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WITH A GASP

W. R. Travers Heard Sentence Pronounced

SIX YEARS IN PRISON

WAS THE JUDGMENT OF MAGISTRATE DENISON.

The Farmers' Bank Manager Comes to Pentitentiary—Sentences on Three Charges Are to Run Concurrently.

Toronto, Jan. 16.—Six years for theft, six years for forgery and five years for falsification of returns to the government were the sentences imposed this morning by Police Magistrate Denison on W. R. Travers, erstwhile manager of the Farmers' Bank in liquidation. The sentences are to run concurrently, which means six years in all.

Travers received his sentence with a quick inward gasp and a twitching of the fingers.

In sentencing Travers, the magistrate said the bank had been plundered and wrecked by his depredations. The crimes were worse than burglary, because Travers could have entered hundreds of homes without nearly so much injury to depositors and shareholders. The magistrate remarked, however, that the prisoner was to some extent the victim of a banking system which provided for no outside inspection. Travers will be taken to the penitentiary at Kingston in a day or two.

CUBA WILL CELEBRATE

National Exposition Will Replace Noisy Demonstrations.

Havana, Cuba, Jan. 16.—Cuba will celebrate the second anniversary of the re-establishment of the government in a more sensible manner than she usually exhibits in her celebrations. Instead of appropriating vast sums of money for festivities, most of the money going into the pockets of the select few and no permanent good resulting therefrom, the programme for the coming celebration is to hold a national exposition, one which will illustrate the resources of the island, agricultural, horticultural, industrial and mineral. The national show is to be opened on January 25th, the second anniversary of the day when Gen. Jose Miguel Gomez was inaugurated president of the republic of Cuba, and also the evacuation of the island by the army of Cuban pacification.

Rev. R. A. Hutcheson, Unitarian minister of Toronto, makes a plea for beautiful entertainments as highly necessary to modern church life. Toronto capitalists are investing millions in land around Toronto for the purpose of installing British immigrants as market gardeners.

A proposition is on for the merger of the Inland and Northern Navigation companies.

The first delayed west-bound train, arrived in Vancouver on Saturday night.

DAILY MEMORANDA.

City Council, 8 p.m.
14th Band at Palace Rink to-night.
Good ice.
LOVE John installation. All Foresters and their friends welcome.

Talks by the Advertising Man

About Buying At Home

The competition that the merchants of this city have to meet is not so much that represented by other local merchants as by the Mail Order houses.

People send their money to the big city stores. Why? Because they think they are getting better value for it.

There are in a certain town of about three thousand population two good sized dry goods stores. Both are old-established houses. They had built up a good trade which remained about stationary.

Two years ago one of these merchants engaged a young energetic man to fill the position of ad-writer and window dresser.

He convinced his employer that the store had not been sufficiently advertised in the past; that the people had to take too much for granted.

The advertising space in the two local papers was increased, and the young advertising man made good use of that space. The advertisements were bright, and always new. The store did not go getting prices, nor putting on "Slaughter Sales." The advertising space was used to tell the people in a sane, straightforward way about the good quality of the merchandise, the fairness of the prices, the store service, etc.

The result was that in two years the volume of sales in that store increased from \$10,000 a year to \$20,000, and the interesting point in this story is that this extra \$20,000 worth of business was not taken away from the other local stores.

It simply meant that \$20,000 a year, which up to then had been sent out of town, was spent at home, and it was spent there because a merchant told the people—and proved to them—that they could get just as much for their money if not more than they could get by sending it to the Mail Order store.

In order to keep the trade which logically belongs to them the local merchants have only to tell the people the facts.

And tell them through the local newspaper.

FIGHT BUBONIC PLAGUE.

Five Days' Quarantine at the Great Wall of China.

Peking, Jan. 11.—Owing to the spread of bubonic plague in Manchuria, a conference of physicians of foreign legations and missions and a number of Chinese decided to recommend to the government the institution of a five days' quarantine of first-class passengers at the Great Wall until observation camps can be established at Harbin, Mukden and Shanhikwan, and the immediate cessation of second and third-class passenger traffic.

The Chinese government will adequately compensate the family of the French plague expert who recently succumbed to the disease, and also the families of any other doctors who die while ministering to plague-stricken patients.

The Chinese are fearful that the Russians may object to their interference with traffic in Manchuria owing to the injury that such action is likely to cause the Trans-Siberian railway. The foreigners in Peking and Tien Tsin are not alarmed over the plague epidemic, though they are taking precautionary measures to prevent possible infection.

AWARE OF DUKE'S COMING.

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—It is stated on indisputable authority that both the Government and Rideau Hall have been made aware that the Duke of Connaught is to come here. The formal notice, however, will probably not be sent to Canada until the eve of his coming. One of the two secretaries to act for him has received a formal notice of his appointment as such.

A Hen is Not a Bird!

Washington, Jan. 16.—Eggs are also a hen is not a bird! So says the United States court of customs appeals, in a decision which has nullified the customs, perplexed the experts and finally called in the zoologists.

Eggs coming from China usually are broken out of the shells, packed in tin cans and frozen. Customs officials contended they entered this country in competition with home laid eggs and assessed a duty of five cents per dozen.

The importer objected, claiming they should be free of duty under that section of the tariff which puts the eggs of birds on the free list and contended that at most they were only albumen and detritus as such.

The Relatives Must Pay.

Toronto, Jan. 16.—Justice Britton has refused to saddle the costs of a lunacy trial of Michael Fraser, of Midland, upon the old man, and in a judgment handed out at Osgoode Hall on Saturday distinctly states that the relatives who brought the action must pay their own costs.

A great reduction in price in ready-made clothing, carpets, furnishings and clothing made-to-order, at Provost's, Brock street, to make room for spring importations.

Attend Robertson Bros' china sale, twenty per cent. off.

DIED IN ARMS

Mother Tells How She Poisoned Her Son.

TOOK HIM TO FIELD

AND GAVE HIM CARBOLIC ACID TO DRINK.

Could Not Support Her Offspring—It is Said She Spent All Her Insurance Money in Leading a Very Gay Life.

Rochester, N.Y., Jan. 16.—Mrs. Edith Melber, whose amazing confession that she murdered her five-year-old boy in the outskirts of Albany, has shocked even the hardened police who were taken to Albany on account of Mrs. Melber's threats to follow her child into the grave, she is closely guarded to prevent any attempt at suicide, and is constantly watched by a matron. She showed traces of the terrific strain under which she is laboring and she wept convulsively in her cell and refused to eat.

Relatives of the self-confessed murderer declare that they will come to her aid and at the same time intimated that insanity would be the defence.

Among the reports was one that the name of a young Somerset county man would be brought into the case, although not in a criminal sense. It was said that Mrs. Melber had posed for him as single and had been engaged to be married within a fortnight. She had slain her son, she said, because she could not support him.

The authorities learned that, after Mrs. Melber's husband had four years ago, she lived a gay life until her insurance money was exhausted.

"I tried very hard to get the little George into an institution," she said in her confession. "On the awful Friday night in Albany I was nearly distracted, so I decided to end it. George was with me and I stopped in a drug store. I paid five cents for some chocolates and five cents for a little bottle of carbolic acid. All the rest of the afternoon I walked the streets."

"I got in a red car and rode a while. I don't remember much about it, but we got on Schenectady road. It was cold dark and lonely and there were houses in section. I took poor little George's hand in mine and we started to walk. He was so tired that he could hardly drag his feet."

"I said to him, 'mama will give you a drink.' I led across a field into the swamp. 'It is a drink,' I said, and held the little of carbolic acid to his lips. He believed me, as he took a long swig. He struggled for a minute but then I laid him down in my lap and kissed down upon his coat and shoes him. I took out my handkerchief and hurried away."

"Murther in that degree will be the charge," Mrs. Melber must face when she goes on trial. The police now are trying their efforts to locate the son whom Mrs. Melber was to have put to death.

The author of the confession that Mrs. Melber was very "rangy" about the same time that of Kansas City have been furnished his description and asked to identify him.

TO FIND COMMISSION

To Invest Into Farmers' Bank Conditions.

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—The fact that W. R. Travers, general manager of the Farmers' Bank, has pleaded guilty to certain acts of the law, is calculated to the manner in which the affairs of the defunct institution were conducted.

Certain members of the opposition will be in the hands of the government to what disposition is to be made regarding the matter. An immediate commission will be demanded to investigate the matter, and whether it is to be a number of agents to the present law will be placed into parliament.

Section at Lethbridge.

Lethbridge, Alta., Jan. 16.—Vasil Chid, Saturday, said the penalty for being Alexander Lazaruk last night by hanging took place in the N.Y. barracks grounds, and the prisoner died without nervousness and came from Australia. His crime was shooting Alexander Lazaruk on the road between two mining shafts of the Malt etc., after being in wait for his several hours.

Death at Goderich.

God. Jan. 14.—Donald McPhail, watchman at the W.C.F.M., it was built, thirty-four years died of pleuro-pneumonia on Saturday last at his home, Stephen ridge in his son-in-law. The cause of the illness was a large wheat scabbed's basket. The funeral was attended on Tuesday, January 11th.

A Gentleman Burglar.

New York, Jan. 16.—An entire block on Ninety-Sixth street, between Lexington and Madison avenue, is being guarded by a dozen Central office detectives in an attempt to capture a gentleman burglar, who, during the last week, has robbed a score or more of apartments.

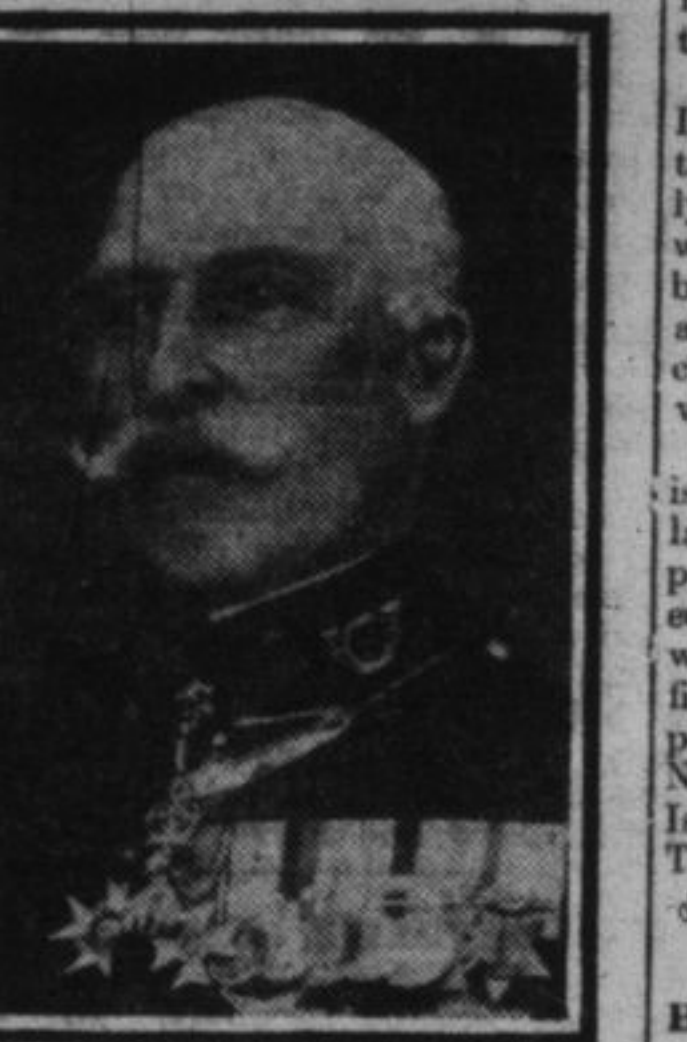
"NONE OF PUBLIC'S BUSINESS."

Bother Over Ordinary Engagement is Enique to Him.

New York, Jan. 14.—"No old? It's all too funny. Why in England a man, especially if he has led an outdoor life as follows of my sort do, are regarded as young at fifty. Suppose Miss Gould is seventeen. What of it?" This was that John Graham Hope Horsley Beesford, Baron Decies, who is soon to marry Miss Vivian Gould, had to say at the Waldorf, to-day, when reporters gently led him to give his opinion of the disparity in the ages of himself and Miss Vivian Gould, daughter of George J. Gould. He is forty-five and Miss Gould is seventeen. "What is all this dashed rot about anyway?" he exclaimed. "I never knew such a bother over an ordinary engagement. It's most extraordinary. I don't see that it's any of the public's business how old I am or how old my fiancée is. It's nobody's business."

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The Duke of Connaught, whose name has been frequently mentioned in connection with the governor-generalship of the dominion, the past year, is the third son of Queen Victoria, brother of his late majesty King Edward and uncle of the present reigning sovereign, King George. He is a popular soldier prince who for the past half century has been held in high esteem as a member of the royal family. He is a field marshal of the army. His name in full is Arthur, William Patrick Albert and before the dukedom of Connaught and Strathearn was conferred upon him he was known as Prince Arthur and is still kindly remembered in different parts of the empire which he visited.

The duke was born in 1850 and consequently he has just turned sixty. He married Princess Louise Margaret of Prussia, in 1879, and will be accompanied by her to Canada and by his son, Prince Arthur, who made a tour of the dominion some years ago, and his daughter, the Princess Patricia.

The Duke of Connaught has seen a good deal of active service, and was present at Tel-el-Kebir. He has been commander-in-chief of the Indian army at Bombay, and of the army at Aden and in Ireland. He opened the great Assouan dam in Egypt in 1902, and has just returned from opening the first federal parliament in South Africa.

DISPUTE IS SETTLED.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The fisheries dispute is settled. The agreement has been signed Saturday evening by Ambassador Bryce, Mr. Brodeur, and Secretary Knox. It is on the lines indicated in previous despatches. Negotiations with Newfoundland are still proceeding.

It is claimed that the deputation of Canadian members to the Dominion Parliament, protesting against reciprocity, will have no effect on the negotiations here, because everything they said was already known to Hon. Mr. Fielding weeks before he came here.

Shot Herself in Hotel.

New York, Jan. 16.—A smartly dressed woman, who said she was Clara E. Pratt, thirty-five years old, widow of Cincinnati, Ohio, shot herself twice, Saturday, in her room in the Hotel Martiniere. She was taken to the New York hospital where it was said she will recover. After she shot herself she telephoned for a doctor.

Quebec's Medical Dean Dead.

Montreal, Jan. 16.—The death of Dr. Edmund Belliard, dean of the medical profession in the province of Quebec, occurred, Saturday, at his residence, 293 Sherbrooke street west. Although the venerable gentleman had been in bad health for some time past his death was unexpected. The deceased was born in Montreal in 1825.

To Ask for Commission.

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—Following his suggestion the other day Major Sharp, M.P., will this week, move for a commission to make a thorough enquiry into the affairs of the Farmers' Bank.

Arrests to be Made.

Berlin, Ont., Jan. 16.—It is expected that arrests will be made in the Mier Zolinski murder case in a day or two.

WARRANT OUT

For the Arrest of Dr. Beattie Nesbitt

FOR FALSIFICATION

OF FARMERS' BANK RETURNS TO GOVERNMENT.

Nesbitt Has Fled—A Detective Traced Him to a Lonely Island in Muskoka—Skipped Across Frozen Lakes.

Toronto, Jan. 16.—Following close on sentencing of ex-Manager Travers, this morning, came the announcement that a warrant was out for Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, former president of the Farmers' bank, and a prominent Toronto citizen, charged with falsification of government returns.

There also came the story of how Detective Inspector Duncan, of Toronto police force, travelled up to a lonely island in Muskoka, where Nesbitt was stopping, and failed to get Nesbitt, who had driven eighteen miles across frozen lakes and roads and caught a train for Sudbury, where he was lost track of.

The present charge against Nesbitt is not an extradition offence. Circulars have been sent by the police to points all over Canada and the United States, describing Nesbitt as a man wanted, forty-five years of age, height, five feet eight inches; weight, 225 pounds, and of Jewish appearance. Nesbitt's family are still on Muskoka Island, and their palatial residence in Toronto is closed.

YOUNG WOMAN ATTACKED.

Beaten and Robbed by a Thug at Galt, Ont.

Galt, Ont., Jan. 16.—One of the most brutal assaults and highway robberies in the history of this town was perpetrated here Saturday night when Miss Sadie McLellan, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McLellan, Stone Road, was accosted on North Water street, about 9, by a man who offered to accompany her home. On her refusal he seized her by the throat and choked her, striking her in the face and inflicting a nasty wound from which blood poured profusely. He seized her purse which contained \$2 and some change, and then decamped.

The injured girl was picked up on the roadside by women who heard her screams, and a doctor was summoned. She was removed to her home and is a little better to-day. The police could get no description of the villain.

Object to Bernhard Plays.

Montreal, Jan. 16.—It is altogether likely that there will be a change in the series of plays to be presented at His Majesty's by Madame Sarah Bernhard next week, owing to the interposition of Archbishop Bruchési. While his grace has not put the ban on the performance or taken any drastic steps, he, on Saturday, had a conference with the advance agent for the Bernhard management, and took strong exception to the production of two of the plays in Sarah's repertoire, "Sapho," and "La Societe." The archbishop stated that these were two objectionable plays, and he did not like the idea of having them presented in Montreal.

Threatens to Sue Vatican.

Rome, Jan. 16.—Mr. MacSwiney, formerly a papal chamberlain, whose hereditary title of marquis, a pontifical decoration, was recently annulled by the pope, threatens to claim from the vatican the restitution of the \$5,000 he paid for the marquisate, and damages, as the annulment is unprecedented in history. The vatican refuses to refund the money, which, it says, does not represent the price of the title, but was a charitable contribution made when the donor was a Catholic, and hence irrevocable. Mr. MacSwiney, owing to his marriage, is now a Protestant.

Grand Trunk Shareholders.

Toronto, Jan. 16.—The idea that the C.P.R. has more shareholders than the Grand Trunk is erroneous. An official statement just issued shows that Grand Trunk shares are held by no less than 54,200 persons now, against 52,900 a year ago. This puts the Grand Trunk second only to the Pennsylvania railroad, which has 64,900 shareholders. The Grand Trunk has 622,475,992 common and 625,175,852 preferred, and, as is known, the shares are almost exclusively held in England.

Want an Inquiry.

Belleville, Jan. 16.—At a largely attended meeting of the Property Owners' Association, on Friday, a resolution was passed asking the city council to request a judicial investigation of the charge of graft in connection with the sale of city lots, and also asking for the removal of the rocky shoal on the site of the Canadian Northern railway bridge by the government.

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POLICY OF CHAMBERLAIN.

London Post Says It Explains Present Willingness to Negotiate.

New York, Jan. 16.—News of the settlement of all the questions at issue in connection with Newfoundland fisheries is regarded with suspicion by the London Morning Post, according to extracts cabled here.

"What has happened," says the Post, "is that the Americans are now making desperate efforts to forestall imperial reciprocity before it is too late. Their information is not that tariff reform is dead, but that preference here is certain, Newfoundland, under another premier, offered them preference some years ago in return for abolition of fish duty. They would not take it then, any more than they would accept Canadian overtures, but they would gladly take less now, in order to get in before a possible Chamberlain policy."

MOULDER DROPPED DEAD.

The Sudden Demise of John Wilson at Galt.

Galt, Jan. 16.—John Wilson, a prominent moulder, here, dropped dead in moulder McCulloch's machine shop this morning. He was recognized in moulder's union and well-known in Ontario cities and towns.

MAY INCREASE SENATE.

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—Political rumors say that before the next general election the government will increase the senate membership. The increase will probably be quite large. At present there are 87 members, drawn from the provinces as follows:— Ontario, 24; Quebec, 24; Nova Scotia, 10; New Brunswick, 10; Prince Edward Island, 4; British Columbia, 3; Manitoba, 4; Saskatchewan, 4; and Alberta, 4.

ARRANGING A DEAL.

For the Purchase of Northern Navigation Co.

Hamilton, Jan. 16.—When asked if there was any truth in the report that President Playfair was negotiating for the purchase of the Northern Navigation company, officers of Inland Navigation company refused to say anything other than that the people who had given out the story were not on the inside and did not know the particulars. The local officers admitted that there was a deal on, however, and intimated that they expected President Playfair to arrive in Hamilton this afternoon in connection with the matter.

No Danger of Seamen's Strike.

Montreal, Jan. 16.—That there is no danger of a general world-wide strike of seamen, and that in the event of a strike of British seamen the port of Montreal would not be affected, was the statement of Thomas Robb, president of the shipping federation this morning.

Australasian Mails.

Melbourne, Australia, Jan. 16.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has called Premier Fisher, of Australia, regretting that the Commonwealth has declined to renew the Vancouver and Australia mail service, which calls at Auckland and Sydney. Canada has decided, therefore, to enter into a contract with the Union Pacific company, of New Zealand, of which Sir James Mills is chairman, for a five-years' service between Canada and New Zealand.

Money Was Returned.

Halifax, N.S., Jan. 16.—It develops that William O'Neil, postmaster at New Waterford, Cape Breton, who left with \$7,500 belonging to the Bank of Nova Scotia, which was returned to the bank at Truro, is back at New Waterford. He had given the money to the parish priest in Truro to be handed into the Truro branch. O'Neil then started back for Sydney and reached there Saturday night.

Cabman Ends His Life.

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—Thomas Walker, a cabman, aged about forty-five years, formerly in the employment of Hinton's livery, Albert street, committed suicide, Sunday morning, at the Cambridge restaurant, corner Bank and Queen streets, by cutting his throat with a razor.

Prohibit Sale of Cocaine.

Montreal, Jan. 16.—It is understood that Hon. Mackenzie King will immediately introduce legislation prohibiting the sale of cocaine in any form, except for medical purposes, by or on a certificate of a qualified practitioner.

It Was a Hoax.

Berlin, Jan. 16.—It develops that the alleged mysterious disappearance of Joseph Targash at Detroit was a hoax, put up by his son. Targash arrived home safe and sound, this morning.

Out of Work Strikers.

Stratford, Jan. 16.—Twenty out-of-work Grand Trunk strikers appeared before Judge Barron, this morning, to present their claims for reinstatement. Enquiries were held privately.

It is not bravery that takes one too far the danger line, but foolishness.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Toronto, Jan. 16, 10 a.m.—Chilly valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Fog and very cold to-day and on Tuesday.



The New Embroideries Are Here

Direct from the makers in Switzerland to your very door—comes the greatest and daintiest assortment of fine needlework ever imported to this city.

- FLOUNCINGS, ALL-OVERS, EDGINGS, INSERTIONS, GALOONS, CUT-EDGE BEADINGS, SEAM BEADINGS, CORSET COVER EMBROIDERIES, Etc.

EVERY PIECE BEAUTIFUL. EVERY PIECE DOUBLE EMBROIDERED.

We invite every lover of fine needlework to call and see our great display.

Don't Forget Our Half-Price Sale OF Women's Coats, Furs and Fur Linings

STEACY'S

DIED. GRAVES—Entered into rest, Sunday, Jan. 15, 1911, at her home, 765 Dufferin Street, Toronto, Ont. Priscilla, daughter of the late Robt. Woolard, of Kingston, and beloved wife of Stephen A. Graves, Toronto. Interment at Prospect Park, Toronto, Tuesday afternoon.

ROBERT J. REID: The Leading Undertaker, Phone 577. 230 Princess Street.

JAMES REID: The Old Firm of Undertakers, 254 and 256 PRINCE STREET. Phone 147 for Ambulance.

TAKE NOTICE: Gas Heaters, Coal Stoves, also Happy Thoughts, Oxfores, and other Cook Stoves. Will sell these at a reduction now at TURK'S. Phone 104.

Our Record Coffee Year

Coffee sold in 1910 7,450 lbs. Coffee sold in 1909 6,360 lbs.

Increase 1910 1,090 lbs. All strictly our own roasting and grinding. No outside brands included. These figures speak louder than words, and we are proud of them.

Have you tried this good Coffee of ours?

Jas. Redden & Co.

IMPORTERS OF FINE GROCERIES.

End of Tehran Romance.

London, Jan. 16.—According to despatches from Tehran, the romance of Mrs. Buckley, the widow of Capt. James Francis Buckley, who ran away with Sir Coleridge Kennard, having her two children with her husband, has been rudely shattered. It is now announced that Sir Coleridge is to be married to the only daughter of Sir George Barclay, British minister to Persia.

Winnipeg After Better Service.

Winnipeg, Jan. 16.—The board of control served an ultimatum on the street railway that unless service on certain routes improved by to-day, the clause in the company's charter enforcing fine of \$10 a day for each unsatisfactory route would be invoked.

Are Vaccinating Bams.

Paris, Jan. 16.—"Malt fever," a strange new epidemic, is causing the death of many people in France. According to the theories of Dr. Val de Grace and Collignon, it is caused by the eating of goat cheese, or drinking goats' milk. An attempt will be made to stamp out the disease by vaccinating the lambs.