Travellers' Guide.

St. Lawrence & Ottawa Railway.

Leaves...10:45 a.m., 12:20 p.m., 10:45 p.m.
Arrives.....9:10 a.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

Canada Central Railway.

Leaves.....10:50 a.m., 4:45 p.m.
Arrives.....1:25 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Grand Trunk Railway.

Leaves Prescott Junction:—
Going West.....1:35 p.m., 2:03 a.m.
Going East.....4:45 p.m., 4:40 a.m.

Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg Railway.

Leaves Ogdensburg ...7:30 a.m., 2:45 p.m.
Arrives in New York 10:00 p.m., 7:00 a.m.
Leaves New York....7:00 a.m., 10:00 p.m.
Arrives in Ogdensburg.....1:15 a.m., 7:45 p.m.

Central Vermont Railway.

Leaves Ogdensburg for Boston.....10:40 a.m., 6:00 p.m.
Arrives in Ogdensburg from Boston....7:00 a.m., 8:10 p.m.

Local Intelligence.

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REPAIRED.—The windows in Duke street, Chaudiere, smashed by the blasts the other day have been repaired at a cost of $ [illegible] to the contractors. This is paying dear for experiments.

THE HULL FIRE.—Mr. Marcil wishes us to state that the fire which occurred in Hull on Saturday night, did not originate in his house, but in the one situated between it and the one occupied by Mrs. Richard.

STABBING AFFRAY.—A man named St. Louis, was arrested last night on a charge of stabbing a man named O'Neill. The latter is said to be badly wounded in his right side. St. Louis will be before the Magistrate this morning.

ANOTHER BEAR KILLED.—A farmer named Graham, a resident of Gloucester, on Saturday last, killed a large bear which had not yet gone into his winter quarters. Messrs. Satchell Brothers bought the carcase, which was an unusually large one.

A FALSE REPORT.—It was reported yesterday that two men had been drowned by falling through the ice while crossing the Ottawa River from Hull. A TIMES reporter made every enquiry into the truth of the rumour, and discovered that it was without foundation.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.—At the meeting of the committee and stewards of St. George's Society, to be held to-night, the question of the Christmas distribution will be brought up, and in order that the benevolent object may be carried out, it is desirable that there should be a large attendance.

A LARGE AUDIENCE.—Last night the audience at the City Hall, on the occassion of the Council meeting, was larger than usual, the people wanting to hear the "last dying speeches and confessions" of several of the Aldermen. They were disappointed, however, as the orations were of a strictly business character.

A WARNING.—Last night, during the proceedings at the City Council Board, a person named O'Leary interrupted Ald. Rocque while he was speaking on the Market Report. His Worship the Mayor warned the offender that if he did not remain quiet, he should exercise his authority and order him out. The hint was taken.

COAL, WOOD — COAL, WOOD — COAL, WOOD.—Wm. M. Beattie & Co., George street, have for sale the very finest chestnut, egg and stove sizes in Lackawanna Anthracite Coal, Briar Hill and Black Diamond for grates. All coal delivered at our prices free of cartage, and dry from under cover. Birch, Beech and Maple, sawn or unsawn. 4014ml

TEMPERANCE SOCIAL.—The members of the Enterprising Lodge I.O.G.T., No. 485, held a social in their Hall on York street, last night, and a really pleasant time was spent. Several ladies and gentlemen contributed to the pleasure of the guests, who all went home satisfied with the entertainment provided for them, both as far as the viands and musical portion of the programme were concerned.

THE SCHOOL ENQUIRY.—The Commission appointed by the Board of Education to enquire into the charges preferred against the Rev. Mr. Borthwick by Mr. McDowall, met last night for the purpose of having the witnesses sign the depositions. The latter were of the most voluminous nature, comprising 40,000 words. To the credit of the gentlemen who took the evidence, Messrs. J. M. Burgess and Geo. C. Holland, be it said that the alterations to be made in the transcript were only of the most trifling nature.

MESSRS. HOWE & EKSATT, auctioneers, have secured that large and commodious store recently occupied by Mr. W. F. Russell, in Stuart's Block, Rideau street, and they are now running off the stock recently in the poseession of Mr. Russell. They are selling at a great sacrifice. Parties wanting furniture should give them a call. 3976 tf.

MEETING OF CONDOLENCE.—At eight o'clock last evening, in the room of the C. Y. M. Society, was held a large and influential meeting for the purpose of expressing the deep regret which has universally prevailed on reception of the sad intelligence of the Rev. Fathers' Murphy and Lynchs' accidental death by burning at Montreal. Mr. O'Keefe, chairman, announced to the assemblage, amidst loud approbation, that in consequence of the horrible catastrophe the "parlour entertainment" which was to have taken place last night would, out of respect for the untimely decease of these clergymen, be postponed until next Thursday. The Rev. Father St. Laurent, Mr. J. G. Moylan, Mr. T. P. French, and Mr. M. Battle severally addressed the audience, and in forcible language eulogised the national and educational characteristics of the Rev. Father Murphy, and bestowed praise on the Association for their timely application of what was a proper testimonial of regard for the deceased gentleman. A committee composed of the following gentlemen:—Messrs. J. R. Battle, C. Young, J. M. Goulden, and J. Maguire, was appointed for the purpose of calling a mass meeting of condolence, for next Wednesday evening, in the Rink Music Hall. The meeting then adjourned.

POLICE COURT.

Before M. O'GARA, P.M.

MONDAY, Dec. 6.

William Armstrong, drunk, was fined $2 and $1 costs.

William McCann, drunk, was fined $3 and costs.

W. McIntyre, drunk, was fined $3 and $2 costs.

William Payne, drunk, was fined $3 and $2 costs.

Angel La Claire, drunk, was relieved of $3 and costs.

Albert Clarke, charged with committing a breach of the peace, was fined $3 and $2 costs.

Alphonse Landrieux, drunk, was fined $5 and $3 costs.

James Green, charged with committing a breach of the peace, was fined $20 and $1 50 costs. In default of the payment of the penalty he was committed to gaol at hard labour.

W. Williams, charged with assaulting Alphonse Landrie, was fined $5 and costs.

Wm. Flynn, charged with stealing a gold ring from Messrs. Seybold & Moynes, was sent to gaol for a week.

The pickpocket, Francis Short, was sent to gaol for six months.

Thomas Dewer, charged with larceny, was remanded.

CITY COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the City Council was held last night, there being present His Worship the Mayor, Ald. Rocque, Chabot, Heney, Groulx, O'Connor, McDougal, Waller, Bronson, Bangs, Christie, Birkett, Rowe, Pratt and David.

PETITIONS, &c.

Several petitions and communications were presented and read, and were referred to the various committees to which they belonged. One from the Architect of the new City Hall, relative to the heating of the new structure, was referred to the Board of Works.

THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

It was moved by Ald. Rowe, seconded by Ald. Rocque, "That the communication read from His Worship regarding the Provincial Exhibition Committee, be received and referred to the Finance Committee, and that His Worship the Mayor, the Finance Committee, and the Board of Works be a special Committee from the Council to meet the directors of the City of Ottawa Agricultural Society, and to learn upon what terms the said Society will convey to the Corporation, and to finally adjust the claims presented against the Exhibition Committee, and to report the same to the Council at as early a day as possible.

His Worship the MAYOR and Ald. ROWE spoke in favor of the resolution being carried.

Ald. WALLER did not see how the city could possibly afford to spend so much money as $19,000 for the acquirement of the ground for a public property.

Ald. ROCQUE spoke strongly in favor of the resolution.

Ald. HENRY thought that now was the time to act, but still he did not hold the opinion that the city was in a position to run into so large an expense at present.

Ald. WALLER said that Ald Rowe was in error as to his figures in respect to the money set apart for the Exhibition. He would, before he was many weeks older, prove to them that the city had from $75,000 to $100,000 to raise for necessary expenses, and he condemned strongly the resolution, and stated that the expenditure would increase taxation from 4c to 4½c on the dollar.

A long discussion upon the subject ensued, but as various members wandered so greatly from the matter, that His Worship ruled several Aldermen out of order, and the resolution being put was carried without further debate.

TAXES.

Some petitions, relative to the remission of taxes, were referred to the Assessment Committee.

THE MAIN SEWER.

A resolution moved by Ald Rocque, to the effect that the Corporation do pay over to Messrs. Booth and Murphy the drawback on the main sewer, retaining $10,000, was carried.

On the motion of Ald. ROCQUE, seconded by Ald. ROWE, the Mayor was authorized to sign a cheque for the amount of the drawback on Mr. P. Cassidy's contract for the City Hall.

THE WATER WORKS.

A most voluminous report of the Water Works Commissioners was presented, but the reading of it was dispensed with.

Ald. PRATT moved that the report be referred to the Printing Committee, and be printed for circulation.

Ald. ROCQUE said that on behalf of the French speaking portion of the population, he should insist upon its being printed in French.

Ald. McDOUGALL said he would like to see it printed in Gaelic. (Laughter.)

Ald. CHRISTIE said there were Germans in the city, and argued that some copies of the report should be printed in that language.

The motion of Ald. Pratt was carried.

THE DRILL SHED.

A communication from Lt. Col. Thomas Ross, relative to the Drill Sheds was referred to the Board of Works.

INSURANCE ON THE MARKETS.

Some communications from various insurance agents relative to the covering of the new market buildings, were referred to the Insurance Committee.

APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT.

The City Clerk read, a letter from Celestine Durocher, applying for employment. The motion was referred to the Finance Committee.

WANTING MONEY.

A letter from Mr. Samuel Keefer, applying for $12 50, balance of salary for services on bridge work, was referred to the Finance Committee.

THE MAIN SEWER AGAIN.

Some letters addressed by Mr. Wm. Mosgrove on behalf of clients claiming sums of $2,000 and $2,500 for damages. They have, as they allege, suffered from the construction of the Main Sewer, were received with laughter, and were referred to the Finance Committee.

THE COTEAU LANDING RAILROAD.

The Mayor was authorised to sign a memorial to the Lieut.-Governor of Ontario, asking for permission to give $1,000 more per mile towards the completion of the Coteau Landing Railroad.

WARD EXPENDITURE.

A detailed statement of the ward expenditure was submitted by the City Engineer. It showed a disbursement of $67,012 07, whereas the appropriation was $65,896 80, leaving a balance of $1,115 27 in excess of the sum appropriated.

THE BUTCHER'S LICENSES.

A petition from the butcher's who carry on business outside the market praying for the refunding of the amount of the licenses paid by them, was referred to the Finance Committee, and the City Solicitor to report thereupon at the next meeting of the Council.

REPORTS.

The Finance Committee presented the reports recommending the payment of divers sums, amounting in the aggregate to $6,920 12 and $11,547 45.

Ald. PRATT objected to the report being passed that evening, as it had not been on the table for two days, according to the rules of the Council.

Ald. WALLER said it had been on the table for two days.

His WORSHIP thought it was only reasonable that Ald. Pratt and the other members of the Board should have an opportunity of considering the reports. In the meantime, he would take up any other subject which would not involve a discussion.

THE NAPTHA LIGHT.

On the motion of Ald. BIRKETT, His Worship was authorized to sign the contract with the Naptha Light Company for the supply of lamps and lamp posts, in order that the city might at once avail itself of the new light.

THE CHAUDIERE BRIDGE.

It was moved by Ald. BIRKETT, seconded by Ald. ROWE, that "the City Engineer be authorized to advertise for tenders for the construction of the stone piers and abutments of the proposed new iron bridge at the Chaudiere in the three daily newspapers of this city, so that the city contractors may have an opportunity of competing for the construction of the same."

Ald. ROCQUE thought that an advertisement in one paper was sufficient, and he called for the yeas and nays upon the question.

His WORSHIP put the question with the following result:—

Yeas—Alds. Pratt, David, Bronson, Christie, Rowe, Waller, Birkett, McDougal, Groulx, O'Connor, Heney, Chabot.

Nays—Alds. Bangs and Rocque.

The motion was carried by a majority of ten votes.

THE FINANCE REPORT AGAIN.

Ald. PRATT raised several objections to the passing of the finance report, and moved that an item of $498.50, due to Mr. Cass for a hall on Major's Hill be struck out, and that the report as so amended do pass.

The amendment was lost, and the report in its entirety was adopted.

THE MARKET COMMITTEE.

The report of the Market Committee was presented, and it recommended that an allowance of three months' rent of stalls be made to the butchers, and that the market lessee, Mr. Starrs, be allowed a similar reduction of his contract for market tolls, in consequence of the obstructions caused by alterations, which reduction, in the estimation of the Committee, was a just one. If the reduction was made, the amount to be received from the lessee would be considerably in excess of the revenue derived from the tolls in any previous year.

Ald. BRONSON spoke in favour of the adoption of the report without alteration.

Ald. O'CONNOR was of the same opinion.

Ald. ROWE opposed the parting of the rebate to Mr. Starrs; he did not see how the Corporation could afford to lose $3,000 out of least the fourth of $11,000 from its exchequer.

Ald. ROCQUE spoke strongly in favour of the rebate to Mr. Starrs, and also to the butchers. He concluded by moving that the time of the Council be extended for one hour. The resolution was carried.

Ald. CHRISTIE then rose and delivered a lengthy opinion, which was to the effect that it would not be legal to make any abatement in Mr. Starrs' contract, and he strongly objected to that clause in the report.

Ald. BANGS urged the granting of the rebate to Mr. Starrs as a matter of justice.

Ald. PRATT said he should vote against the adoption of the report.

After a lengthy and desultory debate the report was passed and the Council adjourned at 11:45.

CONVENT OF THE GOOD SHEPHERDS

Concert at the Court House.

A grand concert, under the patronage of the Right Rev. the Bishop of Ottawa, and His Worship the Mayor, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to aid that most deserving charity, the institution presided over by the Nuns of the Order of the Good Shepherd, took place last evening in the Court House before a numerous and very select audience. Amongst those present we noticed the new member of the Cabinet, Hon. J. Cauchon, and the Hon. Letellier de St. Just. The programme opened with an overture by the band of the Ottawa College, which throughout the evening discoursed some very fine selections in a manner to show that they can compete in many respects on very nearly equal terms with the best bands in the city. Mrs. P. E. Shepherd sang very nicely two songs, Esmeralda, and another we believe one of Arditi's, the name of which was not announced. Mr. Kimber, Miss Poetter, Mrs. H. Lapierre, and Miss Willis each contributed largely in their allotted songs to the success of the concert, the accompaniments being alternately played by Mrs. Kearns and Miss L. Peachy. A duet by these two ladies, and a solo by the former, were well received, and drew forth much applause. Where all were so deserving of praise, it would seem almost invidious to make distinction; yet it is but fair to remark that the duet *Le Connetable de Chester* (Miss A. Peachy and Mr. Kimber) was most favourably received, and had to be repeated, nor should special mention be omitted of Mrs. A. Robertson's very judicious rendering of the difficult *aria O Del Mio dolce ardor*. Mr. J. W. Peachy under took the management of the concert, and no little credit is due him for the success which undoubtedly attended the entertainment.

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UNITED STATES BREVITIES.

The Central Pacific Railroad Company has absorbed all the Oregon railroads in operation.

The degree of M.A. has been bestowed by the University of Michigan upon Miss Hamlin, one of its graduates.

Edgar A. Poe's only sister, Miss Rosalie Poe, died last year an inmate of a charitable institution in Washington.

The material for the ironclad about being built at San Francisco is forwarded in sections from Philadelphia by rail.

Mrs. Andrew Johnson, the widow of ex-President Andrew Johnson, is reported as again very feeble, owing to an asthmatic ailment.

During Governor Kellogg's administration nine criminals have been hanged in Louisiana, while only five were executed in the fifteen previous years.

The opinion that oranges can be raised profitably in Southern Georgia has been fully verified by Mrs. Lightsey, who has just gathered a full crop of the golden fruit.

Richard Henry Stanley, formerly of of New York city, but since May, 1874, Attorney General of the Hawaiian Islands, died at Honolulu about the middle of November, aged 51 years.

Mr. Wylie, the checker player, has just finished a series of one hundred and three games in Hartford, Conn., of which he won ninety-three games, and lost two games, while eight games were drawn.

Elisha H. Allan, Chief Justice of the Hawaiian Islands, has reached San Francisco *en route* to Washington, where he will present his credentials as Minister from that kingdom to the United States.

On and after the 1st of January next, the School Committee of the City of Boston will consist of twenty-four members elected on a general ticket, instead of, as at present, over one hundred members elected by wards.

The California Prisoners' Aid Commission paid 2,766 visits last year, secured the release of 56, had the punishment of 51 mitigated, furnished board and lodging to 180, secured employment for 10, clothing for 22, and gave the means to leave the city to 205.

On the Rio Grande.

HOW THE MEXICAN ROBBERS CONDUCT THEIR RAIDS — AN INSTANCE OF BARBAROUS CRUELTY.

A gentleman who for some time past has been sojourning at Brownsville, Tex., and has had an excellent opportunity for observing the operations of predatory bands of Mexicans who cross the Rio Grande, gives the following description of the *modus operandi* of these raids. The owners of the ranches on the Mexican side have formed a species of league, of which Cortina is the head and front and moving spirit. On the day appointed for the raid, a series of signals, well understood among the leaguers, collect the various detachments into one body. The proprietor of each ranch summons his vaqueros and peones, and, as in the feudal times, joins his forces to the main company, under the command of a chief. It is generally at some fandango, which brings together the inhabitants of an extensive tract of country, that the plot of the excursion is concocted. All necessary preparations having been made, the Free Lances make a rapid dash for the river, and after crossing, either by swimming or by boats held in readiness by their confederates, the band strikes out into the country, but never in a direct route. The ranch upon which the principal attack is made forms the vertex of an angle, the sides of which are the lines of advance and retreat of the riding party.

When the cattle, &c., have been secured, swift couriers are sent out, who make a detour, and crossing the river notify their friends of the point where the predatory band is likely to cross. The men on the Mexican side of the river then post themselves advantageously to cover the retreat of the successful robbers.

The beeves are purchased from the raiders at $5 per head by large cattle dealers and sold in the markets prices ranging as high as $17 per head. This is therefore, a lucrative business for both thieves and purchasers.

The organization of these *chevaliers d'industrie* is almost perfect, and the nefarious schemes are carried out with a unity of concert and action that generally crowns them with success.

Bloody scenes are frequent during these incursions. Not long since a band of Mexicans captured a small pueblo near Brownsville, a poor schoolmaster who had unfortunately incurred their hatred. The villains deliberately hacked off the legs of the miserable man, and then commanded him to walk on the bleeding stumps if he would save his life. In his agony he made a few convulsive movements, while the inhuman butchers slashed him with their swords and knives. Not content with this barbarous treatment, one of them, suggesting that the stumps were yet too long, cut off what remained of them by dividing the hip joints. Death soon came to terminate the sufferings of the wretched man. The knife with which this diabolical deed was done was over one foot in length, and is now in possession of Lieut. McNally, of Texas.—*New Orleans Picayune.*

Modern Naval Warfare.

Modern science has so changed the art of seafare that mere animal courage is only one of the many elements required to make a great naval commander-in-chief. In the days of sailing men-of-war good seamanship consisted in performing certain complicated manœuvres by the action of the wind on the sails; and if it failed, or the rigging shot away, it then became a question of chance, or bull dog courage. The first broadside of Collingwood's flag ship at Trafalgar is said to have killed or wounded 400 men. Bad seamanship on the part of the French led to such a disasterous result, and not the superior gunnery of the English. With steamships ramming will be as fatal as raking was with the old wooden vessel, and frequently more so, because being rammed by a powerful iron clad will simply mean annihilation. Our magnificent and costly ships, if improperly handled, may fall to ruin under the well-delivered blow of a puny enemy. I have long held the opinion that all fighting ships should be fitted with a system of temporary fenders, in order to deaden the blow of antagonist. Some future genius will carry the suggestion into effect, and its influence will be as beneficial to his ships as the fakes of the chain cable were to the sides of the *Kearsage* in her action with the *Alabama*, the shells from the guns of the latter vessel failing to penetrate the rudely improvised cuirass of her antagonist. It was one of those simple contrivances which mark the man of original thought, and doubtless had a great influence on the result of the action, if it did not wholly decide it.

A London correspondent of the Buffalo *Commercial* reports that Col. Valentine Baker has offered his services to the Emperor of Russia, that the offer has been accepted, and that the Colonel will go to Russia as soon as his term of imprisonment expires.

Is health worth having? If it is, protect it—it is a jewel as easily lost as virtue, and in many cases as difficult to recover. In this climate, and more particularly at this season of the year, people are very apt to take cold and suffer from sore throat, coughs, spitting of blood and pulmonary complaints generally, which if not checked immediately lead to serious consequences. The question arises—which is the quickest and most effectual remedy? Bryan's Pulmonic Wafers have been before the public for twenty years, and have always given perfect satisfaction, and invariably effect permanent cures when taken in season. Sold by all medicine dealers and country stores, at 25 cents per box. 4014

BLUENESS OF THE SKY.

From Chambers's Technical Educator.

How does the blueness of an unclouded sky originate? We may best explain it by means of an experimental illustration. Upon a sheet of black glass, or a surface of black japanned metal, place a drop of milk, diluted, if necessary—which will seldom be the case—with a drop of water. The milk is a cloudy medium; its minute particles reflect certain rays of very short wave-length—those toward the more refrangible or blue end of the spectrum; therefore, by reflected light a drop of milk on a dark background appears blue. So through a delicate skin, and a series of translucent but not transparent membranes, the light reflected where the dark background of a vein filled with venous blood exists, is blue. So, also, the translucent, but not apparently transparent, tissue of the iris of the eye often reflects a blue light, there being in this instance also a background of black pigment, but no real colouring matter whatever. The blueness of the sky has a similar origin. Against the dark background of infinite space a translucent medium is placed; this medium is the atmosphere. It is never transparent, countless millions of minute articles, chiefly of water, being suspended in it. When these particles are of a certain degree of minuteness and uniformity, they arrest the free passage of white light; this they do by a peculiar kind of "interference." each minute foreign particle of water gives rise to two reflections, one on each surface—one external, on the anterior surface; one internal, on the posterior. These reflected rays, passing from air into water, and from water into air, suffer different retardations, and, on emergence, cause the usual phenomenon of interference, namely, the production of colour. When the particles thus affecting the incident light are sufficiently minute and sufficiently numerous, the proportion of reflected green, blue, and violet rays, which together give the colour-sensation of blue, predominates greatly over the red, orange and yellow rays, with their longer undulations. Thus the reflected light of the open sky is blue; but let the thickness of the reflecting layer, or the number of the reflecting particles increase, and the blueness of the light decreases, for the solar light which has been deprived by the kind of reflection just described of a great proportion of its more refrangible rays of short vibration, has become yellowish, or orange tinted, and is no longer capable of furnishing an excess of blue rays. From this cause we see that while the light of the zenith is a distinct blue, it becomes gradually of a less pronounced tint towards the horizon, where it would be white if other conditions did not there produce other modifications of the reflected light. This exquisite gradation of tone in the sky is often missed by unobservant painters, who think that the same mixture of some blue pigment will do to represent the colour of the whole sky in their pictures.

Debris of the Empire.

The Paris correspondent of the London *Daily Telegraph* writes to that journal on Nov. 16:—"An advertisement issued by the Board of Domains for this department drew me to the Quai d'Orsay this afternoon. There, in a barrack riding school, were offered for sale some hundred lots of rags, sticks, and remnants saved from the national palaces. Never was seen such a strange display, unless in a camp of freebooters. The placard gave one to understand that the furniture to be sold was rescued from the Communists, from fire, or from the omnivorous German. A part had doubtless been thus saved. Heaps of contorted ironwork lay piled against the naked wall. A mound of shapeless bronze, of chandeliers in bits of gilded chains, and broken railings filled one corner; but the mass of things for sale consisted of ancient furniture, velvet sofas worn to the very thread, silk fauteuils all frayed away, georgeous suites, of which the original colour might be disputed. The domains have really cleared out all the attics of the palaces, and put up their contents at auction. Every style was represented there, from Louis XIV. to the late Empire, in complete sets of furniture. About the middle of the big shed forty tabourets were piled in a great heap. Gilt sofas of a fashion beyond human memory lay one upon another. Fauteuils rose like a mountain, their gilt legs outward and their carved backs turned in. The woodwork in every case seemed excellent, but there were very few articles a prudent housekeeper would care to buy, so rotten were the fine velvets and the thick brocades. Yet I espied a series of articles from Trianon to make a lady envious—curtains of figured silk, others of white silk with embroidery, couches of white satin, painted, and other such nick-nacks in very fair condition. And there was a fine old sofa with ornaments of brass on cedar wood, bedsteads of the antique French form similarly adorned, and a table of excellent workmanship. These are to be sold to-morrow and the day after, with a ton of Sevres porcelain. There were not more than a score of buyers in the Riding School to-day, and the auctioneer conducted his business unseen, moving behind the hills of chairs and the sierras of pile furniture. Those royal old fauteuils seemed to be going at about ten francs a piece, sold by the set."

Letter from Rev. J. Salmon, M.D.

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