THE CHAMPION

MILTON, Dec. 23, 1897.

THE vacancy in the county council caused by the resignation of Dr. Robertson, the Milton representative in Division No. 4, owing to his appointment to the registrarship of Haiton, has been filled without a contest. The nomination took place on Monday, when ex-Reeve Geo. Havill, of Acton, was elected by acclamation. Mr. Havill is well qualified for the position by his business ability and his former experience in the council, and the electors of Milton did wisely in allowing him to be returned without opposition.

IS the bye-election on Tuesday in Nicolet, made necessary by the death of the late Conservative member, Mr. Boisvert, Mr. Ledue, Liberal, defeated Mr. Beauchene, Conservative, by a majority of 246. The constituency has been a Conservative stronghold, Mr. Boisvert being elected by a majority of 138 in 1896, notwithstanding the Liberal landslide in Quebec generally. The alleged dissentions among Quebec Liberals, of which we have heard so much of late from opposition organs, do not appear to be particularly serious.

MR. A. H. Ranton an evangelist from Kalamazoo, Mich., has been conducting special services in the Methodist church at Tweed, Ont., and has raised a pretty little row. A correspondent has sent us a full account of the affair. Mr. Ranton appears to follow the lines adopted by Sam Jones and Sam Small. He carries into the pulpit the slang of the street corners, gives sacred things a piquancy, and adds a strange flavor to pious thoughts by expressing them in phraseology that would astonish the saints. I am told that he refers to some Old Testament characters as "old gals who made soup," or "old chops" on whom "jobs" were put up. He is also reported to have said that a Christian might be excused for "flying off the handle once in a while and saying a few cuss words." Altogether Mr. Ranton seems to be quite an interesting person.

But while "old gals" and "old chaps" are all right in their way, this sensational preacher does not it necessary to strike right home. Speaking the other evening on a passage from the Old Testament, I am told that he said in effect: "You don't have to go to the cities to find prostitutes—they are right here in your midst. I can see it in your faces, smell it in your clothes. You girls down by the door had better keep quiet—it's getting pretty close to home." If there is an hotel in Tweed, and if some drunken fellow were to stagger out on the street and say such a thing, designating some of the most respectable young ladies of the village who might be passing at the time, I doubt not that the fellow would be knocked down by the nearest bystander who had the muscle and the nerve to wield a stout fist. I have not only my correspondent's word for it, but also a letter from Mr. T. T. Bower in the Tweed News charging Ranton with using the words and directing them to daughters of the most respectable families in the village. I am assured that Tweed is absolutely free of the social evil, and is indeed the typical Canadian village to and anyone who is familiar with life in small places will at once realize how injurious, if unwarranted and even scoundrelly such a charge could be.

Who is Mr. A. H. Ranton of Kalamazoo, Michigan? Where was he sanctioned to the preaching of the Word? Are the leaders of the Methodist Church aware of him and his methods? Are the clergymen of that church in rural communities permitted to engage whatever "revivalist" may happen along, without the head center of the church possessing any knowledge of the man's spiritual fitness to teach and to preach? This is almost inconceivable, and therefore I ask if Mr. Ranton is one of the good books of the Church and countenanced by Conference, or will first church officials organize a tour of his operations at Tweed? Ranton is accused of using slang, but that is no longer rare in the pulpit here, however, accused of slandering the womankind of Tweed, and particularly certain estimable young ladies who "cut a rear the door," and in doing it he used language that was in itself vulgar, and it rests with the Methodist Conference to investigate the case.

The above is clipped from "Mack's" contribution to recent issue of Toronto Saturday Night.

It has been announced that Mr. Ranton will appear at meetings in Milton next week. As Canada has been a stamping ground for some years for Yankee professional agitators and evangelists, and as some of these gentry have not left a particularly good impression behind them, Mr. Ranton will do well, on his first appearance here, to clear up Mack's charges. If he can show that he did not make the statement charged against him he should do so; if he did make it let him produce proof that it was true. If he cannot do either let him recant and apologise for his villainous slander of the young women of Tweed in particular and those of Canada in general, for his charge was practically that the average Canadian young woman is immoral.

Mrs. Conover Died Suddenly.

Brampton, Ont., Dec. 17.—Mrs Harvey Conover, wife of the proprietor of the Huttonville cheese factory, four miles from this place, died suddenly at her residence last evening. Mrs. Conover was engaged in writing a letter, when she fell from her chair and instantly expired. A blood clot on the brain was the cause of death. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. Wm. Cook, Clerk of Toronto township, and was a lady highly esteemed.

Gordon Baker, Treasurer of Osnabruck Township, tried at Cornwall for larceny of $3000 of township funds, will be tried again because the jury disagreed.

After the first of January the Intercolonial Railway, the Prince Edward Island Railway, and the leased lines, will be known under the title of the Canadian Government system.

Owing to the demands of the Yukon district on the Mounted Police, it is likely that the Dominion Government will abandon its declared intention to reduce the force, and, instead, augment it considerably.

Major Walsh's regulation, that no man shall hereafter be permitted to leave Dagish Post for the Klondike without at least six months' provisions, may cause some disappointment to foolhardy adventurers, but it may save lives.

CHRISTMAS PROMOTIONS.

Last June many promotions had to be made, on account of the over-crowded junior department, before the pupils were ready; as a result of this many of the pupils have failed to reach the standard required, and for their own sakes they will remain where they can do the best work for themselves.

The promotions in the Sr. Div. will not be made now, as they are largely determined by the Departmental exams.

The names of the promoted candidates are in order of merit.

From Int. to Sr. Fourth.

Emily Inman,	Hazel Laing,
Laura Scott,	Agnes Stewart,
Maggie Matheson, 2	Edgar McCowan,
Chilver Bastedo, 2	Fred White.

From Jr. to Int. Fourth.

Edward Young,	Grace Berry,
Tom Moorehead,	Alfred Bastedo.

From Sr. Second to Jr. Third.

John Conway,	Annie Whaites,
Agnes Mills,	Lily Maine,
Helen Panton,	Wallace McCollom,
Edna McCowan, 2	Fred Allberry,
Fred Inman, 2	Lulu Hall,
Murray Campbell,	Pearl Ramshaw.
Pearl Hoff.	

From Jr. to Int. Third.

John Durnan,	Mary Armstrong,
Florence Osborne,	Pearl Maine,
Norman White,	Willie McCargar.

From Int. to Sr. Second.

May Kelly,	Willie Lawson,
Clarence Anderson,	Willie Anderson,
Leda Snider,	James Dow.
Anna Scott,	Lily Duggan,
Robert Butterfield,	Vera McDowell,
Lizzie Stewart,	Lawrence Wharton,
Sam King,	Ethelbert Knapp,
Olive Patterson, 2	Maggie Cochrane,
Bertha Clements, 2	Hazel Earl.
Gertie Henderson.	

From Jr. to Int. Second.

Kate Foley,	Roy Bradley,
Kate Lavery,	John Green,
Arthur Winn,	Lily McCarvar,
Laura Hemstreet,	Mabel Robinson,
Violet Bowman,	Debby Kenny,
Cassie Stagg,	Ed. Landsboro'.

From Sr. Part II. to Jr. Second.

Marjorie Berry,	Mary Wales,
Fred Blacklock,	Fred Durnan,
Annie Atkinson,	Mabel Dickin,
Christie McGregor,	Vance Bowman,
Stella McBrien,	Eva McPhail,
Tom Bradley,	Minnie Lavery,
Mabel Mills,	Clara Stephenson,
Alma Bradley,	Ethel Anderson,
Stuart McCollom,	G. Blacklock, trial.

From Int. to Sr. Pt. II.

Elgin Ford,	David Hughes,
Willie Watson,	Algus Sloan,
Frank Watson,	Willie Chisholm,
Ella Bowes,	Maggie Badeau,
Andrew Fleming,	Mabel Jones,
Thomas Badeau,	Bert Back,
Henry Robinson,	Leo Badeau.

From Jr. to Int. Pt. II.

Howard Harrison,	Chester Earl,
Jessie Campbell,	Alice Hughes,
Charlotte "	Robert Fleming,
Gladys Bastedo,	Marshal Moody,
Elma McKay,	Gordon Johnstone,
Lena Moffatt,	Cecil Smith,
Lily McInnis,	Marion White,
Willie McKenzie,	Elma Stagg,
Florence Hughes,	Sidney Freeman,
Ella Henderson,	Robert Wales,
Bertha Allberry,	Roy Wales,
Grace Knapp,	Albert Stephenson,
Willie Durnan,	Harry Wharton,
Clara B. Mills,	Hazel Moorhead,
Willie Sloan.	John Pritchett.

From "C" to "B".

Albert Stagg,	Grace Wright,
Wilfrid Crozier,	James Winn,
George Clements,	David Timbers,
Mary Miles,	George Morley,
Rena Brush.	Russell Ford.

From "D" to "B".

Percy McPhail,	Kathleen Hannant,
Willie Lawson, 2	Ruthven Campbell,
S. Hannant,	Walter Matheson,
Ada Freeman,	Clarise McKay.

From "E" to "C".

Leonard Maude,	Nelson Freeman,
John Moffatt,	Arthur King,
Mary Alderson,	Roberta Stewart,
Clark Moody,	Ernest Wales,
Percy Bradley,	Harry Bennington,
Conrad Hoff,	Campbell Winn,

Parliament will meet on February 3.

A fire broke out in the burniess section of Moncton, N.B., and destroyed $40,000 worth of property.

Debentures to the amount of $2,047,798.82 have been issued on account of Toronto's new City Hall, and it is not yet completed.

General Sir William Lockhart, the British commander-in-chief in India, has decided to send a column of troops to reopen the Khyber Pass.

A landslide occured on the T., H. & B. Railway east of Stony Creek, delaying traffic several hours while workmen were repairing the damage.

A house in Ottawa was destroyed by fire at an early hour Friday morning, and a man named Leahy and his five children were burned to death. Mrs. Leahy and one child escaped.

The government has made arrangements with the Head Line steamers running between Halifax, Belfast and Dublin to carry the mails. This will give a direct mail service to Ireland.

It is stated that twenty Spanish Generals have come to an agreement to engineer a protest against President McKinley's message to Congress, which is considered insulting to the Spanish army.

There is likely to be trouble with Newfoundland over the ownership of Labrador. The shores of Labrador have been annexed to the island for judicial purposes, and now the island would like to claim the interior as well.

The Ministerial Association of London, Ont., at their meeting on Monday decided to ask that a commission of judges be appointed by the Government to investigate the legal aspect of the Social evil, with a view of obtaining a more severe punishment for male offenders.

Andrew Lang tells of an authoress he knew who saw a novel sort of ghosts—namely, the characters in her novels. She once saw the principal character of one of her novels glide through the door straight up to her. It was about the size of a large doll."

IN MEMORY OF TWO SLAVES.

Story of Two Monuments in the Wilds of the Kittatinny Mountains.

Nine miles northeast of Harrisburg, in the solitude of the Kittatinny range of mountains, stand two unique monuments. The spot is far from any human habitation, amid curiously shaped and massive bowlders and on the very crests of the ridge. The wanderer who by chance strays into this region may well pause in astonishment before a roughly hewn rock upon which stand two carved headstones of white marble bearing the following inscriptions:

UNKNOWN.

Here in the solitude of God's acre lies one whose life was filled with pathos and suffering and who had a tragic end. He took the north star as a guide to liberty, yet in a fitful moment, for fear of betrayal, he took the deadly cup to save himself from bondage by his fellow men.

DOMINE DIRIGE NOS.
GEORGE WASHINGTON.
Died April 8, 1863.

An honest colored man who lived and died on this mountain. He is buried on the site of his former home. His virtues are related by all who know him.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE.

Friend, pause and think of the Brotherhood of God. One may have a few more grains of pigment beneath his skin. Looking into the portals of eternity teaches us that the Brotherhood of Man is inspired by God's word. There all prejudice of race vanishes away.

The story of the two monuments dates to the days of the underground railroad, when escaped slaves were pursued by their southern masters. In 1851 George Washington made his escape from a Virginia plantation and after months of adventure reached the spot where the monuments stand. Choosing to live in freedom here in the mountain fastnesses, he built for himself a rude hut and lived the life of a hermit for a period of 12 years. Gray and bent with years, he finally passed away to his reward, alone, as he had lived. After many days the body was found in a kneeling position under a giant pine overlooking the valley.

The elements of deeper tragedy enter into the story of the unknown. Four years after Washington had taken up his abode on the mountain the unknown, also a fugitive slave, reached the spot in safety and found shelter in the hermit's hut. For two years they lived together in peace and safety, but one day word reached the unknown that the agents of his former master were on his track and were but a few miles distant. Choosing death rather than a return to slavery or the betrayal of his friend's hiding place, the unknown stole away amid the rocks and there died by his own hand.

A few years ago the remains of the two slaves were buried side by side, close by their cabin, and a funeral service was held in the presence of a large number of people. The monuments were erected by the colored people of the state shortly afterward.—New York Sun.

COLUMBUS A PIRATE.

Frank R. Stockton Says the Discoverer Disobeyed Queen Isabella's Orders.

Frank R. Stockton, in his story "The Buccaneers of Our Coast," in St Nicholas, says:

It is not necessary for us to enter very deeply into the consideration of the policy of Columbus toward the people of the islands of the West Indies. His second voyage was nothing more than an expedition for the sake of plunder. He had discovered gold and other riches in the West Indies, and he had found that the people who inhabited the islands were simple hearted, inoffensive creatures who did not know how to fight and who did not want to fight. Therefore, as it was so easy to sail his ships into the harbors of the defenseless islands, to subjugate the natives and to take away the products of the islands and soil, he commenced a very [illegible] course of piracy.

[illegible] quisition of gold and all sorts of [illegible] seemed to be the sole object of [illegible] Spanish expedition, and natives were [illegible] and subjected to the greatest [illegible], so that they died in great numbers. At one time 300 of them were sent as [illegible] to Spain. A pack of bloodhounds, [illegible] Columbus had brought with him [illegible] purpose, was used to hunt down [illegible] Indians when they endeavored to [illegible] from the hands of the oppressors. [illegible] every way the island of Hayti, the [illegible] scene of the actions of Columbus, was treated as if its inhabitants had committed a dreadful crime by being in possession of the wealth which the Spaniards desired for themselves.

Queen Isabella was greatly opposed to these cruel and unjust proceedings. She sent back to their native land the slaves which Columbus had shipped to Spain, and she gave positive orders that no more of the inhabitants were to be enslaved and that they were all to be treated with moderation and kindness. But the Atlantic is a wide ocean, and Columbus, far away from his royal patron, paid little attention to her wishes and commands, and without going further into the history of this period, we will simply mention the fact that it was on account of his alleged atrocities that Columbus was superseded in his command and sent back in chains to Spain.

Misery.

Charles Kingsley's recipe for being miserable is as follows: "Think about yourself, about what you want, what respect people ought to pay to you, and what people think of you. In other words, center all your thoughts on self, and you will have abundance of misery."

A Teacher Taught.

"I will teach you a thing or two," said the terrier as he jumped at the hedgehog.

And as he jumped back, yelping with pain, the hedgehog remarked:

"Don't whine. I was only giving you a few pointers."—Louisville Courier Journal.

Tax Notice.

All arrears of Taxes for 1897 will have to be paid on or before the 3rd day of January, 1898, as after that date tax warrants will be issued. The collector will be at the Town Hall on Monday, the 3rd day of January, 1898, to receive any taxes that may be paid.

JAMES A. FRAZER,
Milton, Dec. 11, '97. Tax Collector.

Notice to Creditors.

In the matter of *Robert E. Porritt*, of the Town of Milton, in the County of Halton, Merchant, Insolvent:—

NOTICE is hereby given that the above named insolvent has made an assignment to me of all his estate and effects, for the benefit of his creditors, under R.S.O., Chap. 124 and Amending Acts.

A meeting of creditors will be held at my office, Canada Life Building, Hamilton, Ont, on Monday, the 20th day of December, 1897, at two o'clock p.m., for the purpose of appointing Inspectors, fixing remuneration and for ordering 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 of which I shall then have received notice.

Dated the 13th December, 1897.

CHARLES S. SCOTT,
Assignee,
Hamilton, Ont.

(per) J. W. ELLIOTT,
Milton, Ont.,
his Solicitor.

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NEWS TOPICS OF A WEEK.

Important Events in Few Words For Busy People.

The Busy World's Happenings Carefully Compiled and Put Into Handy and Attractive Shape For the Readers of Our Paper—A Solid Hour's Enjoyment in Paragraphed Information.

BUSINESS.

Lord Strathcona, the Canadian High Commissioner, thinks that the Canadian pulp and paper manufacturers could do a large business with Great Britain.

THE AGRICULTURAL WORLD.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association was concluded at Waterloo last Friday. It was decided to meet next year at St. Catharines.

FOR MEN OF WAR.

General Sir William Lockhart, the British commander-in-chief in India, has decided to send a column of troops to reopen the Khyber Pass.

Spanish military journals declare that twenty Generals have come to an agreement to engineer a protest against President McKinley's message to Congress, which is considered insulting to the Spanish army.

THE FIRE RECORD.

All the rolling stock of the Port Arthur Electric Railway was destroyed by fire.

Lord Wrottesley's seat at Staffordshire has been completely gutted by fire. Many articles of historic value were lost.

The American hotel and the dwelling and livery of Dr. McBride, at Amherstburg, Ont., were burned Wednesday night. Loss $9,000; insurance $5,200.

THE LABOR WORLD.

The C.P.R. telegraphers' committee were unable to effect an agreement with Mr. Spencer, and will wait on Mr. Tait.

The engineers of six of the Allan Line steamers at Glasgow have joined the strikers, and the Sarmatian was unable to leave port Saturday.

The French Chamber of Deputies has passed a proposal making ten hours a day's work on railroads, ten hours of rest to follow the day's work.

RAILROAD RUMBLINGS.

An order has been received at the C.P.R. shops, Perth, for 1,500 box cars.

A company has been formed and plans matured for building an electric railway between St. Catharines and Port Dalhousie.

Mr. J. Haney, superintendent of construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway, gives a general denial to the charges of unfair treatment of the laborers employed on the work. He says out of four thousand men only sixty had any complaint to make, and they were sent home.

THE RELIGIOUS WORLD.

Rev. Dr. Saunders, of the Dominion Methodist church, Ottawa, has decided to accept the invitation to Dundas Street church, London.

Rev. Dr. James M. Farrar, pastor of the First Reformed church, of Brooklyn, intends to preach from this on without pay. He gives up a salary of $6,000 a year.

Rev. Mr Mackie, of Belleville, a retired Roman Catholic priest, was stricken with apoplexy. The reverend gentleman, who is 84 years of age, is not likely to recover.

POLITICS—FOREIGN.

Correspondence between Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the American representatives regarding sealing and reciprocity has been made public at Washington.

A despatch from Athens announces that the treaty of peace between Turkey and Greece has been ratified by Turkey.

The United States Senate has approved a bill appropriating $200,000 for the relief of the miners in the Klondike region.

A provision in the bill to prevent pelagic sealing, which has passed the United States Congress, shuts out sealskins no matter where they come from. This will hit both British and Canadian dealers in the skins, as both sold largely to the United States.

POLITICS—CANADIAN.

John Brown, ex-Mayor of Stratford, has been chosen as the Liberal candidate for North Perth, in the coming provincial election.

There is talk in Ottawa of the letter rate throughout Canada being reduced from three to two cents. This would involve an annual loss of seven hundred thousand dollars.

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The Government has made arrangements with the Head Line steamers running between Halifax, Belfast and Dublin to carry the mails. This will give a direct mail service to Ireland.

THE DEAD.

Mr. Stewart E. Martin, of Windsor, collector of customs, is dead.

Captain William Sparling, of the Montreal Fire Brigade, is dead.

Alphonse Daudet, the celebrated French novelist, is dead. He was fifty-seven years of age.

Sir Frank Lockwood, M.P., who accompanied Lord Russell on his recent trip to this country, is dead.

Mrs. W. D. Hart, wife of the manager of the Standard Bank, at Kingston, and daughter of B. W. Folger, died yesterday from phthisis, after a long illness.

The Minerve, the French morning Conservative paper of Montreal, which has been published continuously for the past 44 years, suspended publication Monday.

Henry Stewart, an aged widower who lived alone on his farm in Eldersle township, was found dead in a field near his house yesterday. It is supposed to be a case of heart failure.

PURELY PERSONAL.

Mr. E. Donnell has been appointed Town Clerk and Treasurer of Barrie.

The Queen is said to be in better health and spirits than for some time past.

Eugene V. Debs has been lecturing in Canada in the interest of the Canadian Co-operative Commonwealth.

Mr. B. B. Osler, Q.C., was married at Hamilton to the eldest daughter of Mr. A. G. Ramsay.

Mr. John A. Barron, Q.C., ex-M.P., of Lindsay, has been appointed County Judge of Perth to replace Judge Wood, who retired.

A correspondent in Rome represents the Pope to be in good health, and full of enthusiasm in regard to his favorite project of converting England.

Mr. Irving, of Victoria, B.C., has been appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia in the place of Justice McCreight, who resigned.

From Rendsburg, where he took farewell of Prince Henry of Prussia, Emperor William proceeded to Friedrichsruhe, where he had an interview with Prince Bismarck.

CASUALTIES.

By the bursting of Cummings' dam at Norway, the foundry of Wm. Neild was swept away.

John Barker, of Simcoe, was killed by the caving in of a well in which he was working.

Robert Marshall, aged fifteen, was killed in the Hamilton cotton mills elevator.

Mrs. Peters, of Walkerville, was probably fatally burned by her clothing catching fire.

Mrs. Alfred Doyle, of Brockville, was missed from her home and her body was found in the bay.

Terrific weather has been prevailing on the southwest coast of Ireland, and serious wrecks are reported.

The American schooner Susan P. Thurlow was wrecked off Cape Elizabeth and six of her crew were drowned.

The Minister of Agriculture intends sending about 1,000 samples of Canadian wheat to British millers, so that they may see for themselves the excellence of Canadian grain.

William Green, who was run into by a street car at Hamilton while riding a horse on Sunday afternoon, is dead as the result of his injuries.

A little four-year-old daughter of Dr. Sanfacon, of Beauport, Quebec, got access to her father's surgery, and after investigating the various phials, finally took a drink from a bottle containing strychnine. The child was saved by her father and Dr. Provencher. She had taken an overdose, which caused vomiting.

UNCLASSIFIED.

The steamer Rosedale was safely docked at Kingston.

Colchester Reef Light, on Lake Erie, will be discontinued from this date.

Another case of smallpox has been reported to the Mayor by the Montreal Health Officer.

Residents of Ottawa have subscribed six hundred dollars to Mr. Blake's latest Home Rule fund.

The widow of Sir John Simeon has presented to the library of Trinity College, Cambridge, the first manuscript of "In Memoriam."

Mr. McGregor, M.P., of Windsor, is in Ottawa urging the Government to take steps to prevent the piping of Canada's natural gas into the States.

It is reported that the population of Hayti is becoming more excited, and the Government is prepared to take drastic measures to prevent an outbreak.

The Dutch steamship Edam, which arrived at New York Saturday from Amsterdam, had a case of smallpox on board and was detained at quarantine.

The Chamber of Commerce of Portland, Oregon, has offered the United States Government 1,000 tons of provisions for relief of the Yukon miners.

Mr. W. C. Macdonald has made another gift of about $300,000 to McGill university. Mr. Macdonald's total contributions to McGill amount to about $2,500,000.

It is announced that Lord Strathcona has presented his entire herd of buffalo now on his farm near Winnipeg to the Dominion Government, to be placed in the National Park at Banff.

The rumor that Major Walsh lost all his provisions en route to the Klondike is not credited in Ottawa, as he is known to have safely passed White Horse rapids, which was the last point of danger.

The Dominion Government, as owners of the La Canadienne, in company with the charterers of that vessel, have decided to take action against the United States Government for ten thousand dollars for damages sustained in the collision with the Yantic.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

The re-trial of the Panama Canal scandals has begun in Paris.

P. C. McLaughlin, of Ottawa, will be tried by the County Judge on the charge of shooting Xavier Daoust with intent to kill.

Three convicts working in the Kingston Penitentiary farm made a bolt for liberty. They were recaptured after an exciting chase.

Vladimir Bourtzeff, a Russian, was remanded at Bow street police station, London, charged with issuing a publication inciting the assassination of the Czar.

George Arnold was sentenced to five years in Kingston Penitentiary for a murderous assault on Turnkey Bruce in Whitby jail on the occasion of his escape in 1896.

The directors of the Commercial Bank of Newfoundland have been acquitted. They were James Goodfellow, Edwin Duder, James Hitts, Frederick Goodridge, George Hutchings and Henry Cooke. They were charged with bad management, which resulted in wrecking the bank.

The trial of Fred Elliott, at Goderich, on the charge of manslaughter, was concluded when the jury returned a verdict of guilty, with a strong recommendation to mercy. The judge sentenced him to five years in the penitentiary.

William Terriss, the well-known English actor, was stabbed with a knife as he was entering the stage door of the Adelphi theatre, in London. He died in a few minutes. His assassin, who is supposed to be a stage hand, was arrested.

The residence of Mrs. A. F. Peterson, at Cobourg, Ont., was ransacked by burglars Wednesday night, and everything turned topsy-turvy. Mrs. Peterson was visiting her son, M. H. Peterson, in Toronto, and the loss cannot be ascertained until her return home.

James Bronson is in custody at Belleville, Ont., charged with manslaughter. It is charged that at a bee in Rawdon in 1895 a young man named Barter was fatally injured in a row. Bronson was arrested, but escaped, and was captured only a few days ago.

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There's Men's Suits,
Boys' Suits,
Boys' Coats,
Boys' Pants,
Men's Coats,
Men's Overalls,

There's Men's Heavy Working Pants,
Men's Finer Tweed Pants,
Men's Coarse Odd Vests,
Men's Finer Odd Vests,
Men's Fine Overcoats,
Men's Ulster Overcoats,

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

There's Winter Drawers, Winter Undershirts, Winter Top Shirts, In all Sorts, Sizes and Descriptions, and NO END O' WARM SOX!!

And Bundles of Grey and White Blankets and Bed Covers, and Horse Blankets of Every Description.

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A Rockton MAN'S Experience

Yes, sir, this is the first time I've been in Hamilton in ten years," said a Rockton man, yesterday. "Last time I was here it was pretty chilly, and I thought I'd buy me an overcoat, so I struck down James street and run agin a nice young man standing in front of a clothin' store. Well, sir, that feller had one overcoat that he asked me $25 for. I offered him $7 for it, and after banterin' there for two hours and-a-half he came down to $24 and I went up to $8, and after another hour we split the difference and he throwed me in a hat and shirt and a pair o' braces, and by jinks, before I got home, didn't the buttons drop off the coat and made me as tarnel mad I aint been to Hamilton since. But accordin' to what my neighbors say there's a clothin' store on King street now, the name is Jones, no, Smith, I think." The old man was directed to our store and it took one of the salesmen twenty minutes to convince him that "bantering" was out of style. He wanted to know how it was that that coat was marked $7.50, and yet the salesman only asked him $6 for it. When it was explained that we had a big sale on, and allowing every customer that entered our store 20 per cent off that line of overcoats, the old chap bought the coat at once, and we'll guarantee the buttons won't drop off for a very long time.

$3.50	Overcoats reduced to		$2.80
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7.50	"	"	6.00
8.58	"	"	6.80
12.00	"	"	9.60

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I have just received a large shipment of first-class Furniture, consisting of Parlor Suits, Bedroom Sets, Sideboard, Extension Tables, Couches, Chairs, &c., all of which I will offer to the people of this county at Toronto prices, thereby bringing city prices about thirty miles nearer to most of the residents of the County of Halton. I am determined to sell goods so that it will be no longer necessary for the people to take the cash out of the county to strangers in the city—a state of affairs much to be regretted by all, and which should not exist, and which will through time prove very disastrous to both farmers and businessmen alike. If the fault is with me I hope to be able to a considerable extent to remove such, and would ask the patronage of the people of this county only on these grounds—that I sell as cheap the same class of goods, and for cash, as is sold in the city.

I also deliver all goods free of charge. Any mail order received will be promptly attended to, and goods delivered subject to your approval.

Undertaking in all its branches. First class Hearse in connection. All orders promptly attended to and satisfaction guaranteed. Prices moderate.

WISHING YOU
A Merry Christmas

BEFORE buying your present, call at

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The Wood Company,
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Sold in Milton by J. H. McCollom, Druggist.

LOCALS.

CHRISTMAS TREE in Omagh Methodist Church on New Years' eve.

THE Home Circle concert at Tansley on the evening of the 8th inst. in aid of the promoters $30.

Finest stock of Ties and Scarfs this spring. Treble's, cor. King and Queen Sts., Hamilton.

THE firemen are making preparations for their annual ball, which takes place on the night of January 14th.

JOSEPH COLLING, of Maysville, a son of Joseph Colling, sr., of Milton, died on the 10th inst. Deceased was a son-in-law of John Foster, Lowville.

DEERSKINS taken in trade at the Milton Glove Works.
L. ROEDLER.

C. B. LINTON, of Galt, Dominion Manager of the Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Co., was in town on Friday last. Abram Moffat, whose late barn was insured in the above company, received a cheque for the full amount of the policy.

You should see the new Scotch Tweeds of English and American manufacture imported for spring at Treble's, cor. King and James Sts., Hamilton.

BENEFIT CONCERT AND DANCE.—A benefit concert and dance will be given in the Town Hall on Friday, for the purpose of bringing some cheer to those who would otherwise be without. The best local talent has been secured. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Admission 10 c.

J. W. McMullen & Son will hold an auction sale of stock, etc., on Lot 5, N.S., Nelson, on Tuesday, 28th inst., commencing at 1 o'clock. W. Hunter, auctioneer.

A large number of the relatives attended the funeral of the late Mrs. John Bradley to the Milton cemetery last Saturday afternoon. The pall bearers were first taken to Grace church, where Mr. White officiated at the house and at the grave. Mr. Bradley has the sympathy of his many friends in the loss he has left with a family of young children.

Go to Lang's Bakery for your Xmas presents and New Year's cake. A large assortment to choose from, all kinds of candies. A very large stock of Groceries, all new and fresh. Nuts, Raisins, Peels, Currants, Stationery, Canned Goods, different brands of Tobacco and Cigars, all fine fresh goods. LANG.

ON Friday evening last, the 4th inst., one of the Misses Esquesing, while on her way to remove from her home, was waited up by a number of her friends, and after partaking of a magnificent tea provided by the ladies, during the remainder of the evening a pleasant time was spent in conversation and music. Before leaving they presented Miss Aitken with their best wishes for her future welfare as well as a number of useful presents in token of their high estimation in which she is held by her friends.—Com.

T. E. Parsons, the butcher, Milton, has a very fine display of lamb, veal, pork, turkeys, ducks, &c., for Christmas trade. He intends to have one of the finest displays of meat in the town to have since he has been in the business; not only will he have the best of meats at Xmas, but at all times his meats and shop have been of the best, of course we all know that he is one of the best men in his business.

JOHN LAYBOURNE, of Milton, lost his mother last summer, and his brother William in Toronto died in that city on Friday last, the valualar disease of the latter. The remains arrived here on Sunday morning by C.P.R. and were interred in the new cemetery on Monday afternoon. The deceased had been ailing for the past year, but was supposed to be in good health a short time before his death. He was the youngest son of the late Mr. Laybourne, late of Milton, being only 25 days old. Brothers and sisters at a distance attended his funeral.

XMAS.—We have just received a large supply of very choice Confectionery, also Oranges, Lemons, Bananas, Figs, Nuts, Fancy Biscuits, Candies and Novelties for Xmas. Call and see us before you buy elsewhere. Thanking you for your kind patronage.—L. B. Smith. The nicest little store and business in Milton for sale. Apply at this office.

POSTAL NOTES.—The Dominion government has decided to adopt a postal note system in vogue in the United Kingdom on July 1, 1898. The notes are about the size of a bank note, printed on thin linen paper, and will be issued for the following denominations: 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 and 90 cents, $1, $2, $2.50, $3, $4 and $5. The fee for obtaining these notes will be one cent each up to 40 cents, two cents for that figure and $2.50, and three cents each for all above that. These postal notes will replace the present money order for the transmission of small sums through the post. The money order system will be retained, however, with some improvements to meet the transmission of larger sums. These postal notes will supply a long felt want in the public convenience, doing away with the payment of accounts by postage stamps, the postal notes being issued at any money order office without identification of the payee, and in addition other than the present one on a postal note. It is expected that the fees will be as low as they are fixed, with a small profit. The system is very popular in England.

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Is the only safe, reliable, monthly medicine. Ladies can depend on it. Is prepared in two degrees of strength. No. 1 for ordinary cases, is by far the best dollar medicine sold by druggists, one Dollar a box. No. 2 for special cases—stronger—sold by druggists, Three Dollars; two boxes, Five Dollars. No. 1, or No. 2, mailed on receipt of price and two 3-cent stamps.

The Cook Company,
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Executors' Sale of Valuable Property
IN THE
TOWN OF MILTON

The executors of the late JOHN NOBLE offer for sale by private sale the following lands and premises, being Lots one, Two and Three in Block number Ten in High Foster's survey of part of the Town of Milton, and lying on the south-east corner of High and Queen Streets.

On the property are erected a two-storey stone house, containing eight rooms, with a stone kitchen and a frame stable, and also a one-storey brick cottage, containing four rooms. There are also a number of fruit trees on the said property.

The property will be sold in one parcel or in separate lots to suit purchasers.

For further particulars apply to Mr. John Bennington, on the premises, or to

W. L. LOCK,
Solicitor for the Executors.

Dated at Milton, the 8th Dec. 1897.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

Christmas and New Years Holidays

CHRISTMAS

SINGLE FARE Good going Dec. 24 to 26th, returning not later than Dec. 27th.

Fare and One-Third Good going Dec. 23, 24, 25, returning not later Dec. 28th.

NEW YEARS

Single Fare Good going Dec. 31st, or Jan. 1st, returning Jan. 2nd.

Fare