The people of Halton have cause to congratulate themselves on the absence of crime and litigation within the county. When the General Sessions of the Peace and County Court opened on Tuesday before Judge Hamilton there was not a single case, civil or criminal, on the docket and there was nothing to do but to receive the presentment of the grand jury, and dismiss and pay off the jury men.

"MERCHANT," in his letter in another column on the business situation, explains correctly the reasons why the city-departmental stores are able to attract so much of the trade that ought to go to the country merchants. The remedy that he proposes, too, that the rural business men meet the depart. mental stores by adopting, as far as possible, the methods of the latter in buying, selling and advertising, appears to us to be much more likely to be effective than the proposed legislation providing for the levying of taxes for all departments over a certain num-

Milton, 16th December, 1897.

Departmental Stores.

The business interests within a radius

1st. They advertise.

exhausted, or nearly so.

circumstances.

2nd. They buy for cash.

3rd. They sell for cash.

4th. They have only one stock

practically dead, and our bank account

customers making his own terms.

3rd. We sell principally on credit-

4th. We have two separate stocks-

I believe this to be all wrong and un-

Oakville, Dec. 13, '97. MERCHANT.

Teachers' Examination, 1897,

Josie Wetherald.....

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CANADIAN ITEMS.

W. S. Evans of Toronto was nominat-

ed by the South Wentworth Conserva

would never return to Canadian pub.

Mrs. McLean, widow of the late Bish-

It is generally believed in Montreal 2

have been committed for trial at St.

Scholastique, Que., for the murder of

The Grand Jury at Goderich has re-

turned a true bill against Fred. Elliott

the woman's husband.

op McLean, of Saskatchewan, died

at the residence of her son in-law at

tives for the Legislative Assembly.

In view of the large supply of quali-

Agues McFarlane ...

Georgina Young.

tional merit in our own.

Eliza H. McQueen .

\_\_\_\_\_

Yours, &c.,

5th. They have one price only.

6th. They sell at close prices.

by prices of departmental stores in the much fewer than was expected. Wet

Let us see how that will compare Stockholm Exhibition has returned to

2nd. We are not always in a position times at present are good in Norway,

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DEAR SIR,-With a firm conviction views of any business man in this that the mercantile trade of Burlington, Milton, Acton, Georgetown, Oakville, are the most important questions, not managed in a business way, I take the Thanksgiving Day manoeuvres in Tordistrict on the above questions. They &c., could be materially bettered if only to merchants, but to the public liberty of asking you a small space in onto. generally, and we hope that they may your excellent paper, with the object of requesting the business men of the C. P. R. stock yards at Winnipeg. several towns to contribute their views | They were secured in the Territories be fully discussed and that the outcome | also, the outcome of which may be the by Mr. McCabe, of Sioux City, who "Merchant" hopes. of say fifty miles are largely controlled exported from Manitoba this season,

### Ross on the Trade Question.

City of Toronto, and I ask myself "Why weather injured the grass and grass-fed Toronto, December 6.—In a speech is this?" and I come to the conclusion cattle turned out poorly. on Saturday before the British Empire that it is caused by a lack of business preferential trade with Britain. He clude we are compelled to meet dequoted a number of declarations from partmental prices. In order to do that Guard McCongherty for three months Prominent public men in support of his with safety to ourselves we must adopt for negligence in allowing the escape of contention that the temper of the Brit. the same methods, at least as far as two convicts the other day. ish people is such that there is a strong the vital particulars of business are Hon. David Mills, Dominion Minister probability of some such move being | concerned. Let us look at what they of Justice, is being deluged with apmade. Continuing, he declared against are :any reciprocity treaty that may be us. ed as an admission that the weaker of the two nations is dependent upon the stronger; that the stronger may hold the repeal of it in terrorem over the weaker: that it would not be fair to Canadian goods. lines of transportation to divert traffic to United States lines; that the market trade would attract British settlers. In with the town and county merchant. - Montreal, and reports that there is yery conclusion, he said that for such reas 1st. We advertise in a way that does little prospect of immigration from Norons Canada should be in no haste to little good. to buy for cash.—Reasons: We have and fair in the other countries mennegotiate reciprocity treaty with the our money charged up in our books, tioned. United States.

### Postal Regulations.

Ottawa, Dec. 13. - The following are the regulations under which designs, illustrations, portraits, sketches or one stock on our shelves, the other eral business. other forms of advertisement may be charged up in our books. engraved, lithographed or printed on 5th. We have two prices-cash and the "address" side of the one cent post- credit card. A clear space of at least a 6th. We cannot sell at close prices quarter of an inch shall be left along under present conditions. each of the four sides of the postage stamp: (2) there shall be reserved for the address a clear space at the lower right-hand corner on the "address" side this state of things if we call the for of the card immediately below the this state of things if we only try, for for a transfer of the Tavern License words "the space below is reserved for effort is generally followed by some im. now held by John Bennett, of Milton, address only," such space so reserved, for the address being at least three and one-quarter inches long by one and one-) half inches wide. It is in the interest of both the department and those availing themselves of the privilege hereby i granted that the spaces in question should be unconditionally reserved for the purposes intended. If any printing, engraving or other matter, appears on the spaces thus reserved) the post-cards cannot be permitted to pass through the mails.

here have for years been the recipients, Milton. Certificates have been granted cake, posted by loving couples in various | non-prefessional requirements.parts of the Dominion to distant friends who never receive the cake because of ) rusufficient postage paid. Civil servants are commonly credited with, having an easy. Inxmious time. but the dead-letter clerks take the cake.

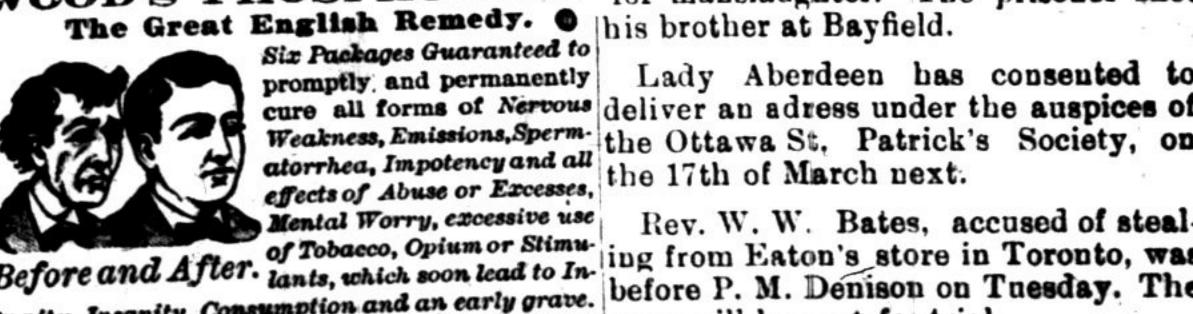
### On Circumstantial Evidence

Halitax, N.S., Dec. 40.-At Truro) this morning Lyman Dartt, aged 16, was sentenced to be hanged on March 3 for the murder of Asard Dever, an fied teachers, many of them Normal Armeman pedlar, who was shot dead trained, the Board takes this oppor on a road near Truro two months ago. tunity of warning trustees not to engage The boy was convicted on circumstan- teachers without certificates. Renewals tial evidence, there being no witness | will not be granted to those from other of the Town of Milton, in the County of in to the crime. He has maintained his | counties, and only to those of excep-

Canadian truit dealers are shipping to the old country their best fruit when the same cannot be obtained for love | Robert Simpson, head of the big or money in the domestic market. It departmental store company, Toronto is at present a sheer impossibility to died Tuesday morning. buy good snow apples. There is not a would be looked upon as first-class for table use in other years. Prices are high, too, and many families would give want. Mr. Robertson, Agriculture Commissioner, said in explanation that prices are even higher for apples at | The Paris Presbytery has passed present in Great Britain than they are resolution repudiating the views of in Canada. Seven dollars a barrel is a Rev. Principal Grant on the prohibition good average price in the British mar. question. ket this fall, and as long as this holds Frank M. Pebbles. the Chicago artout it will pay Canadian apple dealers ist, has completed the painting of Sir better to ship to the old country than Wilfrid Laureir, and the result is very to sell in Canada.

Hon. Dr. Borden, minister of militia, while in England, will look into the question of equipment and clothing for the militia. He will also arrange with under which the Canadian service political circles that Sir Adolphe Chapmedal will be issued. It is expected leau will retain the Lieutenant-Goverthat he will also take a"special course" norship of Quebec. at the Horse Guards and War office, with a view of introducing some mod ern system into the militia department. He will be away not less than six

WOOD'S PHOSPHODINE. for manslaughter. The prisoner shot The Great English Remedy. • his brother at Bayfield. promptly and permanently Lady Aberdeen has consented to



Before and After. lants, which soon lead to Intermity, Insanity, Consumption and an early grave.

Rev. W. W. Bates, accused of stealing from Eaton's store in Toronto, was before P. M. Denison on Tuesday. The not later Dec. 28th.

The proof of Tobacco, Opium or Stimuling from Eaton's store in Toronto, was before P. M. Denison on Tuesday. The not later Dec. 28th.

Has been prescribed over 35 years in thousands of case will be sent for trial. cases; is the only Renaule and Honest Medicine The Eddy Company of Hull, Quebec, he offers some worthless medicine in place of this, is said to have amalgamated with the he offers some worthless medicine in place of the formal by return Diamond Match Company, and the two Single Fare Good going Dec. 31st inclose price in letter, and we will send by return Diamond Match Company, and the two Single Fare Good going Dec. 31st inclose price in letter, and we will send by return Diamond Match Company, and the two Single Fare Good going Dec. 31st inclose price in letter, and we will send by return Diamond Match Company, and the two Single Fare Good going Dec. 31st inclose price in letter, and we will send by return Diamond Match Company. The Wood Company, factory at Hull will be im

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# SCHEDULE OF CONVICTIONS

Returned to the	Office of the Clerk of the Pe	ace for the		NAME OF JUSTICE.	Amt. of Fine.	WHEN PAID.	enth Day of December, A. D.  To WHOM PAID.	REMARKS.
PROSECUTOR. DEFENDANT.	NATURE OF CHARGE.	DATE OF CO						Committed to Jail for 80 days in defe
Drup	k and disorderly	. 16,	1897	Samuel Dice	\$1 00 50	Forthwith. 80th September, 1897	Treasurer Town of Milton	Paid on convictions previously returned Committed to Jail for 3 months.
Louis O. Kennedy Brus	ch of town by-law	Oct. 5	14	TT Wonneds	5 00	Forthwith	o Treas. George town & to Treas. Millo	Not yet paid.
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illiam VanAllen John Ingram Vagi George Ingram Dru William T. Adams William J. Dundas Asse	DK and disorderly		i, " O, "	G. H. Kennedy	1 00		Treasurer village of Georgetown.	
lizabeth Scott Cru	eity to animals	"	6, " 9, "	"	5 00	29th Noyember"	" " Burlington.	Committed to Jail for 2 months.
G. Harley Meyer Goldstein	auit	Dec.	4, " 8, "	Samuel Dice	1 00		Treasurer Town of Milton.	

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct Schedule of Convictions returned to my Office for the Quarter above mentioned.

MATHESON, Clerk of the Peace, County of Halton.

INDSAY'S SECOND FLAT

There's Two Thousand Dollars in Various Kinds of Ready-to-Wear Clothing which Must

BE TURBED INTO MONEY! You Need the Garments. Lindsay Prefers the Cash.

There's Men's Heavy Working Pants. There's Men's Suits, Men's Finer Tweed Pants. Boys' Suits, Men's Coarse Odd Vests. Boys' Coats, Men's Finer Odd Vests. Boys' Pants, Men's Fine Overcoats. Men's Coats, Men's Ulster Overcoats. Men's Overalls,

There's Golf Caps, Corduroy aps, Beaver Caps Galore!

There's Winter Drawers, Winter Undershirts, Winter Top Shirts, In all Sorts, Sizes and Descriptions, and NO END O' WARM SOX! 1 plications for the pardoning of criminals And Bundles of Grey and White Blankets and Bed Covers, and it is being remarked as a curious fact that most of the letters asking for and Horse Blankets of Every Description.

### pardons refer to the worst criminals, NO REASONABLE OFFER REFUSED. and emanate from women and women's Dr. H. Walton L. Jones who was sent

At LINDSAY'S Cheapest Store, MILTON.

The Stone House on Martin St. late ly occupied by John Head. Apply to VICTOR CHISHOLM, Solicitor, Milton. First-Class Store, suitable for gen-

### FARM FOR SALE OR TO RENT. W. BEWS'S SONS.

AST half of Lot No. 1, in the 6th Concession, west, Toronto Township. For further particulars apply to JOHN S. HANNA,

ket, post-office, churches and schools. Th

arm will be offered for sale en bloc, or in two

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Application has this day been made Laboring myself under the difficult. and the application will be considered Administrators' Sale ies mentioned, I should be pleased to on or about the 18th day of Dec. next. have the opinion of others in similar Oakville. Thos. A. REYNOLDS,

The assessment of the Niagara Synod

for \$17.000 was struck off by Judge

Snider at Hamilton on the ground that

Bandsman Harry Sweetman of the

Forty-five thousand cattle have been

Guard Millegan, of Kingston Penten-

by the Dominion Government to the

way, Sweden, Finland, or Russia as,

TO RENT.

Apply to

NOTICE.

License District of Halton.

the Synod had no domicile in the city

Thirteenth Batallion Band, Hamilton,

died from a cold contracted at the

TOWN OF MILTON Following are the names, in order of merit, of those who have passed the The executors of the late JOHN NOBL The officials of the dead letter branch third class professional examination at lands and premises, being Lots One, Two and of a number of samples of wedding to those who have complied with the survey of part of the Town of Milton, and ly

> Bennington, on the premises, or to W. I. DICK, Lunch at noon. Farm to be offered for sale between one and two o'clock p.m. and subject to a reserve bid; immediate possession can be Solicitor for the Executors.

Dated at Milton, the 8th Dec., 1897.

In the matter of Robert E. Porritt, ing approved joint notes; a discount of six per cent. per annum will be allowed off said notes Halton, Merchant, Insolvent:

Notice is hereby given that the above chaser may. named insolvent has made an assignment to me of all his estate and effects, For further particulars and for the benefit of his creditors, under sale apply to W. T. Evans, Solicitor, 14 Man R.S.O., Chap. 124 and Amending Acts. Street East, Hamilton, the Adetion A meeting of creditors will be held at my office, Canada Life Building, Hamilton, Ont. on Monday, the 20th day of S. FLANK SMITH.

December, 1897, at two o'clock p.m., for the purpose of appointing Inspectors, fixing remuneration and for order. Hon Edward Blake, speaking at the University dinner, announced that he ing the affairs of the estate generally. Creditors are requested to file their claims with me as required by statute, on or before the day of meeting, and after the 20th day of January, 1898, I shall proceed to distribute the assets of the estate, having regard only to the claims

> Dated the 13th December, 1897. CHARLES S, SCOTT, Hamilton, Ont. (per) J. W. ELLIGTT,

of which I shall then have received

his Solicitor. Samuel Parslow and Mrs. Poirier GRANDTRUNK RAILWAY

Milton, Ont.,

## Ohristmas and

New Years Holiday

CHRISTMAS Weakness, Emissions, Sperm-the Ottawa St. Patrick's Society, on atorrhea, Impotency and all effects of Abuse or Excesses, the 17th of March next. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

NEW YEARS

# TOM EDISON

Was a young night operator

in a western city, and invent-

ed a cot that would tip him

out on the floor when a train entered the station yard. It was quite a trick, and nearly every one has been experimenting with electricity since then. A well known young lawyer of this city claims to be the author of a good trick. It takes four to perform it. To work the trick, get a glass of water, iced-cold, a goldheaded cane, two ladies—a blonde and brunette preferred -and two men; put the glass of water on the floor near a window, stand the cane in the water, all four join hands on the cane, and let one of the ladies touch the window. She will feel the pane at once, and and be shocked to find out how she got sold. People will bite on tricks. There's tricks in the clothing business. One is to give every customer a chauce to draw a paltry prize, and after three or four months' time you find that there are three or four thousand fools like yourself (we wouldn't say this to your face, dissappointed because each one has had the hard luck of not holding the winning number. The best trick we know of is to show our goods at straight prices to straight people. That's what put us at the top of the clothing busimess in Hamilton. Those Men's Overcoats and Ulsters at 3.75, 5.00, 6.00, 6.80 and 9.60 are getting

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## CHRISTMAS BUSINESS.

<u> </u>	New Dates 3 lbs. for 25c.  Dried Apricots in 15c.  Cooking Figs "5c.	6 " Tapioca
	Pure Lard, 3 lbs. for 25cts. this price fo	We have been selling Lard r 6 months.
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	Red Salmon 10cts.—better que can get in any oth Try a can and	uality for the money than y er store in Milton. I be convinced
		NITIMO V

NUTS, &c.— CANDIES— . 25c. Walnuts 15c. lb., 2 for 25c. Almonds 15c. " 2 " 25 Fine Chocolates, per lb. 15 Lemons, per doz., 20c. " Creams, Fancy Bon Bons, " " 25 We make a Specialty of COFFEE. Lion Brand 25c. lb.—ground while you wait.

10c. Sunlight Soap, per box, 15c. Eclipse, 6 bars for . 5 gals, for 75c. Large Bar Eclipse Soap 15c.

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We have just received Shades of Embroidery, West Silks Stamped Linen and Famey Gods & Another lot of those lie with

inst in, and must go with the west A new lot of Men's Livillia

another bale of the Fames Sisk Sleigh Robes just opened. Millinery at Clearing Processing

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ALMANAC. - We have

from the Copp, Char Limited. Toronto, a copy of the Ca dian Almanac for 1898, the of its publication. Its size has been increased to 368 pages. Besides here a directory of clergy, militia, Cinverti ment officials, members of Parliance county and municipal officers, sel and colleges, barristers and soluand other public men, it is a compeelating to Canada. Among its de ots are: Short History of Ca.

with illustrations. A fine map MARRIED.

> ence of Joseph Mackinder, Oak In Dec. 1st, by Rev. S. S. Crais BIGGAR. - At the reside bride's mother, Oakville. 2nd. by Rev. S. S. Craig, Miss

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