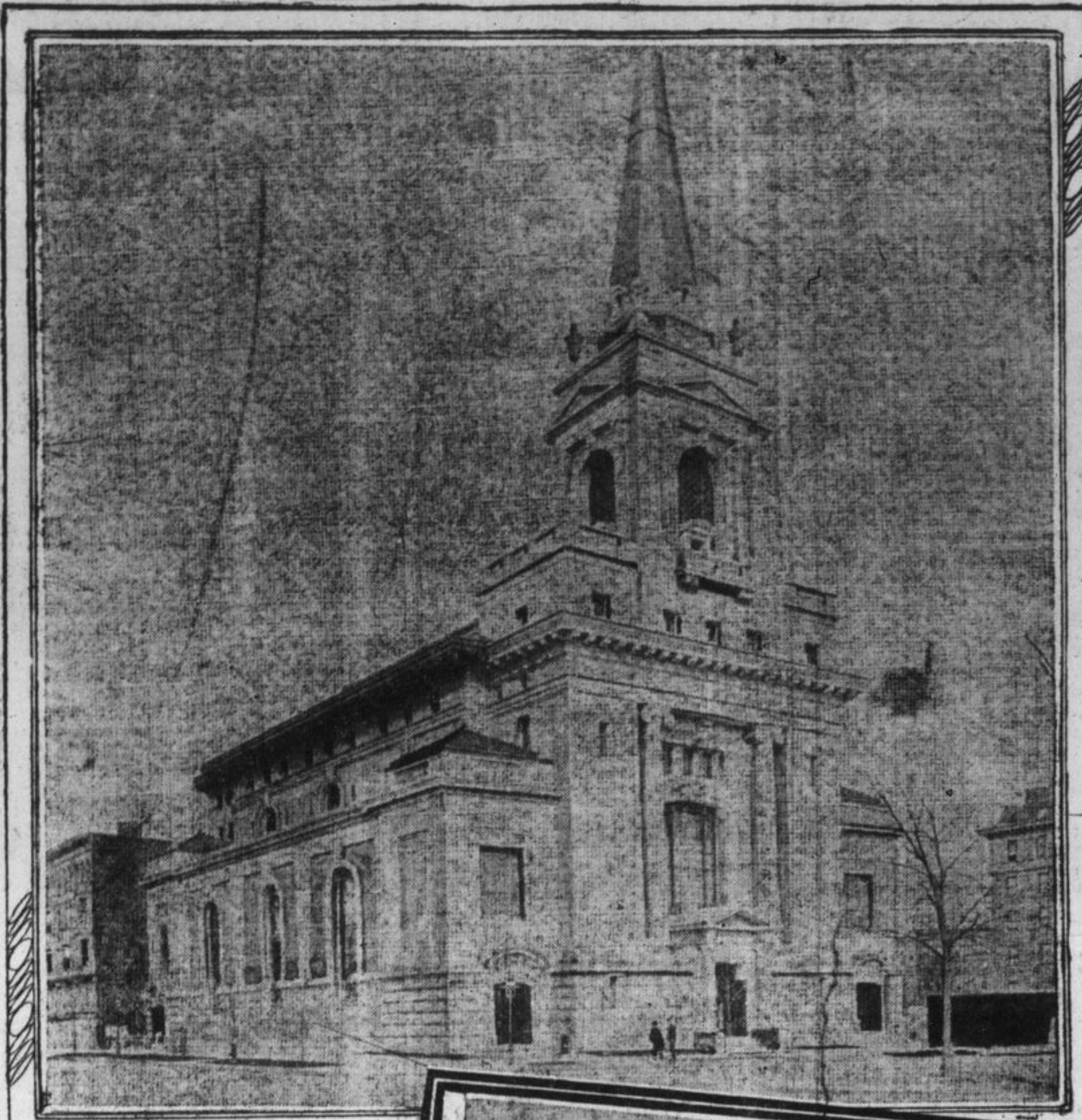


# CHRISTIAN SCIENCE IS SET FORTH



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## SCANDALS THICKEN IN REGARD TO MONTREAL CIVIC AFFAIRS.

Scope of Enquiry Widened—Sentiment in Favor of a Royal Commission to Enquire into the Police Department.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Scandals have been thickening at the city hall during the past week. From an investigation into the erection of a police station below the standard fixed in the specifications, the scope of inquiry has now widened to various other municipal buildings, and it is likely that when the special investigating committee meets it will report in favor of the appointment of a royal commission. The aldermen are becoming daily impressed by the weight of public opinion behind the motion which has forced these investigations, and feel that they cannot risk any further disregard of the demands of the majority as they have done for so long a time past.

The sentiment in favor of a royal commission into the administration of the city's police department is also increasing in strength, and it is likely that before the end of the week the premier, Sir Lomer Gouin, will have announced the appointment of such a commission. The latter is all the more inclined to this inasmuch as the board of trade and other important public bodies have announced their firm conviction that only by such a course can the police force be placed on a footing satisfactory to the citizens generally, and adequate for the requirements of the metropolis. Burglaries have been reported daily for the past fortnight, and instead of decreasing are actually increasing, both in daring and in obvious defiance and fearlessness of detection. Some of the most audacious thefts ever recorded in the city's history have been committed this past week, and in hardly one instance has any arrest been made, the police failing to trace the thieves. Public feeling is worked up to such a pitch over this apparent incapacity that unless something is done in a radical direction towards effecting a reform soon, private citizens are likely to take matters in their own hands and visit punishment on any thief who is caught themselves.

One result of the civic investigations is the unearthing of scandals one, two and three years old, the principal in which thought in their day would never be overhauled and subjected to the searching light of an impartial investigation. Already facts have been ascertained which, when made public, will create a sensation in municipal circles, and ex-aldermen and others are quaking in their shoes. The mayor, Louis Payerette, is a strong man, is taking a personal hand in the work of investigation, and may be relied upon to keep at the work until it has been carried through.

A good guide for Christmas shoppers: High class confectionery. High class perfumes. High class toilet waters. English hand mirrors. English folding mirrors for shavers. Ebony brushes. At Gibson's Red Cross Drug Store. At Banrobert, on Sunday last, Rev. Mr. Spargo delivered a scathing rebuke to some young men who were playing cards in church during the service. The young men belonged to respectable families in the village. A Brownie camera at \$2 or \$3 would make a sensible gift. Buy your boy or girl. See them at Best's. Harry Dowley, injured in a dynamite explosion on the Trent canal, near Frankford, recently, and was brought to the Belleville hospital, died on Saturday. Gillette and Auto-Strop safety razors at Best's.

### PITH OF THE NEWS.

**The Very Latest Called From All Over The World.**  
Robert Munro, editor of the Port Elgin Times, is dead.  
F. D. Manthey, former proprietor of the Arlington Hotel, Toronto, died of a stroke of apoplexy.  
Rev. John G. Manly, a supernumerary Methodist minister, died in Toronto after a long illness.  
Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., reports great interest among British capitalists in Canadian opportunities for investment.  
D. Mann characterizes as "perfect rot" a story that the C.N.R. is trying to acquire the C.P.R.'s line between Calgary and Edmonton.  
Hon. G. P. Graham says there is no foundation for the report that the Intercolonial railway is likely to be leased to a private company.  
The engagement of Senator George A. Cox to Miss Irene Sterling, eldest daughter of Walter Sterling, is to be announced in Toronto shortly.  
John Connors, an old resident of Prescott, aged eighty-three years, dropped dead of heart failure in front of St. Mark's church, on Friday.  
The government has withdrawn from prospecting and leasing all the lakes and sixty feet for road allowances around them in the Gowganda mineral district.  
Col. Gourdeau, deputy minister of marine, in giving his evidence at the inquiry at Ottawa, said that the files of the department had been tampered with.  
The underwriter for the insurance company at Port Colborne, Ont., on Saturday, decided that the steamer Beaver's cargo should be discharged at the G. T. elevator owing to the leak.  
Toronto a pool of \$50,000 has been formed among prominent brokers and sporting men to back Longboat in his forthcoming Marathon race with Alfred Shrubbs, at Madison Square Garden.  
Mrs. Livingston, proprietor of a stock farm in New Jersey, has bought the Fuller farm near Cobourg, owned by James Wellwood, consisting of over 400 acres, for the purpose of breeding thoroughbred horses in Canada.  
Wisconsin veterinary inspectors who have charge of the embargo at the border, say that when the quarantine against Michigan, as a state, is lifted they will keep a quarantine against Wayne county, (Detroit), and will not allow animals to cross the river for some time yet.  
The action of Rev. J. M. Wilkinson in performing a marriage ceremony on the stage of the Majestic theatre, Toronto, on Thursday, has created considerable stir among the ministers, and a report may be made to the Methodist Episcopal conference of the United States, to which he belongs.  
Harry Lansdale, Guilford, Ont., aged twenty-five years, a blacksmith, on returning from visiting his sweetheart at Brampton, in order not to waken the other boarders, climbed to a roof to jump to another roof, which would have given him access to his bedroom window. He slipped and fell 25 feet. He is injured so that he cannot recover.

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Christmas morning delivery of high class candy from Gibson's Red Cross Drug Store, increases in popularity each year.  
Fancy embossed Christmas cards, 5 for 5c., at Best's.

### SHOOT'S SISTER DEAD.

**Was Given Loaded Gun to Carry Upstairs.**  
Malbone Bay, N.S., Dec. 21.—(Gherin, the eight-year-old son of Capt. Benjamin Hamm, shot and killed his thirteen-year-old sister, Ruby, with a double-barreled hammerless gun. An elderly brother had been using it Saturday, and the gun was left downstairs instead of in its customary place. The young man who had it thought the barrels were empty, but one of them had a cartridge. Mrs. Hamm asked Oberlin to take the gun upstairs. She, too, thought it was not loaded. The little fellow first pointed the gun at his sister Lottie and then at his sister Ruby. The mechanism was touched, the bullet striking the little girl below the cheek and lodging in the back of the head. Death was instantaneous.

### ALFRED PARKER DEAD.

**Prominent Peterborough Man Passes Away.**  
Peterboro, Ont., Dec. 21.—Alfred Parker, proprietor of Parkers' Dye Works, which also has an agency in Toronto, and who was one of the most prominent citizens of Peterboro, died suddenly Saturday evening. He had been down town in the afternoon and went home to dinner apparently in his usual health. He retired somewhat early and was found dead in bed by his wife at 11:30 p.m. He was forty-nine years of age, and the cause of his death is given as heart disease.

### Dug Out Poison With Knife.

Kissimmee, Fla., Dec. 21.—While hunting, thirty miles down the Kissimmee River, Saturday afternoon, H. C. Fountain, a prominent contractor, aroused a big rattlesnake, and in a fight killed the reptile only after it had sunk its fangs into his flesh. With his hunting knife he cut away the poisoned flesh, digging out the wound, and when he was found by the two men who were hunting with him, he was able to hobble with their aid. He reached his home Monday, but died despite all efforts to save him.

### 25c. Finest Made 25c.

Chocolate creams, 25c., all flavors. J. Crawford.

There are really so few items a gentleman is permitted to give a lady at Christmas that makes the demand for good sweets like McConkey's and Huyler's so great. The best taste is shown in giving these goods, done up in fancy packages and sold only at Gibson's Red Cross Drug Store.

The plant of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company, in Hyme Park, Pa., will resume on full time next month, giving employment to 5,000 men. It has been closed a year.

Real briar pipes, silver and gold mounted, in plush lined cases, at Best's.

Mrs. G. W. Darragh, Clayton, N.Y., died at Watertown, on Wednesday, aged 46 years. She leaves a husband and eight children. Her mother and three brothers, James, William and Douglas Hart, reside in Pictou.

Pakenham is to have a new tow-haul. A by-law to raise \$5,000 for the purpose of building will be submitted to the ratepayers.

"For hockey players" O.H.A. Liniment is sold in Kingston only at Gibson's Red Cross Drug Store.

Collar and cuff boxes, many styles, at Best's.

### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL CLOSING.

Interesting Entertainment in the Classes.

The closing exercises in St. Mary's school were a thorough success in the end form. T. J. Leahy, chairman of St. Mary's school board, kindly attended the entertainments, and also Rev. Father Cullinan. Each room was tastefully decorated for the occasion and in this work the children took an active part. As was the custom in previous years each child supplied his share of dainties and a feast preceded the entertainment.

In the Senior Fourth form the first number on the programme was a solo, "School Days," by Master Leo Marchand, all the class joining in the chorus. This was followed by several choruses, sung by all the pupils in the grade. The chief attraction, however, was the "Christmas Play," in which Master Clive Givens, dressed in white, represented December, and Master Arthur Morris, with an appropriate costume, represented Christmas. The other characters in the play were Master Victor Lanois, Bert Daley, John Hickey, Vincent Kane, Cecil McConville, Joseph Galli, Henry Campbell, Edward Ryan, each of whom recited several lines in praise of Christmas. Each character spoke in a clear voice and at the conclusion they sang.

"Merry Merry Christmas Bells," an essay, was read by Master Victor Lanois, its author, describing an actual experience of his own life in preparing for a Christmas celebration. Between the various numbers Master Charles Yellowley favoured the class with some suitable gramophone selections. Pupils of the Senior Third and Junior Fourth grades had their entertainment in the Junior Fourth form. Recitations were well rendered by Master Joseph Ahearn, Joseph Maguire, James Walsh, Harry Smith, Vincent Conley, Kirby Warhouse and James Clancy. A very humorous dialogue, "Two Sides to a Story," was given by Masters Wilfrid Grattan and Edward Dolan. A very appropriate class recitation, "You and Me," and two choruses, added to the programme. Several boys in the Junior Fourth grade competed in making statues of Santa Claus and the winner in the contest was James Fitzgerald.

The pupils of the Part I, Part II, Senior and Junior Third joined and held their closing exercises in the Junior Third form. Nine boys of the Part I class sang a chorus, "If You're Good," Master Johnny Hart gave a recitation, "Mr. Santa Claus," which was followed by a song, "Jolly Old St. Nicholas," by Joseph H. P. Stearns and Stewart McDonald, of the Part I class. The boys of the Part II sang "Ring the Bells," which was followed by a recitation, "Santa's Fright," by Leonard Blakey, of the Part II class. Master A. Givens recited "The Toys," and Master W. Powers "A Note to Santa." The Junior Third class gave a chorus, "Christmas Joys," which was followed by a clog dance by Master O'Connor, which was much admired and applauded. Next a chorus, "Santa's Land," was rendered by the entire Junior Third class, which brought the proceedings to a close. Gramophone selections were brought on at various intervals during the programme by Master Walter Steacy.

### Killed Or Injured.

Cobalt, Dec. 21.—Through the accidental explosion of a portion of the stick of dynamite, which had remained in a drill after the original discharge without its presence being suspected, two men were killed outright in the Temagami Gold Mine, and a third so terribly injured that he cannot recover. The other miners were on the job at the time, but escaped with their lives.

### Married In Chicago.

On December 16th, William J. Denison, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Denison, of Collingwood, Ont., this city, and Miss Ellen Ford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Ford, Portsmouth, were united in marriage in Chicago, and after a sumptuous wedding breakfast tendered them by their friends in that city, Mr. and Mrs. Denison returned on a wedding tour to Pittsburgh, Pa., and other points. The happy couple will be "at home" to their friends after January 3rd, 1909, at 1225 Oak Grove avenue, Chicago.

### True Blue Officers.

At a meeting of True Blues, No. 16, Prentice Boys, the following officers were elected for the year 1909: W.M., E. Watts; D.M., Mrs. Hamilton; recording secretary, James Cross; financial secretary, Joseph Campbell; treasurer, Charles Phillips; chaplain, L. Warburton; conductor, Mrs. Campbell; D. of C., B. Skeggs; F. of C., C. Dixon; committee—Joseph Phillips, Mrs. Walker, Miss Wilson, Miss Hamilton; organist, Miss Robertson; auditors, C. Dixon, G. English; I. T., A. Skeggs.

### Cooke's Church Guild.

The Presbyterian Guild of Cooke's church, held a most interesting session on Sunday night, at the close of the regular service. Miss Orser, of Brock street church, favored with a solo, and some fine selections were rendered by the Bethel male quartette. At the close the president, H. W. Newman, presented each member of the society, with the Presbyterian Young People's Society button.

### Brook Street Church.

Special Christmas services were held at this church on Sunday. Rev. T. E. Burke, pastor, occupied the pulpit at both services. In the morning he preached on the story of Bethlehem as told in the second chapter of Matthew, and in the evening he delivered an eloquent sermon on "Jesus, a Man Among Men." Beautiful Christmas music was rendered by the choir at both services.

### Tobacco Was Stolen.

The sneak thief is still busy in the city. Some time during Sunday night, some one secured entrance to the store of Charles R. Deyo, corner Rideau street and Raglan Road, and made off with about \$3 worth of tobacco.

### New burning outfits at Best's.

"Fresh on Saturday," over 800 lbs. of McConkey's choice of royalty sweets for Christmas, buyers. Sold only at Gibson's Red Cross Drug Store.

Fountain pens (Waterman's) for ladies or gentlemen, many styles, from \$2 to \$15, at Best's.

### RUMOR AGAIN REVIVED

ABOUT RETIREMENT OF SIR WILFRID LAURIER.

After the Georgian Bay Canal Scheme is Well Under Way—It is Thought That There is Something in the Statement.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The report that Sir Wilfrid Laurier would retire from office as soon as the Georgian Bay canal scheme was well under way, which was published in several Michigan papers some weeks ago, and was reprinted here, has again been revived, and as there is forthcoming a statement tantamount to corroboration from more than one official high up and well posted, it would seem that there is something in the report. Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself, during his tour of Quebec province, prior to the general elections, gave utterance to several remarks that, read in the light of what has subsequently transpired, would seem to point to his withdrawal from the active political arena as early as possible, and conveniently to be accomplished without damage to the party. He is determined to bring the Georgian Bay canal matter to a head as soon as possible, and arrangements are at present proceeding to that end. That no official confirmation of this fact is forthcoming is due to obvious diplomatic reasons, but its substantial truth is none the less assured.

### RECORD GIFT.

Former Telephone Girl Presented With \$4,000,000.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The record Christmas gift of the season was made when David T. Hanbury turned over to his wife property valued at \$4,000,000. Although Mrs. Hanbury assumes legal possession of the vast holdings, she will not exercise absolute control until after the death of her husband. Every effort was made to keep the transaction secret, but the facts became public. The Hanburys figured prominently last spring in connection with a divorce suit, but just as the climax had been reached, after days of bitter charges and recriminations they forgave and forgot and decided to begin life again to-day. Mrs. Hanbury was at one time a telephone girl and is now one of the wealthiest women in California.

### PROMISED CONSIDERATION

To Ask For Increased Grant to Medical School.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—A deputation from Kingston waited upon Premier Whitney and other members of the cabinet, this morning, to ask for an increased grant for the medical school. The growth of the work of the school and its increasing usefulness to the community as well as to those who are undergoing instruction there, were dwelt upon by members of the deputation. Premier Whitney promised consideration. W. F. Nickle, M.P.P., Mayor Dr. Ross and J. Cameron Connell, dean of the medical faculty, urged the claims of the school.

### Magnificent Quebec Pageants.

The famous moving pictures of the Quebec pageants by the Etablissement Louis Gaumont and never before seen in Kingston, will be shown at the Bijou theatre, to-day and to-morrow, together with a descriptive lecture by Frank Gillions. The pageants were the most splendid features of the ter-centenary and the sole and only persons allowed to make moving pictures of those great spectacles were the agents of the Etablissement Louis Gaumont, which, by reason of being a French company, obtained exclusive privileges from the French officials of Quebec. The negatives were taken back to France, and only recently the finished pictures came back to Canada. This is an opportunity of seeing the "inside" performances, which should not be missed. A number of other views are shown together with a splendid picture of the grand military review and of the march of Wolfe's army.

### Carter's Horse Got Tired.

A local cart got into trouble with his horse on Ontario street this morning. When near the G.T.R. station the animal was taken with a severe attack of that tired feeling and calmly laid down in the road and refused to get up. The cart at first tried gentle means and then became rather angry but still the animal refused to move. Finally a number of people gathered and lifted the animal to its feet.

### Died After An Operation.

William Henderson, Mount Chesney, died at the general hospital on Saturday afternoon after undergoing an operation. The deceased was a fisherman by occupation and had lived at Mount Chesney for some years. A wife and one daughter, four years old, are left to mourn his loss. The funeral took place at eleven o'clock Monday morning to Pine Hill cemetery.

### Left For The South.

Harry G. Polson left this afternoon for Virginia, in the interests of R. C. Polson & Co., wholesale and manufacturing druggists, whose business has extended well into the States, particularly into Ohio and Virginia.

### Has Four Diseases.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 21.—A victim of four different diseases, either of which might prove fatal, and with two other fatal diseases threatening him, Louis Mascot, a wood-working machinist, declares that he feels well. Here are the diseases which the doctors have found are afflicting him: Malaria, regurgitation, and the regurgitation, general anasarca, and multiple abscesses. He is threatened with nephritis and diabetes, which are generally fatal.

### For Him.

How about a Gillette safety razor or Auto-Strop razor? He would certainly like one. Or perhaps one of our complete shaving sets with safety razor, glass, mug and brush at \$5 would be it. We have also some fine pipes in cases, or real leather cigar cases. In fact if you are in doubt come at once to Best's and see what they have.

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J. S. HENDERSON, AGENT

### PERSONAL MENTION.

**Movements Of The People—What They Are Saying And Doing.**  
D. P. Branigan was in Toronto on Sunday.  
J. L. Henderson has returned home from Montreal.  
Police Constable McAdoo is enjoying a ten-day vacation.  
William Harty, Ottawa, is visiting friends in the city for a few days.  
Harold Keaton, University avenue, is home from Toronto Dental College for vacation.  
Cadet Martin, of the R.M.C., left to-day, to spend Christmas at his home in Brandon.  
Rev. Dr. Jordan, of Queen's, will be the special preacher at Toronto university on April 4th.  
Miss Eva Ballantyne, of the Normal College, Toronto, is spending a few days with friends here.  
Cadets T. Henshaw and A. G. Lawson left, to-day, to spend the holidays at their homes in Almonte.  
Miss Addie Toye and Miss Pauline Sparling have returned from Toronto for the Christmas festivities.  
Mrs. William Newman, Woodville, is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Allen, Clergy street, for the holidays.  
Miss Davidson officiated at the organ in St. John's church, Portsmouth, Sunday, in the absence of Miss Halliday.  
E. Villard has returned from Elmira, N.Y., where he attended a meeting of the Builders' Laborers' executive.

### STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Cobalt and Leading Canadian Stocks Listed.

December 21st.	Sellers.	Buyers.
Amalgamated	8.10	8.08
Beaver	.25	.24
Chambers-Ferland	.83	.80
Crown Reserve	2.02	2.06
Cobalt Central	5.34	5.24
Cobalt Lake	.15	.14
Foster	.43	.40
Green-Meshan	.22	.15
La Rose	6.50	6.40
Little Nipissing	.31	.30
McKin. Dar. Savage	1.02	.99
Nipissing	10.25	10.12
Ottawa	.48	.40
Peterborough	.31	.30
Rochester	.17	.16
Nova Scotia	.53	.52
Silver Queen	.11	.11
Silver Queen	1.00	.93
Temiskaming	1.48	1.48
Trethewey	1.41	1.39
Watts	.50	.35

### Commander Spain's Expenses.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The marine department inquiry, this morning, was concerned with the expense account of Commander Spain. The auditor-general told how he had had to refuse Commander Spain's accounts as manifestly incorrect. On one or more occasions the commander had refunded amounts previously collected for expenses. The auditor quoted instances when the commander, though sitting at the marine investigation at Montreal, had put in bills of expenses, as being in other parts of the country.

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