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#### Ontario Curlers Meet in Toronto January 6th

ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR THE PRELIMINARIES OF THE SCOT-TISH TOUR.

al Club. The following were pres- horses drew a large log right across R. L. Patterson, Toronto; Randoiph to the thigh were the results of the ac-McDonald, Toronto; T. J. Hamilton | cident and the injured man was Ferguson; Alex. Logan, Parry Sound; brought to the hospital here. Simpson Rennie, Toronto; J. H. Neel-Lennox Churchill. The other rember of the team telegraphed that he tha the team would make. David Carlyle, the president of the association, and J. A. Macfadden were also pres-

Several matters of detail were discussed by the team, and it was decided that the team assemble in Toronto Christmas Devotions on Wednesday, January 6th ,arrange their rinks, and have a friendly game with the executive of the association during the afternoon at the Granite Rink, dine at the Granite Club in the evening, and leave for Montreal that evening, spending January 7th in Montreal and leave there January 8th for Halifax, sailing from there January 9th by the Empress of | m. ,notwithstanding the damaged con-Ireland.

The team, together with the following past-presidents and executive, were entertained to dinner by the president, J. D. Flavelle ,Lindsay; Rev. Dr. Burns, Brampton; Dr. Russell. Hamilton ; A. R. Goldie, Galt; J. A. Macfadden, secretary-treasurer, Toronto; C. Turnbull, Galt; W. C. Matthews tie O'Boyle and Mrs. Cathro, and the vation of the same, as its proper Toronto; J. W. Corcoran, Toronto; bass solos by Mr. Jack Hurley. At working would entail efforts on us James Hedley, Toronto; W. D. McIn- the communion Miss Lena Shannon all, and that finally, still unsatisfied tosh, Toronto; Geo. Anderson, Toronto. Letters were received from Messrs Miss Brady, deserves great credit for purchase from a rascally agent, the A. F. McLaren, Stratford; T. C. Robson, St. Mary's: W. T. Toner, Collingwood, past presidents, and from Rev. Dr. Wallace, Messrs. C.-W. Cartwright, Hamilton, and T. H. Brunton, Newmarket, members of the executive committee, expressing regrets at their absence, and wishing the team a successful and enjoyable trip.

A very enjoyable evening was spent ening devotion. together, the members of the team becoming better acquainted with one another, and receiving fatherly advice from Past Presidents Flavelle, Drs. who approached the holy communion wants to set before her guests some-Burns and Russell, and other members of the executive, which was kind- congregation, in compliance with the which she can make herself without ly received by the members of the wish of the missionaries, having rethe apparatus of a professional cateam, and fittingly replied to by them. ceived holy communion. He also terer. The recipes given below are

#### MERLY OF CARIFF.

Mrs. Robt. McFadden, formerly of terefered with. He also thanked the elaborate, but depart from those of his home a week ago yesterday, when Cardiff township. Mr. McFadden congregation for their liberal offering the cook books:

Was one of the most successful farm- already given. After the reading of Pineapple Eggs.—Soak the contents of the slipped on the doorstep, falling over and detion. He received a pasty wound going to church. Does you good, but one considers the slipped on the doorstep, falling over and detion. The clergy complain of lack of church attendance. And yet, when When a pipe from a lavatory basin going to church. Does you good, but one considers the slipped on the doorstep, falling over and detion. Cardiff township. Mr. McFadden congregation for their liberal offering the cook books: was one of the most successful farm- already given. After the reading of ers in the district, but his sons de- the epistle and gospel of the day, Fr. of half a box of gelatine in water, and ers in the district, but his sons de- the epistle and gospel of the day, Fr. of half a box of gelatine in water, and ers in the best of his sired to enter a field of wider range Casey preached a short sermon on the when dissolved add a cupful of grat- on the back of his head and was ren- you can't tell why." and after they had gone to the west gospel, and in conclusion wished all ed pineapple( canned or otherwise), dered unconscious for a few hours. the farm was sold. Mr. and Mrs. the members of the congregation McFadden moved some three- years very happy Christmas. ago to Norwood or vicinity where Mrs. McFadden died. The remains were brought to Deer Lake cemetery for interment. Deceased was the GOUGH.—At Bay City, Michigan, fold in the whites of five eggs. Mould zens in wishing Mr. Skinner a speedy our "social pleasures." Few can say than we like to admit. mother of Mrs. T. J. Lowry and Mrs. Watt.-Minden Echo.

# At Canadian "Soo"

HUSSEY BLOCK IS DESTROYED AND A MAN LOSES HIS LIFE.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 28 .-Another disastrous fire visited the Canadian Soo at three o'clock yesterday morning, by which the handsome Hussey block was completely destroyed, and the Coronation block adjoining badly damaged.

One man, Alex. Kemp, aged 65, is believed to have perished in the flames. He conducted a carpenter shop in the basement, and has not been heard from since, although his coat and hat, which he wore one hour earlier, were found. He entered the building at two o'clock Sunday morning in an intoxicated condition.

The business places burned are: hand store; Kemp's carpenter shop; St. James' Hall, meeting place of all local Catholic societies. The follow- that he was Little Hector, or ing, who occupied rooms, were burned out: Mr. and Mrs. J. Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. Balder, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lemon, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Martel, On the lower floor of the Coronation block, Bemroses' large clothing stock is almost a complete loss, and on the floor above the lodge room of Bessemer Lodge, I.O.O.F., was badly damaged.

The cause of the fire, which started spectively is claimed for them. in the confectionery store, is unknown, but those nearby say it followed an explosion. Yesterday search has been kept up for the missing man, Kemp, but in vain, although the ruins have been partially searched.

# Graduate of Royal College of Dental Mr. John Hay, Pleasant

WELL-KNOWN GENTLEMAN IMPROVING FROM SERIOUS INJURIES.

The many friends in town and country of Mr. John Hay, the well-known proprietor of the popular summer resort at Pleasant Point, will be pleased to hear that he is making satisfactory grounds is an association track. progress towards recovery.

Mr. Hay was brought to the Ross Hospital last week as the result of injuries received in the accident that | ly theirs. Toronto Star: The representatives of occurred while he was doing some the Ontario Curling Association on the log hauling on his farm near Pleasant for the plaintiffs; Mr. F. D. Kerr team of Canadians to visit Scotland, Point. Mr. Hay, while driving had for defendants, and Mr. Tudhope, of met yesterday afternoon at Nation- the ill-luck to slip and fall, and the Orillia, for Mr. Hodgins. ent: Lieut.?Col. Mackenzie, Sarria: his body. A broken hip and injuries til after the Christmas holidays.

Enquiry at the hospital lately elicit ands, Barrie; R. M. Waddell. Peterbo- ed the fact that Mr. Hay is progressro; R. S. Strathy, Toronto; and D. W. ing nicely, and that he will recover without serious disability. The injury was so serious that it was feared was unavoidably detained but would that Mr. Hay might be permanently be satisfied with any arrangement, crippled, but happily there seems to be little possibility of such misfortune, as he is making steady progress towards a complete recovery.

# At St. Mary's Church

LARGE CONGREGATIONS ATTEND ED THE THREE MASSES-SPE-CIA MUSIC BY THE CHOIR.

At St. Mary's chrurch Christmas a. dition of the church, the usual Christmas masses and devotions took place. At the five and half past ten o'clock masses the choir sang Loesch's mass in F, the solos being taken by 'the Misses Ella Brady, Mary Flurey, Net- ing me the better course in the cultisang the pastores. The organist, he betrayed me still further into the the careful practice and training land such as any man may have for which the rendering of the mass in the asking in this country. It fairso excellent a wanner must have en- ly staggers one's trust in humanity. tailed. In the evening the vespers Here I am without a sou, robbed and had to be dispensed with on account deserted by him I trusted as of the lights in the choir being cut friend. off, rosary and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament comprising the ev- thy."

At the masses Archdeacon Casey

DEATHS.

### Identity of Walter G. Causes Legal Action

CASE ARISING OUT OF SPEED EVENTS AT FALL FAIR BEFORE JUDGE WELLER, PETERBORO.

The case referred to below will be of general interest as several horse men were affected by the awarding of the prize money in the case now MANY being tried in the coats at Peterboro. The Peterboro Examiner says:

The horsemen of Peterborough are interested in the civil case which was heard recently before His Honor Judge Weller. The owner of Holland Boy and manager of Hazel Bell, are suing the Peterborough Agricultural Society for money which was paid to Carconen's large confectionary store, Mr. Hodgins, Orillia, manager insurance \$1,200; Partlow's second Walter G., the horse that was protested by them under the suspicion any event that the horse was the one claimed to be. Hazel Bell and Holland Boy started with the Orillia horse on the first day of the races at the Peterborough Fair last fall in the 2.20 class, and owing to the fact that the Walter G. was protested, first and second money,, re-

Dr. Johnston, president of the Peterborough Turf Club, and chairman hibition directorate, and Mr. Martin Connors, the starter at the races, yesterday that they notified Secre- fear that the day may come when that tary Hall, of the Agricultural So- part of the country, which seems to ciety, that Walter G. was under pro-Point Is Recovering test, and instructed his not to pay Hodgins any money pending the nineteen centuries ago overwhelmed outcome of the protest. It is alleged Pompeii and Hercalaneum. that Mr. Hall, acting under instruction of President Leary of the Agricultural Society, paid the money over to Hodgins.

The Peterborough Turf Club was given authority to settle the protest by the National Trotting Association, The rushing waters carried everyunder whose rules the races conducted. The track of the fair describable confusion.

The protest was decided against Hodgins and in view of this the above mentioned parties decided to sue for the money, which they claim is legal- camps and provisions were immediate-Mr. George W. Hutton appeared

His Honor dismissed the case un-

#### TRAINMAN KNEW SIGNAL.

(From Harper's Weekly.)

One day a complaint was received that a valuable cow had been killed on a certain day and by a certain engine. The case was referred to the in removing the injured from that proper department, but reference to the files showed that the engineer had failed to report such an accident. Accordingly he was sent for and asked why he had omitted to report the mat-

"I didn't know I hurt the cow," he

"Then you remember hitting her?" "Yes, and I slowed up as she rolled over on her back; but she waved her feet for me to go ahead, and so I con-

cluded she was all right." "HIS MONEY IS SOON PARTED."

(From Letters of a Remittance Man. by W. H. P. Jarvis, in December

Canada West). "Jenkins is a scoundrel and I am an ass. I am now convinced that he persuaded me to pay twice the value of my farm to the end that he might share in the profits of the agent selling; and that he refrained from tell-

"Nor do I gain a word of sympa-

#### DISHES THAT ARE DIFFERENT.

took oportunity of expressing his There are many times when the great edification at the large number housekeeper who expects company table, nearly every member of the thing that is a little different, but asked all to thank God for having left easy to make for a person of average DEATH OF MRS. McFADDEN, FOR- the church, though damaged as it knowledge of cookery, and do not rewas, still in such condition that none quire so much effort that the hostess We regret to hear of the death of of the devotions of the day were in- need tire herself. They are not too

soon as the hardening process begins, plete cure as his friends desire. The pleasure in it. You know we always good habit. Really, it is more of a of warm water. whip quickly with an egg-beater and Free Press joins with the town citi- speak of our "religious duties" and habit—a habit—a habit easy to get out of— Charels A. Gough, late of Klein- in eggshells and serve in any fanciful recovery from the effects of his ac- with an enthusiastic little friend of Public opinion makes up what we ern liars could stand first, second mine. "I love it! I love call common sense more than some contract of the effects of his ac-

# EARTHQUAKE DEVASTATES

Three Provinces Swept place, who are reported to number thousands. And City Ruined

Dead and Dying Litter the Streets And People Flee in Terror

(Special to The Free Press.)

Rome, Dec. 29.—The three provinces of Cosenza, Catanzaro and Reggio di Calabria, comprising the department of Calabria, which forms the southwestern extremity of Italy, or "the toe of the boot," were devastated yesterday by an earthquake, the farreaching effects of which were felt almost through the entire country. The town of Messina, in Sicily, was

partially destroyed, and Catania was inundated. In Messina hundreds of houses have fallen, and many persons have been killed. The fate of entire regions within the

zone of the earthquake is unknown, but reports received here up to a late hour last night indicate that the havoc has been great, and the destruction the speed committee for the ex- to life and property more terrible than Italy has experienced in many years. The uncertainty of the situation has filled all Italians with the testified at the hearing of the suit deepest distress, for they still have have been most blessed by nature, will be destroyed by the blind forces of that same nature which nearly

> All reports show that the present catastrophe embraces a larger area than the earthquake in 1905. The tidal wave which followed the earthshocks, on the eastern coast of Sicily sunk vessels and inundated the lower part of Catania. It is known that a number of people were killed in that place. thing before them and caused an in-

The Italian Government has proceeded energetically to concentrate at the points of greatest need troops and engineers. Members of the red cross were despatch to various places, and ly prepared, all available railway lines and warships being used for their

The city of Messina has suffered probably more than any other place, the latest information coming indirectly from that quarter stating that two-thirds of the town was destroyed and several thousand persons killed The steamers Washington and Montebello, which were in the harbor later, proceeded to Catania, loaded with injured, who were so stupified by terror that they seemed unable to realize what had happened, simply saying that it looked as though the end of the world had come. Five steamers left Catania for Messina, to assist

At Catania, the panie-stricken peo-

ple, fearing shocks, absolutely refused to re-enter their houses and are camping in the squares, which are free from water, and the surrounding country. The tidal wave sunk 500 boats there and did great damage to several large vessels and steamers, including the Austrian steamer Buda.

Not only did Catania suffer from the effects of a tidal wave, but a similar body of water inundated the handsome streets of Messina, which flank the harbor, covering them with a thick layer of mud, which rendered difficult the succoring of the wounded, many of whom could be seen lying under the wreckage. It is reported that the villages of Faro and Ganzirri, adjoining Messina, has disappeared. The effects of the earthquake were aggravated by fire from an explosion gas, the flames of which swept along several of the streets, adding

In Calabria, the region around Monteleone, was most affected. The village of Stefanaconi, the inhabitants of which number 2,300, was practically destroyed. Only five persons were killed, but many were injured. Mons. Morabito, the Bishop of Mileto, who distinguished himself in the earthquake of 1905, did valiant work again yesterday. He rushed into places where the ruin was the greatest and brought aid and encouragement to all.

Thousands of people abandoned their homes, although a terrific rainstorm prevailed, and filled the air with lamentations and prayers. In some places, such as Brizzo, Cotrone, Santa Severena and Piscopia, the people had the courage to enter the churches almost while they were falling and carrying out the saints. They bore these in procession through the open country, invoking the mercy of

In the mountainous regions inland the population has taken refuge in grottoes and caves, where peasants and priests, soldiers and persons of gentle birth are living in common. Their bed is the ground, and fires burn to keep off wild animals. In Albi alone there are 2,000 people home-

Cardinal Nava, Archbishop of Catania, exhorted the people to be calm. He promised that the body of St. Agatha should be carried around in procession. St. Agatha is regarded as special deliverer

While the number of deaths at that place is not believed now to be large, there were several tragic occurrences. Among the children swept away by the tidal wave was a boy 15 months old, who was torn from the arms of his mother. The mother, too, was overcome by the force of the water and lost consciousness, but her body was caught by a railing and remained there until she was rescued.

Midnight reports state that Reggio the capital of the Province of Reggio li Calabria, eight miles from Messina, on the opposite side of the strait. has met the same fate as Messina, but these reports have not been confirmed owing to the lack of telegraphic

## **Outside Nominations** In Provincial Towns

THIRTY-SIX MAYORS AND REEVES ELECTED BY AC-CLAMATION.

Municipal nominations were held throughout Ontario yesterday, the feature being the small number of elections by acclamation, candidates for the various offices being plentiful almost everywhere. not many important questions coming before the electors in the way of bylaws compared with last year, except that some ninety odd municipalities will vote on the local option question. Following is a list of the mayors elected: D. McLachlin, Arnprior; C. Krug, Chesley; G. Sutherland, Ingersoll; A. Loerch, Listowel; W. S. Hall, L'Orignal; J. W. Horseley, Meaford; fit, gained no spiritual uplift, it has J. de W. Randall, Niagara; R. Rankin, North Bay; W. S. Davis, Oakville; C. Hopewell, Ottawa; H. Rush, Peterborough; I. Matthews, Port Arthur; M. Mullen, Preston; J. P. Henry, Ridgetown; W. Edwards, Rockland; J. E. Hayes, Seaforth; G. Geddes, St. Thomas; M. Sawtell, Wood-

The following reeves were elected by acclamation: H. C. Melin, Ayr; it may bring aid and comfort. W. Gage, Barton; J. F. Dawson, Ernestown: J. A. French, Glanford: E. Meekley, Matilda; A. E. Baker, Merrickville; M. Ryan, Newburgh; E. our acquaintances around us and so Norman, Osprey; G. A. Wallace, Pilkington; J. H. Smith, Port Col-Dumfries: Kay, Tiverton; A. P. Potter, Totten- is the one social opportunity of the ham; L. Boyce, Warkworth; W. Ronald, West Williams; J. J. Wilkinson,

-His many friends will regret the slowness with which Mr. A. Skinner Colborne-st., is recovering from the injury received a week ago. Skinner, who is well and favorably known by a wide circle, was entering and the juice of one lemon, a cupful The unfortunate gentleman, on aca and the juice of one lemon, a cupful The unfortunate gentleman, on acis not we were honest with ourselves the gospel, or at least help pay for its pipe. Leave for half an hour or more, boiling of boiling water, and a cupful of sug- count of his advancing years, is not we would admit we go to church more preaching. It is the correct thing to then pour down a kettle of boiling to the pour down a kettle of plenty. ar; strain and set away to harden. As progressing as rapidly towards comfrom sense of duty than from any real go to church; aside from that it is a water and flush afterward with plenty.

## Church Going Advised For Both Young and Old

EVEN IF SERMONS ARE ONLY PLATITUDES, CHURCH-GOING IS PROFITABLE.

(Detroit Free Press.)

Why go to church when the sermon bores us and the minister presents the same old platitudes Sunday after Sunday? Why not give Sunday to its first purpose, "the rest day for slaves," as the old Babylonian king appointed it? What good does church-going do us when we think our own thoughts through an uninteresting address on dead issues?

Well, there's one reason in that last "why." If we received no other benebeen good for us to have had that half hour's mental indwelling, something perhaps, that we would not have had under our own roof. It is good to get into a quiet, devotional atmosphere even if the message from the pulpit falls on dull ears. That may be our own fault; ao other listeners

#### Makes One Feel Better.

It is pleasant to see the faces of exchange a word of greeting them. In cities this means less to week. We note the new hats and "who's there," and listen to the mellow organ music, and somehow feel benefitted, though it might be hard to explain why, unless we quioted the rustic philosopher who, when asked what good church-going did him when there was no visible evidence of its influence in his conduct, he said:

"You see my shirt? Yes; well, its clean, but you see no signs of soan Duty the Mainspring.

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every word of the service, the music, resents approved sentiment; and pubthe chants, the sermon. I always get calmed and strengthened if I can go to church, every Sunday."

To an emotional nature there is a sensuous pleasure, not entirely de- who represent the soundest and votional in character, in church-go- reputable part of the community, ing. The "dim religious light," than in the country, where, perhaps, subdued yet thrilling organ tones, Dyoux, South Easthope; J. H. Mc- the assembling under the church roof the frou-frou of silks, the faint odor of mixed perfumes and perhaps incense, the luxuriously cushioned seats But that is not the church's fault. appeal to our artistic side. We could not feel the same in a bare and barnlike building, in garish light, and with truly honor and respect. Let us judge music that rasps the cultivated ear like a buzz-saw. And let the minister bad example bring that which is good rant and pound the pulpit cushions, in itself into disrepute. and preach disturbing sermons, and we soon decide there is nothing in church-going for us.

churches, it must be admitted that a take a handful each of common salt goodly portion of the community hear and soda, mix and force down the

lic opinion favors church-going as the outward evidence of a leaning toward the higher and more spiritual things

of life and time. "The best people," that is, those go to church. We show ourselves it good company when we join them. True, the church often masks sinners and hypocrites-for a time at least. None of us can say in what moment we may prove false to everything we the backsliders leniently, nor let their

#### HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

And Ananias stood forth. This is said to have been so that some modmine, "I love it! I love call common sense morality. It rep- and third.—Exchange.

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Jimmie, and I

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"You saw them!"

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only looked I think I had b denly. "Your for my her se me in the astute rogue taised no object He instantly attitude in hi fes," he agreed. We will all be natiers more