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Reserve.....2,600,000

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General Banking Business Transacted.
 Interest on Deposits at Current Rates.
 Foreign Notes Discounted.
 Particulars: See Notices Collected.

W. C. T. U. Victorian Order of Nurses

Lady Aberdeen's visit has drawn attention afresh to one of the useful organizations she established during her regime, viz.: the Victorian Order of Nurses. Steadily it was gained in public favor, overcoming by its quiet devotion to duty and its excellent management, whatever prejudice to its formation existed in the public mind when it was set on foot. The poor have been benefited, and so great has been the appreciation of the medical gentlemen coming in contact with the work done, that nothing but commendation is now heard. Throughout Canada the Order has given splendid aid and deserves the warm support of the large-hearted public. It cannot become self-sustaining from the very nature of the work aimed at—work among the suffering poor, but it deserves such voluntary support as will enable the directing body to deal comfortably and conveniently with every case brought to its notice. The Order should be sought out by those who dedicate a portion of their means to works of benevolence and grace.

Postmaster General's Report.

The report of the Postmaster General of Canada for the year ending 30th June, 1899, is just out. It shows that there were opened, during the year, 138 new post-offices; making the total number for Canada 9420. There was an increase of 11 1/2 per cent in the letters posted, 4 per cent in registered letters, and 31 per cent in papers, books, circulars, samples, etc. The

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Over McFarland & Co's Store

number of post cards shows a decrease of 2 1/2 per cent.

The net revenue for the year shows a decrease of \$34,878.77, or nearly ten per cent. The expenditure for the year was about three and a half millions, leaving a net deficit of \$457,421.57.

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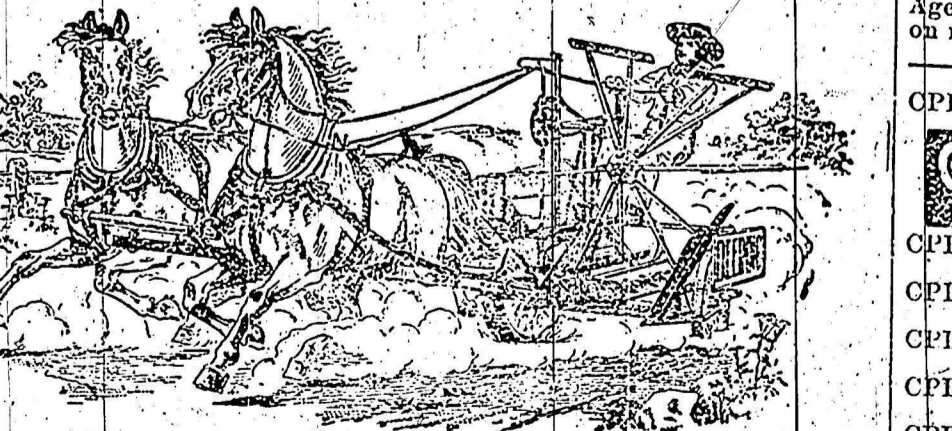
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