn Mr. Marchand for keeping his promise and applaud the Council for delaying educational reform?

THE TIMBER SALE.

Perhaps the most interesting of the acts of the Flynn administration was the timber sale that did not come off on the date advertised. In their last session the Conservatives carefully refrained from making any reference to the contemplated sale. No notice was given in the Legislature that the sale was expected to take place, no provision was made for the disposition of the funds that would be realized.

At a time when it was impossible for intending bidders to actually inspect them, 164 timber berths, aggregating 4,535 square miles, were put up for sale. The sale was to have taken place two weeks before the general election, but the indignation aroused against the perpetrators of such an outrage was so great that at the last moment the sale was postponed, and, as the result proved, no more sales were held by the Flynn Government for the very good reason that the people turned Mr. Flynn and his following out of power. At the same time a series of valuable water stretches on the Ottawa River were to be sold to persons who were to have a monopoly of these almost unlimited water powers for the paltry sum of $35,000. This arrangement was also called off. Mr. Flynn had by this time so lost control of his Cabinet that he knew, or professed to know, nothing of what had been done. And it is Mr. Flynn's colleagues who were responsible for these transactions who now ask the electors of Missisquoi to vote want of confidence in Mr. Marchand.

RAILWAY POLICIES CONTRASTED

Mr. Flynn's office was always beset by railway promoters, who seemed to be sure of obtaining a favorable hearing for their schemes. Mr. Marchand made a plain, businesslike statement at the beginning of last session to the effect that the Province had not a dollar to spare for new subsidies, and that while he realized the desirability of securing ample railway communication within the Province, no subsidies would be given until it could be done without still further adding to the public debt.

In 1894 the Conservatives rushed through the House on the last day of the session the most sweeping and prodigal bonus resolutions ever enacted. But the most glaring act of all was the guarantee of the interest on nearly $3,000,000 of bonds for the Atlantic & Lake Superior Railway, a trick which was used only a few days before the elections, and, unfortunately, although the bargain was universally condemned, the Marchand Government have as yet been unable to extricate the country from the scrape into which Mr. Flynn was led by those who manipulated the scheme. Railway subsidies paid by the Conservatives aggregated $5,268,920, with only 416 miles of road to show for it.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST THE RAILWAYS.

The two great railway systems of Canare are charged with having discriminated against certain dealers in the matter of transportation charges for oil. It is alleged that the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk favor the Standard Oil Company, an organization which throughout the whole business world bears an unenviable reputation for its aggressive policy and questionable practices at the expense of smaller competitors. The principal allegation is only a matter of suspicion, it is true, and how far it is justified by facts it is by no means easy to say, for it is not to be expected that great railway corporations should wear their hearts—or businesses—on their sleeves. At the same time no one can peruse the interview with Mr. Gall, of Messrs. Gall, Schneider & Co., which we published in our issue of Friday last, without being impressed by it. They show beyond question that the increase in the tariff for the conveyance of oil bears hardly upon them, and that it makes a serious encroachment upon the profits they had hoped to realize when they established their business. If, as they suspect, the Standard Oil Company, while nominally charged the same transportation rates, are de facto charged less by receiving substantial rebates when accounts are settled up, it is obvious that the companies are pursuing a policy dangerous to themselves and unjust to the traders who compete with the gigantic monopoly.

We know from the experience of the United States what has been the result where railways have submitted to the dictation of that powerful organization. Its policy is to remorselessly crush all kinds of opposition, and railways have become themselves the sufferers in the end. In the United States the combination has not only the oil business, but lines of traffic at its mercy. The chief oil region is a mountainous country on both sides of the Alleghany river and its affluents. The only avenues of transportation from the wells are the large streams or the railroads laid along their banks at the foot of the mountains. The streams are available for freighting only in times of freshets, so that practically the railroads offer the only outlet. Three trunk lines penetrate the region—the Pennsylvania Central, by its feeders, the Alleghany Railway, and the Oil Creek and Alleghany River Railway, which draws the traffic at both extremities of the oil district. The New York Central penetrates to the same point through its feeder, the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway. The Baltimore & Ohio goes no nearer than Pittsburg, and the Grand Trunk no closer than Buffalo. The two latter are at the mercy of the roads that traverse the region in the interest of the three lines first named. As these three, so far as the oil freights are concerned, are completely under the control of the monopoly, the oil region is bottled up, and the organization holds the stopper and regulates the flow at will. Thus every barrel of oil must go through the hands of the controlling company and pay tribute to it. Such has been the policy of the company in the United States, and its baleful effects have been exemplified in the practical annihilation of private enterprise. We do not for a moment suggest that history will repeat itself in Canada, but it is calculated to cause some public apprehension when the statement is made that discriminations are being made in its favor by our railway systems to the injury of its competitors.

The Standard Oil Company is understood to have acquired control of the oil fields at Petrolea, and in connection with these the Montreal firm named make some serious allegations. They quote the Grand Trunk rates, for the simple reason that the Canadian Pacific have not published a permanent freight tariff for oil, but it is understood that the charges of both companies are practically the same. They declare from the printed figures that the tariff from Petrolea to Montreal is considerably less than from the Suspension Bridge and Black Rock to Montreal, although the distance is much greater in the former case than in the latter. This, of course, is discrimination—discrimination in favor of a Canadian product, it is true, but it cannot be to the interest of the people who are the consumers that American oil already heavily taxed by the state should be further taxed by the railways. Besides, if we are to have protection of native industries, it will be better that it be applied by parliament than by the railways. It has been suggested as a means of preventing and remedying abuses of this kind, in connection with railway management, that a Canadian Commission on the lines of the American Interstate Commerce Commission should be appointed. The matter might well be brought under the notice of the Minister of Railways for enquiry. But we hope the Railway Companies will themselves see the wisdom of doing what they, up to the present, have declined to do—making such a statement as will show that there is no discrimination, or remove all cause, if cause there is, of complaint on the part of business firms, and apprehension on the part of the general public.

MR LEBLANC'S WHI

Mr. Leblanc, member for Laval, has just revealed himself in a new light. The other day he assumed the position of champion financial critic for his party in the Provincial Legislature, for in the kingdom of the blind one-eyed people are kings. In his new character of self-appointed financier he delivered, on November 21st last, before the Conservative Club of Montreal, a lecture dealing with the finances of the Province, which was published in full in La Minerve for the benefit of the bye-elections. The speech is notable as a monument of inconsistencies, exaggerations and distortion of figures. We will be charitable enough to believe that if he did use misleading figures, it was through error rather than intention.

Here are a few samples of his mis-statements:—"Naturally," he said, "these gentlement did promise not to make any fresh loans. On assuming power, they borrowed $700,000 from the Bank of Montreal (page 47 Journals of the Assembly), and secured the authorization, last session, to borrow $1,500,000 at 4 per cent. That is $60,000 more of interest to be annually paid on account of our consolidated debt (61 Vic., ch. 2). And in order to remain true to the Liberal usage of always breaking the pledged word, they had, on the 30th of September last, borrowed: From the Bank of Montreal, $700,000; from the Bank of British North America, $146,983; being $846,983. On the 31st of October last they were indebted to the banks as follows: To the Bank of Montreal, $972,857; to the Bank of British North America, $315,118; total, $1,287,975. Verily, a nice figure! You will find this in the official reports of the incorporated banks of the Dominion of Canada for the months of September and October, published in the Official Gazette of Canada by Mr. Dawson, Queen's Printer, at Ottawa."

Thus, according to Mr. Leblanc, the Government, in the first place, on assuming power, borrowed $700,000; moreover, he says it has been authorized to borrow $1,500,000. Added to this, according to Mr. Leblanc, on the 30th of September last it had borrowed from the Bank of Montreal $700,000, and from the Bank of British North America $146,000, making a total of $3,046,983, with which the Government, according to his statement, would have saddled the Province on the 31st of September last. Moreover, the Government, according to Mr. Leblanc's statement, has increased the two items above—at the Bank of Montreal up to $972,857, and at the Bank of British North America to $315,118, thus adding $440,992 to our liabilities. And in support of his assertion, he quotes the official reports of the banks for the months of September and October published in the Canada Gazette.

Let us now look at the facts in their truth.

In reality, Mr. Marchand did, on assuming power, borrow $700,000 from the Bank of Montreal; but in doing this he did not increase the liabilities of the province, because he used the whole of this sum in paying the floating debt due and payable by his predecessors. And that is all.

Not one cent has been borrowed since.

The $1,500,000, to borrow which the Hon. Mr. Marchand was authorized by the Legislature, was intended for the payment of the $700,000 due the Bank of Montreal, to substitute the deposit as security for the railway loans, upon which his predecessor, the Hon. Mr. Atwater, had drawn up to the amount of $127,000, and to complete the payment of railway subsidies when they became due.

Thanks to his good management of the finances, he has been able, up to the present time, to dispense with the authorization given him by the Legislature, and he is still in a position to wait until the money market offers him the opportunity of an advantageous loan to avail himself of it.

As to Mr. Leblanc's quotation of the report of the banks, it is misleading and calculated to deceive the public. He has taken the sums he points out, from the column of this report, entitled: "Loans to the Provincial Governments." Now, then, as everybody, excepting Mr. Leblanc, will understand at first glance, that title "Provincial Governments" applies to all the provinces, and cannot point to the Province of Quebec singly, which is not burdened with the liability indicated, and which has never transacted one cent's worth of business with the Bank of British North America.

Again, had Mr. Leblanc exercised such care as good faith to the public requires on the part of a public man, he would have not only referred to the chapter of assets of these banks, but also to that of liabilities, where he would have found under the same head, "Provincial Governments," balances due these governments on the 30th of September, of $249,233 by the Bank of Montreal, and $16,486 by the "Bank of British North America." The least he should have done would have been to deduct these amounts from the liability side, which he wrongly charges the Government of Quebec with.

Mr. Leblanc also holds the Marchand Government responsible for the payment of a sum of $1,016 for labor in building the old Q. M. O. & O., and for an increase of $93,748 in the public debt.

Mr. Leblanc should know full well that these payments to the Q. M. O. & O. are for costs of expropriation of lands and other debts imposed upon the province by the Conservative Government in the disastrous bargain which it made with the owners of that road, and that, moreover, similar payments have been made, almost yearly, from the date of that purchase—among other payments those of a sum of $8,888.42, and of another of $6,617.78 by the Flynn Government in 1896-97. (See pages 13 and 15 of the Public Accounts of that year.)

As to the increase of $93,748 in the public debt account, Mr. Leblanc is the only man who cannot understand that it is chargeable to the Flynn Government and not to the Marchand Government.

The Marchand Government has increased the liabilities of the province, since it went into power, to the extent only of $164,324.96, representing the difference between the surplus of liabilities over the assets on the 30th of June, 1898, and that of the surplus of the 30th of June, 1897.

On the other hand, the increase of the liabilities of the province under the Flynn Government in the year 1896-97 was $3,335,311.

One need go no further in making quotations, for these are ample, to show the value of Mr. Leblanc's financial statement and to forewarn the public against accepting so careless—or so ignorant— a financial critic.

NINETEENTH CENTURY PILGRIMS.

From the appeal and the letters accompanying it that appear in another part of this issue, it will be gathered that we very earnestly commend to the attention and sympathy of our readers the unfortunate colony of Doukhobors, who, weary of Russian tyranny, oppression and persecution, are on their way to a new home in the Canadian North-West, where they may be assured of being allowed to pursue without molestation or interference the habits of peaceful industry and the code of civil and religious liberty, from which they have been debarred in the territories of the Czars. This interesting and peculiar people will land here in the rigor of our winter climate practically destitute, with the barest necessaries of life. They have been deprived by the persecution of a relentless despotism of practically all their property, and the scanty remnant that was left them has been absorbed by the expenses of their long and arduous journey. Thanks to the zealous and philanthropic efforts of Mr. Aylmer Maude, they are guaranteed shelter and food for the winter in the North-West, but they are likely to suffer from the want of sufficient seasonable garments and domestic comforts. It is proposed by Mrs. Cox and the other ladies associated with her on the joint sub-committee of the Women's Council and the Women's National Immigration Society to open a depot for the receipt of warm under-garments, blankets, secondhand clothing and remnants from dry goods stores. Contributions in money to aid them in their fresh start will be received and acknowledged at The Herald office, and duly forwarded to the treasurer of the fund which has been opened. The Doukhobors, or "spirit-wrestlers," as they are termed, have within the past few weeks attracted widespread interest. They number some 7,500, and they are to settle in a dozen townships which have been reserved for them in the territories of Assiniboia and Saskatchewan and in the Province of Manitoba. They have just escaped from a terrible persecution, which compelled some 4,000 of them to sell their well-cultivated farms in the Southern Caucasus at a few days' notice and reduced them to the verge of starvation. It was only with the help that reached them from abroad that they were enabled to emigrate, for although industrious and inoffensive, they are for the most part illiterate and poor and without the resources necessary to convey them to a land where life and liberty are safe. They are a simple peasant folk, who take religion seriously—as a thing intimately linked with their daily life and conduct. They are Christians, but their type of Christianity is peculiar to themselves. Above all things, they abhor the shedding of human blood, and it was their refusal to enter military service that brought down upon them the persecution of the Russian authorities. They have attracted the attention of Prince Kraptokin and Count Tolstoi, who are convinced of their admirable qualities as colonists. We most heartily commend them as "sufferers for conscience" sake to the sympathy of our readers.

The Star of October 21st, 1895, said:—"The Paris loan was negotiated without tenders, added a million and a half to our capital debt, and put half a million of profit at our expense into somebody's pocket." That was under Mr. Taillon, who gave place to Mr. Flynn. Mr. Flynn followed it up with the famous bond guarantee, holding the Province responsible for the interest on nearly three millions after Sir Wilfrid Laurier had plainly hinted that there had been no disclosure of capital represented by the company so favored that was at all adequate to the purpose they claimed to have in hand. Compare these transactions with Mr. Marchand's admirable record.

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PERSONALS.

Dr. P. M. Guay, of Etchemin, Que., is at the Place Viger.

Mr. J. C. Hyndman, of Huntingdon, is at the Queen's.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. C. Miner, of Granby, have returned to the Windsor from Boston, where they had been attending the funeral of Mrs. Miner's father.

Messrs. H. P. Cote, W. Gun and L. A. Vallee, of Quebec, are at the St. Lawrence Hall to-day.

Mr. Alex. Baptist, of Three Rivers, is at the St. Lawrence Hall.

Mr. John Shand, of Edinburgh, Scotland, is a guest at the St. Lawrence Hall.

Dr. J. A. Maguire, of Quebec, is stopping at the Balmoral.

Mr. J. H. Lee, of Toronto, is at the Balmoral.

Messrs. L. H. Phillips, Malone, N. Y.; B. M. Caldwell, Halifax; W. H. Gorman, Ogdensburg; Major C. F. Wetherel, Washington, D.C.; and J. Akin, Buffalo, are at the Balmoral.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Plow, of St. Catherines, Ont., are stopping at the Balmoral.

Captain C. E. W. Patterson was seized last week with a bad attack of pneumonia, he is lying at his private residence, 501 Sherbrooke street, dangerously ill.

Sir Adolphe and Miss Caron are expected to sail from England at the end of the month.

Mr. C. E. Jaques, manager of the Merchants Line of lake steamboats, was in Toronto last week on business.

The death is announced in London, of Mrs. E. A. Prentice, daughter of Mr. George Auldjo, many years ago a prominent merchant of this city.

Mr. A. Fraser, of Ottawa, is registered at the St. Lawrence Hall.

Mr. Andrew Phillips, of Huntingdon, is a guest at the Queen's.

Mr. L. E. Panneton, of Sherbrooke, is a guest at the Hotel Carslake.

Mr. Antoine Guilbault, of Quebec, is registered at the Place Viger.

Mr. C. A. Russell, of Renfrew, Ont., is registered at the Hotel Carslake.

Mr. C. A. Chenevert, M.P., Berthier, is registered at the Place Viger.

Mr. B. F. Steben has just been appointed manager of the French department for the province of Quebec of the Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company, with headquarters in Montreal. Mr. Steben, who has been a successful writer of insurance, is being congratulated by his many friends upon the appointment.

Mr. George Graham, jr., has arrived home on his return from Colorado, where he has spent several months for the benefit of his health, which is not much improved.

Mr. James King, of Sarnia, was yesterday introduced on 'Change at the Board of Trade by Mr. A. G. McBean, and Messrs. Felix Turcottee, Antoine Guilbault and Frank Carroll, of Quebec, were introduced by Mr. James McShane.

Mr. James M. Bush, of the firm of W. J. Bush & Co., Limited, Essential oil manufacturers, of London, Eng., is here visiting Mr. W. P. Downey.

Mr. Thos. Weston, of New York, is at the Balmoral.

Mr. W. E. Phillips, manager of Theatre Francais, returned from New York yesterday, after spending three days with his vaudeville and dramatic agents.

Mr. R. H. Pope, M.P., of Cookshire, is staying at the Windsor Hotel.

Ald. Ekers is expected home from England on the 20th instant.

Mr. J. D. G. Kippen, teller in the St. Catherine street branch of the Merchants' Bank of Canada, has been appointed teller in the London branch, a more important position. Mr. Kippen is being congratulated on his promotion by his many friends in this city, who, at the same time, are sorry to lose him. Mr. A. Thompson, Prescott, will take his place here.

Sir William Van Horne, who has been away in Toronto for some days on private business, returned to his office on Saturday.

The visiting governors for the present week to the Protestant House of Industry and Refuge and to the Homes at Longue Pointe are Hon. G. A. Drummond and George Hague.

Mr. Arthur Rushton, formerly soliciting agent for the Central Vermont Railway, in this city, has been appointed commercial agent of the New York and Ottawa Railway, with office in the Board of Trade building.

Mrs. Thomas Cushing gave a pleasant "at home" on Friday evening at her residence, Peel street, in honor of the attaining of his majority of her son, Mr. T. Hubert Cushing.

The following Canadian visitors registered their names at the offices of the High Commissioner for Canada, in London, during the week ending Nov. 29th: E. and Mrs. Marquette, Mrs. S. Beaudin, Montreal; A. S. Arsenault, R. A. McKenzie, Charlottetown; J., Mrs. and Misses Alice and A. M. Fulford, Brockville; Miss Alice King, Kingston; Mrs. Godfrey and Miss Winifred Parker, Winnipeg; Mrs. Walter Beardmore, Edmund Clark, W. H. Jardine Thomson, Toronto; K. F. A. Graburu, Winnipeg; J. A. Jackes, Toronto; Claud Hobday, Montreal.

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The Bar Banquet.

The annual banquet of the Bar of Montreal will be held at the Place Viger Hotel on the 17th inst. at 7.30 p.m. The committee in charge of the arrangements is composed of Messrs. C. B. Carter, Q.C., Batonnier; L. J. Ethier, L. H. Archambault, Joseph C. Walsh, F. X. Choquette, G. Lamothe, F. J. Bisaillon, L. J. Cresse, W. H. White, C. S. Campbell, L. Masson, A. E. Delormier, S. Carmichael, W. Donalhue, J. A. Primeau and C. Rodier. The toasts will include the Queen, the Bench and the Bar.

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HE WOULDN'T MARRY, GIRL TOOK REVENGE.

Miss Annie Walker Wants $3,000 from Joseph A Goldman, and Takes Steps to Make Sure of Her Money.

Miss Annie Walker, having lost a husband, is afraid she may also lose the damages which she claims, and this is why she has taken out a writ of capias against Joseph Asher Goldman. Miss Walker also seeks to recover the sum of $3,000 as damages for breach of promise of marriage.

According to her affidavit, Miss Walker and Mr. Goldman were betrothed after the Jewish usage and rites on October 31st, and by a paper signed in the presence of Isaac Bronstein and David Epstein, they agreed to take each other for husband and wife within six weeks, the period to expire on December 10th. It was then and there specially agreed upon between the pair that the marriage should take place on Saturday last. For some days past, the fair plaintiff alleges, Goldman has manifested his unwillingness to carry out his promise, and on Saturday and Sunday last positively declared he would not marry her. Relying upon his promise, she says she spent $115 on clothing and about $100 more in various ways, such as entertaining Goldman and his relatives and friends. She claims that by his refusal to marry her Goldman has rendered less probable her chances of another union in the future, and that in addition to the sums named she has suffered damages to her feelings, reputation and character to the amount of about $2,800.

After making these allegations, Miss Walker further states that Goldman is about to leave for the States to escape her, and that he has made this statement to her brother, brother-in-law and others, and asks for a capias. Mr. Justice Lorranger has granted the request, and fixed the bail which Goldman will have to give at $600.

CIVIC HOSPITAL CONDEMNED.

For a long time past the Civic Contagious Diseases Hospital, at the head of Moreau street, has been in a disgraceful condition, and several demands have been made upon the Finance Committee for funds to repair or rebuild it. Up to the presen all attempts in this direction have been in vain, and so have been the protests of the doctors against the exposure of their patients to every wind that blows through the building. Mr. Lessard,, Government inspector, has made a report, which will probably have the effect of sarring up the city to do something. After making a minute inspection of the building, Mr. Lessard has decided that the hospital must be evacuated by April 1 next. He found the walls full of cracks throughout, and large openings, which admitted the wind and the cold air into the building, rendering it to tally uninhabitable One of the patients was so badly chilled that he could not reply to Mr. Lessard, and could only look at him, while his teeth chattered in his head. Mr. Lessard concludes by saying that it is altogether unpardonable to leave the hospital in a state which is so little suitable to the health of the patients.

DR. RODDICK WON'T RESIGN.

There was a story on the street this morning to the effect that Dr. Roddick, member of Parliament for St. Antoine division, is about to resign his seat in order to go abroad for many months.

This morning Dr. Roddick said:

"There is no truth in the story. I am in duty bound to represent St. Antoine until the end of this session. I also am commissioned to look after the medical bill, which may not be passed during this coming session, so that without any other obligation this would prevent my resignation. As a matter of fact, however, I have not thought of it, of that I pledge you my word."

THRASHED HER SWEETHEART.

Alcina Evans, of 809 Albert street, St. Henry, was arraigned before Magistrate Lafontaine this morning on a charge of threatening to kill her sweetheart, Noe Charron, of 199 Richelieu street. About fifteen days ago, it is said, she demanded that he marry her, and, as he refused, it is alleged, she pointed a revolver at him and threatened to kill him. Yesterday afternoon she went to the Montreal Rolling Mills, where Charron works, and on seeing him gave him a good smart drubbing. Charron lodged a complant before Mr. Lafontaine, alleging that he was in mortal terror of his sweetheart. This morning Miss Evans pleaded not guilty, and was remanded until the 16th.

DIDN'T WANT TO HEAR AUDIT.

The Water Committee was called yesterday afternoon to receive the report of City Auditor Dufresne on his audit of the books of the Water Department, but no meeting was held. Soon after two o'clock Ald. Laporte, Gagnon and Clearihue reported at the committee room and waited patiently for the fourth member necessary to form a quorum. Mr. Dufresne was also there with his report ready for the committee, but they waited in vain. None of the members of the whitewashing company, Ald. Kinsella, Dupre, Jacques and Prenoveau, came. A few minutes after three o'clock Ald. Jacques and Prenoveau turned up for the Council meeting. Ald. Kinsella did not appear until he was sure that no meeting of the committee would be held, and when he did come he stayed at the Council meeting only long enough to get a few signatures to a petition he had taken charge of.

Mr. Dufresne carried his report back to his office with him and deposited it in the vault, where it will remain until the whitewashers are prepared to receive it.

Two Children Destitute.

Mr. G. M. Marshall, secretary of the S.P.W.C., had to ask the Mayor this morning for protection for two little girls named O'Donnell, aged about five and seven years. Their father, John O'Donnell, was formerly a policeman in the city, and was sentenced on Monday last to two months' imprisonment for drunkenness. Information was sent to the society a few days ago that Mrs. O'Donnell and her two little children were in a most destitute condition. Mr. Marshall went to their home on Montcalm street and found them in great want. Mr. Marshall's efforts to place the girls in an institution have so far proved futile, so he had to have recourse to the Mayor.

Stole from Father—Four Months.

Albert Trempe, living at 348 St. Denis street, was arrested last night by Detective Cote on a Police Court warrant charging him with theft. He is accused of stealing an overcoat and articles of jewellery from his father, Mr. Octave Trempe. Trempe pleaded guilty this morning before Mr. Lafontaine, and was sentenced to four months' imprisonment.

RAILWAY NEWS.

A meeting of the general passenger agents of the Western and New York lines interested in immigration business was held at the Windsor Hotel this morning for the purpose of arranging a general schedule of rates, with a view to meeting the conditions of the new anti-scalping law passed by the United States Congress. Mr. McNicoll, general passenger superintendent, and Mr. Ussher, general passenger agent, represented the C. P. R., and Mr. Davis represented the Grand Trunk.

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Mr. Shaughnessy, the vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, returned yesterday from a brief visit to Washington, whither, it was reported, he had gone for the purpose of giving information in the bonding question to the International Commission. The vice-president denied, however, that this was the object of his mission, but stated that he saw some of the commissioners.

Mr. J. N. Greenshields, Q.C., and Messrs. Hugh and Montague Allan have returned from a week's visit to Washington.

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OLD BRIDGE A MEMORY.

The Prince of Wales Will be Asked to Formally Open the New as He Did the Old Bridge.

THE CARRIAGE AND FOOT WAYS,

The first trains east and west passed over the new Victoria Bridge this morning, thus opening the bridge for traffic as a double-track structure. Several trains were run over the bridge yesterday as a test in presence of Chief Engineer Hobson and his staff, the test being perfectly satisfactory in every particular. The last rail was bolted firmly in place shortly after five o'clock in the afternoon.

With the removal of the last of the tubes, the old Victoria Bridge becomes merely a memory. The structure, which has been a familiar feature of the city for over forty years, has given place to a more modern and more graceful bridge, suited to the great traffic which the twentieth century will bring. In all the months occupied in the reconstruction of the bridge and the removal of the tubes the aggregate of detention to trains was not more than twenty-four hours, a remarkable record of what system and good management will do.

The Victoria Jubilee Bridge, as it will be called, will not be formally opened until probably next Queen's Birthday. The Prince of Wales will be invited to formally open the new structure, and in view of the contemplated visit of His Royal Highness to Canada next summer it is considered probable that he will accept the invitation. In case he does, the date of the formal opening will be postponed from May 24th to a date convenient to him. It was His Royal Highness who formally inaugurated the old structure, and the gold rivet he drove into the centre span on that occasion is now in the general offices at Point St. Charles. Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson will be present at the inauguration of the new bridge.

The carriage and footways will be got ready as speedily as possible, and this winter will be in full use. The bridge will offer a splendid position from which to see the ice break up in the spring, and will open quite a new country to pedestrians in search of long tramps.

HON. NELSON DINGLEY OF MAINE.

Most protectionist legislators are ready to admit that increased freedom of trade is a good thing under certain conditions, and Mr. Dingley, the archetype of high protection in the United States, is evidently no exception to the rule. It would appear that he has come to see that Canadians are, man for man, the best customers American producers have, and he is said to be willing that Canada should be given some exceptional privileges in the American market by way of return for having the way of American merchants made a little easier in Canada than it has been heretofore. Mr. Dingley is a newspaper man and has attained his present position in American politics by sheer force of intellect. He is one of Maine's favorite sons, and Maine's other favorite son, Speaker Reed, is big enough to give his colleague every chance to distinguish himself without being jealous.

CANADA'S MEDALS

This Country Carried Off Valuable Prizes at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The Department of the Interior has received the medals and diplomas won by Canada at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition. Canada's display of agricultural and mineral products, which was one of the finest features at the exhibition, was awarded the gold medal. A bronze medal was also awarded for the British Columbia exhibit of gold, silver and copper ores, while gold medals were given for the general exhibits of grains and grasses from Alberta, Assiniboia and Manitoba. All these honors were won in competition with the Western States, so that the achievement is no empty one. From an immigration point of view, the exhibit was a great success, and will, without doubt, have a splendid influence in adding to the population of the Canadian Northwest from the Western States.

KILLED EIGHT MEN.

A Fast Mail Runs Into a Gang of Snow Shovellers, With Terrible Results.

Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 13.—The fast mail on the New York Central Railway ran into a gang of snow shovellers near Winspear Bridge, this morning, killing eight of them. They were thrown in all directions, and the sight was a sickening one.

Business Notes

Dame Philomene Barre, wife of Leon Phoenix, has discontinued doing business as a grocer under the style L. Phoenix & Cie.

Fred Dubois, restaurant keeper, has consented to assign on the demand of C. Mignault, accountant. Mr. Mignault has been named guardian of the property.

A Quebecker Gone.

Quebec, Dec. 13.—Another well-known and highly-respected citizen of Quebec passed away on Sunday evening in the person of Mr. Robert Herbert Smith. The deceased, who was 74 years of age, at the time of his death, was formerly president of the Quebec Bank.

Western Mayors Elected.

Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—Municipal elections were held in towns of the Northwest Territories yesterday. James Reilly was elected Mayor of Calgary by 18 majority over S. Ramsay. For Lethbridge, Dr. Mewburn was returned mayor by 52 majority. In nearly all other towns the elections were by acclamation.

Election Returns To-morrow.

To-morrow night the returns of the five Dominion bye-election will be received by telegraph at the Reform Club rooms, Cathcart street, when a meeting of the club will be held for the purpose of adopting a constitution and nominating officers.

Says He Stole Tools.

Augustin Joly, 38 years of age, and living on Leroux street, was arrested yesterday by Detectives Sandriault and McGuire on the charge of stealing stone cutter's tools. Joly pleaded not guilty, and was sent down for enquete.

Club Letellier

Club Letellier will hold its regular meeting to-morrow at 8 p.m. at 1476 St. Catherine street. Important matters are to be discussed, and all the members are invited to attend.

Attention was frequently directed to the fact that the wheat crop of Russia in 1897 was 7,000,000 quarters less than in 1896, and now we are told that it was 14,000,000 quarters less. It looks as if the deficiency has been twice deducted.

TETE-A-TETE.

The list of invited guests for the Charity Ball in aid of the Maternity Hospital are: His Excellency the Governor-General and the Countess of Minto; Lord William and Lady William Seymour, Halifax; Major-General and the Hon. Mrs. Hutton, Ottawa; Lord Strathcona, His Worship the Mayor and Madame Prefontaine.

The committees are as follows (Colonel Whitehead, chairman):

Supper—Mrs. Frank May, Mrs. R. W. Reford, Messrs. W. R. Miller, Arthur Hamilton, C. Bogart, W. M. Dobell, A. W. Hooper, R. W. Reford, G. W. Stephens, jr., H. Stikeman, Dr. H. Yates.

Decoration—Mrs. W. F. Brown, Mrs. G. F. Benson, Mrs. W. R. Miller, Messrs. W. R. Miller, W. Angus, Dr. J. Barclay, Harold Eadie, Gordon Lewis, F. E. Meredith, A. Mitchell, Percy Rae, Dr. Scane.

Music—Messrs. W. Morrice and A. Hamilton.

Light and Heat—Mr. G. F. Benson, Dr. Birkett, Mr. Gordon MacDougall, Dr. Scane.

Floor—Mrs. G. F. Benson, Mrs. Wigmore, Messrs. Frank May, B. McLennan, Arthur Hamilton, A. Mitchell, A. E. Ogilvie, J. Pangman, J. Robertson, Dr. J. Barclay, Col. Starke.

Printing—Mrs. Frank May, Mrs. Rielle, Mrs. Wigmore, Dr. Ruttan, Dr. Webster.

Precedence—Mrs. W. R. Miller, Mrs. Wigmore, Mr. J. Try-Davies, Col. Strathy, Mr. Stikeman.

Reception (Special)—Mrs. W. R. Miller, Mrs. R. W. Reford, Mr. E. S. Clouston, Dr. Craik, Mr. A. W. Hooper.

Reception (General)—Messrs. H. Montague Allan, J. B. Allan, Charles Cassels, Hugh Graham, Hugh Paton, L. Galarneau, W. F. Brown, Edgar MacDougall, James Ross, J. R. Wilson.

THE SMELL OF EARTH.

(By G. Clarke Nuttall, B.Sc.)

A bright, fine evening after a day of rain is one of Nature's compensations. The air is peculiarly sweet and fresh, as though the rain had washed all evil out of it. The mind, relieved from the depressing influence of continuous rain, is exhilarated, and, above all, the strong smell of the earth rises up with a scent more pleasing than many a fragrant essence. In the town, indeed, this earthy smell is often obscured by the bricks and mortar which cover the land, and by the stronger, less wholesome, odors of human life, but in the country it has full sway, and fills the whole air with its presence. Even a slight shower, particularly after drought, is sufficient to bring out the sweet familiar smell of the land and thrust it upon our notice.

The smell of freshly-turned earth is often regarded by country lovers as one of the panaceas for the ills of the flesh, and "follow a ploughshare and you will find health at its tail" has proved a sound piece of advice to many a weakly townsick one, over whose head the threatenings of consumption hung like the sword of Damocles, though it is possible that it is the fresh air, and more especially the sunshine, which are the saving media, and not the mere smell.

But what do we know about this characteristic smell of the soil? Can we regard it as the mere attribute of the soil as a simple substance, such an attribute as is, for instance, the peculiar smell of leather, or the odor of indiarubber; or can we go deeper and find that it is really an expression of complexity below?

Strangely enough this is the case, for the smell of damp earth is one of the latest signposts we have found which lead us into a world which, until recently, was altogether beyond our ken. It points us to the presence, in the ground beneath us, of large numbers of tiniest organisms, and not merely to their presence only, but to their activity and life, and reveals quite a new phase of this activity. A handful of loose earth picked up in a field by the hedgerow, or from a garden, no longer represents to us a mere conglomeration of particles of inorganic mineral matter, "simply that and nothing more"; we realize now that it is the home of myriads of the smallest possible members of the great kingdom of plants, who are, in particular, members of the fungus family in that kingdom, plants so excessively minute that their very existence was undreamt of until a few years ago.

Some faint idea of their relative size, and of the numbers in which they inhabit the earth, may be gleaned from the calculations of an Italian, Signor A. Magiora, who, a short time ago, made a study of the question. He took samples of earth from different places round about Turin and examined them carefully. In ordinary cultivated agricultural soil he found there would be eleven millions of these germs in the small quantity of a gramme, a quantity whose smallness will be appreciated when it is remembered that a thousand grammes only make up about two and a quarter pounds of our English measure. Thus, a shovelful of earth would be the home of a thousand times eleven million of bacteria—but the infinite mind cannot grasp numbers of such magnitude. In soil taken from the street, and, therefore, presumably more infected with germs, he calculated that there was the incredible number of seventy-eight million bacteria to the gramme. Sandy soil is comparatively free from them, only about one thousand being discovered in the same amount taken from sandy dunes outside Turin.

But though the workers were hidden yet their works were known, for what they do is out of all proportion to what they are; in fact they perform the deeds of giants, not those of veriest dwarfs. "By their works shall ye know them" might be a fitting aphorism to describe the bacteria of the soil. And the nature of their deeds is widely various, for though the different groups are members of one great family, yet, like the individuals of a human family that is well organized, they have each of them their special vocation. In the spring time, when the sun warms the chilly earth, they act upon the husks that have protected the seeds against the rigors of the winter, and crumble them up so that the seedling is free to grow; they break down the stony wall of the cherry and plum which has hitherto imprisoned the embryo; and then, when the young plant starts, they attach themselves to its roots, assist it to take in all sorts of nutriment from air and soil, and thus help it in its fight through life, and when its course has run they decently bury it. They turn the green leaves and the woody stem and the dark root back into the very elements from which they were built up: they effect its decay and putrefaction, and resolve it into earth again. "Dust to dust, ashes to ashes," is the great life work of the earth bacteria.

But up to the present the fresh smell of the earth, the smell peculiar to it, has not been in any way associated with these energetic organisms, and it is quite a new revelation to find that it is a direct outcome of their activity. Among the many bacteria which inhabit the soil, a new one, hitherto unknown, has been just recently isolated and watched. It lives, as is usual with them, massed into colonies, which have a chalky-white appearance, and as it develops and increases in numbers it manifests itself by the familiar smell of damp earth, hence the name that has been given it—Cladothrix odorifera. Taken singly it is a colorless thread-like body, which increases numerically by continuous sub-divisions into two in the direction of its length. It derives its nutriment from substances in the soil, which either are, or have been, touched by the subtle influence of life, and in the processes of growth and development it evolves from these materials a compound whose volatilizing gives the odor in question. This compound has not yet been fully examined; it is not named, nor have all its properties been satisfactorily elucidated, but two facts concerning it stand out clearly. One is that it is the true origin of the smell that we have hitherto attributed to earth simply; and the other, that it changes into vapor under the same conditions as water does. Therefore, when the sun, shining after the rain, draws up the water from the earth in vapor form, it draws up, too, the odorous atoms of this newly-found compound, and these atoms, floating in the air, strike on our olfactory nerves, and it is then we exclaim so often, "How fresh the earth smells after the rain."

Though moisture, to a certain extent, is a necessary condition of the active work of these bacteria, yet the chief reason why the earthy smell should be specially noticeable after the rain is probably because this compound has been accumulating in the soil during the wet period. We only smell substances when they are in vapor form, and since the compound under consideration has precisely the same properties in this respect as water, it will only assume gaseous form when the rain ceases. The bacteria have, however, been hard at work all the time, and when the sun shines and "drying" begins, then the accumulated stores commence their transformation into vapor, and the strong smell strikes upon our senses. For the same reason we notice a similar sort of smell, though in a lesser degree, from freshly-turned earth. This is more moist than the earth at the surface, and hence, on exposing it, evaporation immediately begins, which quickly makes itself known to us through our olfactory nerves.

It may also have been remarked that this particular odor is always stronger after a warm day than after a cold one, and is much more noticeable in summer than in winter. This is because moderate warmth is highly conducive to the greater increase of these organisms, and, in fact, in the summer they are present in far larger numbers and exhibit greater vitality than in the winter, when they are often more or less quiescent.

Two other characteristics of Cladothrix odorifera are worthy of notice as showing the tenacity with which it clings to life. It is capable of withstanding extremely long periods of drought without injury; its development may be completely arrested (for water in some degree is a necessity with all living things, from highest to lowest) but its vitality remains latent, and with the advent of water comes back renewed activity. But besides drought it is pretty well proof against poisons. It can even withstand a fairly large dose of that most harmful poison to the vegetable world, Corrosive Sublimate. Hence any noxious matter introduced into the soil would harm it little ultimately; the utmost it could do would be to retard it for a time.

This, then, is the history of the smell of earth as scientists have declared it unto us, and its recital serves to further point the moral that the most obvious, the most commonplace things of everyday life—things that we have always taken simply for granted without question or interest—may yet have a story hidden beneath them. Like signposts in a foreign land, they may be speaking, though in a language not always comprehended by us of most fascination regions, regions we may altogether miss to our great loss, if we neglect ignorantly the directions instead of learning to comprehend them.

"Pax Britannica."

The everlasting yearning of Great Britain
To be forever and forever gittin',
And never any sense at all of quittin'
Packs Britannica.

What care she if the other folks be jealous?
Her folks are only that much more zealous;
The power to give the other chaps the yellows,
And strength to keep it on the other fellows,
Packs Britannica.

Serene, G. B., gets round with little bustle;
She never has much need to hustle,
Because she makes the other party rustle;
A wealth of brainy, brawny British musele,
Quite ready for most any kind of tussle,
Packs Britannica.

Each beautiful and noble avocation
Of peace is fostered by the nation;
So long as there is peace, the invitation
Goes out to everyone of every station
To catch right on. Meantime the firm determination
To own with Uncle Sam the entire Creation
Packs Britannica.
—New York Sun.

Mistress—"Bridget, I don't suppose you mind having dear little Fido in the kitchen with you when we go out?" Bridget—"No, mum; Oi loike t' have him here. Y' see, whin things go wrong an' Oi gets me dander up, it's a moighty big relief to have somethin' to kick round."—Puck.

An Ingenious Device.—Pat—"If wan af us gets there late, and the other isn't there, how will he know if the other wan has been there and gone, or if he didn't come yet?" Mike—We'll aisly fix thot. If Oi get there furrst, I'll make a chalk-mark on the sidewalk, and if you get there furrst you'll rub it out."—Life.

Register! Register!

Every citizen of Montreal who is qualified to vote at Provincial or Federal elections should see that his name is on the municipal voters' lists now being prepared, as they will form the basi of the Provincial and Federal lists.

Every property-owner, every tenant, every man in receipt of an income of $300, every owner's son whose father's property is assessed at a certain sum, is entitled to be on the lists. These municipal lists will be completed this week, o no time is to be lost in having names placed on them.

The Liberals of the city are opening rooms in all parts, where electors may make affidavits as to their right to be on the lists.

At The Herald Office, 141 St. James street, a commissioner for taking affidavits will be present every day this week, and also at the following places during the day and evening:—

ST. LAWRENCE WARD.

8 Cuthbert street.
108 St. Lawrence street (Baxter's block).
215 St. Lawrence street (Arcade Depatie).
91 Bleury street (W. H. Cunningham).

ST. ANTOINE WARD.

F. R. Prisseau, 35 Chaboillez.
2192 Notre Dame, between Mountain and St. Felix.
Bickerdike Club, 2597 Notre Dame street (corner Chatham).
Reform Club, 26 Cathcart street.
2409 St. Catherine west, near Crescent (J. Bickerstaff).

ST. ANN'S WARD.

R. Pierre Dufour, corner McCord and Barre streets.
Pat Kenny, corner Ottawa and Murray streets.
D. Gallery, 2165 Notre Dame.
M. J. Walsh, 2877 Notre Dame.
D. McDonnell, corner Wellington and Nazareth.
Wm. Murphy, corner Britannia and Menai.

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HOLIDAY STOCKS are completed. We are now ready for the greatest Holiday Trade in our business career. A little late, you may say, but everything is newer than can be seen elsewhere.

THE HOLIDAY SHOPPER'S PARADISE—Our Spacious 3rd Floor welcomes you with the finest assortment of Fancy Goods and Toys you ever looked at. A manufacturer's consignment, at prices greatly in favor of the purchaser, in

SILVER PLATED GOODS—There are Shaving Cups, Sugar and Cream Sets, Card Receivers, Fern Holders, Bread Trays, Bon Bon Boxes, Tea Sets, Nut Bowls, Fruit Bowls, Tureens, Biscuit Boxes, Water Pitchers, Cheese Dishes, Butter and Pickle Dishes, Smokers' Sets, Cake Baskets, Berry Dishes, Puff Boxes, Salad Bowls, Candle Holders, Cruets, and other Novelties for Xmas buyers.

TOYS—Bring the little ones to this display. No need to enumerate the different kinds of Toys we have—the variety is immense, at every price, to suit every buyer.

FANCY GOODS—Work Boxes, Jewel Boxes, Handkerchief and Glove Boxes, Card Receivers, Albums, Photo Holders and Frames, Napkin Rings, Paper Blotters, Paper Weights, Pin Cushions, Calendars, Watch and Ring Holders, Perfume Bottles, Hair Receivers, Candlesticks.

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3 O'CLOCK PRICES.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

DESCRIPTION	Dec. 12 Op.	Dec. 12 Cl.	Dec. 13 Op	Dec. 13 Cl
Am. Cotton Oil	34¼	34¼	34¼	34½
do. do. pref	....	....	....	....
Am. Tobacco	143½	143½	143¾	140¾
do do. pref	138	....	....	....
Am. Sugar Rfg. Co	135	132¾	132¾	129¾
do. do. pref	....	....	....	....
Am. Spirits Mfg. Co	12¼	12¼	13¼	13¼
do. do. pref	....	....	....	....
Canadian Pacific	....	....	....	....
Canada Southern	....	54½	55	54¾
Ches. & Ohio	26¼	26¼	26¾	26¾
Chicago, Burl. & Quincy	121¾	122	122¾	121¾
Chicago Gas	109¼	110¾	110¾	109¾
Chicago & North Western	138¼	138¾	138	129
Chicago, R. I. & Pacific	111¾	107¾	111¾	110¾
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	116¾	116¾	117¾	116
Consolidated Gas, N.Y.	194	193¾	194¾	192
Cleveland, C.C. & St. L.	43¼	44	44¾	44¾
Delaware, Lack & West.	150	150¼	....	149
Delaware & Hudson	106½	107¾	....	107
Denver & Rio G. pref	63	64¼	64¼	64¾
Duluth, Sth., Ss. & Atl.	....	....	....	....
do, do pref.	....	....	....	....
General Electric	90¾	943	94½	93¾
Hocking Valley	....	93	....	3
Jersey Central	....	53	....	....
Lacede Gas Co	....	53	....	52¾
Lake Erie & Western	....	6	....	....
do. do. pref	....	4	....	....
Lake Shore	....	....	....	....
Louisville & Nashville	64¼	64¾	65	64¾
Manhattan Elevated	100½	100¾	100½	99½
Missouri Pacific	43¼	44¼	43¾	42¾
Michigan Central	....	....	....	....
National Lead Co	37¼	37	....	36¾
do. pref	....	113¼	....	....
North American	....	7	....	....
Northern Pacific, com	41¼	41¾	42	41¾
do. pref	76¾	77¼	77¼	77
N.Y. Central & Hudson	119½	120¾	120½	119¾
N.Y. Lake Erie and W	....	13¾	14¼	14¼
do do. II, pref	....	....	....	....
do. do. I. pref	....	36¾	37¼	37¼
N.Y. Ontario & Western	16½	17	17¼	17
N.Y. Chicago & St. L	....	....	....	....
Omaha com	86¼	86¾	86¼	82¾
Pacific Mail	44	43¾	43¾	43¾
Pac. C. C. & St. L. com	....	....	....	....
Phil. & Reading, all paid	....	....	19	19
Pullman	149	148	149¾	150
Southern Railway, com	....	10¾	10¾	10¾
do. do. pref	42¾	....	43	42¾
Standard Pope & Twine	....	42¼	7¾	7¾
Tenn. Coal & Iron	34¼	7¾	34	33¾
Texas Pacific	16¼	33¾	16¾	16¾
U. S. Leather, com	....	....	....	....
do. do. pref	69¼	69¾	69¾	69
U.S. Rubber, com	48	47¾	47¾	46¼
do. do. pref	113	112	112¾	112
Union Pacific Rets	38¾	39¼	39¾	38¾
do do pref	....	....	....	....
Wabash	8	8¾	....	8¼
do pref	23	22¾	22¾	23¾
Western Union Tel	95¼	95¾	95¾	95¾
Wheeling & Lake Erie	....	....	....	....
do. do. pref	....	....	....	....
Metropolitan	194¼	193¾	194	92¼
Rapid Transit	73¾	73	73¼	72¾

LONDON STOCK MARKET.

STOCKS.	Dec. 13.	Dec. 12.	Dec. 9.
Atchison	17¾	17¼	.....
Paris Rentes	.....	.....	.....
Canadian Pacific	88½	87¾	86¾
Grand Trunk 1st	.....	.....	67¾
Do do 2nd	.....	.....	45¼
Do do 3rd	.....	.....	.....
Do do 4th	.....	.....	77¼
Erie	14¼	14¼	13¾
Do ptd.	38¼	37¾	37
Illinois Central	118	115	114¾
Louisville & Nashville	67¼	66¾	65
Lake Shore	.....	.....	.....
Northern Pacific	80¼	78¾	78
New York Central	123¼	122¾	122
Ontario & Western	17¾	.....	16¾
Reading, assess. pfd	9¾	9¾	9¾
St. Paul	120¾	120	117¾
Union Pacific	41	39¾	38
Wabash pfd	23¾	23¾	22¼
Bank Rate	4	4	4
Consols	.....	.....	.....

The Leyland Line steamer Virginian arrived in Portland at noon.

3 O'CLOCK PRICES.

TRADE SALE

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ALSO—At 2 O'clock P.M.,

1 case Fancy Fans, Ostrich Feathers, etc,
5 cases Fancy Goods, Toilet Soaps, Powders, French China, etc.

ALSO—At 2.30 O'Clock P.M.,

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23 cases Housekeeping Linens, just received from Glasgow.

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A special consignment of Furs, Raccon Coats, Caps, Jackets, etc.

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On Thursday, the 15th

At 10 O'Clock A.M.,

100 cases Assorted Shoes.
10 cases Assorted Skates.

The whole without any reserve, in lots to suit the trade.

Toronto Street Railway Earnings.

The showing made by Toronto Stree Railway the past few days is as follows:

	Earnings.	Increase.
Friday	$3,542 07	$227 70
Saturday	4,149 02	314 45
Sunday	1,203 02	329 99

Montreal Street Railway earnings yesterday amounted to $4,173.83, an increase over the same day last year of $337.69.

L. J. Forget & Co.'s cable quoted G. T.R. first at 66 5-8, second at 44 3-4, third at 20 3-8, Canadian Pacific at 88 1-8 and Hudson Bay at 20.

Wall Street Factors.

Judging by the triumphant tone of recent "interviews" vouchsafed by Wall street rators to such newspapers as will print them, the professional element has lately discovered that our expanding export trade has much to do with the current prosperity of the United States. Plain students of the situation arrived at a smewhat similar conclusion twelve months or more ago. The inferences then reached by them have been emphasized by each successive monthly return this year from the Bureau of Statistics, and have been visibly reflected in the enormous security purchases by the outside public. To thoughtful people of this sort, such statements as to-day's government bulletin of November's agricultural export trade mean more, perhaps, even than the two-inch announcements of the "Secret of Success," of "What We Advised Buying Last Sunday," and of the "flyers" with "principal guaranteed against loss," which nowadays fill the financial advertising columns of the papers.

REGISTER NOW.

The Liberals have opened rooms in all parts of the city for the revision of the voters' lists.

A Commissioner for taking affidavits will be at The Herald office, 141 St. James street, every day this week. Call and see that your name is on the list. There is no time to be lost, as the municipal lists must be completed this week.

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SPORTING COMMENT.

The rumor that the Quebec and Montreal clubs had decided to return to the fold caused a sensation last night in hockey circles. No one seemed very sure, but no one wished to deny the rumor, as the unexpected at present is the expected. There is no truth whatever in the rumor, and the two leagues will go on in their own way.

The new league bids fair to have a good representation of intermediate clubs if the present secession for A. H. A. ranks continues. First of all the McGill club applied for admission to the new league and was accepted. Now the Aberdeen, who entered the A. H. A. Intermediate series to meet the intermediates of the Montreal, Ottawa and Victoria clubs, have practically decided to leave also. Their application will in all probability come up to-morrow afternoon.

A plan for effectively protecting game and fish which is growing much in favor, is the adoption of a license system, the licensee paying only a nominal fee. Any violation of the law to be sufficient cause for revocation of the license and denial of license for a prescribed period.

An important question is now being discussed among the sportsmen of the State of Maine, and those interested in the game of that State. It is whether or not the guide should be wholly or in part responsible for the acts of those he is guiding.

It is apparent to many that nearly all illegal acts on the part of sportsmen could be prevented if the guide positively and emphatically forbade such acts. It is true that sometimes an arrogant sportsman who is selfish and accustomed to having his own way, will insist on doing acts which the law forbids. But these are exceptional cases, and could generally be thwarted by a guide of good intentions. In a majority of cases a sportsman is controlled by the guide, and as a rule the sportsman seeks his advice. It seems probable that in the future the guide will have to assume more responsibility than he does at the present time.

The Quebec people want to put a senior lacrosse team in the field next year, and it is said that this may have considerable influence in the Hockey Association matter. Naturally, in the lacrosse scheme they wish to stand in with the Capitals, and the latter are said to be making a return to the A.H.A. the price of their support in the senior lacrosse league.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

At the Francais.

Although theatre-goers are reduced this week to one up-town theatre they can have the satisfaction of knowing that the entertainment furnished for them there is of the best. Mr. Phillips did a wise thing in putting on Gillette's "The Professor" at the Francais. It is a pretty little comedy, and while it has all the wholesome humor of "The Private Secretary," it has a strain of pathos which the latter does not possess. The story is a simple one. Professor Hinsdale, too absorbed in his books to think of matrimony, obeys his aunt's command to go down to a summer resort and meet a "fine opportunity." In ignorance of which one of several summer girls she is he proposes mechanically to them all, but in the end he loses his heart to a woodland nymph, a girl who has been stolen in early youth and brought up amid sordid surroundings, but whose nature has been kept fresh and pure by companionship with Nature. The play is well worked out, with more of plot than a comedy usually possesses, and the dialogue for the professor and Daisy Brown is in perfect harmony with the characters.

Mr. Walton Townsend has scored another success in this play in the title role. His portrayal of the professor is a splendid piece of work, and his acting throughout quiet, consistent and forceful. Miss Callahan shares the honors with him. Thoroughly natural as she is in her work the part of Daisy Brown is one which is admirably adapted to her talents, and a charming maid of the woods she makes. The scene in the moonlit woods in the third act is as finished a bit of acting as has been seen on a Montreal stage for a long time, and both deserved the curtain call which they received. The background of comedy is filled in by the other members of the company. Misses Moore, Deane and Vaughn are genuine summer girls, and Miss Annie Shindle proves herself to be a capable addition to the strength of the company. Mr. McHugh plays the part of an exceedingly bashful young man, and pleases his irascible uncle, Mr. McGrane, by marrying the heiress after all. Mr. Rich makes a good detective, masquerading as an artist. Mr. Drew Morton could not be a better villain and hard-hearted father. There was a tendency to rant in one or two of the parts last night, which ought to be amended.

The vaudeville bill is the best seen this season, and very enjoyable. Alice Carmelo is a refined and clever artist. Wilson and Deveaux are a versatile musical team. The Troubadour Trio is the feature of the vaudeville. M. and Madame Gerald and Mlle. Bonne are among the best European artists on the American stage, giving operatic and popular vocal selections.

Zingari Club Concert.

The success of the concert to be given by the Zingari Banjo and Glee Club in the Windsor Hall on Wednesday evening is already assured. The sale of seats has been going on at Shaw's music store, 2274 St. Catherine street, and nearly all of the best seats have already been taken. There is nothing going on at the Queen's, Academy or Her Majesty's theatre this week. With the array of artists who will take part in the concert the club is certain to fully sustain its well-earned reputation in providing Montrealers with a rich musical treat. The well-known contralto of New York, Miss Cara Aline Jewell, who will assist, is already a favorite in Montreal. She will be remembered with the Paul Jones Opera company here last season, when she made both a social and an artistic hit, and she is certain to receive a warm welcome on this occasion. The following well-known local talent will also assist: Mr. J. Leslie, Tedford, tenor; Mr. J. R. Wilkes, baritone; Mr. J. L. Clement, basso; Mr. Meredith Heward, banjoist; Mr. F. S. Hickey and Mr. H. J. S. Nichol, dialect soloists; Mr. Mackay Edgar, elocutionist. Those who intend going should secure their seats at Shaw's at once.

Following are the officers and members of the united clubs. Officers: Hon. president, Mr. Henry Brophy; president, Mr. W. T. Rodden; vice-president, Mr. C. E. Howard; hon. sec., Mr. Fred. J. Shaw; hon. treas., Mr. Alf. W. Roper; committee, Messrs. E. W. Wilson, J. H. A. Clark, J. D. Bale and Jas. A. Baylis.

Banjo Club—Banjorines—Messrs. Meredith Heward (conductor), W. H. Simpson, F. T. H. Bacon and J. H. A. Clark; second banjorines—Messrs. A. T. Rodden and C. E. Howard; banjos—Messrs. A. W. Roper, S. M. Andrews, J. R. Dunlop and W. G. Slack; bass banjos—Messrs. B. M. Rodden and J. Reid Hyde; guitars—Messrs. J. A. Baylis, J. D. Bale, A. S. Towers, T. B. Cole, A. O. Carroll and Dr. Stuart Nichol.

Glee Club—Mr. James H. Campbell, conductor; tenors—R. H. Bartholomew, J. D. Meharg, J. W. Quesnel, J. L. Tedford; 2nd tenors—Messrs. G. A. Irwin, Wm. Campbell and F. H. Hill; 1st bassos—Messrs. T. P. Howard, C. M. Cameron, J. R. Wilkes and David McGill; 2nd bassos—Messrs. A. F. Ramsay, J. L. Clement and P. A. Hubert.

Sporting Post Cards.

A set of Sports and Pastimes post-cards is just to hand from the firm of J. C. Wilson & Co. The cards are the usual size. The left of the card is taken up with a picture illustrating some sport. The list includes all summer and winter sports. These cards are just the thing for a sportsman.

RIDERS IN GOOD SHAPE

A Little Stiffness in the Joints is All That They Complain Of After a Good Rest.

HE ACCEPTS CHALLENGE.

Emile Morin Agrees to Punch the Bag With O'Connor Inside of Two Weeks.

A VERY VALUABLE HORSE.

New York, Dec. 12.—A slight soreness of the membranes of the throat and nose and a little tenderness of the palms, caused by gripping my handle bars for so long a time, were the only ill effects I felt from my six-day race when I awoke at 11 o'clock this morning after nine hours sleep. By to-morrow I expect to be as fresh as I was before I started for the world's championship.

Last year after winning the six-day race I was stiff and all my bones ached. There was no such difficulty after this victory. I arose and dressed without assistance, and found that my appetite for breakfast was as keen as it ever was.

The race, now that I have had time to think it over, was one of the best that has ever taken place. From early in the struggle the pace was fast, and the men rode as if it were a six-hour race. There was no chance for loafers; all had to keep going or risk dropping so far back as to have no chance. The competitors watched for every opportunity to steal a lap.

I went on to get in front from the start, and was holding on in the lead when a punctured tire stopped me. That gave the riders who were close up a chance to pass me. I caught them when the finish was drawing near, and held on from that time.

The race was the third long-distance event I have won in succession. The first was the six-days' race in Madison Square Garden a year ago, the second the seventy-two hour race in Paris, and the third yesterday's victory. I began racing in 1895, after I had ridden a wheel for a year. John West was my first trainer, and I have been with him ever since.

The wheel I rode when I won in Madison Square Garden last year is the same that I rode in the last race and in the Paris race.

I shall continue racing next season, and will probably go to Paris on a second expedition. If another six-day race is held in New York next year I shall be on hand, and I think now I will surely win it.

C. W. Miller.

About two dozen red-eyed, but otherwise chipper and satisfied-looking men haunted the lobby of the Bartholdi Hotel yesterday. One of them, doing a jig step in front of the desk caused a stranger to enquire into the dancer's identity.

"That's Lawson, the 'Terrible Swede.' He was sixth in the six-day bicycle race last night," was the answer.

The twenty-three others were riders, and all looked surprisingly comfortable.

A meeting of the riders who finished will be held in the office of the American Cycle Racing Association at noon to-day, when all the prizes will be paid. To this meeting the riders who could not or would not go on are not invited, and hence something like dejection among the men who got out of the race in its early stage.

Many of the riders were out early in the morning, having heartily breakfasted and seemingly been restored to normal health. They were worn by prolonged exertion, but suffered no injury. The Turkish bath, rubbing down, and from eight to ten hours' sleep have restored elasticity to tired muscles and removed nearly all the stiffness that came of long sitting on wheels.

Nawn, Lawson and Gimm were the freshest of all the riders. Of the others none save Waller and Forster appeared to be any way exhausted. Waller was not nearly as exhausted as he looked.

Miller, Waller, Pierce and Albert used no drugs, their trainers assert.

The Riders Paid Off.

New York, Dec. 12.—The winning riders of last week's bicycle race were paid off to-day. Miller, the winner of the race, received $1,700, $1,500 as first prize and $200 extra for beating the record. The other prize-winners were:—Waller, second, $1,000; Pierce, third, $600; Albert, fourth, $400; Gimm, fifth, $300; Lawson, sixth, $200; Aronson, seventh, $150; Nawn, eighth, $125.

Each of the other riders received $50 each.

Why He Did Not Stop at Montreal.

Editor Cycling: In reply to enquiry in last Cycling why Donly didn't stop at Montreal, permit me to explain that it was for the very good reason that Donly came home by Boston. Donly.

A VALUABLE HORSE.

Mr. Cyrille Laurin Has Made a Valuable Addition to His Stable and to Our Canadian Trotters

When Mr. Cyrille Laurin returned from New York the other day he brought back with him a most promising piece of horse-flesh. Baronade 30,504 will be a most valuable acquisition to the Canadian horse world, and will be good company for Gazette, 2.07 1-4.

Baronade is magnificently bred, and is without a record. He is out of the dam of Bessie Wilton 2.09 1-4, Lady Wilton 2.11 1-2, and Temmonee 2.18 3-4. Baronade is by Baron Wilkes 2.18, sire of 64 and of dams of 12 in the list. Baron Wilkes is by George Wilkes 2.22, sire of 84 and of the dams of 130 in the list. Geo. Wilkes was by Hambletonian 10, sire of 40 and dames of 116. Baronade's dam was Lemonade 2.27 1-4, by Kentucky Prince, Jr., by Kentucky Prince. His fourth dam was by Brignoli 77 and his fifth dam by Pilot Jr. Baronode's sire, Baron Wilkes, was also the sire of Baron Wilkes 2.18, sire of 65 in the list, including Bumps 2.04 1-4, Rubenstein 2.05, Rachel 2.08 1-4, Oakland Baron 2.09 1-4, Baron Rogers 2.09 3-4, and Red Silk 2.10.

Baronode, who was foaled in 1893, is a bay horse and stands 15.3 hands high. Although without a record he is probably as fast a trotter as Baron Wilkes ever got.

As a four-year-old in the fall of 1897 he showed Joe Rea a mile in 2.20, the last half being in 1.05 1-2, and the last quarter in 32 seconds. He was considered good enough to go down the grand circuit, and was so entered, but a three months attack of influenza made it impossible to send him to a record. He has not been worked to any amount since. In 1897 on Marcus Daly's stock farm he served eleven mares and got nine promising foals. The mares were amongst the most valuable on the farm, some costing $10,000 and over. One of the dams was the mother of John Nolan 2.08. Two of the nine mares were barren for four years. Mr. Daly paid $3,000 for Baronode when he was only two years old. He has plenty of size, is heavier boned than the average Baron Wilkes, is beautifully gaited, and can be driven by a woman. His colts are not old enough to track, but it is expected that something extra will be heard from them when they get into the trainers' hands. Mr. Laurin will put Baronode into the stud.

Brighton Beach Races.

New York, Dec. 12. — The following stakes have been announced by the Brighton Beach Association for the season of 1899, to close January 3rd:—

For two-year-olds—The First Attempt Stakes, with $1,000 added, five furlongs.

The Undergraduate Stakes, with $1,000 added, five furlongs.

Electric Handicap, for fillies, three-quarters of a mile.

The Distaff Stakes, for fillies, with $1,000 added, five and a half furlongs.

The Spinster Stakes, for fillies, with $1,0000 added, five and a half furlongs.

The Rising Generation Stakes, $1,000 added, three-quarters of a mile.

The Atlantic Stakes, with $1,250 added, three-quarters of a mile.

The Choice Stakes, selling, $1,000 added, three-quarters of a mile.

The Montauk Stakes, $3,000, three-quarters of a mile.

For three-year-olds — The Nautilus Stakes, $1,200 added, mile and a sixteenth.

Saragossa Stakes, fillies, $1,200 added, one mile.

Sea Gull, Handicap, one mile.

Glen Cove Handicap, $1,200 added, mile and a sixteenth.

Babylon Stakes, selling, $1,000 added, seven furlongs.

Peconic Stakes, $1,500 added, mile and an eighth.

Sea Gate Stakes, $3,000, one mile and a quarter.

For three-year-olds and upward—Brighton handicap, $5,000 added, mile and a quarter.

Test Handicap, with $1,200 added, one mile.

The Flight Handicap, for all ages, three-quarters of a mile.

The Brighton Cup of $5,000, two miles and a quarter.

The Sea Cliff Stakes, for all ages, with $1,000 added, three-quarters of a mile.

The Islip Stakes, for three-year-olds and upwards, one mile.

The Jamaica Stakes, for three-year-olds and upwards, with $1,000 added, seven furlongs.

Steeplechase and hurdle race—The Punchtestown Stakes, a handicap steeplechase for four-year-olds and upwards, full course.

The Chantilly Stakes, a handicap hurdle race, for three-year-olds and upwards, with $750 added, one mile and a half, over six hurdles.

RING.

Dick Ber e Beaten.

Newcastle-on-Tyne, Dec. 12.—Bob Dodds, the American, beat Dick Burge in a boxing contest here to-night for a purse of £250 and a side bet of £300.

In the eighth round Burge claimed a foul, which the referee refused to allow. Burge's backer thereupon declined to permit him to continue the fight.

Palmer Beats Plimmer.

London, Dec. 12.—At the National Sporting Club in this city this evening there was a spirited bout between "Pedlar" Palmer and "Billy" Plimmer, for the bantam championship, the National Sporting Club purse, and £500 a side. Palmer finally knocked Plimmer out in the seventeenth round.

What Sullivan Has to Say.

John L. Sullivan remarks as follows: "I am anxiously awaiting a fight between Fitzsimmons and Sharkey. In my opinion they would put up the best fight that has ever been seen or heard tell of in the world. There is no doubt these two are the best men to-day."

Dixon will Tackle Pluto.

George Dixon, the feather-weight champion of the world, and Young Pluto, the Australian champion, have been matched to try conclusions in a twenty-round bout before the Olympic Athletic Club of San Francisco, when O'Rourke takes Dixon and Sharkey to the coast some time in February. Pluto is looked upon as the cleverest boxer at his weight ever produced in Australia, barring the noted Young Griffo. Pluto has beaten every feather-weight he has come in contact with since his debut in Bistiana, and the sporting men of San Francisco idolize him. O'Rourke feels satisfied that the money to be wagered on the fight and the purse is large enough to warrant his making a match and going to the coast.

SKATING.

M.A.A.A. Rink Opening.

The M.A.A.A. rink is in course of preparation for the opening, which will take place on Thursday night if the present frost holds. The exact date of opening will be advertised in The Herald.

Quebec, Dec. 13.—At the annual meeting of the Quebec Skating Rink Tea's Club, held yesterday, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. (Col.) Wilson; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. E. G. Meredith; committee, Mrs. M. Joseph, Mrs. A. Joseph, Mrs. F. Gaudet, Mrs. P. Hall, Mrs. R. Hale, Mrs. O. Pelletier, Mrs. G. Tessier, Mrs. G. R. White, Mrs. J. Scott, Mrs. R. Turner and Miss Patton.

The Montagnard Rink.

The directors of Le Montagnard Rink and the representatives of the press had a chance to look over the new rink at the corner of Duluth avenue and St. Hubert street last evening. It is a magnificent sheet of ice, 280 feet by 80 feet. There are large dressing-rooms to each side. The formal opening of the rink takes place to-morrow evening, when the ice will be thrown open for the first time this year. Over four thousand invitations have been issued for to-morrow night. The Harmony band, under the direction of Mr. Hardy, will be on hand to-morrow and throughout the season.

ATHLETICS.

The Point Athletes' Semi-Annual.

The semi-annual meeting of the Point St. Charles Amateur Athletic Association was held last evening in their club rooms and was fairly well attended. The treasurer's report showed the Association to be in a good financial condition. In the short time that it has been in existence the debt on the building has been reduced from $3,000 to $1,700. The principal business of the meeting was a discussion as to the best means of increasing the membership of the Association. The present membership is about 200, but the directors tell that it can be increased by two or three hundred, and at last evening's meeting it was decided to make a personal canvas for new members, and every young man in the Point—as well as those on the city side of the canal—who wish to become members of the P.A.A.A will be approached. There is no doubt but that in this manner the membership of the Association will be largely increased.

CRICKET.

W. G. Still on the Crease.

Dr. W. G. Grace, speaking at an athletic club dinner in Bristol, said he should go on playing for Gloucestershire as long as he was good enough, and when he was getting too old he should come down to Bristol and play a "quiet game," but as for first-class cricket he should give it up. W. G. presumably means "representative" cricket by his phrase "first-class."

The New Hotel Carslake is the largest and best European House in Canada. Adjoining both Grand Trunk and C.P.R. Depots. Rooms from $1.00 upwards. Electric light. Cuisine and service unsurpassed by any hotel on the American continent. All meals a la carte. Dining room open from 6 a.m. to 12 p.m.

NO CHANGE IN SITUATION,

There Will Be Two Hockey Leagues and Aberdeens May Join the New One.

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE.

The Break in the Ontario Rugby Union Results in the Formation of a New League.

CURLING AT ST. LAWRENCE.

Praise for a Montrealer.

A Philadelphia paper says: Stanley T. Willett, of Montreal, Canada, a member of the Quaker City hockey team, who is regarded as one of the best players in the country, is taking a scientific course in the Textile school, in this city. Willett, who weighs 156 pounds, is regarded as one of the best Rugby football players in Canada, and next year will likely matriculate at Pennsylvania. He is a punter of rare ability, a sure catch, and may develop into a star half or full-back.

Crescent Delegates' Action Upheld.

At a special meeting of the Quebec Crescent Hockey Club, held last evening, the report of the delegates to last Saturday's meeting was read, and their action approved of. It was decided to apply for entrance into the senior league provided the four clubs that retired from the league did not go back. If they reconsider their decision the Crescents will be satisfied to remain in the intermediate series.

Parkside Will Entertain.

The Parkside Club will give a smoking concert and cakewalk shortly. It is the intention to keep up these social functions throughout the winter.

P.A.A.A. Hockeyists' Officers.

A meeting of the hockey team in connection with the P.A.A.A. was held last evening and the election of officers resulted as follows: President, W. Archer; vice-president, G. McNichol; secretary, J. Callaghan; committee, J. R. Orton, F. Scott, F. W. Fox, C. McLean, C. Hosier. The "Points" have secured admission to the Canadian Hockey Association, and expect to be able to put a team on the ice this season that will occupy a position high up on the intermediate championship ladder, if not on the very top rung. The boys expect to practise on the St. Lawrence rink.

Queen's Club Officers.

Kingston, Dec. 12.—The officers of Queen's Hockey Club were elected on Saturday night. They are: Hon. president, Principal Grant; president, J. W. Merrill; 1st vice-president, Dr. Jock Harty; 2nd vice-president, J. Faulkner; captain, Guy Curtis secretary-treasurer, G. F. Dalton.

BASEBALL.

National League.

New York, Dec. 12.—The annual meeting of the National League and American Association of Baseball Clubs will begin to-morrow at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, and for the next few days the eyes of the baseball world will be focussed on this city. The session promises to be a most interesting one, as matters of the most vital importance will be discussed. Among those who have arrived to take part in the proceedings are President and Secretary N. E. Young, Washington; A. Haas, Chicago; A. H. Soden, Boston; John T. Brush, Cincinnati, and Receiver B. S. Muckenfuss, of the St. Louis Club. The rest of the delegates are expected here to-night. Chris. Von Der Ahe, of St. Louis, is on his way here, and his fight with Receiver Muckenfuss, as to who shall represent the St. Louis Club at the meeting, promises to be the hottest kind.

Among the matters to be taken up and discussed, the rule governing refractory players and the powers vested in the Board of Discipline to punish "kickers" will develop some lengthy arguments.

The shortening of the playing schedule will also be considered, but it is not likely that any definite action will be taken, and the schedule for next year will remain the same as last season.

Local enthusiasts were agreeably surprised this morning when it was announced that John B. Day would have absolute control of the New York players during the coming season. Mr. Day will be elected a director of the club at its next meeting and appointed manager at the same time. Pitchers Rusie and Meekin and Second Baseman Gleason are three of the best baseball players in the country, and their being dropped from the roll of the Giants will cause no end of disappointment in Gotham.

Mr. Freedman will not attend the league meeting, and he has entrusted the interests of the New York Club to the care of Messrs. Soden and Conant, of Boston.

New York Club Changes.

New York, Dec. 12.—The Herald says: John B. Day, formerly owner of the New York Club at the height of its success, has been secured as manager of the Giants for next year. Such was the announcement made yesterday by Andrew Freedman, president of the New York Club. Mr. Freedman further said that Amos Rusie and Jouette Meekin, who for years have been considered the main strength of the team in this city, and William (Kid) Gleason, second baseman, are on the market, to be sold or exchanged for other players equally skilful.

Mr. Freedman last night said: The New York Club has secured a new manager, who will have entire control of the team. We intend to intrust the management of the playing end of the club to John B. Day. We propose to make him a director of the club and let him have entire charge. I want to be relieved of the trouble that arises from looking after the playing end of the club, and shall do all I can to make Mr. Day's management successful. He will have all the credit for any success that the team may attain, and must be the responsible party for any state of affairs. We are satisfied that a number of players have been on the New York team too long. They have never been desirous of doing more than holding their positions, on account of drawing their salaries. We intend to get others who will play for the success of the team. Players who do not like to work and are mere shirkers, must look for places on other teams. There were factions that sprung up in the team last year—certain men who did not support certain pitchers; certain players were delinquent in their work, and the public had good, fair examples of it all.

The Ottawa Failure.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The brief and inglorious career of the Ottawa professional baseball club was somewhat of a financial "white elephant" for the manager, Mr. Alex. Graham. This morning Mr. Graham issued a writ against the Ottawa Baseball Club Association to recover money paid in excess of the receipts, and for 57 days' salary at $8 a day. The total expenditure was $12,054.26, with receipts amounting to $7,765.12, leaving a deficit of $4,289.14. Mr. Graham's salary was $456, making a total deficit of $4,745.14. He received $776.76 on account, and is suing for a balance of $3,968.38.

FOOTBALL.

A New Western Union.

Toronto, Dec. 12.—Four senior Rugby clubs, the Argonauts, Ottawa, Hamilton and Osgoode Hall, who withdrew from the Ontario Rugby Union meeting on Saturday because their slate of officers did not carry, will form a new organization and call it the Western Rugby Union, or by some similar title. A meeting has been called for Friday night or Saturday afternoon. Two delegates from each club will be present, and officers will be elected. Osgoode Hall will simply go in to show their good will to the other senior clubs. They will play in intercollegiate union next season, and their application has already been sent in.

YACHTING.

Adopted New Sailing Rules.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—At the annual meeting of the Inter-Lake Yachting Association it was decided to adopt the new sailing regulations of the North America Yacht Racing Union. The Inter-Lake Yachting Association, which is composed of the yacht clubs of Lake Erie and the Detroit River, retains its own classification. This grants a time limit only in the first class for yachts of over 45 feet racing length.

SNOWSHOEING.

Argyle's Masquerade Ball.

The Argyle Snowshoe Club will hold a grand fancy dress masquerade ball in the P.A.A.A. gymnasium hall, on Thursday evening, December 22nd. The Argyle boys have been themeans of keeping the life in the good old sport of snowshoeing for the past few years, and the members take a lively interest in everything in connection with the club. There is no doubt but their ball on the 22nd will be a grand success.

THE GUN.

Elliott Won.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 12.—J. A. R. Elliott, of Kansas City, to-day defeated Fred. Gilbert, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, in the live bird shoot at Watson's Park for the Sportsmen's Review trophy, Elliott killing ninety-five birds to Gilbert's ninety-two.

CURLING.

Following was the result of a match played last night:—

F. Reipert	R. Hills
J. Howard	H. Cornell
J. Wighton	F. Fournier
D. Guthrie, skip..17	J. Johnston, skip..8

OPENING OF "THORNHILL."

"Tom" Trenholme's Pretty Road-Ride Rest the Scene of Festivities.

A Gathering Which Delighted the Host and Was Itself Well Pleased.

The opening of Mr. T. A. Trenholme's pretty road house, "Thornhill," on the Upper Lachine road, last evening, was a brilliant success in every sense of the term. While the resort will always be called "Thornhill," there is no doubt that it will be better known as "Tom" Trenholme's place, for, as "Tom" Trenholme, the popular farmer is known all over the island.

"Thornhill" is about twenty-five minutes' drive from the city. It is a neat and up-to-date restaurant, fitted up in a manner worthy of many city places. The rooms are many, bright and comfortable; they are all lighted with electricity, from Mr. Trenholme's plant at his residence. Surrounding "Thornhill" is a very pretty garden, which in the summer will be a resort for the thousands of bicyclists who traverse this road. The place will be under the direct management of Tom Trenholme and that is sufficient guarantee that it will be just such a "rest" as has long been desired.

The formal opening was a jolly one. All who were there were old friends, and there was not a dull moment. Among those who sat down were: J. B. Tresidder, in the chair; James Simpson, in the vice-chair; Messrs. E. H. Dunham, C. T. Trenholme, R. Waite, Buffalo; R. Wheeler, Asst. Sadler, James Strachan, C. Reinhardt, Paul Galibert, L. H. Senecal, Alex. Lockerby, Walter P. Scott, J. B. Sparrow, Charles Chappell, W. E. Burgess, George J. Sheppard, E. T. Houghton, John Kavanagh, James Minn, William Mann, Chas. Meunier, J. A. Bailey, A. M. B. Cowan.

Mr. Tresidder is an old time chairman, and he kept the gathering well in hand; it was no easy task, with Mr. Simpson as vice, for the vice was the life of the party. In response to a rousing toast to his health, Mr. Trenholme said: "I wish I could be with you boys always; it seems like childhood days back again." In a very neat and appropriate speech Mr. Trenholme told of his desire to provide a place to which his friends' families could be welcomed; he believed such a resort was required. Judging by the applause which followed his speech, it was evident that his friends thought so, too. There was no lack of merriment with such well known raconteurs present as E. H. Dunham, R. Waite, the famous architect, who said he might be here for a long time to come; George Sheppard, Charley Chappell, George Sadler and Watty Scott, with Amos Cowan's desire to change the motion of the world, thrown in. It was a happy night and but the forerunner of many such at "Thornhill."

A PAUSE FOR REPLY.

(London Graphic.)

Mr. Henniker Heaton has written to the Premiers and Postmasters of Australasia, and pauses for reply. There is a kind of stage wait. The Australians are proud and proved patriots. It was an Australian who used that lustrous simile of the "scarlet thread" that binds us Britishers together all over the world—the thread on which hangs the British Empire. It was Australia who set the fashion of brotherly co-operation by sending her contingent of men to help Tommy Atkins in Egypt in Arabi's time. In short, it is Australia who always acts up to her own motto, "Advance!" We are now waiting to hear that Australia (and, by the way, the Cape also) will follow the lead of Canada and India in realizing that admirable idea—which, like all great ideas at once strikes the imagination—of a penny post throughout the world-wide British Empire. Australia, New Zealand, and the Cape are, we believe, simply waiting until Boxing Day. But if they would not be a day after the fair, Christmas Eve would be better.

Gave Birth to Triplets.

Quebec, December 13.—Mrs. Napoleon Vallee, of St. Victor de Tring, Beauce, gave birth to three boys on Monday, Dec. 5th.

We Don't Want

to disappoint you, therefore the sooner you give us your order for that dress suit, the sooner it will be sent home. Our dress suits fit to perfection. Hugh Ross, 206 St. James street.

Among the assortment of new Morris Upright Pianos received by W. H. Leach, 49 Metcalfe street, for the holidays are several beautiful instruments in fancy walnut cases with inlaid panels, price $350, payable in three years, monthly payments of $8 or $10, old pianos or organs of any description accepted in part payment.

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WHAT SHARKEY SAYS.

"I won't fight Corbett again for a purse under any consideration," said Tom Sharkey this morning as he sat in his room in St. Lawrence Hall, while big Bob Armstrong busied himself arranging the "Sailor's" sparring wardrobe. "I will meet him if he agrees to have all the proceedings go to charity, and not a cent allowed for expenses. I had nothing to do with the fake in the last bout, and if I fought Corbett again for a purse people would say that I was as crooked as the exchampion."

"What are you going to do to McCoy next month?" he was asked.

"Well, I don't know; I'll do my best. I am to meet him on January 10th. I'll begin to train to-morrow. I suppose you have a good gymnasium here? Then ten days later I fight Choynski."

"Does the bout with Mitchel come off in New York?"

"That will be in March, and so it is not decided where it will be. If I can get more money to fight in London I'll go back there to meet Mitchell."

"How is the Corporal getting on?"

Sharkey looked puzzled for a moment, then—

"Oh, you mean that story which went the rounds of the press about the corporal that knocked me out in a poker fight? There is no truth in that at all. It is simply a newspaper yarn."

And then Sharkey left the room to get ready for the ring this afternoon.

Tom Sharkey, fresh from the fake contest with Corbett, dawned on the city yesterday in all the glory of green lights and a fancy belt. It is not every day that one can see a real live champion at a scale of prices as modest as 10, 20, and 30 cents, and an enormous crowd therefore congested at the Royal yesterday afternoon.

The crowd went there to see Sharkey. Some people came out and sang, and all that sort of thing, but when the curtain went down prior to the ring exhibition everybody applauded liberally.

A young man came before the footlights and announced that he would have the pleasure of introducing Mr. Sharkey in about five minutes' time.

The wait was livened up a little by a tremendous commotion away up in the gallery, and presently up went the curtain, revealing the scene of strife fenced off with shiny brass poles.

Enter the young man.

"I have the pleasure, ladies and gentlemen, of introducing to you this afternoon the man who defeated Mr. Robert Jefferies, who fought a draw with Mr. Bob. Fitzsimmons, and who defeated Mr. James J. Cawbett. Ladies and gentlemen, Mr. Bob. Armstrong."

The coffee-colored gentleman presented himself, and was freely applauded.

The announcer gathered in breath: "And, now, La-d-i-e-s and Gentle-men, Mr. Tom Sharkey, the Cham-peen."

Those who had visions of a man about 10 feet tall were disappointed. At the most Sharkey did not stand over 5 feet 9, although he shows an enormous pair of shoulders. Both men slipped through the ropes, and once more the announcer made a motion to speak:

"Ladies and gentlemen, the editor of the Gazette will hold the watch."

When the men came together, Armstrong, it was seen, towered above Sharkey four or five inches, and then the sparring began. It was the tamest of the tame. To the crowd it looked as if an ordinary light-weight could have gone in and wiped up the ring. So the men struggled through the bout, sparring slowly and hitting one another with open hands. They dragged along through three rounds, and the curtain came down with a run.

The pugilistic fans went away with the idea that Mr. Sharkey was very small potatoes, and marvelled greatly that he ever lasted before either Corbett or Fitz.

A BOOMERANG.

The Newfoundland Bait Act, Aimed at the French and Americans, Hits at Home.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 13.—The enforcement of the Newfoundland Bait Act is having a strange effect, according to Captain Scott, of the steamer Harland, which arrived yesterday. Captain Scott says that as master of a Canadian vessel he was prohibited from taking herring bait to be sold to Newfoundland fishermen. When he arrived on the west coast of the island cod were plentiful, but not a fish could be secured because there was no bait to be had. Fishermen were killing their domestic animals to use the flesh as a substitute for herring bait, but with poor success. The people were in a state of semi-starvation, but with cod plenty near by they could catch none for the want of bait. Captain Scott said bait abounded at Bay of Islands, but for fear that some of it might fall into the hands of French or American fishermen he was not allowed to carry any for sale. The Bait Act is aimed particularly at the French, though the Americans suffer from its regulations, but in this case the Newfoundlanders themselves were the chief sufferers.

Westmount Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Westmount Football Club will be held Thursday evening, 15th instant, at eight o'clock, in the Y.M.C.A. rooms. A large attendance is expected, as business of importance is to be transacted.

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Canadian Fire Record.

Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—The Kennedy House, a leading hotel of Wabigoon, was burned recently, and is a total loss. The building was valued at about $4,000, and was insured for $3,600.

Woodstock, Ont., Dec. 13.—The Anderson cheese factory, in East Zorra, caught fire, owing to an over-heated stove. About $3,500 worth of cheese, which was sold at the last board, and was in the curing room awaiting inspection and removal, was nearly all spoiled. Three men and a woman extinguished the blaze after half an hour's work. The loss is partly covered by insurance in the Gore Company.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 13.—Siguardson Bros.' general store at Hansa, on Lake Winnipeg, was burned down on Saturday. Loss, $5,000.

Thieves Busy at the Point.

Thieves are said to have broken into the Grand Trunk Boating Club house at Point St. Charles, during Sunday night, and to have stolen everything except the boats.



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GAS LOWER IN A BULL MARKET

But Although it Was Hammered, the Stock Offered Lots of Resistance.

EXCITEMENT WAS ABSENT.

Russell Sage, Who Has $20,000,000 Loaned in Wall Street, is ill.

BIG STREET RAAILWAY EARNINGS.

Business was pretty well distributed in local stocks this morning, but the excitement of yesterday was absent.

Gas for one was a good deal less active, and one of the features in connection with the stock was the fact that L. J. Forget & Co., who have been bulling it steadily of late, hammered it this morning. There was a good deal of resistance, however, and the stock was not weak by any means, although it sold at 206 after selling at 207 1-4.

Telegrams stated that there was an enormous amount of realizing in Wall Street this morning, but that the market stood it very well. One of the bullish items was the buoyancy of American securities in London, for which there was a good demand, while one of the disturbing factors was the reported illness of Russell Sage. Mr. Sage is now about 83 years old, and it was thought naturally enough that a serious illness would likely affect him materially. Mr. Sage is not thought to be an operator in the market to any great extent, but he has fully $15,000,000 or $20,000,000 out on loans.

The Market Here.

The general market outside of Gas was very strong. Pacific went up as high as 86, after selling at 85 3-4 to 85 7-8, while Royal Electric went spinning up to 164 on pretty steady buying. Street Railway shares were firm, although Toronto eased off a little towards the close after a rather strong opening.

The amount of trading in Electric, it is pointed out, is quite extensive, in view of the fact that there are only 15,000 shares altogether, and only a very small proportion of that is lying around the market. Dominion Cotton and Cable were strong, particularly the latter, which sold at 158 to 158 1-2.

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS.

Sterling Exchange rates were quoted as follows for The Herald by G. R. Marler:

	—Between Banks— Buyers.	Sellers.	Counter.
New York Funds..	1-32	1-16pm	¼to⅝pm
Sterling, 60 days..	8 7-16	½	8 9-16to8⅝
Sterling demand..	9	9 1-16	9⅛to9 3-16
Sterling, cables ..	9 3-16	9¼	9¼
Paris cheques	5.21⅞		

MORNING BOARD.

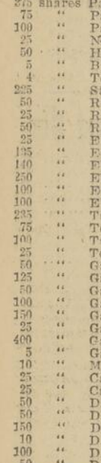
275 shares	Pacific	at 85⅞
75 "	Pacific	at 85¾
100 "	Pacific	at 86
25 "	New Street	at 280½
50 "	Hochelaga	at 137½
5 "	B.N.A.	at 125
4 "	Telegraph	at 175½
225 "	Street Railway	at 284
50 "	Richelieu	at 100½
25 "	Richelieu	at 100¼
50 "	Richelieu	at 100
25 "	Electric	at 162
125 "	Electric	at 163
140 "	Electric	at 163½
250 "	Electric	at 163¾
100 "	Electric	at 163⅞
100 "	Electric	at 164
235 "	Toronto Railway	at 107
75 "	Toronto Railway	at 107¼
100 "	Toronto Railway	at 106¾
25 "	Toronto Railway	at 106⅜
50 "	Gas	at 206¾
125 "	Gas	at 206¼
50 "	Gas	at 207⅛
100 "	Gas	at 207¼
150 "	Gas	at 206¼
25 "	Gas	at 206⅛
400 "	Gas	at 206
5 "	Gas	at 206½
10 "	M. Cotton	at 154
25 "	Cable	at 158
25 "	Cable	at 158½
50 "	D. Cotton	at 108
50 "	D. Cotton	at 107¾
150 "	D. Cotton	at 107½
10 "	D. Cotton	at 107
100 "	D. Coal	at 34¾
50 "	D. Coal pfd.	at 117

Victims of a Snow Slide.

Rossland, B.C., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Two Rossland men are reported buried in a snowslide in the Silver Queen mine, Cariboo Creek district. Their names are Alec McDonald and Andy Malcolm, and both have families here. They were employed as superintendent and engineer respectively.

Emile Thurin has accepted J. J. O'Connor's bag-punching challenge, which appeared in The Herald a few days ago. The match will come off inside of two weeks, though the particulars are not yet arranged. There are to be one five-minute round and four one-minute rounds. Thurin and Dwane will be two of the judges, the third to be appointed by these two. Martin Costello is acceptable to both parties, and will be asked to act as referee. Thurin gave an exhibition of bag-punching at the last wrestling match between Quinn and Comstock in the Monument National.

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STREET GOSSIP

The rate of discount allowed by the banks is being slashed all over. In New York further reductions are contemplated, the same in Chicago, while a number of the Minneapolis banks have already made the change. In the State of Vermont a general reduction is likely to be made. The Montpelier Savings Bank has decided to reduce the rate to 3 per cent., and the Brattleboro' Savings Bank has reduced the interest on local loans to 5 per cent.

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Montreal cattle shippers are at last making a little money, for at the present prices ruling on the other side the consignments show a moderate margin. The shipments of cattle via the winter ports are fairly large. The Sardinian sails from Portland to Liverpool this week with 175 cattle and 1,400 sheep, the Scandinavian from Portland to Glasgow with 146 cattle, and the Alcides from St. John, N.B., to Glasgow with 213 cattle and 360 sheep.

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Is it not reasonable that securities should advance?

Authorities in Wall street have endeavored to answer that question, and one of them is quite emphatic. "Take," he says, "the three big roads, Northern Pacific, St. Paul and Missouri Pacific. In the fourth week of November last year, the Northern Pacific showed an increase in gross earnings over the preceding year of no less than $385,000, this being the largest increase in one week it ever reported. If, in the same week this year, it should have shown some comparative decrease, it would have been what might be expected. But instead of a decrease, it increased $16,000 on the enormous total previously recorded. The St. Paul last year had an increase for the same week of $190,000; this year it increases $46,000 on that; and for the first week of December it increases $140,000 over an increase of $115,000 last year. The Missouri Pacific increased last year $276,000 for the week; it could not do better than that this year, but it did very nearly as well. These are typical of the condition of business with the railroads, and the burden of the Western despatch continues to be of the scarcity of cars to move the traffic offering."

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"Is there a short interest in the market?" I asked a local broker this morning.

"There is," said he, "and if I am not much mistaken, it is quite a big one."

"What stocks?"

"Three of them, principally—Gas, Electric and Street, but particularly Gas and Electric. There was a lot of covering on the advance yesterday all right, and it will be found that the amount of Electric stock floating around the street is very small."

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There was a mass of buying orders received by the commission houses at the opening in Wall street yesterday, the bulk of them being orders to purchase at the market. These orders, with the London buying, caused sharp advances in almost everything on the list in the early trading. There was heavy realizing, especially by the traders who have been working on the bull side; one of these operators selling 15,000 shares and others fairly large amounts. This selling was absorbed so quickly as to surprise the operators who sold the stocks.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

Cheese Has a Firm Tone—More Activity in the Dressed Poultry Market.

The ten cent mark is still in sight in the cheese market, and the range for finest cheese here is 9 3-4c to 9 7-8c, and it is doubtful if anything could be bought at much less than that. For Easterns the range is 9 5-8c to 9 3-4c.

Butter is pretty firm just now, and creamery is quoted at 20 1-2c for finest.

The exports of cheese and butter for the week via St. John, Portland and other ports were:

	Cheese.	Butter.
Liverpool	10,197	2,429
London	7,754	420
Glasgow	812	....
Bristol	6,389	4,252
Newcastle	833	....
Hull	250	....
	26,235	7,101
Total since close of navigation	51,488	12,044

The demand for eggs is very fair, and prices are on the whole are about steady. No. 1 candled are quoted at 16c, No. 2, 12 1-2c to 13 1-2c; Montreal limed, 14 1-2c to 15c; western limed, 13c to 13 1-2c, and culls, 9c per dozen. Receipts, 196 cases.

There was an improved demand for poultry, and as the supply was ample, buyers had no difficulty in filling their wants, and prices show no change. We quote: Turkeys, good to choice, 8c to 8 1-2c; scalded, 7c to 7 1-2c; chickens, good to choice, 6c to 8c; fowls, 4c to 5c; ducks, 7 1-2c to 8c, and geese, 4c to 6c per lb.

The market for partridge was active and firm, all the offerings meeting with a ready sale at 65c to 70c for firsts, and at 50c to 55c for seconds per brace.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

DESCRIPTION.	Dec. 12, Ask.	Dec. 12, Bid.	Dec. 10 Ask.	Dec. 10 Bid.
Canadian Pacific Railway	86	85⅞	85¼	84⅞
D.S.S.A.	3	2	3	2
D.S.S. A. pfd.	7	6	7	6
Commercial Cable Co.	185½	185	186	185
Do. Coupon Bonds	....	....	....	....
Do. Reg. Bonds	....	....	....	....
Rich. and Ont. Nav. Co.	101	100¾	100¾	100
Cornwall R.	....	....	....	....
M.S.R.	284	283½	285	283½
MS.R. new stock	280½	280	281	280¼
Halifax Elec. Tram Co.	128	126½	128	127
Do do Bonds	....	....	....	....
Toronto Street Ry.	166½	166¼	166½	166½
Do do Bonds	....	....	....	....
Montreal Gas Co.	206½	206	207	206¾
Royal Electric Co.	164	163	160	153½
Montreal Telegraph Co.	180	176	180	176
St. John Ry. Co.	....	....	....	....
Bell Telephone Co.	175	170	174	170
Dom. Coal pfd.	34½	34	117	116½
Do. Common	117	116½	35½	34
Do. Bonds	....	....	....	....
Montreal Cotton Co.	160	153½	160	154
Canada Colored Cotton Co.	75	65	75	65
Do do Bonds	....	....	....	....
Dominion Cotton Co.	107½	107	110	107
Do do Bonds	....	....	....	....
People's H. & L.	....	....	....	....
Do do. Bonds	....	....	....	....
War Eagle	296	293	296	294½
Bank of Montreal	255	243½	255	245
Ontario Bank	....	114	....	114
Bank of British N.A.	....	....	....	....
Molsons Bank	205	203	210	204
Bank of Toronto	255	243	250	240
La Banque Jacques Cartier	....	110½	....	110½
Merchants	178	177	178	177
Merchants' Bk. of Halifax	....	180	....	180
Bank of Nova Scotia	....	....	....	....
Eastern Townships	160	154	160	155
Quebec	....	122½	....	122½
La Banque Nationale	96	91	96	90
Union	125	110	125	110
Commerce	146	145	147	140
Ville Marie	100	99	100	90
Imperial	....	....	....	....
Hochelaga	161	160	161	160
North West Land pfd.	55	54	55	53½

WHEAT MARKET FAIRLY BULLISH

Prices Went Up a Little from the Opening, but the Market Was Rather Quiet.

AN ADVANCE IN CATTLE.

Local Live Stock Shippers Get More Encouraging Advices from Across the Water.

THE GOSSIP OF THE "STREET."

Although wheat showed a slightly firmer tone to-day there was not a great deal of activity. May opened at 65 1-8, and was quoted at 65 1-2 at 12.30.

The world's shipments of wheat and the destination of last week's world's shipments, as per the Liverpool Corn Trade News estimates is as follows:

To	Wheat. bushels.
United Kingdom	4,696,000
France	683,000
Belgium	512,000
Holland	632,000
Germany	416,000
Italy	656,000
Austria	136,000
Scandinavia	176,000
Spain	312,000
Greece	56,000
Various	776,000
Total	9,056,000
To	Corn. bushels.
United Kingdom	1,040,000
Continent	4,044,000
Total	5,934,000

The Corn Trade figures differ as follows: United States shipments, 6,579,000 bushels; Russia, 1,266,000 bushels; Danubian, 642,000 bushels; Indian, 272,000 bushels; various, 296,000 bushels. It also estimates a decrease on passage of 112,000 bushels, including an increase of 369,000 bushels to the United Kingdom, an increase of 296,000 bushels for orders, and a decrease of 768,000 bushels to the Continent.

ADVANCE IN CATTLE.

But That is Only in Liverpool—London Prices are Steady.

Fair Amount of Activity to the Loca Trade—Prices Here are Pretty Firm.

A cable from London on the live stock market said: Trade in cattle was slower, but the undertone to the market was steady for cattle, and prices show no change from a week ago. Choice Canadian and Argentines sold at 10 1-2c. For sheep prices were irregular, Canadians selling 1-2c lower at 10 1-2c, while Argentines were 1c higher at 11c. Canadian lambs brought 12c.

Liverpool, Dec. 12.—A stronger feeling prevailed for Canadian cattle, owing to smaller supplies, and prices advanced 1-4c to 1-2c, choice selling at 10 1-4c.

The receipts of cattle at the East End Abattoir market yesterday morning were about 600 head. The weather was all that could be desired for those interested in this line of trade, but notwithstanding the fact that the holidays are only two weeks off, there was nothing extra in the quality of cattle offered. It is expected, however, that a good number of extra choice will be on the market on Thursday for the Christmas trade. The demand to-day was good and the market was active and firm. Choice beeves sold at 4 3-8c to 4 1-2c, good at 4c to 4 1-4c, fair at 3 1-4c to 3 3-4c and lower grades at from 2c to 3c per lb., live weight.

The supply of sheep was fair for the season, there being about 400 offered, for which the demand was good, and shippers took all the suitable stock for shipment at 3c to 3 1-4c, while the culls sold at 2 1-2c to 2 3-4c per lb., live weight.

There was a good demand for lambs, of which there were about 700 on the market, and trade was active, with prices steady at 3 3-4c to 4 1-4c per lb., live weight.

Supply of calves was small, there being only about one dozen offered, which sold at from $2 to $8 each, as to size and quality.

At the Grand Trunk stock yards at Point St. Charles, there was a fair number of live hogs offered, and as the demand for the same was good, prices were maintained. Selected lots sold at $5.50, heavy fat at $4.25, light stockers at $4, and stags at $2.50 per 100 lbs.

CANADIAN PRODUCE.

Cheese Has Been in Excellent Demand in Liverpool—Brisk Inquiry for Botter

Writing on the position of Canadian produce in Liverpool, Hodgson Bros. under date of Dec. 3rd, say: "Cheese has been in excellent demand all week, and the market has further hardened on choicest qualities, which are in limited compass. We quote finest colored Canadian—Septembers, 46s 6d to 47s; white, 45s to 46s; choicest colored August, Canadian, 43s to 45s; white, 42s to 44s; finest colored States, 45s to 46s; white, 43s 6d to 45s 6d. Summer makes, ripe qualities, are in demand from 38s to 42s, and late makes mild half-meats at 37s to 42s, while lower grades offered from 28s to 34s per cwt. are quiet.

"Butter—Really fancy quality fresh made goods have met with a brisk enquiry this week, and the arrivals have been quickly bought up at a considerable advance. Buyers, however, are most particular as to the quality they will pass as choicest goods, and anything the least faulty in flavor, or of too much color, will only sell at the lower prices. We quote today, finest fresh made Canadian creamery, 100s to 105s; grade just below, 94s to 98s; finest States, 90s to 96s; States and Canadian, fine quality, but stale, 82s to 92s. Finest ladies and imitation creamery and Canadian dairies are in good request from 65s to 76s; finest Danish, 106s to 118s; Australian, 102s to 108s; Cork firsts, 94s; seconds, 83s; thirds, 76s per cwt.

THE FLOUR TRUST.

Although Plans Have Been Made, it is Just Possible That They May Fall Through.

New York, Dec. 13.—Thomas A. McIntyre, the combiner, who returned from Europe last Thursday, after having won over, it is believed, the English stockholders of the Pillsbury-Washburn Mills to his flour trust scheme, left Saturday night for Minneapolis, where the negotiations will be continued.

While Mr. McIntyre, who has not yet known failure, is confident of success, there are many discordant elements in the milling industry, and many of the best-informed men on the Produce Exchange who doubt whether even the genius of the "great combiner" will be able to harmonize matters. It is declared that even if the Pillsbury-Washburn mills are now sure to join the combination, two of the great Minneapolis mills are antagonistic to the trust, and will have to be won over by more convincing arguments than Mr. McIntyre has yet presented to them.

In regard to the trip of Mr. McIntyre abroad, the Northwestern Miller, which violently opposes the combination, had the following cable despatch yesterday from its London correspondent:—

"Our foreign correspondent, Mr. Kingsland Smith, cabled us as follows in regard to the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pillsbury-Washburn Flour Mills Company, Limited, which was held in London on December 2nd:

"'No action was taken on the McIntyre consolidation scheme. The chairman, answering shareholders, said there was something in the air, but nothing to submit to them at present. At a previous informal meeting some large stockholders favored the plan, but the majority firmly opposed it.'"

GRAIN STOCKS.

How the Supplies of Wheat, Corn and Oats Compare with a Year Ago.

The Chicago visible supply of wheat for this continent shows an increase of 3,369,000 bushels compared with two weeks ago, and a decrease of 11,006,000 with a year ago.

Corn shows a decrease of 4,417,000 bushels compared with two weeks ago, and a decrease of 22,834,000 with a year ago.

Oats show a decrease of 225,000 bushels compared with two weeks ago and a decrease of 8,988,000 with a year ago.

Barley shows an increase of 104,000 bushels compared with two weeks ago, and a decrease of 887,000 with a year ago.

The following is the visible supply of grain in Chicago on the dates mentioned:

	Dec. 10, 1898.	Nov. 26, 1898.	Dec. 11, 1897.
Wheat	26,738,000	23,369,000	37,744,000
Corn	17,846,000	22,263,000	40,680,000
Oats	5,361,000	5,586,000	14,349,000
Barley	4,002,000	3,838,000	4,889,000

MONTREAL GRAIN.

The Situation Remains Just About the Same—A Fair Trade Doing in Flour.

The local grain market is without any notable change just now, and prices on the whole remain pretty much the same. At points east of Toronto peas are quoted at 63 1-2c, oats at 27 1-2c buckwheat 46 1-2c and rye 52c. The demand from shippers is only moderate, although there is quite a large amount of grain going forward on old business.

Millers say they have no reason to kick at the way things are going in the flour market, and, everything considered, there is a very fair trade in progress for this period of the season. Winter wheat patents, $4 to $4.25; straight rollers, $3.45 to $3.65; in bags, $1.50 to $1.65; Manitoba patents, $4.50; strong bakers' best, $4.10

The demand for feed continues to be in excess of the supply, and in consequence the tone of the market is strong, and in some cases Manitoba bran is quoted as high as $15, and shorts at $17. We quote Manitoba bran, $14; shorts, $16; and mouille, $17 per ton, including bags.

A fair business was done in meal, and the market is moderately active and steady at $3.60 per barrel, and at $1.75 per bag, for rolled oats.

There was no change in the market for baled hay. The demand is slow, and trade quiet at steady prices. We quote:—No. 1, $6.50 to $7.50; No. 2 extra, $5 to $6; No. 2 clover mixture, $4.50 to $5; clover, $4.

GRAIN UP WEST.

Wheat and Coarse Grains Fail to Show Very Much Change—Prices About the Same.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—Flour, winter patents in bags, $3.70 to $3.90; straight rollers, $3.35 to $3.40; Hungarian patents, $4.10 to $4.15; Manitoba bakers', $3.80 to $3.85. Wheat, Ontario red and white, 66c, north and west; goose, 65c; No. 1 Manitoba hard, 79c at Toronto, and No. 1 northern at 74c. Oats, white oats quoted at 26 1-2c to 27 1-2c west and east. Rye, quoted at 50c west and 51c east. Barley quoted at 47c west. Buckwheat firm at 44c to 45c, north and west. Bran, city mills sell bran at $13, and shorts at $15 in car lots f.o.b. Toronto. Corn, Canadian, 33c west and American, 41 1-2c to 42c on track here. Peas in good demand at 62c to 63c, north and west, in car lots. Oatmeal, car lots of rolled oats in bags on track in Toronto, $3.50, in barrels $3.60.

$20,000,000 COMBINE.

Another Trust and This Time the Pottery Interests in the States Come Together.

Trenton, Dec. 12.—It is becoming more and more certain that the proposed pottery trust will not only control the manufacture of general ware pottery in the United States, but will absorb the sanitary ware syndicate which was formed a few years ago by buying five of the largest sanitary ware potteries in this city.

A manufacturer said yesterday he would not be surprised if the trust was floated by January 1st, although the promoters have secured an extension until April 1st on all the options they now hold. These options include practically all of the potteries in the country except two or three which are owned by estates, and which cannot be very well disposed of. It is expected, however, that if the trust is formed there will be amicable arrangements as to prices with those that are obliged to remain out.

The manufacturer also said he had good reason for assuming that before the trust project was consummated it would extend to the sanitary ware concerns. The proposition as understood here is to capitalize the trust at $20,000,000. The potteries acquired will be paid off partly in cash and partly in preferred and common stock.

THE MILK TRUST.

The Combine with Leiter at the Head and at $10,000,000 Capital is Nearly Completed.

It is asserted that a milk trust with a capital stock of $10,000,000 is on the point of completion in Chicago, and that articles of incorporation will be applied for within ten days. L. Z. Leiter and W. C. Seipp, each of whom is interested to the extent of $2,500,000, are the largest stockholders.

Parry Sound Mystery.

Brockville, Ont., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Geo. P. Graham, M.P.P., has opened up correspondence with the Attorney-General's Department in regard to taking steps to investigate the recent mysterious disappearance and probable murder of Donald K. Snell at Parry Sound. The case continues to excite great interest here.

Accidentally Killed.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—William General, an Indian, who resided on the reserve near what is known as the Thomas school house, about two miles from Oshweken, was shot and killed by the accidental discharge of a gun Sunday.

May Admit Canadians.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—At the meeting of the National Board of Trade to-day an effort will be made to admit Canadians to membership.

Dewey Ordered Home.

Manila, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Admiral Dewey has been ordered home from the Philippines for physical reasons. He is expected to return on the Olympia via Suez.

He Took Gopher Poison.

Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—John W. Nelson, son of the late Mr. Joseph Nelson, of England and Ottawa, lately farming near Whitewood, committed suicide on Sunday by taking gopher poison. Deceased was 50 years of age.

THE SENATE IS THE STUMBLING BLOCK

Matters Could Soon Be Arranged at Washington if it Were Not for Them.

PROSPECTS MAY IMPROVE

When the New Senate Meets, for it Will Contain Some New Men.

A COMPROMISE MAY BE MADE.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—A special to the Globe from Washington says: The joint committee on reciprocity held a brief session yesterday morning, but very little progress was made, the Americans being still unready. The Canadian Commissioners will, it is understood, seek to force affairs along at a more rapid pace this week, so that when the conference is adjourned next Monday or Tuesday for the Christmas holidays, they will be in a position to know what is the furthest extent of the concessions on the trade questions that can be put through the United States Senate. The Senate is the real stumbling block. The American Commissioners, it is believed, would readily concede free lumber if the final adjustment rested with them and only the lumber duty stood in the way of a complete settlement of all difficulties between the two nations. A reasonable schedule of a limited reciprocity could, it is confidently asserted, be agreed upon in a very few days were the lumber question once disposed of.

Compromise Suggested.

The suggestion of a compromise on a duty of $1 per thousand feet, instead of $2, the present rate, are not regarded as adequate by the representatives of Canada. These suggestions are repeated in various forms, with the assertion that further yielding is not within the range of possibility, but the gentlemen who put the matter in this way were usually representatives of the lumber interests. The confident tone in which they speak of what the Senate will and will not do would make the outsiders think that they carried the Senate on their key rings. The fact seems to be that they are only speaking for the Republican Administration Senators, and that almost half the members of the Senate are ready, as good Democrats, to vote for free lumber at any time. Senator Burrows and a small clique of his associates from the lumber States, however, hold the balance of power, and without these votes the treaty could not get the necessary two-thirds vote.

Delay May Improve Situation.

It has been suggested that delay might mend matters, and that a little missionary work among the Senators would make a change. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his fellow-commissioners have seen many of the doubtfuls and the influence—the very potent influence—of the President, has been exerted in this direction, apparently without securing the required turnover. It may be that the administration might have more influence over the new Republican Senators, who come in after March, but this will not help much, because, in the main, these Senators will replace Democratic Senators like Gray, Murphy and Faulkner, who would vote for free lumber in any event. The fact must be recognized that, according to the best opinion, the Senate is safely Republican for the next few years, and that if free lumber is an impossibility to-day with the McKinley administration, desirous of promoting a settlement, it will remain an impossibility till 1906, the earliest period at which the Democrats can gain control of the Senate unless by a political revolution, of which there are no signs. It is the knowledge that there are fewer protectionists now in the branch of Congress which must deal with the Canadian treaty than there will be again for many years that makes the situation so difficult. If the Senate were shortly to receive an accession of Democrats, there would be every reason for holding back and keeping the negotiations open. Canada, however, must do business with the Republicans or not at all.

Lord Herschell's Efforts.

Under these circumstances the influence of Lord Herschell is no doubt exerted to the utmost to secure a settlement. The affair to him is a grave question of Imperial policy. He sees that a treaty closing all points of difference would afford another evidence to the great powers of the close relations between Great Britain and the United States. A dollar more or less on the lumber tariff does not count for so much in Imperial as it does in Canadian politics. If the dollar duty stands in the way and threatens to block negotiations, the diplomacy of the British representative may be exerted to get around the corner. He has had one or more lengthy interviews with the Americans, which may be productive of good.

Personal Notes.

Mr. Clarke Wallace has decided to remain at Washington until the conference adjourns.

Mr. Edwards, M. P., and Mrs. Edwards, who have been south, are here on their homeward journey.

The British Ambassador gave a reception last evening in honor of the commissioners.

CAPTAIN FOUND GUILTY

Of Having Criminally Libelled the Owners of the Wrecked Mohegan—Sentence was Suspended.

London, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Captain Purdy, who was arrested a month ago charged with criminally libelling the owners of the recently wrecked steamship Mohegan, in having written a letter to the survivors of that vessel asserting that the Mohegan had been "put away" in accordance with orders of the owners, was found guilty in the criminal court, Old Bailey, yesterday. He was bound over in £100 bail to appear for sentence when summoned.

THE LODGES

The annual election of officers of Royal Rose Lodge, No. 147, S.O.E.B.S., took place Wednesday, 7th December, the following officers being elected: Past president, C. J. Arbow; worthy president, Frank Bennett; vice-president, F. Guest; secretary, F. Goucher; treasurer, R. Johnes; chaplain, Rev. H. E. Wright, M.A.; committee, A. Moore, Greenough, H. Skates, T. J. Smith, W. Waller; delegate, Rev. H. E. Wright; I.G., Brimson; O.G., Bedford; auditors, Messrs. Ellis, Swan, Smith; trustees, Messrs. Parr, Brimson, Rathwell; surgeon, Dr. A. G. Morphy.

Court Belle Rive, I.O.F.

At the regular meeting of Court Belle Rive, I.O.F., 942, held on Thursday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Chief Ranger, M. Simand; V.C.R., N. Belanger; P.C.R., A. Laing; R.S., A. McCormick; F.S., A. Foreman; treasurer, T. W. Foreman; S. W., A. Proulx; J.W., T. Lawson; S.B., L. Kaiser; J.B., F. Foreman; chaplain, John Roberts; court physician, L. Desy; trustees, S. W. Martin and N. Belanger; auditors, G. A. Armand and W. S. Dockrill.

Settlers for Canada.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Four delegates, who returned to Minnesota yesterday, say that fully two hundred families will move to the North-West from Minnesota and Wisconsin next spring and locate near Edmonton.

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Public Notice.

SALE OF LAND

The City of Montreal will apply to the Quebec Legislature, at its next session, for an Act to authorize and sanction the sale by said City, to the Grand Trunk Railway Company, of a strip of land situated on Mc Gill Street, for the construction of the Offices of the said Company, and to obtain the consent of the Crown to such sale.

(Signed) L. O. DAVID,
City Clerk.

City Clerk's Office,
City Hall,
Montreal, 9th December, 1898.

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NOTICE is hereby given, that a DIVIDEND OF EIGHT DOLLARS per share on the Capital Stock of this Institution has been declared, and the same will be payable at its Banking House, in this city, on and after TUESDAY, the 3rd day of JANUARY next.

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

By order of the Board.

HY. BARBEAU,
Manager.

Montreal, 30th November, 1898.

REGISTER NOW.

The Liberals have opened rooms in all parts of the city for the revision of the voters' lists.

A Commissioner for taking affidavits will be at The Herald office, 141 St. James street, every day this week. Call and see that your name is on the list. There is no time to be lost, as the municipal lists must be completed this week.

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TENDERS will be received by the Harbor Commissioners of Montreal, at this office, until 12 o'clock noon, Tuesday, December 20th instant, for the construction of a DIPPER DREDGE, with steel hull, according to specifications which may be seen at the Office of Mr. John Kennedy, Chief Engineer.

The Tenders to be sealed and endorsed "TENDER FOR DREDGE," and addressed to the undersigned.

The Commissioners reserve the right of rejecting any or all of the Tenders.

ALEXANDER ROBERTSON,
Secretary.

Harbour Office,
Montreal, 9th December, 1898.

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LETTERS FROM PHIL. SHERIDAN

The Montreal Barrister Gives Some Details of Dawson City Life.

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Food is Very Scarce—Lots of Whiskey and Faro Wheels are Everywhere.

TRANSPORTATION IS TEDIOUS

Several letters have been received from Mr. Philip Sheridan, who recently went to Dawson City. Mr. Sheridan says he left Vancouver June 10th on the steamship Laurada for Dawson, via St. Michael's Bay, and the trip was very monotonous and slow owing to the fact that they had in tow an auxiliary freight barge. The vessel was overcrowded in every respect; the passenger accommodation was wretchedly poor. The berths were rudely constructed and very narrow, so narrow that if the occupants wanted to turn in them they had to first get out on the floor. Owing to the slowness of the voyage the Laurada only arrived at St. Michael's Bay August 16th. Many intended Klondikers sold out their outfits at that point for whatever they could get, and returned home. The trip up the Yukon occupied another month on account of low water, so that Mr. Sheridan was about ninety days en route. On arriving at Dawson he came across quite a few familiar faces that he knew in the civilized east. He formed a law partnership with Mr. Girouard, a government attorney, who occupies a similar position to Mr. Sheridan. They have an office, about 14 x 15 feet, a modest looking building, for which they pay the sum of $220 a month rent. The last letter Mr. Sheridan wrote reached Montreal in exactly one month. He said that he never enjoyed better health, and that his prospects for a remunerative law business were very flattering. The population of Dawson was very transient; as soon as a find would be mentioned as having been made on a new creek, the town would be emptied in a few hours, but the prospectors would not be very long away.

The sanitary conditions of Dawson, whilst not as perfect as even those of Bordeaux-Plouffe, were nevertheless exaggerated. The amount of sickness was not unusual, and the people seemed to be thriving physically.

What he found amusing in Dawson was the different costumes worn by the miners; some were very funnily dressed, but style was a secondary consideration. The nights out there were spent by the miners gambling or drinking. Saloons are there by the dozen, and the faro rooms are countless.

If conditions warrant the journey, Mr. Sheridan may come out over the Skaguay trail. He expects to put in two years in Dawson. He says that food may be scarce in the Yukon this winter, but that he is personally all right, for he brought two years' supplies with him. There are a great many professional men out there, and competition is keen in all lines; the mounted police maintain good order, and the law is respected pretty well, considering the mixed class that prevails in the Yukon.

THE WOMEN'S CLUB

Listen to an Interesting Lecture by Prof. Moyse, of McGill University.

Prof. Moyse, of McGill University, delivered a most interesting lecture on some features of poetry before the Montreal Women's Club at the Y.M.C.A. yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Robt. Reid presided and there was a good attendance of ladies.

The lecturer began by saying that one would naturally allude to the poets themselves and to opinions regarding their poetry. It was quite easy to collect a great number of definitions of poetry given by poets and others, but this would produce confusion. Therefore, it would be well to concentrate attention to two themes of poetry, the poets made prominent by Aristotle, the mimetic theory, and the theory which was brought forward in the Elizabethan period and amplified later by Wordsworth and Coleridge. This might be called the theory of imagination. The lecturer dwelt chiefly on these two theories, and in the course of his remarks spoke at some length on the relations of criticism of literature, pointing out that criticism in conflict with literature in the end had always been wasted.

The lecture was illustrated with arranged quotations taken mostly from English literature intended to bring out the finer lights and shades of poetical workmanship.

The ladies expressed great appreciation of Prof. Moyse's most interesting lecture.

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NEXT SESSION OF HOUSE.

The Proposed Adjournment of the Washington Conference Causes Much Speculation in Ottawa.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The report from Washington that the International Commission will adjourn until March has started many rumors here as to the meeting of the Canadian Parliament. So far the Canadian Government has only discussed the matter in a general way. For instance, some of the business which it is intended to bring up next session, was discussed before the Canadian Commissioners left for Washington and the policy which the Government intended to pursue regarding the same was settled. Details concerning the same are now under way. The general feeling among the Ministers is that the sessional programme should be ready when Parliament meets, and that it would be better to meet a week later with everything ready than a week earlier in a more or less unprepared state. As to when Parliament would meet nothing has been decided. It was supposed by the public that the business of the International Commission would postpone the date of opening, and about the 1st of March was suggested as the probable time. Now that an early adjournment of the commission has been decided on, an early session is spoken of. So far it is all talk.

BURGLAR GETS 5 YEARS.

Charles Ethier Who Got $125 from Fred Emond's Dry Goods Store.

Judge Desnoyers this morning sentenced Charles Ethier to five years in the penitentiary. On the 28th of October last Ethier broke into Mr. Fred Emond's dry goods store, 627 St. Catherine street, and stole about $125 worth of goods.

Beauharnois Nomination.

Beauharnois, Dec. 13.—About two thousand people were present here yesterday at the nomination of Messrs. Arthur Plante, Conservative, and Wilfrid Mercier, Liberal, for the bye-election, which will take place next Monday. Among those who signed Mr. Plante's nomination list were J. G. H. Bergeron, M.P., J. G. Laurendeau, Dr. J. G. Lussier, Dr. Sutherland, Dr. St. Onge, Dr. Gauthier, Leandre Gendron, E. Gauthier, J. Brochu, N. Langevin, J. M. A. Denault.

There was an interesting joint meeting presided over by Messrs. F. Leduc, Mayor of Beauharnois, and Jos. Boyer, Mayor of St. Clement.

Mr. Mercier was supported by Hon. H. Archambault, Attorney-General, Hon. J. E. Robidoux, Provincial Secretary, and C. Cherrier, M.L.A. for Laprairie.

Messrs. Bergeron, Leblanc and Cornellier spoke in favor of Mr. Plante. The Attorney-General said the Legislative Council would be abolished as soon as possible. Mr. Robidoux stated that the education bill, which was blocked by the Red Chamber at the last session, would be reintroduced.

FINE AND DECIDEDLY COLD.

Probabilities—West to north winds; fine and decidedly cold to-day and on Wednesday.

Highest and lowest temperatures yesterday—Kamloops, 18-14; Calgary, 18, 8 below; Battleford, 2, 16 below; Qu'Appelle, 12, 20 below; Winnipeg, 8 below, 22 below; Port Arthur, 2, 16 below; Parry Sound, 10, 16 below; Toronto, 20, 5 below; Ottawa, 2, 18 below; Montreal, 2, 6 below; Quebec, 4 below, 8 below; Halifax, 20-16.

Temperatures observed to-day by Messrs. Hearn and Harrison, Opticians, 1640 and 1642 Notre Dame St., Montreal: Standard thermometer—8 a.m., —5; 11 a.m., 2; maximum, 3; minimum, —7. Standard barometer—8 a.m., 29.93; 11 a.m., 29.99. — Below zero.

Sudden Death of Mr. C. E. Ray.

Mr. Charles E. Ray, bookkeeper in the employ of Messrs. Shaw, Cassils & Co., leather merchants, of Notre Dame street, dropped dead while waiting for the train for Montreal in the railway station at Granby yesterday, he having just paid a visit to his old home in that town. The doctor states that death was due to heart disease. The remains were brought to the city this morning and removed to his late residence, at 495 Lansdowne avenue, Westmount.

Protestant Ministers.

The Protestant Ministerial Association met this morning in the Y.M.C.A. Rev. Mr. Hopkins conducted the devotional exercises. There were present the Revs. James Patterson, O'Mally, Graham, Norris, Hopkins, Webb, Dodson, McKillican, Hume, McMannus, Edgar Hill, McWilliams, E. M. Hill, J. McCarter, Amaron, Hamilton, Everett, Richardson, Fleck, Therrien. The sympathies of the meeting were extended to the Rev. Mr. Harris in his recent family bereavement, and the secretary was instructed to forward the resolution.

The Rev. Edgar Hill read an interesting paper.

At the next meeting Rev. Dr. Jackson will read a paper on "Theology of Pascal's Thought."

Postal notes payable at any office within the city limits of Montreal may be paid at any accounting office within the city limits.

SENSATION IN COURT.

A Confession of Cordelia Viau's to Sheriff Lapointe Accepted as Evidence This Morning.

St. Scholastique, Que., Dec. 13.—Quite a sensation was caused in court this morning by the evidence of Sheriff Lapointe, who related a confession made to him by Cordelia Viau. Mr. Ledue objected to the hearing of this confession, saying that it was under a promise of secrecy that Sheriff Lapointe had obtained it, and that was sufficient to prevent it being admitted a the case.

The court overruled this objection, saying that he was obliged to do what the Court of Appeals decided on the question, and in this case there was no proof of undue pressure, but only the promise of secrecy.

Mr. Lapointe then proceeded. He said: "Two or three months after her first trial the accused spoke to me about the footprints in the blood on the floor that had been spoken of by Detective Crevier, and said, 'This mark was not made by me because I had rubbers on that afternoon and I took them off only in the evening at my father's.' The witness then said, 'So you were there?' The accused added, 'If you will keep it a secret, I will tell you everything. Parslow struck the first blow; this made him awaken, and he stood upright. Then they both had a struggle, both falling on the floor. It was then that Parslow inflicted the wound that my husband had in the head. We left him on the floor for a while, thinking he was dead, but suddenly he rose up and fell on the bed in the same position in which he was found by Mr. Bouvrette on Monday morning. Parslow changed his shirt for one of my husband's, as there was some blood on his own. He then burnt his own.

An Appeal for the Poor.

Protestant House of Industry and Refuge makes this appeal:

"At a meeting held on the 8th instant it was decided to begin again for the winter the humane work of outdoor relief for the suffering poor, and through the press make our wants known to friends for assistance in the work. Contributions of money or clothing can be sent either to Messrs. A. F. Gault, James Moore, Chas. Alexander, Hon. J. K. Ward, Daniel Wilson, Joseph Richards, Rev. F. Ridel, Wm. Reid, James Wilson, Jeffrey H. Burland, or to the secretary, D. McMillan, 693 Dorchester street.

Some Souvenir Cards.

Messrs. J. C. Wilson & Co. have issued a series of souvenir post cards, illustrating the various Canadian sports and pastimes, from skating to golf. There are 20 cards in the set.

Mr. Boville's Meetings.

Mr. R. G. Boville's illustrated Sunday Bible talks in Karn Hall are so popular now that there is talk of securing Queen's Theatre, the present meeting place being too small to accommodate the crowds who wish to attend.

United States Trade with the Yukon

Major Walsh, the ex-administrator of the Yukon, who is staying at the Windsor Hotel, comes with the disappointing tidings that Seattle got no less than $16,000,000 worth of Klondike trade during the year. Canadian cities have not done as well, and Major Walsh thinks it is their own fault. It was a great source of disappointment to the Major that, although there were a couple of hundred journalists in the Yukon fields, not one of them represented a Canadian journal. The lack of enterprise evidenced by the newspapers was equally characteristic of the merchants of Victoria and Vancouver, who had allowed the trade to go to Seattle. The ex-administrator has advised the Government to sell all the claims and fraction claims which he had reserved at, auction in Dawson City, and he thinks the advice is likely to be acted upon.

Deaths Last Week.

There were 105 deaths in the city last week. Ninety-four were Catholics and eleven Protestants.

A Chilian Consul.

The Chilian Government asked Mayor Pretontaine to recommend a suitable person for the office of Chilian consul in this city. His Worship named Mr. Emanuel Ohlen, who, it is understood, will receive official notice of his appointment within the next few days.

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LECTURED ON LINCOLN.

Mr. John Charlton, Canadian M.P. Discourses to Americans on the War President.

Washington, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Mr. Charlton lectured last evening before a large audience at the Hamilton, including Mr. Dingley and many other congressmen, on Abraham Lincoln. He opened his lecture by referring to the three great epochs in American history—the war of the rebellion, the titanic struggle between slavery and freedom, and the present epoch marking the sudden entrance of the United States upon a career of colonial expansion. One of the most gratifying results of this struggle, he said, was the drawing together in more cordial relations of the two great branches of the Anglo-Saxon family. This result was worth more than the cost of the struggle, and great as had been the acquisition of territory by the United States in the last eight months, every British subject would hail with delight a concert of action, which would appropriate to Anglo-Saxon control all the unpopulated portions of the world lying round loose, as well as such additional portions as would be benefited by a change of ownership.

SHOPLIFTING CASE.

Miss Morneau Charged With Stealing and Her House is Searched With Startling Results.

Zebe Morneau, aged 34, of Alexis street, was, it is said, caught by Detective Richard yesterday afternoon in the act of shoplifting at Henry Morgan & Company's, on St. Catherine street.

Miss Morneau's house on Alexis street was subsequently searched. The detective found there large quantity of goods bearing the names of Messrs. S. Carsley, Murphy & Co, H. & N. E Hamilton and J. Boisneau. The articles were brought down to court to be used as evidence in the case. The prisoner pleaded not guilty and was remanded for enquete until the 14th.

THREE HORSES BURNED.

The Stables of H. Bonenfant, 627 Beaudry Street, Destroyed—Loss About $1,000.

The stables of Mr. S. Bonnenfant, 629 Beaudry street, were destroyed by fire about 9.30 p.m. yesterday. Two horses belonging to Mr. A. Jette were destroyed by the fire and also one owned by Mr. Bonnenfant. The origin of the fire is not known. It is thought that it was started by a few loafers who had been seen around there during the evening. The loss was about $1,000. The premises were insured.

BLISS WILL RESIGN.

The Secretary of the Interior Tired of His Place in the American Cabinet.

Washington, Dec. 13.—It is very probable that Secretary Bliss will tender his resignation within a short time to the President.

The resignation, it can be stated, will not be due in the least to any difference with the President of his other advisers, but to Mr. Bliss' reluctance, for purely private personal reasons, to continue longer in office as Secretary of the Interior. Official announcement, it is said, will not be made until the President has chosen Mr. Bliss' successor.

MR. VIAU'S DEATH

Necessitated the Bringing to Montreal of the Largest Coffin Ever Received at Bonaventure.

The late Mr. Theodore Viau, the well-known biscuit manufacturer, whose death was announced in yesterday's Herald, was the heaviest man in Montreal—probably in Canada. He weighed 365 pounds. When the undertaker set about inquiries for a casket for the body, he found that none of the requisite dimensions was to obtained in Montreal. A telegram was, in consequence, despatched to Toronto, where a coffin of the required size was found. It arrived here this morning, and is pronounced by the officials at Bonaventure station to be the largest that has ever been received there.

Hotel Carslake Case.

An action arising out of the building of the Hotel Carslake has been entered in the Superior Court by Antoine Leger, contractor, of St. Henri. Mr. Leger was given a builder's privilege on the structure to the extent of $6,000 for materials supplied, and he now sues for this, Dame Marguerite Pilard (Madame Pallascio) being the defendant in the suit.

Fined for Driving on Squar

H. Kelly, of Point St. Charles, was fined $10 and costs by Acting Recorder Desrosiers this morning for driving across St. Patrick's square.

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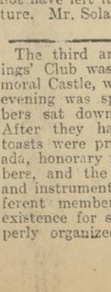
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BOYS AND GIRLS GIFTS.

In the Boys' and Girls' Circle in Saturday's Herald an invitation was given to the boys and girls of the city to contribute donations of books, toys, dolls and other possessions as Christmas gifts for the boys and girls who are being cared for by the Ladies' Benevolent Society. Those who wish to give in this way are asked to send a card to The Herald office, giving name and address, and the parcels will be called for and sent to the Ladies' Benevolent. How would it do for some of the boys and girls to go to their friends in their own neighborhood and solicit gifts? Kindly send reports in at once.

COULD HAVE OWNED DAWSON CITY.

Mr. Fred. Sola, of Dawson City, passed through Windsor station to-day on his way to New York city. Mr. Sola built the third house in the town site upon which Dawson City now stands. He says he could have been the owner of the whole of the town lands of Dawson had he felt so disposed, and he would have been so had he imagined that the place would have sprung so rapidly into a great centre of population. He certainly would not have left it for Joseph Ladoux to capture. Mr. Sola says they have now got rid of all the "tenderfeet" in the gold fields, the whole of the miners at work there being experienced men, who seem generally to be fairly well satisfied with the results obtained. He says that on his way back from the Yukon he paid a visit to the Lake Atlin district of British Columbia, and he speaks in the very highest terms of the conditions of placer mining there. When he came out of the Klondike district the season was practically over. He states that none but good men need go there now.

The third annual banquet of the Vikings' Club was held Friday at the Balmoral Castle, when a pleasant and sociable evening was spent. About thirty members sat down to a sumptuous supper. After they had partaken of the repast toasts were proposed to the Queen, Canada, honorary members, guests, new members, and the ladies, and several songs and instrumental solos were given by different members. The club has been in existence for six years, but was not properly organized until about three years ago. It was formerly known as the Rooster Club, but the peculiar name required so much explanation of its origin that at their last monthly meeting it was decided to change it to that of the Viking Club. These are the officers:—Hon. president, Jas. W. Tester; hon. vice-president, T. W. Wardsworth; hon. 3rd vice-president, G. G. Gales; president, J. G. McKergow; vice-president, A. Harries; secretary, E. D. Millen; treasurer, F. Pendleton.

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PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, District of Montreal.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.—No. 1467.

David Arthur Lafortune, advocate, of the Parish of St. Laurent, in the District of Montreal, and practising as such at Montreal, said district, Plaintiff, versus Salim Elias, trader, of the City of New York, in the State of New York, one of the United States of America, Defendant.

The Defendant is ordered to appear within one month.

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Wealthy and wise,
One nose, two legs
And only two eyes.

B is for Boodle,
But nothing at all
Is known of that article
Down at the Hall.

C is for Credit,
And most everyone
Is aware of the fact
That the city has none.

D is for Debit,
Of this I surmise
The city has one
Of very great size.

E is for Easy,
And "Easy's" the word
That aldermen use
When they pluck a fine bird.

F is for Funds,
For days you may try
But all you can find
You can put in your eye.

G is for Grothe,
Although it may vex
And bother him greatly,
He has to sign "Ex—"

H is for Hughes,
The lord among lords,
The terror of "peelers"
And bulletin boards.

I is for Inquiry.
Soon you will find
There'll be lots of it on
About aldermankind.

J is for Jugular.
Chances are it
Is where the inquiries
Are liable to hit.

K is for Knead,
And really it's so,
To get to be aldermen
Needs lots of dough.

L is for Laforest.
Without a false ring
He can safely exclaim:
"I don't do a thing."

M is for Mayor,
Prefontaine, you know,
The star of the stars
In the Aldermen show.

N is for "Nit,"
Which many will say
When they come to mark ballots
On balloting day.

O is for Owe,
It's clear, is it not,
That the city itself
Owes a very great lot?

P's for Prefontaine,
Who, ever the while,
Wears a glossy plug hat
And a genial smile.

Q is for Queer,
And queer is the way
That Aldermen work
From day unto day.

R is for Raymond,
The Mayor's first name,
You call him by either,
He smiles just the same.

S is for Sandy,
Whose way always wins,
He can wear a fur coat
And the broadest of grins.

T is for Trousers,
Owing to "mon,"
City fathers have lots,
But "peelers" have none.

U is for Union,
In which there is strength,
The City Hall Union
Will break up at length.

V is for Vote,
Voter, voting and votif.
When the citizen votes
He should vote with a motive.

W for Water,
One of the lines
In which Mr. Laforest
Brilliantly shines.

X for plain X
And X's of course,
Policemen have paid
To get on the force.

Y is for Yearn,
And many no doubt,
Earnestly yearn to
Turn Aldermen out.

Z is for Zero
Some Aldermen may
Encounter a frost
At some future day.

OF BORROWING POWERS.

Charter Committee Disposes of an Important Matter—Finances and Submission of By-laws.

The end of the long siege on the new city charter is in sight at last. The Charter Committee made splendid progress last evening, disposing of no less than three chapters, those relating to the borrowing powers, finances and submission of by-laws to real estate owners. The only important chapter with which the city has to deal now is that on expropriations.

The interest of last night's meeting centred in the chapter on the borrowing. A sub-committee composed of Ald. Beausoleil and Ames and the revisors had spent a couple of hours during the day drafting a chapter which met with the approval of the committee, and was adopted.

Half a dozen verbal amendments were made, and the sections passed in the following form:

"1. In addition to the present consolidated debt of the city amounting to $23,744,400, which is hereby confirmed, the city may issue bonds, debentures or stock, to an amount not exceeding $3,755,599, for the purpose only of discharging and consolidating the obligations set forth in schedule A, thereto annexed. And the said amount of $27,000,000 is fixed definitely as the consolidated debt of the city of Montreal, and shall not be exceeded, except as hereinafter provided, until the said debt shall represent not more than 15 per cent. on the taxable real estate within the limits of the city. The borrowing power of the city shall then be limited to 15 per cent. of the said valuation, and said limit shall never be exceeded, and all temporary borrowing powers granted by the next following section of this charter shall then cease to exist.

"2. In the meantime and from the 1st January, 1899, the city may borrow annually for the purpose of carrying on necessary permanent public works, such as the extension of the water-works and water services, the extension of the drainage system, the laying of permanent sidewalks and pavements, the construction and extension of municipal buildings, such as markets, fire and police stations, City Hall, and others, openings and widening of streets, improvements, the acquisition of such lands and buildings as may be necessary for any of these purposes, a sum of money not exceeding 10 per cent. of the increased assessed taxable real estate over and above the present valuation of $140,000,000, provided, however, that the sum so borrowed shall in no single year exceed the total amount of $300,000, and the money so raised shall not be applied to the ordinary expenditure, but shall be used absolutely and exclusively for the objects above mentioned.

"3. Said loans shall be effected by the issue of debentures or bonds payable at forty years from their date, at a rate of interest not exceeding 4 per cent., and shall be redeemed by means of a sinking fund sufficient to repay the capital at the end of said forty years.

"4. The amounts so raised, under the two preceding sections can only be appropriated by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Council, on the recommendation of the proper committees, and not otherwise.

"5. Should the city at any time decide to dispose of and sell (which said sale shall be by public auction) any of its lands and buildings, the proceeds of such sale shall be immediately and exclusively applied to the redemption of so much of the capital of the funded debt, and the obligations so redeemed shall be cancelled and shall not be re-issued under that or any other form.

"6. The city may also borrow sums of money, and for that purpose issue bonds, debentures or stock, for special and specific purposes, but only by virtue and under the authority of a by-law, which shall be approved by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the Council, and such by-law shall state under pain of nullity.

"(a) A detailed statement of all the purposes for which the loan is to be made.

"(b) The term for which it is made;

"(c) The rate of interest thereon, which shall not exceed four per cent. per annum;

"(d) The sinking fund;

"(e) The rate of special taxation imposed for the purpose of paying the interest and a sufficient sinking fund, to repay the capital at maturity;

"(f) The place or places of issue, of registration, of transfer, where the interest shall be paid and capital redeemed at maturity;

"(g) The form of security, whether in stock, bonds or debentures, in sterling or in currency or otherwise;

"(h) On other matters of details connected with said loan;

"And no such by-law shall have any effect until and unless it is submitted for approval of the owners of assessed, taxable real property within the city limits, whose names are entered upon the voters' lists, then in force, which vote shall be taken by ballot, in accordance with the clauses of chap. XXII. of this charter, and if the majority in number of the said owners of real property who thus vote do not approve of this by-law then the said by-law shall be null and of no effect.

"VII. The proceeds of such loans shall be used exclusively for the purposes indicated in the by-law, and will be set apart by the treasurer, and shall in no case be available, even temporarily, for any other purpose whatever.

"VIII. Any alderman contravening sections IV. and VII. of this chapter, by authorizing or approving the appropriation of any part of the loans referred to any other purpose, shall, ipso facto, forfeit his seat in the Council, and shall be ineligible to the Council for a period of five years.

MARINE UNDERWRITERS

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers—Major Bond Re-elected as President.

The annual meeting of the Marine Underwriters' Association of the Board of Trade was held on Thursday. The president, Mr. E. L. Bond, submitted his annual report of the business transacted during the year, which was adopted for publication in the forthcoming report of the Board of Trade.

Mr. Bond, having represented the Association for two years on the Board of Trade Council, was ineligible for re-election, and Mr. C. E. Gault was chosen as the Association's candidate for 1899. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, E. L. Bond; vice-president, J. H. Routh; treasurer, W. A. W. Burnett; Executive Committee, J. J. Riley, sr., C. E. Gault, R. Bickerdike; com. on classification and inspection, J. J. Riley, jr., J. H. Routh, F. Willard Smith; com. on adjustments and arbitration, J. E. Riley, G. Lomer, W. A. W. Burnett; com. on policies and clauses, F. Willard Smith, G. Lomer, J. J. Riley, sr.; com. on St. Lawrence navigation and pilotage, C. E. Garrit, R. Bickerdike, J. J. Riley, sr.; com. on salvage, J. E. Riley, J. H. Routh, W. A. W. Burnett.

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THE NINETEENTH CENTURY PILGRIMS.

In connection with the appeal hereunder made, The Herald extends its heartiest good will and co-operation. If any readers of The Herald are desirous of sending their contributions to this paper, they will be duly acknowledged and forwarded to the treasurer of the fund.

The Appeal

Editor of The Herald:

Dear Sir.—The general interest and sympathy shown towards the Russian Doukhobors, now on their way to Canada, whose history has already been given in your columns, leads us to hope that you will allow us, through your widely circulated paper, to make an appeal to the public for a practical expression of this sympathy.

Owing to the persecution the Doukhobers have suffered, they have parted with all their property, and their remaining funds are being used towards the expenses of the journey. They will land here with the barest necessaries of clothing, and while their shelter and food is guaranteed for the winter, they are likely to suffer from the want of sufficient warmth. Mr. Maude, who has their interests in charge, writes to us that he thinks secondhand clothing and warm blankets would be of great service.

We, therefore, propose to open a depot for the receipt, especially, of warm undergarments and blankets; but secondhand clothing of all kinds will be acceptable, and we would gratefully receive any damaged remnants or blankets from dry goods stores. On receipt of a postcard, we will call and collect any parcel of goods that cannot conveniently be sent.

We propose to forward them to the responsible committee recently formed in Winnipeg to take charge of the interests of the Doukhobors. Should any friends, unable to assist in this manner, be wishful to show their sympathy with these sufferers for conscience sake, who seem to have preserved through the long ages the simple doctrine of the primitive church, and to carry out in their lives the teaching of the Sermon on the Mount, we should like to say that Mr. John Dougall, of the Witness, has consented to act as treasurer of a fund to be applied in such a way as the committee at Winnipeg may think most desirable to help through the struggle of the first settling.

The enclosed letter from Sir William Dawson in support of these proposals bears strong testimony to the ultimate value of the new settlers to our country. Travellers in Southern Russia speak of their clean and well-kept villages as at once indicating the habitation of Doukhobors, so that in giving this help we may feel that we are welcoming into our midst those who are well fitted to build up our country.

We remain, sir, faithfully yours,
Caroline A. Cox.
Harriette Morgan.

On behalf of the joint sub-committee of the Women's Council and the Women's National Immigration Society.

Most Desirable Colonists.

Dear Mrs. Cox,—Referring to our conversation yesterday, permit me to add that you have my sincere good wishes for the success of any effort which the council over which you preside may put forth on behalf of the poor Russian Doukhobors about to settle in the North-West at this inclement season. I have just seen a recent letter to a friend in this country from Prince Krapotkin, now in exile in England, and who knows them well. He states that these people have proved themselves "most admirable colonists," even under the unfavorable circumstances of their banishment to the high plateaus of the Caucasus, to the deserts of the Aumn region and that of Yakutskin Georgia. Under the more favorable conditions of Western Canada they will no doubt be much more comfortable, after the difficulties of the first winter are over; and he thinks they cannot fail to be useful and well liked in their new home.

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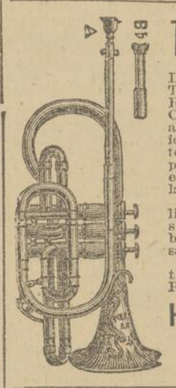
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OLD PROBS' NEW HOME.

Some Particulars About the New Observatory Erected at Agincourt, Near Toronto.

Ottawa, Dec. 13—(Special.)—Major Gourdeau, Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries, has prepared a report on the new observatory at Agincourt. Owing to the detrimental effect of the electric circuit in the city of Toronto it was found advisable to move the observatory to Agincourt, which is nine miles northeast from Toronto. At present there is no electric railway within five or seven miles, and little prospect of any within four or five miles for many years. The new observatory, which was commenced in June and finished last September, is divided into two parts. The circular cellar, nineteen feet in diameter and above ground, is an erection where the magnetic determinations will be made. Very great care was taken in selecting materials for the building. Every stone used was tested for magnetic effect, and nothing but copper or zinc nails and fastenings have been used. The results already show that values will differ but slightly from those obtained at the old observatory. There appears, says Major Gourdeau, every prospect that the new observatory will be admirably fitted for the purpose for which it was designed, and the observations will be practically a continuation of the work formerly performed in Toronto.

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M'CARTHY SNUBBED

Because He Expressed Himself in Favor of an Alliance Between Britain and the United States.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 13.—Justin H. McCarthy, who is in America lecturing in the interest of Ireland, and who spoke in Atlanta on the "Victorian Age of English Literature," has been snubbed and criticized by Atlanta Irishmen because of his views favoring an Anglo-American alliance, as expressed in his lecture Saturday night. He declares himself in favor of such an alliance, and yesterday many leading Irishmen of the city severely criticized the visitor.

It was decided to honor Mr. McCarthy at a banquet in Atlanta, but Irishmen put on the committee of arrangements decline to serve, giving as a reason that no true friend of Ireland can favor an English alliance with the United States. The dissatisfaction resulted in the banquet and other entertainments contemplated being called off.

Notes from Howick.

Howick, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Wm. R. Logan has sold his farm to George McRae, who recently returned from Michigan. Mr. Logan sold by auction his farm, implements and other effects.

A petition, largely signed by the farmers from Fort Covington to Howick, has been presented to the Grand Trunk Railway Co., asking that the train passing here at 7 a.m. pass at 7.30 a.m. and leave Montreal at 4 p.m., in place of at 4.30 p.m.

Sleighing is fairly good in some places, but the Mill road still continues in a deplorable condition.

Diphtheria is reported prevalent in the 1st concession. One farmer has lost two children.

Returned from Washington.

Quebec, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Dr. Guay, M.P. for Levis county, returned this morning from Washington, having postponed his trip to the South.

C.P.R. Directors Meet.

The monthly meeting of the Canadian Pacific directorate took place yesterday, with Sir Wm. Van Horne in the chair. Matters of routine alone were attended to.

SYMPHONY CONCERT.

Prof. Goulet's Orchestra to Give a Special One Friday Night in Windsor Hall.

The many business men who have been unable to attend the series of symphony concerts being given in the afternoons will no doubt be glad of the opportunity at their disposal of now doing so as a special concert will be given next Friday evening at 8.15 in the Windsor Hall. These symphony concerts are not proving a financial success, and if better support is not given will very likely become a thing of the past, so it is to be hoped that every seat in the hall will be in use on Friday evening. Prof. Goulet has arranged a highly interesting programme, containing many new numbers for this occasion. The scale of prices will remain the same as at afternoon concerts, and may now be reserved at Shaw's music store. Subscribers' tickets may also be used at this concert.

An Interesting Winter Cruise.

The International Navigation Company have arranged to despatch their magnificent twin-screw express steamship New York, (so well known during the recent war as the United Sattes auxiliary cruiser Harvard), on a pleasure cruise to Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the West Indies. She will visit the principal battlefields of the Spanish-American war, thus affording an opportunity to view without fatigue or trouble the scenes of the land and naval combats, which are so full of interest to all Americans.

Ample time will be allowed to inspect all the historical points, and the date chosen for the trip insures delightful weather. The New York will sail from New York City on March 4, 1899, and, in addition to visiting the scenes made famous by our brave soldiers and sailors, will call at all the places of general interest in the West Indies.

The Effect Should be Good.

London, Dec. 13.—The Pekin correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "An imperial rescript just issued sentences to death a Chinese literateur, who wrote threatening letters to a foreign missionary in Kiang-Si, and confers high honors on the missionary for his tact and forbearance in the matter. The edict astonished the Chinese, and the action of the Empress Dowager is likely to have a salutary effect."

PONTON A TRAVELLER.

He Will Go on the Road for a Kingston Tobacco Firm—Trial Fund Growing.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—W. H. Ponton is in the city arranging the details with Mr. George A. McGowan, tobacco manufacturer, by which he will go upon the road as his traveller in Eastern Ontario. A reporter saw the new drummer, and he remarked: "'I greatly appreciate the sympathy of Kingston citizens. I intend going into my new sphere of work with a vim, for I must do something, as my expenses in connection with the trial are very great." He will commence his duties in a few days.

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 12.—The sum contributed in Belleville and Napanee for the defence of W. H. Ponton in his next trial amounts to $650, which total will be considerably added to by the proceeds of a concert in Napanee and a dramatic performance here Saturday night.

To Inspect the Intercolonial.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Hon. Mr. Blair leaves this afternoon to make a general inspection of the Intercolonial Railway. He will be accompanied by his secretary, Mr. Payne. They will meet Hon. Mr. Fielding at a point on the road, and he will join them in the work of inspection. Hon. Mr. Blair will not be back until the day before Christmas.

Arbitrators Chosen.

In the matter of arbitration between the Grand Trunk Railway and Alexis Moquin Mr. Justice Loranger has appointed Alexandre Brosseau, farmer, Laprairie, as the third arbitrator, J. R. Forest, Cote des Prairies, is Moquin's arbitrator, and the company has chosen E. H. Bisson, clerk of the Crown, Beauharnois.

Niblock is Sentenced.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—John T. Niblock, the local superintendent of the London Life Assurance Co., in the Police Court yesterday was given three years in Kingston penitentiary for forgery. Niblock gave all the information he could about the forgeries, and the company pleaded for a light sentence.

Mrs. Reinhardt's Money.

Chief Detective Carpenter to-day received a letter from Mr. A. Martell, British consul at Athens, Greece, informing him of the arrival there of Mrs. Reinhardt, a Greek lady, who, it will be remembered, was swindled out of a large sum of money in this city some months ago. Sophocles Periosis, the Greek who is said to have secured the money, has been traced to Athens, and the letter says that steps will be taken at once to apprehend him.

Last Meeting in Bagot.

St. Hyacinthe, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The last campaign meeting in Bagot was held yesterday at Acton, and was attended by about 600 electors. Mr. Marcil, the Liberal candidate, had Messrs. M. E. Bernier, M.P., Wilson and Beaureparland on his behalf; Mr. T. Brodeur, Conservative, Hon. L. O. Taillon, Messrs. A. A. Mondou and Milton McDonald. The speakers were listened to with marked attention, but during Mr. Bernier's scathing reply to Hon. L. O. Taillon it became evident that the majority of the electors was favorable to Mr. Marcil's candidature.

Funeral of the Late Mr. Piche.

The remains of the late Mr. Procule Piche, insurance agent, the second of the Montreal victims of the Portland disaster, were accorded a Foresters' funeral yesterday, the deceased being a member of both the Independent Order of Foresters and the Catholic Order of Foresters. A large number of both orders, headed by the St. Henri brass band, marched in front of the hearse, and many private friends of the deceased followed.

Ottawa Resident Dead.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Jas. M. Quinn, license commissioner, Ottawa, died last evening. He was about 55 years of age.

FIST FIGHTS IN FRENCH CHAMBER

The Dreyfus Case Came Up Again Yesterday and Caused a Violent Scene.

THE ARMY WAS ATTACKED

One of the Results of the Heated Discussion Will Be a Duel.

ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION.

Paris, Dec. 13.—In the Chamber of Deputies yesterday M. Grousset, Radical Socialist, interpolated the Government on the directions of the general staff in the Dreyfus affair. He read extracts from newspaper articles which are alleged to have emanated from members of the general staff which caused a violent uproar, during which the deputies rose and rushed at one another and engaged in a series of fist fights.

M. Grousset continued his remarks in the midst of this tumult and recalled an article in the Intransigeant, referring to letters from Emperor William and an interview between Count Von Munster, the German ambassador at Paris, and M. Casimir-Perier, the former president of the Republic.

Count De Mun, the Conservative leader, here interrupted the speaker and said he desired that the House be consulted as to whether the discussion should be allowed to continue.

The Premier, M. Dupuy, said that, as head of the Government, he protested with the utmost energy against the language of the speaker, who, he added, had not measured its possible effect. (Great applause.)

M. Deroulede, revisionist, shouted: "Come off the tribune."

This caused a redoublement of the uproar.

When semi-quiet had been restored M. Grousset said the centre of resistance to the revision of the Dreyfus case was no longer the ministry of war. It was elsewhere. As to the secret documents in the case, he pointed out that they had been ridiculed by Emperor William himself. (Loud protests.)

M. Deschene, Republican, invited the speaker not to mix foreign sovereigns in the debate any more than he would mix the President of the Republic in them.

M. Grousset, continuing, spoke of the articles in the newspapers in which it was hinted that Russia and the Czar were mixed up in the Dreyfus affair, and he also alluded to the recent semi-official note relative to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Delcasse, being obliged to explain certain statements to the German ambassador (violent interruptions) relative to the latter's daughter. (Uproar and hoots.)

Russia, M. Grousset said, was next mixed up in the affair.

Wanted Information.

The speaker said he pointed out these matters in order to show that a press campaign had been inaugurated by certain interested persons to prevent the discovery of the truth. M. Grousset concluded with demanding whether the Government was disposed to permit the centre of resistance to the law to pass from the ministry of war to the general staff of the military government of Paris; whether it would any longer tolerate this attitude of the ringleaders, and whether it would govern for the Republic or for the Jesuits. (Applause from the Extreme Leftists and violent protests elsewhere.)

The minister of war, M. De Freycinet, repudiated M. Grousset's allegations. He said that if there had been some indiscretions, it was unjust and imprudent to attack the whole army—unjust because the army was excellent, devoted to its duty and incapable of the acts charged—imprudent because it was liable to lead to a disorganization of the military institutions.

The Minister of War concluded with vigorously protesting against the accusation brought against the general staff and the military government of Paris of resisting the law.

M. Dupuy asked the Chamber to close the discussion and adopt the order of the day, which was done by a vote of 463 to 78.

The House then adjourned.

A Duel Will Follow.

As one of the results of insults exchanged during the debate in the Chamber, M. Antied Boyer, Radical Socialist, has sent his seconds to M. Deroulede, Revisionist, and to M. Gauthier (De Clagny), Revisionist, who characterized M. Boyer as a "whitewashed Panamaist."

A Demonstration.

M. Millevoye and the Comte de Ramel, both members of the Chamber of Deputies, headed an anti-Dreyfus demonstration yesterday afternoon. They marched to the Cherche Midi prison, where Colonel Picquart is confined, but were stopped by a cordon of police and were begged to retire. Thereupon M. Millevoye made a speech during which he said they did not desire to conflict with "these brave fellows," pointing to the policemen. They said they had achieved their object, of being able to shout, "Spit upon Picquart," who could hear them from the window of his prison.

The crowd then marched to the Hotel des Invalides, the official residence of General Zurlinden, the military governor of Paris, cheering for the army and chanting monotonously, "Spit upon Picquart." Meeting a lieutenant of cuirassiers on their way there, they gave him an enthusiastic ovation, and the lieutenant replied theatrically: "I thank you in the name of the army." This brought forth renewed cheers from the demonstrators. The doors of General Zurlinden's residence were closed, but the crowd gathered outside, cheering for the army and M. Millevoye harangued his followers, denouncing the "infamous monsters of the Court of Cassation," ending with calling for cheers for the "valiant General Zurlinden, who commands the army," and for "the tricolor flying over the Invalides."

The Comte de Ramel made a stirring speech, concluding with saying: "The Court of Cassation is preventing justice, but we will not tolerate it. We are the majority. We are the power, and we, patriots, will rise against it."

At this the crowd cheered frantically, and marched to the Chamber of Deputies, where M. Millevoye and Ramel announced that they were going to apprise the Chamber of "their indignant protests."

The crowd then dispersed.

Esterhazy's Offer.

Paris, Dec. 13.—Comte Esterhazy has written M. Mazeau, president of the Court of Cassation, declaring his readiness, if granted a safe conduct, to appear before the court, to be confronted with all the witnesses, and to defend his own honor and that of the late Colonel Henry.

REAL ESTATE STEADY.

Little Development in Investment is Expected to Take Place for a Month Yet.

J. Cradock Simpson's Real Estate Record for December says that the business of last month was well sustained, although there was no unusual development. Little can be expected in the way of investment until after the middle of January. The Record continues:

"It is just possible that a partial insight into the way in which money is spent at the City Hall, the queer ideas of economy prevailing amongst the aldermanic committees, the indisposition to curtail unnecessary expenditure, and the disposition to tax everything in sight, may suggest to the real estate buyer a little extra caution at the present time. If we only had honest civic government, and fair-play on the part of the other governments—Provincial and Federal—how Montreal would grow!"

There is a better enquiry for business properties, especially to rent, and the indications are that the prospects in that line will be brighter in the early spring. The report of the Westmount building inspector for the year ending Nov. 1st, 1898, gives the whole number of buildings erected as 189, and the value thereof $325,300. During the previous year there were 160 buildings erected, valued at $757,950. The sales recorded during the month of November in the suburban municipalities amount to $111,911. There were 154 real estate transfers in the city wards and town of Westmount recorded at the registry offices during the month of November, amounting to $827,160.49. During the corresponding month of last year 163 transfers were recorded, amounting to $733,372.28.

QUESTIONS OF THE HOUR.

Chambre de Commerce Spends an Afternoon in Discussing the City's Affairs.

The Chambre de Commerce held its regular weekly meeting Friday afternoon. The chair was occupied by Mr. Damase Masson, second vice-president, the other members in attendance being Messrs. J. X. Perrault, Joseph Haynes, A. A. Brault, L. J. A. Surveyer, C. P. Chagnon, A. Lalonde, L. E. Morin, sr., U. Garand and G. Boivin.

The committee on legislation presented its views with regard to the Prince Edward Island commercial travellers' tax, and on the motion of Mr. Brault, seconded by Mr. Perrault, a resolution was adopted to the effect that such a tax was a serious handicap on commercial travellers, was arbitrary, and was in direct opposition to the free exercise of trade and would imperil the rights of third parties who had made bona fide contracts with the inhabitants of that Province. In the opinion of the chamber, it would be declared ultra vires by a Superior Court.

The president and the secretary were authorized to ask, through the Governor-General-in-Council, for the repeal of such law.

The excessive rate of interest charged by money-lenders was discussed, and a committee, consisting of Messrs. Morin, Brault and Garand, was appointed to study the matter.

Mr. Perrault drew attention to the position in which heirs of small depositors in savings banks are placed, being obliged to make certain sworn declarations, which force them to make considerable disbursements. He considered that a law should be passed to remedy such a state of things.

The committee on legislation will consider the matter.

Mr. Perrault presented to the chamber a set of his works on agriculture, from 1859 to Confederation, and the thanks of the chamber were accorded him.

Chief Benoit to be Rewarded.

A number of friends of Chief Benoit, of the Montreal fire brigade, have organized a fund to purchase a gold medal for presentation to him in recognition of the cool courage he showed at the late fire at the Dominion Glass Company's works, by which alone Fireman Presseau was saved from a horrible death. Presseau entered a third storey window from a ladder, but, on seeking a footing, found himself precipitated through the flooring. As he fell he was able to grasp the inside of the window sill, but was unable to raise himself. The wall was shaky, and beneath him was a fiery furnace, which must soon have overcome him. Chief Benoit at once ran up the ladder, stepping on to the crumbling window sill, caught Presseau under the arm-pit just as he let go. The chief himself was then in a dangerous position, as he hung there, being enveloped in flame and smoke. Captain Fancher and Fireman Bourdon went to the chief's assistance, and by their combined efforts succeeded in pulling Presseau out of the window and into safety.

Taylor Church Anniversary

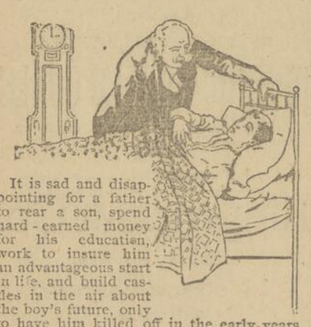
The fourth anniversary services of the opening of Taylor Presbyterian church were held yesterday, and all the services were largely attended. Rev. Principal Shaw, of the Wesleyan Theological College, preached in the morning, and the Rev. Prof. Ross, of the Presbyterian College, in the evening. Rev. Mr. Cruikshank, of St. Matthew's Presbyterian church, addressed a large gathering of Sunday-school scholars in the afternoon.

Says Mr. Boyle Assaulted Him.

Mr. J. R. McKay applied for a warrant this morning for the arrest of Mr. John Boyle, bookkeeper for James Williamson, warehouseman, on the charge of assault. It is alleged that Boyle struck Mr. McKay on St. Antoine street on Saturday, and that he is in dread of him. The warrant was granted.

Bank of Nova Scotia Boston Branch.

The Bank of Nova Scotia will open a branch in Boston about the 1st of February next, the location selected being the main floor on the north-west corner of State and Devonshire streets. Mr. McLeod, the general manager, is here to-day, and leaves for Boston this evening.



It is sad and disappointing for a father to rear a son, spend hard-earned money for his education, work to insure him an advantageous start in life, and build castles in the air about the boy's future, only to have him killed off in the early years of manhood by the dread disease consumption.

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VISIT TO THE HOLY LAND

The Relations of Germany and Grea Britain Declared to be Friendly.

THE DREIBUND STILL STANDS

Berlin, Dec. 13.—During the course of the debate on foreign affairs in the Reichstag yesterday, Herr Richter, the German Radical leader, expressed the opinion that Emperor William's tour of the Holy Land had left a mixed impression in the minds of Protestants. Herr Richter protested against the recent expulsions from North Schleswig as being unworthy of a great people, and expressed the hope that the negotiations with Great Britain for a commercial treaty were progressing well.

The Radical leader also said no unnecessary obstacles should be placed in the way of the importation of American products.

He then advocated the new army bill, but said it was of such proportions that it did not harmonize with the sympathy expressed in the speech from the throne on the subject of the Czar's disarmament proposals.

In conclusion, Herr Richter severely criticized the treatment of the Lippe-Detmold question, and demanded that Emperor William's telegrams should be countersigned by the responsible minister.

Alleged General Uneasiness.

Count Posadowsky-Webner, imperial secretary of state for the interior, referring to the alleged general uneasiness as to the condition of public affairs, said that in his opinion the situation both at home and abroad was favorable. In any event he could aver that there was no uneasiness among the federal Governments of the empire, which were entirely of one mind on all important questions. Regarding Herr Richter's allusion to ministerial responsibility, he said that nothing was done in the empire without the responsibility of the Imperial Chancellor, and that during Emperor William's absence in the East, public affairs had been continuously disposed of. The lateness of date for convening the Reichstag was due, he said, to the necessity of thoroughly preparing the proposed bills. Regarding the expulsions, he pointed out that the power vested in individual states for the performance of such acts could not be limited. He then explained the necessity for legislation to protect men who are willing to work against the intimidation of strikers, and concluded by declaring that the settlement of the Lippe-Detmold succession rested with the Bundesrath, which had not yet reached a decision.

Foreign Affairs.

Baron Von Bulow, the Foreign Secretary, dwelt upon foreign affairs. He said the eastern question at the present moment was peaceful and much less threatening to the peace of the world, though he did not mean to imply that the problem was settled.

"It is like a sea serpent," he continued, "one bit appears after the other. None of those who hear me will live to see the final settlement. We must, after all, leave to our children's children a few nuts to crack. Germany does not aim at a selfish influence in the Orient, and in that fact lies the peculiarity and security of her position at the golden horn. The sympathy of the Turks with Germany rests upon the conviction that she means to uphold international law with reference to Turkey, as well as to other nations."

Discussing Emperor William's recent tour, Baron Von Bulow said that its result had disproved all the stories disseminated as to adventurous plans and opposing claims. The German Protestants would allow no one to dispute their right to have a house of God in holy places. The desire of Emperor William, he asserted, to dedicate the Church of the Redeemer himself was an act of piety to his ancestors as well as a matter of personal religion. It was devoid of all antagonism to other creeds, and the proof of this was in the fact that all standing on common Christian ground might equally rejoice in the opportunity afforded by the journey of His Majesty, who, as Emperor of all the Germans, had given the abode of the Holy Virgin to his Catholic subjects.

The journey also showed other governments, the Foreign Secretary continued, that Germany does not wish to injure the well-founded rights of others anywhere. Neither in the East nor elsewhere did Germany oppose French interests, although, of course, she had nowhere recognized a foreign protectorate of German subjects, the protection of Germans belonging only to the German Emperor, a right not now declared for the first time, but which existed on January 18th, 1871, the day King William of Prussia was declared Emperor of Germany at Versailles, and had been exercised on several occasions since.

The Dreibund.

Referring to the expulsions from Prussia, he said: "International relations will be in no way disturbed since the expulsions were an act of sovereignty which in certain special cases could not be avoided. Confidential friendly negotiations with Austria on the subject are proceeding. Dreibund has not been shaken. That alliance was the result of an historic life work of great statesmanship and still holds good, preserving the most complete autonomy at home, with absolute independence, and each would lose to an equal extent by the termination of the Dreibund."

With regard to Germany's relations to Great Britain, Baron Von Bulow said there were various matters in which Germany could proceed in company with England, and that willingly, without prejudice to, and with the fullest maintenance of other valuable relations.

Then, turning to Germany's attitude towards the Hispano-American war, he said: "Our duty has been to take care that Germany's relations with neither Spain nor America should be disturbed. Germany has no special interest in Cuba, and it was not for Germans to judge who was right or who was wrong. Therefore, the German Government has scrupulously observed a loyal neutrality. Never during the war did the Government show, or even feel, any inclination towards unwarranted intervention.

"In a straightforward manner within the bounds of strict neutrality, and without prejudicing our relations with either belligerent, we did everything in our power to prevent injury to German shipping and trade. (Cheers.) Various differences of principle existed in our commercial relations with America, but the negotiations that were stopped during the war will be resumed; and, I may venture to believe, that with mutual good will, the friendly relations between Germany and the United States will be maintained in the field of commerce."

To Preserve the Peace.

In concluding, Baron Von Bulow said: "Governments everywhere are endeavoring to preserve the peace, and Germany hopes to succeed for a long time to come in avoiding serious conflicts. True to its historic traditions and the Emperor's great aims, the German nation, while protecting to the full its right and interest, and mindful that its future depends upon its strength and the sharpness of its sword, will nevertheless fail, when the universal aims of humanity or the maintenance of the world's peace and commerce are involved."

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St. John, N.B., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The contract for the I.C.R. terminal facilities at the Long wharf has been awarded to the Messrs. Connolly, of Quebec, and they will bring here at once from Philadelphia their dredging plant. The contract calls for the dredging of two steamship berths and the erection of proper wharves with necessary warehouse accommodation. The Connollys have sub-let to eGrshom S. Mayes, a local contractor, the work of wharf warehouse buildings. The job is the biggest ever undertaken here. Eleven thousand tons of birch and four hundred tons of pine will be used in the wharf, which will have a total frontage of 1,200 feet, and will be 60 feet deep and 60 feet wide on the bottom. Crews will be sent to the woods at once to get out the required timber, and it is expected the Messrs. Connolly will have the dredging far enough advanced when spring comes to enable Mr. Mayes to begin the work of building at once, so that all will be completed in time for next winter's shipping. It is expected the Minister of Railways will soon issue a call for tenders for the grain elevator, which is to be an important feature of the new improvements. Engineer Jameson, of Montreal, is preparing the plans.

DUFRESNE REPORT READY

But the Water Committee Did Not Give Him a Chance to Read It.

The Water Committee was called together for yesterday afternoon to hear City Auditor Dufresne's report on the finances of the department. Mr. Dufresne was in attendance with his report and accompanying papers sealed up in a blue official envelope. Aldermen Clearihue and Gagnon were on hand early, and there were enough newspaper men to make a full working committee. Ald. Laporte came in and asked Mr. Frank Dowd, the secretary, to look up a fourth member. In this Mr. Dowd was not successful, and indeed half an hour later no additional aldermen were to be seen about the City Hall. The three signed their names to the book and left at three o'clock. Ald. Kinsella, although his duty as chairman should have brought him there, was not present. Neither did Superintendent Laforest show up once during the hour. Mr. Dufresne carried away his blue envelope with him, and with it the secret of the tenor of his report.

Broke a Leg.

James Jay, of Commissioners street, broke his leg by a fall on the sidewalk, near the Salvation Army lighthouse, last night. He was taken to the General Hospital.

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ROOM—Well furnished back parlor; transients accommodated; Auer light. 2369 St. Catherine st. 288

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ROOMS—Two large, furnished rooms, connecting, on bathroom flat, with or without board. 214 Mountain st. 288

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MR. SHAUGHNESSY'S TALK

With the British Members of The Joint Commission Was Held on Saturday.

ADJOURNMENT DECIDED ON.

Toronto, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—A special to the Globe from Washington says:—Saturday was devoted by the commissioners to consultations and discussion of an informal character, varied by a visit to a photographer's gallery. The conference between Vice-President Shaughnessy, of the C.P.R., and the British commissioners, which took place in the morning, was somewhat lengthy, and Mr. Shaughnessy took the occasion to make a statement as to the position of the C.P.R., which differs in some material points from that of the Grand Trunk in reference to commerce under the bonding regulations.

The G.T.R., it seems, has no objection to placing itself unreservedly under the Interstate Commerce law so far as goods hauled from one point in the United States to another through Canada are concerned, submitting to the penalties provided under that law for improper ratings, discrimination between shippers and similar offences.

The management of the C.P.R., on the other hand, sides strongly with the New England traders, who argue that Canadian railway competition in the haulage of goods between the Eastern and Western States is a good thing, and that to place this traffic under the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commission by treaty would inevitably lead to serious complications. The Interstate Commission is a purely American judicial body, and the C.P.R. officials evidently fear that they would be subject to constant attack before the commission at the hands of rival American railways, attacks that would be more difficult to meet because of the composition of the commission.

The suggestion is therefore made that if it shall be decided to make domestic transit in bond a right of the railways of both countries under treaty, the exercise of this right shall be subject to the control of commissioners representing both countries.

While the bulk of the goods now carried is American produce passing through Canada between the Northwestern States and New England, it is quite probable that with the development of the Western provinces of Canada large quantities of the manufactures and products of Ontario may reach these provinces over American railways.

The trade is one in which constant friction is liable to arise because of business rivalry, and the C.P.R. officials do not therefore wish to have it hampered by too many treaty obligations.

The reciprocity negotiations proceed slowly, although the opinion prevails that the firm front of the Canadian commissioners and their determination to abandon the work already done rather than consent to an entirely inadequate reciprocity arrangement, seems to be having some effect on the Americans. The latter now lose no opportunity of urging that the time will never again be so opportune for a settlement of everything in dispute. Their views are beginning to find an echo in the press, and Canada is asked not to make trouble by standing too strictly for her rights.

The Washington Post, which has somewhat intimate relations with the State Department, said yesterday: "All Americans earnestly desire the settlement of all the questions before the commission, but Canada should not forget that she, as a dependency of Great Britain, is in honor bound to make no demands that she would not assert if she could meet us as an independent power qualified to make a treaty in her own right. This is a wholesome practical suggestion, which is made because there are indications that it is pertinent. Canada owes to Great Britain the obligation of a dutiful ward to a magnanimous guardian."

This is no doubt very nice advice, but it is scarcely required at the present juncture. The Canadian commissioners are making no demands that are not warranted by justice. They simply persist in regarding the Dingley tariff as an unfriendly act, directed especially against Canadian products, and insist that it shall be modified and part of a general solemn settlement of outstanding difficulties between the two countries.

Adjournment Decided On.

Washington, Dec. 12.—It has been agreed by the Joint High Commission of Americans and Canadians, which has been in session here for several weeks, to adjourn at an early date. This has not yet been formally announced, but it is understood that the day fixed for adjournment is December 20. On the evening of December 19 the Canadians will give a banquet, to which the Americans will be invited. The understanding is that the session will not be resumed till after March 4th next, when the American commissioners who are members of the House and Senate will have leisure to devote to the negotiations. Whether the sessions will be resumed at Quebec, where they were begun, or in this city, has not been stated.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Mrs. W. Rowe, of Woodstock, Tells a Thrilling Story.

Prostrated by Female Weakness, Kidney and Liver Troubles—Her Doctors Gave Her up to Die—Saved by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Woodstock, Ont., Dec. 12.—Mrs. W. Rowe, who keeps a grocery store at No. 311 Dundas street, here, and who is known to, and respected by a very large number of people in the town, had a very narrow escape from an untimely death, recently.

To our reporter, who called on the lady, and asked for particulars of the incident, Mrs. Rowe said:

"I have had an experience such as falls to the lot of very few women. Twelve years of my life were made almost unendurable by 'Female Weakness,' together with Kidney and Liver Complaints.

"My physicians did all they could for me, but they could not give me either relief or cure. They finally announced to me that I could never get better.

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MASONS ELECT OFFICERS.

Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters Busily Engaged Selecting Officers for Next Year.

Official Visits of Grand Lodge Officers and Social Reunions Around the Festive Board.

The Masonic lodges and Royal Arch Chapters are at present busily engaged in electing their rulers for the year 1899, there being no less than three meetings last evening.

St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 640, A.F. & A.M., E.R., held its regular communication in the lodge rooms, No. 6 Phillips square, when a fraternal visit was paid by the Worshipful Master (W. Bro. Geo. Britain), and the members of St. George's Lodge, No. 440, E.R. After a cordial reception by W. Bro. W. W. Williamson, the election of St. Lawrence lodge's officers was proceeded with and resulted as follows: W. Bro. W. W. Williamson, W.M.; Bro. James Young, treasurer; W. Bro. J. W. Hughes, representative to Room Committee; W. Bro. F. R. Clark, representative to the Masonic Board of Relief; Bros. J. Wilkes, James Stephenson and J. Rutherford, Permanent Committee.

After the work of the lodge had been concluded, the visiting brethren were entertained at supper. When the loyal toast of "The Queen and the Craft" had been duly honored, W. Bro. W. W. Wilhamson proposed "M.W. Bro. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England," which was greeted with the singing of "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

W. Bro. F. R. Clark proposed "The Visiting Brethren," and R.W. Bro. Guy R. Dewar, of Mount Moriah Lodge, Q.R., made a happy reply, and was followed by W. Bro. W. Maynard, of St. George's, No. 440, and others.

During the evening Bros. J. Venables, R. Crawford, E. Duquette, J. Wilkes and H. Jelly, and W. Bro. D. R. Kennedy contributed vocal selections, and Bro. Greenwood a recitation.

Royal Albert Lodge.

The regular annual communication of Royal Albert Lodge, No. 25, A.F. & A.M., Q.R., was held at the Masonic Temple last evening, when the following officers were elected: W. Bro. J. F. Mackie, W.M.; Bro. J. F. Reddy, S.W.; Bro. John Simmons, J.W.; Bro. Ed. T. Scott, treasurer; Bro. G. A. Irwin, secretary; Bro. P. J. Ilsley, organist; Bro. W. H. Norkett, tyler. The District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. W. Paterson, accompanied by R.W. Bro. C. J. Williams, Grand Registrar, and others, also paid an official visit.

Royal Victoria Lodge.

The regular annual communication of Royal Victoria Lodge, No. 57, A.F. & A.M., Q.R., was held at the hall, 2444a St. Catherine street, on Friday evening, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. Bro. A. B. Haycock, W.M.; Bro. A. J. Williams, S.W.; Bro. F. J. Shaw, J.W.; R. W. Bro. the Ven. Archdeacon Evans, chaplain; Bro. W. V. Shaw, treasurer; Bro. John Goulthorpe, secretary; Bro. John Wilson, tyler. The lodge will celebrate the festival of St. John the Evangelist (Dec. 27) with a banquet at the Queen's Hotel.

Montreal Chapter.

The regular convocation of Montreal Royal Arch Chapter was held in the Masonic Temple last evening, when the Most Excellent the Grand Z. paid an official visit and received a cordial welcome from the companions of Montreal Chapter. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: V. Ex. Comp. W. T. McLaurin., First Principal Z.; Ex. Comp. G. Woollam, Second Principal H.; Comp. Wm. Burry, Third Principal J.; R. Ex. Comp, John McLean, treasurer; R. Ex. Comp. C. A. Humphrey, scribe E; Comp. Wm. Hostler, scribe N; Comp. John Goulthorpe, principal sojourner; Comp. J. S. Somerville, senior sojourner; Comp. C. Manhire, junior sojourner; Comp. J. Beamish Saul, master of veils; Comp. Chas. Austin, organist; Comp. John Lawrance, janitor. After the meeting the members of Montreal Chapter entertained the Grand Z. and visiting companions, with R. Ex. Comp. W. M. Lemessurier presiding, when the usual loyal and fraternal toasts were duly honored and responded to. M. Ex. Comp. B. Tooke, Grand Z of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, in replying to the toast of his health, alluded to the progress which was being made by the Chapters in Montreal, and prophesied a speedy realization of a membership of at least double in number in the Quebec jurisdiction. The toast of the Grand Chapter of Quebec was also honored, and several Grand Chapter officers replied.

Carnarvon Chapter

The annual convocation of Carnarvon Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, was held at the Masonic Temple on Friday evening, when the folowing officers were elected for the ensuing year: Ex. Comp. J. I. Phillips, first principal Z.; Ex. Comp. D. A. Young, second principal H.; Ex. Comp. H. Higginbotham, third principal J.; Comp. D. McL. Brophy, Scribe E.; Ex. Comp. H. R. Hale, Scribe N.; M. Ex. Comp. J. B. Tresidder, treasurer; Comp. T. A. Ensman, P.S.; Comp. Wm. Sharp, S.S.; Comp. Edward Ryder, J.S.; Comp. John Lawrance, janitor; R. Ex. Comp. C. P. O'Connor, representative to Room Committee.

The members of Carnarvon Chapter at the close of the meeting entertained the visiting companions at supper. R. Ex. Comp. Geo. Wilkinson, who presided, in proposing the health of the Most Excellent the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, referred to his ripe Masonic knowledge, and also spoke of the pleasure which they felt at having M. Ex. Comp. A. A. Stevenson with them.

The Grand Z. acknowledged the toast in a happy speech, and referred in eulogistic terms to the zealous work done by M. Ex. Comp. Will H. Whyte. He also mentioned that there were in the United States 700,000 Masons and 200,000 Chapter Masons.

"The Grand Chapter of Quebec" was acknowledged by R. Ex. Comp. G. O. Stanton, Grand J.

R.W. Bro. White mentioned that the Masonic lodge room at Sutton was destroyed by fire this summer, but the brethren had rebuilt and would in a short time reopen their Chapter room, when a deputation from Montreal would doubtless be present.

M. Ex. Comp. Tresidder proposed the visiting companions, which was responded to by M. Ex. Comp. A. A. Stevenson, R. Ex. Comp. John McLean and others.

During the evening several companions contributed to a capital musical programme.

Clan Gordon's Officers.

The regular meeting of Clan Gordon, No. 71, Order of Scottish Clans, was held last evening in their hall, 5 Place d'Armes. There was a good attendance of members. In the absence of Chief McArthur, the Royal Deputy, Past Chief Charles Robertson, took the chair. After some routine business was transacted, and previous to the nomination of officers, the chief named as scrutineers Clansmen James Knox and George Birse, who reported the folowing officers elected for the ensuing year: Chief, Clansman Peter Taylor; past chief, Clansman S. G. McArthur; tanist, Clansman George Birse; chaplain, Clansman Thomas Elliott; secretary, Clansman Robert Slater, 188 Elgin street; financial secretary, Clansman J. G. Campbell; treasurer, Clansman James Wills, re-elected; physician, Dr. Alexander Munro, re-elected; senior henchman, Clansman John Knox; junior henchman, Clansman Johnston Murdoch; seneschal, Clansman George Robertson; warder, Clansman Wm. Dow; sentinel, Clansman Wm. Adams; trustees, Clansmen James Moffatt, Wm. Adams and Charles Robertson; piper, Clansman S. Carruthers; standard-bearer, Clansman George Stephen.

THE HAMILTON ESTATE.

Will of the Late Robert Hamilton Probated.

A Large Part of the Fortune Left to the Church and Charitable Institutions.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—The will of the late Robert Hamilton, lumber magnate of Quebec, who died September 19, has been filed in the Surrogate Court here for probate, the petitioners being John Hamilton, of Quebec city; Right Rev. Charles Hamilton, Lord Bishop of Ottawa, and Walter Cassels, Q.C., of Toronto, the latter being a son-in-law.

The estate amounts to $2,027,240. Of this $286,912.20 is in Ontario, and consists of mortgages, $257,845.70, and stocks, $20,072.50. Under the will, which was made in Brighton, England, December 3, 1884, the estate is left as follows: One hundred dollars each to the deceased's brothers, to his sister, Isabella, to his son-in-law, and a daughter-in-law, for the purchase of a memento; $250,000 to be set apart to furnish an annuity of $12,000 for the widow, who also gets the furniture, books, plate and household effects at Hamwood, and Moss Craig, the town and country houses. The rest of the estate goes:—$50,000 to the Bishop of Ottawa, a brother; $10,000 to Mrs. Georgina S. Cougall, cousin; $10,000 to Mrs. Henrietta King Kains, cousin; $10,000 to the Church of England at Hawkesbury; $45,000 to the Church Society, diocese of Quebec, mission fund; $10,000 to St. Matthew's church, Quebec; $10,000 to the Church Society; $10,000 to the Bishop of Montreal and clergy of Gatineau county; $10,000 to the mission fund of Ottawa diocese; $45,000 to Bishop's College, Lennoxville; $20,000 to George W. Hamilton, nephew; $20,000 to Rev. Charles W. Hamilton, nephew; $20,000 to Robert C. Hamilton, nephew; $10,000 to George H. Thompson, nephew; $5,000 to the widow and children of the late Alex. Pope; $1,250 to the cemeteries of St. Andrew's and Mount Hermon; $196,990 to a daughter, Isabella; $217,000 to a daughter, Susan, wife of Walter Cassels, of Toronto; $24,000 of this to be considered in the house and property at Grosvenor and Breadalbane streets, used by Mrs. Cassels; $382,000 to his son, John; $223,000 to his daughter, Robina; $221,000 to the children of his daughter, Jessie Deans; $250,000 to his daughter Margaret. There are three codicils, but the disposal of the estate is not materially interfered with. The nephew, George W. Hamilton, having died since the making of the will, his legacy of $20,000 goes to his son and daughter. The widow and children are advised by the will to devote "a certain portion (I would suggest one-tenth) of their annual income to the service of Almighty God and the relief of His suffering members."

Big Demand for Stamps.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The demand for the new Imperial penny postage stamp continues to be very large, and orders for them are pouring in from all over the Dominion. Up to last night over 500,000 had been sent out, and it is probable that this quantity will be exceeded next week. There is an impression in some quarters that this is a "special" issue, like the "jubilee" stamp, but this is not so. Your correspondent learns from enquiry at the Post Office Department that the new stamp is intended as a permanent issue, that there is no limitation as to the number to be printed, and no intention of destroying the dies, as was done with the jubilee stamps.

Stamp Trading Judgment.

Woodstock, Dec. 13.—Yesterday Magistrate Field handed out his written judgment in the case of the Dominion Stamp Trading Company, which was accused of an infringement of the transient traders' license, the company claiming that it sold no goods. The magistrate decided against the company, and imposed a fine of ten dollars and costs. Fourteen towns are affected by the decision. The company will appeal. Its defence was that it did not sell goods, but only tickets, which customers of the purchasing firms could exchange for goods.

Lord Minto to Visit Toronto.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—His Excellency the Governor-General leaves for Toronto on Wednesday, where he is to receive a civic address of welcome.

Taylor Pronounced Insane.

London, Dec. 13.—George Taylor, the man who was found Saturday evening, about 11 o'clock, in the Bank of England, with a loaded revolver, and who, when arrested by the military guard, refused to give his name or to say how he had effected an entrance, was examined by the medical authorities at the Bow Infirmary, where he had been removed, and by them pronounced insane.

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Few people stop to consider what an aching, paining, lame back means,—fail to recognize that it is the kidneys beneath the back that are the source of the trouble.

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Doan's Kidney Pills are the right remedy. They have cured hundreds of aching backs in Ottawa; have cured thousands of cases of severe kidney disease throughout the Dominion.

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He said that for five years he had been greatly troubled with severe pains across his back, and hot flashes extending up between his shoulders and over his body. When he stooped he could not straighten up again without pain intense over his kidneys.

"I saw Doan's Kidney Pills favorably mentioned," said he, "and got a box at the drug store, and must say that I experienced relief from the first few doses. I continued to improve right along, and am now free from pain of any kind, and feel quite restored to my usual health."

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Going December 23rd, 24th and 25th, valid returning from destination not later than December 28th, 1898; also on December 30th and 31st, and January 1st, valid returning from destination not later than January 4th, 1899, at

FARE AND ONE-THIRD.

SCHOOL VACATIONS — To Teachers and Pupils of Schools and Colleges, on surrender of standard form of School Vacation Certificate, signed by Principal, Round Trip Tickets will be issued at ONE WAY FIRST CLASS FARE AND ONE-THIRD, good going December 10th to 31st, inclusive, and valid for return leaving destination not later than January 13th, 1899.

Above Reduced Rates apply between all Stations in Canada, Stations in Canada to Detroit and Port Huron, Mich.; Suspension Bridge, Niagara Falls, Black Rock and Buffalo, N.Y.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS — On presentation of Commercial Travellers' Railway Certificate, Round Trip Tickets will be issued between Stations in Canada only, at ONE WAY FIRST CLASS FARE (not Commercial Travellers' Fare), good going December 17th to 26th inclusive, and valid for return leaving destination not later than January 4th, 1899.

For particulars as to reduced fares on other Canadian Lines, and all information, apply to

CITY TICKET OFFICES—137 St. James St. and Bonaventure Station.

VOLUNTARY TESTIMONY

Worth Having from a Well-Known Physician.

Two weeks ago I caught cold and now have pleurisy of the right lung. Since I had a blister on I find nothing relieves the pain and soreness better than MINARD'S LINIMENT. I have gotten up in the night when I could not rest, and after applying the Liniment it would soothe me so much that I would always soon fall asleep. I never used it on myself before and, to tell you the truth, had no more faith in it than any other liniment, but there is something in it that really acts wonderfully.

Dr. Gaudet has been attending me, and I told him how it acted and he was much surprised.

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INSOLVENT NOTICE

In re HERMAN W. BODE, Restaurant Keeper, 1873 St. Catherine Street, Montreal.

By order of the Superior Court, dated 6th December, 1898, the undersigned will sell by Public Auction,

MONDAY, 19th DECEMBER, 1898.

At 10 O'Clock A.M.,

at their Auction Rooms, No. 92 ST. JAMES STREET, Montreal, the movables hereinafter described:

A Bowling Alley, with Pins and Balls, other Restaurant Ornaments, contained at 1873 St. Catherine Street, and

ALSO 4 Shares of the Merchants' Telephone Company.

Terms—Cash.

For further particulars, apply to

JOSEPH PERRAULT, Curator,
17 Place d'Armes Hill.

POTTER & MORIN, Auctioneers,
92 St. James Street.

INSOLVENT NOTICE

In the matter of A. DEMERS & CIE., Chambly Basin, Que., Insolvents.

The undersigned will sell by Public Auction, at No. 69 ST. JAMES STREET, Montreal,

WEDNESDAY, the 14th DECEMBER, 1898, At 11 A.M.,

The following assets belonging to the Insolvents:

General stock-in-trade, as per inventory $1,355.20

Book Debts, Bills Receivable, as per list 436.46

Terms—Cash.

The stores will be opened for inspection of stock, Tuesday, the 13th inst.

LAMARCHE & BENOIT, Trustees,
1709 Notre Dame St., Montreal.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RY.

Round trip tickets will be sold between stations East of Port Arthur as under:

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS — At One Way First-class Fare December 24th, 25th and 26th. Good to return until December 27th, 1898.

At One Way First-class Fare and One Third, December 23rd, 24th and 25th. Good to return until December 28th, 1898.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS — At One Way First-class Fare December 31st, 1898 and January 1st and 2nd 1899. Good to return until January 3rd, 1899.

At One Way First-class Fare and One Third, December 30th and 31st, 1898, and January 1st, 1899. Good to return until January 4th, 1899.

SCHOOL VACATIONS — At One Way First-class Fare and One Third from December 10th to 31st, 1898. Good to return until January 18th, 1899.

Special fares to points in Maritime Provinces.

CHANGES IN TIME

(In Effect Dec. 12th, 1898.)

FROM WINDSOR ST. STATION.

Transcontinental Train will leave at 11 a.m. week days, instead of 2 p.m.

FROM PLACE VIGER STATION.

4.10 P.M.—Week days, for St. Therese etc., instead of 4.20 p.m.

5.10 P.M.—Week days, for St. Jerome, St. Agathe and Labelle, instead of 5.30 p.m.

5.45 P.M.—Week days, for Ottawa, instead of 5.15 p.m.

City Ticket and Telegraph Office,
129 St. James St., NEXT TO POST OFFICE

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS

Intercolonial Railway of Canada.

SCHOOL VACATIONS — To Teachers and Students holding certificates signed by their Principals, RETURN TICKETS will be issued at ONE WAY FIRST CLASS FARE from Montreal and Stations West of Levis to Stations East of Levis, and at ONE WAY FIRST CLASS FARE AND ONE-THIRD from Montreal and Points West of Levis, to Levis and Intermediate Stations, December 10th to 31st inclusive, good to return January 18th, 1899.

GENERAL PUBLIC — Between all Stations West of Levis, including Levis, St. Hyacinthe, Montreal and Intermediate Points RETURN TICKETS will be sold at ONE WAY FIRST CLASS FARE December 24th, 25th and 26th, good to return December 27th, and on December 31st, 1898, and January 1st and 2nd, 1899, good to return January 3rd, 1899.

RETURN TICKETS will also be sold between the above-mentioned Stations at ONE WAY FIRST CLASS FARE AND ONE-THIRD, December 23rd, 24th and 25th, good to return December 28th, and on December 30th and 31st, 1898, and January 1st, 1899, good to return January 4th, 1899.

From the above-mentioned Stations to Stations East of Levis, including Riviere du Loup, Campbellton, Moncton, St. John, Halifax, North Sydney, Sydney, and Intermediate Points, RETURN TICKETS will be sold at ONE WAY FIRST CLASS FARE December 24th, 25th and 26th, good to return December 27th; and on December 31st, January 1st and 2nd, good to return January 3rd.

Also on December 23rd, 24th and 25th, at ONE WAY FIRST CLASS FARE AND ONE-THIRD to Levis, added to FIRST CLASS ONE WAY FARE from Levis, good to return December 28th; also December 30th, 31st, 1898, and January 1st, 1899, at ONE WAY FIRST CLASS FARE AND ONE-THIRD to Levis, added to FIRST CLASS ONE WAY FARE from Levis, good to return January 4th.

THROUGH TICKETS will also be sold from all Intercolonial Railway Stations West of Levis, including Levis, St. Hyacinthe, St. Lamberts, and Intermediate Points to Windsor, Ont., Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie, Fort William, and points in Canada East thereof, on the same dates and time limits, and at the same rates as above.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS—On presentation of Commercial Travellers' Railway Certificates, RETURN TICKETS will be issued between all Stations on the Intercolonial Railway at ONE WAY FIRST CLASS FARE on December 17th to 26th inclusive, good to reutrn January 4th, 1899.

Tickets, folders, and full information can be obtained on application to any Station or City Ticket Office

H. A. PRICE, District Passenger Agent,
143 St. James Street.

NSOLVENT NOTICE

In the matter of GAUTHIER & VERVAIS, Hotel Keepers, of the Parish of St. Laurent, P.Q., formerly "Hotel Bougle," Insolvents.

The undersigned will sell by Public Auction, at No. 69 St. James Street, Montreal, on

WEDNESDAY, the 21st of DECEMBER, 1898, At Eleven O'Clock A.M.,

the following immovables, belonging to the estate of above-named Insolvents, viz:

1st.—A—One lot of ground situated in the Parish of St. Laurent, containing one-half acre in front by thirty-four acres in depth, more or less, known and designated under number two thousand six hundred and twenty-eight (2628) of the official plan and book of reference for said Parish of St. Laurent, in the County of Jacques Cartier, with buildings thereon erected.

B—Seventeen lots of ground situated in the Parish of St. Laurent, known and designated under numbers twenty-six hundred and eleven, twenty-six hundred and twelve, twenty-six hundred and thirteen, twenty-six hundred and fourteen, twenty-six hundred and fifteen, twenty-six hundred and sixteen, twenty-six hundred and seventeen, twenty-six hundred and eighteen, twenty-six hundred and nineteen, twenty-six hundred and twenty, twenty-six hundred and twenty-one, twenty-six hundred and twenty-two, twenty-six hundred and twenty-three, twenty-six hundred and twenty-four, twenty-six hundred and twenty-five, twenty-six hundred and twenty-six, and twenty-six hundred and twenty-seven (2611 to 2627) of the above named official plan and book of reference, the said seventeen lots forming together a lot of ground of six hundred and five feet in front by seventy-five feet in depth on the north-west line, and seventy-seven feet on the south-east line, the whole being English measure and more or less; bounded in front to the south-east by a strip of land named Berri Street, and being number twenty-four hundred and twenty-seven (2427) of the above named official plan and book of reference with buildings thereon erected.

2nd.—One lot of ground known and designated under number two hundred and eighty (280) of the official plan and book of reference for the Parish of St. Laurent, in the County of Jacques Cartier, with buildings thereon erected.

3rd.—One lot of ground known and designated under number two hundred and seventy-two (272) of the official plan and book of reference for the Parish of St. Laurent, in the County of Jacques Cartier, with buildings thereon erected.

For conditions of the sale and all other informations, apply to

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FADS AND FANCIES —FOR WOMEN

OVER THE TEACUPS.

Book covers are in high favor as gifts, and one can display a deal of skill in making them. A cover which will fit almost any magazine is 8 x 11 inches when complete; cut a trifle larger to allow for seams. Heavy chocolate-brown linen was used, made with the pockets to extend all the way to the binding line when the book was shut, and strong enough to hold the advertising pages and the portions already read, thus serving for a book-mark as well. The outside was double-stitched with heavy gray silk in a very long stitch, thus giving the edge a stiffness and making a neat finish.

Forcing bulbs for winter flowering may be hastened or retarded by the amount of warmth used. If you want to hurry them along use more heat. If you want to keep them back put them in a cool place. Those forced by excessive warmth are inferior to those allowed a longer time to develop in, and their flowers will not last as long.

For those who do not carry muffs, gauntlets of fur are worn to match the boa or coat trimmings. This is a London fashion which will no doubt materialize here later on.

Scallops, so much used as a finish and trimming for dresses, are illustrated again in a cloth gown with a skirt in three circular divisions, each one edged with a band of velvet covered with rows of stitching.

To make essence of vanilla, take half pint of spirits of brandy, half ounce vanilla pods. Cut up the vanilla very small, and let the whole remain for a month in a temperate place.

To cut new bread, try heating the knife before using. You will then be able to cut it quite smoothly.

The winter shirt waists, whether of silk or flannel, have their usual place in fashion's favor. Some of the prettiest ones are made of soft French flannel, in light colors, and worn with a taffeta ribbon necktie eight inches wide, matching the flannel in color, and spotted with white. This ties in a short bow with long ends hanging straight down to the belt.

It has been found by a German professor that the water we drink has an important influence on the teeth. If the water contains a good deal of lime, or is "hard," to use the common term, it is good for the teeth, and the harder the better. Decay is most frequent in districts where the water is "soft," or deficient in bone-forming matter, such as lime. Drinking water is now sterilized by mixing it with ozonized air.

The late Prince Consort was a universal genius. He could direct Boards of Admiralty, of Ordnance, tell admirals what they ought to do, improve the despatches of Secretaries of State for Foreign Affairs, draw up plans for landscape gardeners, compose musical pieces and design lace veils for his daughters to wear as brides. His grandson, the German Emperor, has inherited this universality, but has improved on it. He not only speaks as Prince of Peace at Jerusalem, but he designed the toilettes the Empress wore there and at Constantinople. He is truly a good husband, and is anxious that his wife's tall figure and comeliness should not miss its effect. The dressmaker he prefers is at Vienna; the lady he most often consults is the Princess of Reuss. He does so by letter.—London Truth.

Menu for To-day.

What do I want for breakfast, dear?
My wants are all in mind quite clear;
You—with your cheerful morning smile,
And a pretty dress, my thoughts to beguile
Into thinking of flowers, an earnest word
That will all through my busy day be heard,
And make me sure that my morning light
Beams strongly true, e'en while dancing bright.
Be certain to give me these, all these,
And anything else that you can or please.

But dinner—what do I want for that?
Well, dear, when I enter and doff my hat,
And turn to the table, I want to see you
Standing just as you always do
To make me lose all the forenoon's fret,
And cheer for the afternoon's work to get;
Tell me all your news, and I'll tell you mine,
And with love and joy and peace we'll dine.
Be sure to give me these, all these,
And anything else you can or please.

And what for tea? Have I any choice?
Yes, dear, the sound of your gentle voice,
And your gracious presence; I always feel
The care of the day like shadows steal
Away from your soul light, and evening rest
Comes just in the way I love the best.
So when you are planning our twilight tea,
With a special thought in your heart for me,
Be certain to give me these, all these,
And anything else that you can or please.
—Philadelphia Press.

TOO MUCH FURNITURE.

Nothing Is More Uncomfortable Than the Room Crowded with Bric-a-Brac.

There are many girls (who, by the way, are exceedingly happy), whose married life is one long study of the science of economy, with its various branches of "ways and means," and "how to make two ends meet," and "the possibility of $1 doing the duty of $5"

There is not, however, the study of economy in money matters alone, but there are also the economy of labor, the economy of time, and the economy of health to be considered.

When we start housekeeping and begin to buy the necessary furniture for our future dwelling place, we women, one and all, have the same intense desire to make our homes as beautiful and pleasant to look upon as it lies in our power to do.

Unless one can afford to keep plenty of domestics it is well to avoid furniture that has much carving upon it. Simple decorative designs have a better "bred" air about them, and, what is more important, are much easier to make clean and keep so. Nothing looks worse than little gray heaps of dust accumulated in difficult corners of an elaboratley ornamented piece of woodwork, especially if it belongs to the cheap and common order of things.

It does not follow by any means that furniture must be costly to be beautiful, but it is well when purchasing to remember that it is not only the amount of money paid that constitutes "saving." Therefore one must exercise the greatest discretion.

Crowding rooms with furniture is not only a sign of bad taste, but it is positively unhealthy. All the space taken up by chattels means so much less air for breathing purposes.

DAILY HINTS TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

WEDNESDAY—DECEMBER 14.

If we do well here
We shall do well there;
And I could tell you no more
Should I preach from year to year.
—From "The Cobbler."

BREAKFAST.
Sugared Bananas. Oatmeal and Cream.
Sliced Tongue. Browned Corn Mush.
Rolls. Maple Syrup. Coffee.

DINNER.
Bouillon. Oyster Pie. Creamed Potatoes. Corn Pudding. Olives. Crab Apple Jelly. Asparagus Salad (Canned). Cream Bread.
Lemon Jelly. Sponge Cake.
Tutti Frutti Frosting.
Coffee.

LUNCH.
Crackers and Milk. Plain Sugar Cookies. Baked Apples. Tea.

Sponge Cake—Beat the yolks of four eggs and one teacup of sugar, until creamy, add the beaten whites, one tablespoon of cold water, a little salt and lemon juice, then one and one-third cups of flour, with which one heaping teaspoon of baking powder has been sifted. Bake in long tin one inch deep. When done frost with Tutti Frutti Frosting—Boil one-half teacup of water with three cups of white sugar until thick and waxy. Beat the whites of two eggs to a stiff froth; pour the syrup over them, beating until cool. Have the fruit prepared, one-half pound of blanched almonds chopped fine, half teacup of large, fine, seedless raisins and citron, sliced thin.

Did He Steal the Machine?

Francis Desnoyers, of 27 St. Alphonse street, was charged in the Police Court with stealing as ewing machine from the Williams Manufacturing Company. He pleaded not guilty.

WOMEN AND IMMIGRATION WORK

Annual Meeting of the Women's National Immigration Society Yesterday Afternoon.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

A Bonus Promised by the Dominion Government on all Woman Immigrants from Scandinavia.

FURTHER STATE AID SUGGESTED

The annual meeting of the Women's National Immigration Society was held at the rooms of the society, 84 Osborne street, yesterday afternoon. Dr. Roddick, M.P., presided, and besides a large number of ladies, there were present Rev. G. Abbott-Smith, Rev. James Patterson, Messrs. John Hoolahan, Dominion Government immigration agent; A. Regimbal, assistant immigration agent, and E. Marquette, Provincial Government immigration agent.

The seventeenth annual report, which was of a very satisfactory character, was read by the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Vosburgh. The report stated, in part: "Two hundred and sixty-four immigrants have passed through the home during the past year—150 English, 28 Irish, 68 Scotch, 4 Welsh, 1 French, 4 Danes, 4 Germans, 2 Assyrians, 3 Swedes. Six parties, under the care of a travelling matron, were sent out by the Hon. Mrs. Joyce, St. John's Croft, Winchester, through the auspices of the United British Women's Emigration Association, comprising in all 128 young women. Four girls were sent out by Mrs. Foster, Queen's square, Bristol. Seven girls returned to England. The total number of immigrants is considerably larger than last year. The cut rates to the Northwest proved a great attraction, and the larger number of immigrants passed straight through to Winnipeg and Vancouver, where they come under the kindly influences of the Girls' Home of Welcome in Winnipeg, and the committee of the Women's Council, in Vancouver. We cannot but rejoice at this, knowing the great need of the Northwest, but we would remind the friends of emigration that there is also a continuous demand for well-trained servants in our eastern cities, and that women who are not prepared to face the rougher conditions of life in the Northwest can find high wages and comfortable situations in Montreal and other eastern cities. In many cases places can be secured beforehand for such servants. Of the 128 emigrants sent out by the United British Women's Emigration Association, 23 remained in Montreal for service. All the immigrants were of the right sort. In June, 60 Scotch girls were selected and brought out under Mrs. Livingstone's capable and careful direction. Places had been found for them beforehand, and they were forwarded to their destinations, after passing a night in Montreal. It would seem well, if possible, to bring the girls over in smaller parties, as with so large a number as 60, it is difficult to give the individual care that is necessary in effecting the transition to a new country.

"In regard to Scandinavia, we have now received from the Canadian Government the promise of a bonus on all women immigrants we may obtain from those countries; and are thus encouraged to proceed with the work. Some time was spent last year in endeavoring to make arrangements from this side, but it was hoped that a member of the committee who was spending the summer in England would be able to visit Sweden and make personal enquiries. This proved impossible, and we are now making an attempt by correspondence, though we feel it is probable that a personal visit will be needed before satisfactory arrangements can be concluded.

"By a recent arrangement the matron is informed by telegram from the Government agent at each place of landing if any single woman immigrant is coming on to Montreal by train, and is enabled to meet all such immigrants on arrival. This is an extension of our previous work in meeting all immigrants who had personally notified us of their coming. This is at present the only contribution towards the work of the Travellers' Aid Society that is made in Montreal, but it is greatly to be desired that a regular agent of the Travellers' Aid Society should be settled in Montreal, which is now such a centre of travel as to make such work almost imperative."

The financial statement was also read by Mrs. Vosburgh. It showed that the expenditure had been $2,059, and that there was a nominal balance in hand.

All the gentlement present spoke highly of the work done by the society, Mr. E. Marquette remarking that the number of people emigrating to this country, instead of increasing, remained always about the same. Something should be done both in England and in Canada to remedy this. From conversations he had had with different people whilst in Great Britain he found that Canada was somewhat handicapped in the way of offering inducements to emigrants. A young girl had greater inducements to go to Australia, Tasmania New Zealand or the Cape than she had to come to Canada. She could emigrate to Australia for a guinea, whilst to come to Canada she had to pay from $23 to $25.

Miss Proctor spoke of the temptations on shipboard to females travelling alone, argued for a Government shelter in Montreal, and expressed the opinion that Canada did not hold out the inducements she ought to to emigrants. She was also in favor of Government aid.

The reports were adopted, and the retiring office-bearers were re-elected, viz.:—

President—Mrs. Cox.
First vice-president—Mrs. Gillespie.
Second vice-president—Mrs. Cramp.
Third vice-president — Mrs. Reuben Taylor.
Secretary-treasurer—Mrs. Vosburgh.
Board of management—Mrs. Hugh Allan, Mrs. A. A. Allan, Mrs. Botterell, Mrs. Barnard, Mrs. Aspinwall-Howe, Mrs. Robert Mackay, Mrs. Vincent Meredith, Mrs. Sutherland Taylor, Mrs. T. G. Shaughnessy, Mrs. G. Abbott-Smith, the Hon. Mrs. Waud, Mrs. Cuniffe, Mrs. A. Whitney, Mrs. Walton, Mrs. Auchmuty, Miss Hall and Miss Laidlaw.

Business Notes.

Partnerships have been registered by: Daniel Blay, alone, butcher (F. Blay); Miss Jennie Ethel Jones, New York, alone—manufacturer of and dealer in hair tonics and restoratives (Sultana Company); Dame Alma Jacques, wife of J. B. Boisvert, alone, public merchant (Boisvert & Cie.); Madame Edesse Beaudoin and Delle Leah Beaudoin, hotelkeepers (S. Charest & Cie.); Allan Michael Miller and Charles Mitchell, manufacturers of stove enamels (The Brilliantine Manufacturing Co.); Leo Bacerini and Napoleon Deschenes, contractors and builders (Baccerini, Deschenes & Cie.).

Dissolutions have taken place as follows: Phileas Vanier, alone, hardware dealer La Compagnie de Ferronieres St. Jacques); Elie and Edouard Migneron (Elie Migneron & Cie.); Polydore Boileau and Medard Theoret, grocers (Boileau & Theoret); James, Walter and Claude Morrison, carpenters and upholsterers (James Morrison & Sons).

The petition of James O'Rourke to be put in possession of the effects of F. M. Sullivan, insolvent, has been granted by Mr. Justice Lorangel.

Saratini Got All He Bought.

When S. Saratini purchased Eugene Peau's candy store he declared that there was not as much stock in it by $150 worth as he was led to expect, and he brought an action against Peau to recover that amount. The defendant pleaded that Saratini purchased the stock en bloc, knew what he was getting, and got all he was entitled to. Mr. Justice Doherty, after hearing the case, came to the same conclusion, and this morning he dismissed the case.

Miss M. MacGregor.

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Dec. 5.....	S.S. Manchester City	Dec. 22

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Nov. 29.....	London City	Dec. 1

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Thurs. Nov. 17	Dominion	Thurs. Dec. 1, 11.30a.m
Thurs. Nov. 24	New England	Dec. 8, 6 a.m

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Two years before Sibyl, a very slenderly-portioned orphan, had come to her uncle's house, on the understanding that in return for food and shelter she was to render any services her uncle and his invalid wife might require.

There were two sons of the house, the elder, Percy, just home from college on a vacation, and the younger, Jack, who had for a tutor the curate of Wartonley, the Rev. Wilfred Grey.

Jack had formed a strong friendship for his lonely cousin since her advent in the household, and after awhile Sibyl became aware that she had another firm friend and admirer in the curate. He had never had a chance to tell her of his love. He knew something and had heard much of Percy Watson and his habit of making love to innocent, trusting girls, and when they lost their hearts to him he always declared he had only meant the commonest civility, consequently the news of his return home caused the curate considerable anixety.

One day, a few weeks after Percy's return, Jack coaxed Sibyl into promising to go with him that evening on an old favorite walk of his; then he informed Wilfred Gray of the fact, so when they were at the most secluded part the curate overtook them. Jack suddenly remembered that he wanted to consult about a young bull terrier, so making that as an excuse he gave his tutor a chance to propose to the girl he loved.

In a simple, manly way Wilfred Grey told Sibyl of his love for her, and pleaded for her love in return. She told him gently that what he asked could never be, because she did not love him as she should love the man she married.

One fine, clear day, about a week after Christmas, a number of the young people proposed going on the ice to skate. There had been two nights of frost, and they thought they could venture on it with all safety. Wilfred Grey had come to look on, and when Jack felt tired he would stand to talk to the curate.

Suddenly the merry talk and laughter of the gathering had been put an end to by a loud crash, and now nothing was to be heard but the hurried rush of feet and the women's pitiful cries