The Christmas Festival:

HOW THE JOYOUS CELEBRATION HAS BEEN EVOLVED-SOME ANCIENT CUSTOMS

naturally, one of the earliest obser- that of a man or boy-particularly a black haired boyvances instituted by the Christian Church. The Roman Saturnalia was celebrated in Decembr, with feeasting and joy. In Northern Europe the sun feast was held at this same season, to rejoice at the "return of the sun." This was called jol, or yule, and the Christian Saxons made Yuletide synonymous with Christmas.

The burning of the Yule log and the Illumination of churches and houses with many lights seem to have been an invariable feature of the festival from very early times, and one of its titles was the feast of lights. light of the holy festival shone upon Lived on the Alms of Hebrew Bene-This may have originated in pagan palace and upon cot."

Till Christmasse next returne." Next to the Yule log, in point of ary 6th-the period being Epiphany, 000 worth of script was found upon ancient custom, is the serving of the time supposed to have been concertain dishes as peculiar to the sumed by the Magi to Bethlehem, led Christmas feast. The boar's head was by the star in the East. Games regarded in England as a special ad- and sports were indulged in by all junct. Many of the old carols, al- | classes; special privileges though of religious character, make granted by enactment of law, and reference to the boar's head. At everyone encouraged to recreation St. John's College, Oxford, it is still and amusement. Even war relaxserved on Christmas day with state- ed its horrors. During the siege of velent Society. The members rely ceremony and singing of the carol, Rouen by Henry V. (A. D. 1418), the "Caput Apri defero." One verse runs: city being in extremity from fam-"The boar's head, I understande Is the chief service in this lande. Loke, whereever it be founde, Servite cum cantico."

This dish was probably deemed appropriate, as the Jews could not partake of it. A carol, dating from the reign of Henry VIII., has this: This bory's hede we bring with songe In worship of Hym that thus springe Of a Virgin to redresse ye wronge--Nowell!

The Mince-Pie

originally had a sort of religious symbolism. It was baked in ob- kept as a national feast, and that long form to represent the Manger of Bethlehem. The meat used in the compound was mutton, in memory of the flocks watched by the often committed on that day by shepherds on the first Christmas romping under the mistletoe, eating to the Hospital a very sick man, water getting in through an open night, and the spices were design- boar's head and drinking ale flavor- suffering from pneumonia and pleur- sea-cock. ed to represent the frankincense ed with roasted apples. No public isy. He said he was in destitute cirand myrrh of the offering of the act of that time seems to have irri- cumstances. He was raggedly dress- Thresher Co. are organizing a com-Magi to the Holy Child. In Eng- tated the common people more." - ed, and from his appearance it was land, during the Commonwealth, (Macaulay). However, a writer of judged that water and he had been mince pies fell under the ban of that time observes that, in spite of strangers for a long time. He said the Puritans, and to eat them was laws and enactments, "Father he had no money, and that he had considered by the Cavaliers a test Christmas crept in by many a back to borrow a street car ticket to of loyalty to church and kings. door, and was well entertained at get to the hospital. Rabbi Jacobs, of be buried in Toronto. Christmas pies and pastries were the fireside." often made on a very large scale.

served as a Christmas dish. He speaks of "a fat swan, roasted." But when Capt. John Smith, fresh from his wars with the Turks, saw the wild gobbler in the Virginia forest strutting before the hens, he | yield of fruit the next year. roared with laughter. "The bird," said he, "is exactly like a proud Turk, showing off before his harsistance in many lands."

The Plum Pudding

was called "hackin," probably on account of the chopping of the ingredients. In the seventeenth century it was called "plum" pudding, as raising were then called French plums. The pudding must be stirred, while it is being mixed, by every member of the household, in order of age, to insure "good luck" to the family.

Our English ancestors were possessed of good appetites, especially at Christmas time. We read of feasts at which sixteen courses bearing witness in all seasons to the ing exclamation, the bundle would fall of man. Only once a year, on the likely have been thrown into the was accompanied by equally powerful potations. The wassail bowl formed an indispensable part of the Christmas feasts. The original wassall bowl was the skull of an enemy slain in battle, such a grim cup being held in high favor by the early Saxons. The Anglo-Saxons retained the name for the Christmas beverage, which was compounded to suit the means of the host. Costly wines and spices were used by the wealthy, ale and ginger by the poorer classes. Roasted apples floated on the bowl, and it was proper to stirit with a stick of rosemary.

The practice of tying greens or decorating churches and houses with evergreens at Christmas has existed in England from very early times. The holly was thought to symbolize the crown of thorns, the prickly leaves standing for the thorns, the scarlet berries for the

Sacred Drops of Blood.

Mistletoe has always been used in orally through many generations. In tered, and all her money and valuhouse accoration, but was not allow- England it is still the custom for men ables stolen. She was poorly dressed in the churches on account of its and boys, called the Christmas ed. Lawyer Samuel King is looking driven far out of her course by association with the cruel rites of waits, to go around on Christmas after her interests. He handed the storms, with two blades of her the bruis. The meiden who is not Eve and sing carols. kissed under the mistletoe bough at George Wither, A. D. 1615, wrote and advanced her money to purchase The jury threw out both charge mony was not properly performed un- ing are the first two stanzas: kiss, and presented to the maiden Let every man be jolly, Missed, and brying in "Bracebridge Each room with ivy leaves is drest, Hall" says that when all the ber- And every post with holly.

M py tradit one cluster around the festive! At midnight on Christmas eve the oxen kneel in their Drown sorrow in a cup of wine, stalls. On that one night the lost spirits have rest. Judas Iscariot may sleep. Hero! ee ses to clank "Now all our neighbors' chimneys his chains. The daughter of Herodlas may posso in her encless dance, and the Wandering Jew rest his Their ovens they with baked meat weary stops. Then, too, the spirit of Pontius Plate ceases to roam in the gloomy forest of Mont Pilatus. Without the door let sorrow lie; At mi night nim I my speak. And if for cold it hap to die, Wherever a church may have stood, We'll bury 't in a Christmas pie, though no trace of it be left, singing of chants and sounds of bells are beard. If you lie in a manger in a stable at milnight the future is railway line through Abyssinia, con- on the body on Friday afternoon. Dutch Guiana. This statement emanopen to your vision. If the first necting the Soudan with Ugandi ter- Dr. Norman Anderson will perform ates from a high authority, and is away ages ago, but the framework foot to cross the threshold as a vis- ritory.

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Good Luck is Ahead

But if a woman or girl comes first, misfortune may be expected. From the very first observance of the festival, it seems to have been the custom to exchange gifts and make donations to the poor. The Saxon kings celebrated Christmas with Joyous lestivity and lavish charity. The court set the fashion for the barons, and they were imitated by the people at large." "The

sun worship, but the Christians used | Once a year the poor had plenty; it to symbolize the advant of Christ, every family gathered around the the Light of the World. The Yule Yulo log, spread the Christmas feast, log, lighted on Christmas eve with and sipped the wassail bowl. In the great ceremony, was carefully tend- rural districts, after the church sered, and before it was quite consumed, vice, the squire, or lord stood at his the charred ends were secured and own gate and gave bountiful alms Hyman, a Hebrew, who used to on the premises had to make their preserved to kindle the next year's; to the poor and aged, while his ten-Christmas fire. Herrick refers to ants and dependents were feasted at on the streets, died in the public his expense.

"When quenchet, then lay it up agen | The celebration lasted for twelve days-from December 25th to Januine, the king ordered a truce for Christmas Day, and gave

Food to His Famishing Enemies.

ment, dated December 24, 1652, directing that there shall be "no observance of the five-and-twentieth day of December, commonly called Christmas Day, nor shall any church services be held on that day." In 1644 the Long Parliament had ordered that the 25th of December should be "all men should pass it in humbly. bemoaning the great national sin which they and their fathers had so

One made at Newcastle, England, of Pomona was the custom in some only friend he had, The rabbi was in 1770, was 9 feet in circumfer-ence, and weighed 168 pounds. It cession through the apple orchards becased intimated that he had was compounded of game and poul-on Christmas Eve, drinking cider and try, baked in a crust.

In Chance of the game and poul-pouring the dregs at the roots of about to display it but put it off. In Chaucer's time the swan was the trees while chanting a song, the refrain of which was:

"Health to thee, Good apple tree!"

This was to insure a bountiful The Term "Christmas Box"

meaning a gift, is more usual in Eng- ha had a parcel, which he asked of jewelry in Washington. em." So was named the turkey, land than in the United States. It the name attending him to put is said to have its origin in the an- away for safe-keeping. She threw it cient custom of keeping a box aboard into a bureau drawer, not thinking ships to collect contributions to be that it contained anything of value. used at Christmas time to pay for But when it was opened after the masses for the souls of sailors lost man's death it was found to contain at sea during the preceding year. In a large number of securities and re-England St. Stephen's Day is called cripts. They were in envelopes, all take back Wm. C. Clark, guilty of "boxing day," from the custom which addressed to Mrs. Sophia Hyman, prevails there of the tradesmen, post- Churchville, Ont., near Streetsville. men, or anyone who serves the She is deceased's widow. The household in any capacity, ringing papers had all been pressed com- logical College, Montreal, has been the doorbell, wishing the master and pactly, so as to form as small a accepted, and he returns to England mistress a merry Caristmas, and re- parcel as possible. They were wrap- in August. ceiving a gratuity.

In Germany there is a legend that ped in olicloth, and around that was when the name of the fatal around that was the leaves shriveled, the tree chang- pockets. ed in nature, and became evergreen. Had it not been for the man's dy-with headquarters at Montreal. birthday of the Redeemer, it blooms furnace. with lights and is laden with gifts of |

In the Black Forest regions in Ger- to the hospital after hearing of the The German tariff bill passed its many there is a tradition that on death and his examination revealed third reading in the Reichstag by Chief Figures in Famous Conspiracy on the west side of Broadway, but each Christmas Eve the Saviour the fact that the deceased was worth a vote of 102. comes to earth in the guise of a poor over \$100 000, mostly in securities. boy and asks alms at the house doors. On that day no beggar is refused! food and shelter.

It is said that the popular tradition deposits with A. E. Ames & Co. He of the entrance of the Santa Claus had securities in the Canada Perby means of the chimney arose from

The Story of Hertha.

ed and National Investment Co., a goddess of Norse mythology. When British-American Assurance Co., Tofestival in her honor was celebrated, routo Electric Light Co., Consumers' foundland. an altar of stones was erected in the Gas Co., Dominion Savings and Loan house, and fir branches were piled upon it and set on fire. Through the dense smoke made by the green wood. London and Canada Loan and Inthe goddess was supposed to descend vestment Co., Dominion Telegraph failure. and extend her influence according to | Co., and other corporations. the petitions of the worshippers. Some of the Christmas hymns and night. She said she had been in good carols are very ancient, and have circumstances, but that recently her been in many cases transmitted house at Churchville had been en-

papers left by Hyman over to her, Yaleti to will not be married within a poem describing an English Christ- new clothes. She said her husband and counter-charge in the Hartopp the year. Brand says the cere- mas festival in his time. The follow- used to go up to see her in Churchless a berr was plucked off with each "So now is come our joyfullest feast; ried in 1870.

ville occasionally. They were mar-

ries were placked from the mistletoe Though some churis at our mirth re- he left instructions that dividends

Round your foreheads garlands he would call for them. When he twine, And let us all be merry.

smoke,

And Christmas blocks are burning ; choke, And all their spits are turning,

And ever more be merry."

By agreement Britain will build a warrant for an inquest to be held a submarine cable from the Azores to

Lived in Rags and Died in a Charity Ward.

volent Society for Twenty-five the Liberals of North Norfolk. Years-"My Vest! My Vest!" His Last Cry.

A Toronto despatch says: gather rags and sell newspapers escape through a window. ward No. 6, at the General Hospital yesterday afternoon, and over \$100,him, representing securities in various corporations.

Hyman was 70 years of age, and had been living in Toronto for thirty-two years. For twenty-five years, until last spring, he lived on the charity of the Hebrew Benevoceived some intimation at that time from a stock broker as to the man's wealth, and they instituted an investigation, and as a result the charity ceased, it being proved that he

was very wealthy. He slept in a shed in the rear of In the British Museum is pre- another Hebrew's place on York served the original order of Parlia- street, and occupied his time in gathering rags in the morning, and in the afternoon sold newspapers, and it is said, often told tales of his sufferings to customers, so working on the feelings of some of them that donations of silver were often forthcoming.

> He gave his name as Henry Zolinski at the hospital, but Eli Hyman is McVicar, of the Presbyterian College, his right name. He also went by the name of Davis. Clain ed to be Destitute.

Last Saturday he was admitted 577 Charch street, pastor of Holy Al curious relic of the pagan feast Blossom Synagogue, he said, was the

'My vest, my vest!" Then life left |

When Hyman entered the hospital

Samuel King, a Hebrew lawyer,

bealt With Many Firms.

There were receipts also for cash

manent, Western Assurance Co., Brit-

ish Canadian Loan Co., Canada Land-

His widow came to the city last

Begged Even Postage Stamps.

were not to be sent to him, but that

did call he always insisted on having

the two-cent stamps which the com-

pany saved by not having to write

Not long ago he was made one of

the pensioners who assist in the

services at the synagogue, receiving

a small allowance. Rabbi Jacobs said

Hyman was well versed in Hebrew

law and liturgy.

som Cemetery.

Whenever Hyman bought securities

The condition of Senator O'Brien afflicted. about to disclose it, but put it off until yesterday, when he was too during the past few days has been weak to make any statement, though | such as to cause much alarm among he made desperate efforts to do so. the members of the family and friends. Yesterday afternoon he was His Dying Outery. In his last breaths he gasped out: live more than a few days.

E. A. Leifeld, a Washington jeweler, was arrested in Montreal on a charge of stealing a large amount other whose wealth had enabled her

A contract for 25,000 tons of steel

rais was awarded at Ottawa but

NEWS IN BRIEF

CANADIAN

There is an outbreak of "black-

leg" among cattle in the neighbor-

The report that three lives were

The long-talked-of movement of

The C. P. R. has ordered 500 new

freight cars to be built at Sault

Among the bequests of Mrs. Ward,

Fire destroyed the Grafton cheese

of Kingston, is one, of \$9,000, for a

new organ in St. Mary's Cathedrak.

ordered the purchase of more fuel,

including 1,000 tons of Hocking Val-

Ald. Marquis has announced his

candidacy for the Mayoralty of St.

A despatch from Sydney, N. S.,

says nine vessels are ashore there.

A Government steamer will be sent

three thousand tons of hard coal

have reached Toronto by water

Mrs. Steven Plested committed

Mr. Judson C. Crowe has been ap-

pointed Registrar of Welland, Mr.

The executive of the Ontario Con-

servative Association met to make

plans for the coming bye-elections.

The funeral of the late Principal

The steamer Glengarry filled and

sank at her dock at Kingston,

The Port Huron Engine and

pany to start a branch institution in

Conductor Mulvey, who was hurt

in the railway accident at Inger-

soll, died from his injuries, and will

Lieut. Ed. Holland, of Ottawa, se-

cured the Victoria Cross for gallantry

under fire in South Africa, and now

the claims of his younger brother Er-

nest are being pressed for the same

George Elliot to be deputy.

suicide at Rosseau by taking strych-

Navigation is closed. Thirty-

ley coal at \$5.50 in Toronto.

lost in the Victoria Hotel fire at

grinding in bond has begun.

hood of Verona.

Ste Marie.

Burgoyne.

Mackenzie.

Winnipeg.

to relieve them.

since the strike ended.

Quebec is confirmed.

Mr. Blair declines to state who gets it until the contract is signed. A police officer from London, England, has arrived in Toronto to stealing from the British Postoffice.

The resignation of Rev. Dr. Maggs, Principal of the Wesleyan Theo-

traffic manager of the C. P. R., with when Eve peach d the fatal apple, script was found in deceased's vest headquarters at Winnipeg, has been the case a feasible one and Dr. Shaf- therefore, cost its new owners \$2,appointed general traffic manager, fer tod the parents that next Sun- 225,277.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Large United States orders for coal leve-and so we have the Christmas who knew of Hyman's wealth through and from continue to be placed in Eng-

the investigation last spring, went land. A union railroad station to cost

> \$4,000,000 is to be built at Washing-The election campaign in Natal is being waged on the railway policies

of the respective parties.

The published text of the proposed reciprocity treaty with the United States gives satisfaction in New-

The Marseilles correspondent of the Co., Union Loan and Savings Co., Temps says that the general strike movement is regarded locally as a The question of a coal supply for

New York became more serious yesterday and hard coal quoted at \$14 a ton, soft coal is \$7.50. Coal receipts fell off 40 per cent. The Allan Liner Peruvian arrived

at St. John's, Nfld., after having been propeller gone.

divorce case. The Board of Aldermen, of New York, voted \$500,000 to buy coal

for the poor of the city. John D. Rockefeller has made an additional contribution of \$1,000,000 to Chicago University.

Wm. Stitt, in Jan., 1900, was run over by the street railway at Fort William and lost a leg. He has just obtained \$1,750 damages from the court.

The majority of the Irish members resumed their seats in Parliament, and voted with the Government to reject the amendment made by the House of Lords to the education bill. The police have arrested forty ac-

One of the last requests was that complices of persons who have been his remains be interred in Holy Blos- attempting to introduce revolutionary proclamations into Russia. Germany is planning the laying of

Coroner A. J. Johnson issued a a post-mortem examination to-day, extremely significant at this time.

Completion Has Been Accomplished at Last. The Toronto Ministerial Association discussed the Bible in the

\$50,000,000 STOCK DELIVERED

Chicago, Dec. 23.-The details in the completion of the International Harvester Company were completed yesterday by G. W. Perkins, part-Manitoba wheat to Minneapolis for ner of J. Pierpont Morgan, when he delivered in Chicago \$50,000,000 worth of stock in the combine. Mr. Perkins arrived in Chicago Sunday. Mr. A. M. Little was nominated for | but few knew of his presence until the vacant seat in the Legislature by yesterday. He spent the greater part of the day and evening with Cyrus H. McCormick.

Mr. Perkins is stopping at the Chicago Club, but he left there early yesterday morning and went at once to the offices of the Harvesfactory, and the employees sleeping ter corporation, Michigan avenue and Monroe street, where he was closeted for a long time with Mr. The Toronto Board of Control has | McCormick.

After lunch they went back to the WILL BE ALMOST ALL REBUILT offices again and held another long consultation. Mr. Perkins refused to make definite statements concerning the corporation more than to Catherines, in opposition to ex-Ald. admit that the project was practically completed. He said that he probably would remain in the city for a couple of days.

Mr. Perkins declared that he does not see any cause for alarm because of the condition of the money market and he took exception to the statements which have lately been made by well-known financiers that the country had seen its greatest prosperity.

"Because of our phenomenal resources," he said, "the country is in The croner stone of Brantford's just as sound condition as ever. new library was laid by Rev. Dr. Stocks are of the same value because they continue to earn the same amount, although the selling price is lower.

Doll to Armour Girl Hills." will take place on Thursday after- | Sent Treated by Lorenz.

GREAT SURGEON WILL TREAT BOY

New York despatch: There has been | "The traffic this year," said Mr. no more tender incident in the ex- Whyte, "has been enormous. The perience of Professor Lorenz in this road has been taxed to its utmost country than that of yesterday, when capacity, and in the last two or three he examined the child of a numble years has grown greater by 200 or canalboat captain, Thomas Black, of 300 per cent." Rondout. The captain's wife had written to Mrs. Ogden Armour congratulating her upon the successful operation the Vienna expert had performed upon little Lonta, and wishing for the chid's complete restoration. The Blacks' only child was similarly Accompanying this letter was a

doll, cheap, but neatly dressed in white baby clothes and marked: FOR LOLITA ARMOUR, very weak, and was not expected to | FROM A LITTLE BOY WHOSE LEG

18 CRIPPLED. mother's note of sympathy to anto procure the services of a world famous surgeon at a princely price touched Mrs. Armour so deeply that the induced her husband to write to tion Company and the Lawyers' Mrs. Black thanking her for her let- Title Insurance Company were conter and saying she would endeavor to cluded last Friday. have Professor Lorenz see "the little boy whose leg was crippled" before held out for a higher figure than he left America.

True to his promise, when Profes- had sold out, and achieved their pursor Lorenz had finished his demon- pose. They secured about \$90,000 strations at the New York Polyclinic more than they would have done yesterday and gone to Dr. Newton had they sold at the valuation ac-M. Shaffer's residence for luncheon he cepted by the other interests. was asked to look at Captain Plack's W. A. MacInnes, assistant freight boy, a child of five, bright eyed and winsom. The great doctor declared brought \$1,652,777. The property, day the facilities of the New York It measures 40 feet on Broadway. State Hospital for Crippled Children 262.9 feet on Thames street, 46.1 on would be placed at their disposal gratuitously.

MELANCTHON FIREBUGS FREE

Cases on Parole.

Nearly six years ago startling disclosures were made with regard to what seemed a widespread conspiracy of incendiarism, in the Township of Melancthon, in Dufferin County. Fires were frequent, and there appeared to be a carefully planned system of operation. In May of 1897, Mr. Justice Ferguson sent the chief firebugs, Father and Son Latigants in Interes t-David and James Ballard and Alonzo Smith to the Kingston Penitentiary for twelve years each, by a letter sent by the County At- whose interests are being looked torney to the Department of Jus- after by his uncle. tice. The men were pardoned on There are two wills offered for pro-

HOUSE 3,000 YEARS OLD.

Built by Prehistoric Men, Discovered Near Point Barrow.

humanity began diving into the mysteries of the existence of primordial man has a discovery been made so rich in its suggestiveness of the home life of the prehistorio races as that made by the revenue the Arctic Ocean.

A house built by human beings at least three thousand years ago, and probably of antiquity four times as great, was discovered near Point Barrow, and many of the utensils used by the people who made it their habitation were secured.

The house was built after the plans of houses of the primitive inhabitants of America. Ribs of an enormous whale, or of some animal now extinct, were used for the framework, and over these skins had been stretched. The skin had rotted

DEAL INVOIVES \$500,000.

Whole Lumber Cut of 1908 of One

Ottawa, Doc. 28.—One of the most mportant lumber transactions, involving the sale of the entire cut of one of the Ottawa Valley mills, is reported Watson & Todd, of Liverpool, well-known British buyers, have secured the 1903 cut of McLachlin Bros.' mill at Arnprior. It will aggregate fully 40,000,000 feet, including white and red pine. The cash value of this cut will be fully half a million dollars. The contract includes all the board lumber to be cut at the McLachlin mills next season. Every board turned off the saws from the day the mill opens in the spring to the hour it shuts down in the fall will be included.

From Moosejaw to the Coast C. P. R. Track

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Winnipeg despatch: W. M. Whyte, assistant to President Shaughnessy, of the C. P. R., who returned here to-day, from Montreal, announced that the company will undertake considerable construction in the west. "West of Moosejaw," said Mr. Whyte, "the line to the coast is to be almost all rebuilt. That is, the line is to be more or less changed to straighten out curves and lessen grades. The expenditure will be considerable. The early spring will see a start of the work.

"The biggest construction scheme that has been decided upon," continued Mr. Whyte, "is a new line that will be built from a point on the main line between Yorkton and Prince Albert, westerly and northwesterly, to a point on the North Saskatchewan River, in the vicinity of Battleford, from there to Wetaskiwin on the Calgary and Edmonton line. A line will also be constructed by the C. P. R. from a point near Church bridge to a point to connect with the branch to Pleasant

The C. P. R. are now turning a great deal of attention to the bringing in of fuel, and Mr. Whyte said that now that the rush of the grain traffic was over there should be beforo long a complete relief from the fuel scarcity in the west.

Site of the Trinity Building Brings \$2,215,277.

The simplicity and sincerity of one A RECORD FOR NEW YORK CITY

New York, Dec. 23.-The negotias tions for the purchase of the Trinity Building at 111 Broadway by the United States Realty and Construc-

The trustees of the J. C. Ayer state that obtained by the interests which

For their two-ninths they received \$562,500. The other seven-ninths

Trinity place, and 258.7 feet on Trinity churchyard, and contains 11,-180 feet. The aggregate purchase price was, therefore, at the rate of about \$198 a square foot.

This is a good price for property the site of the Trinity building is unique, with frontages on three thoroughfares and open to the light on all sides. The present building will be torn down next May and replaced with a twenty-story struc-

DISPUTE OVER WILLS.

ing Case.

Rochester, N. Y., report : The con-William Corbett got eight years, test over the will of Aida Maud and James E. Reid five years. The Smith, who died here on July 29th, is announcement is made by the Or- becoming very exciting. The stake angeville Post that these men have is \$17,000, and the contestants are been released, expressions of local father and son, the latter a boy of sentiment having been backed up six, who resides in Toronto, and

bate. The first, dated July 9th, 1901, leaves all the property to Kenneth Smith, the son. The second, date of July 28th last, leaves all but \$2,000 to A. Hamilton Smith, the testatrix's husband. He is named as executor, and \$2,000 is bequeathed to the deceased's mother, Mrs. Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 23 .- Not since Sarah Johnson, of Toronto. It is with Mrs. Johnson that the boy Kenneth is living.

The husband is the petitioner for the second alleged will, while Robt. T. Johnson, a brother of the deceased, is the petitioner of the first cutter Bear on her recent cruise to instrument, which leaves all to the boy. Mr. Johnson, who lives in New York City, alleges that on July 28th last, the day before Mrs. Smith died. the testatrix was of unsound mind and wholly incapable of executing a The hearing will be continued to-

> Toronto Council rejected the preposal to submit to ratepayers the question of approval or disapproval of the expenditure of \$3,540,-000 on a septic tank system of sewage disposal. Council also fixed the terms of the proposed grant for a consumption sanitarium,

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