

CANANOQUE

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Dec. 29.—Mrs. C. E. Beerman and little grand-daughter, Miss Dorothy Palmer, arrived from Brockville yesterday for a short visit with the former's brother, Daniel Bulls, King street.

TWO LADS MADE OFF WITH FARMER'S RIG

Appeared in Juvenile Court and the Case Was Enlarged for a Week.
Two small boys found themselves before Magistrate Farrell in the juvenile court on Tuesday morning as a result of the prank they pulled off on Tuesday last, when they took possession of a horse and rig belonging to a farmer and drove around the city for six hours and had a big time.

MUNICIPAL NOMINATIONS

Township of Pittsburg.
For reeve—A. E. Franklin, George Matland, John W. Spence.
Councillors—A. E. Franklin, Thomas Doyle, John A. Wilson, John Bennett, George Crozier, J. J. Barrett.

MICE HARM ORCHARDS

Thousands of Trees Are Girdled Annually by These Pests.

The Short-tailed Field Mouse is the Depredator—Prevention and Poisoning Described as Measures of Control—Transplanting Early Crops from Hotbeds.

ALMOST every year thousands of fruit trees are girdled and killed by mice. The species of mouse responsible is not the common house mouse, but the short-tailed field mouse, whose runways may be easily seen in spring in long grass, especially around fence corners.

Control Measures.—There are several methods by which almost complete protection from injury may be secured. These are as follows:
1. In autumn remove the sod from around the trees for a distance of about two feet on every side and bank earth up against the trunks to a height of six to ten inches.

2. If the ground becomes frozen before the grass can be removed, mound the trees with coal ashes instead of earth, packing them down somewhat firmly so that there may be no runways leading through the grass beneath up to the tree.

3. After the snow has become a foot or so deep or after the first heavy snow storm in winter, tramp the snow firmly around the trunks of the trees. This will close the runways and prevent the mice from working their way to the tree. If a thaw follows and the snow again becomes deep it will be necessary to repeat this operation.

4. A popular plan and a good one is to wrap common building paper around the trunk to a height of about twenty inches, or it would do no harm if it went to twenty-four inches or more, as this will also protect the base of the tree from rabbits and from sunscald. The building paper should be put on while the ground is still unfrozen and the paper should be thrown up around the base to prevent the mice getting in beneath. The part above can be kept in place by fastening it with a common cord. Galvanized wire netting with a mesh of about a quarter of an inch is an excellent substitute for building paper and will last for several years, but the initial cost is much higher than for building paper.

5. Occasionally, though very rarely in this province, mice are made to poison to destroy mice. The Washington Department of Agriculture recommends the following poison: "Mix thoroughly one ounce of powdered strychnine (alkaloid), one ounce powdered bicarbonate of soda, and one-eighth ounce (or less) of saccharine. Put the mixture in a tin pepper box (or any perforated tin) and sift it gradually over forty pounds of crushed oats in a metal tub or vessel, mixing the grain constantly so that the poison will be evenly distributed."

Sometimes chopped alfalfa hay thoroughly moistened with a solution of the poison made by dissolving one ounce of strychnine (sulphate) in two gallons of hot water is used in place of the above poison. A bit of this poisoned hay is placed close to the trunks of the trees late in the fall, and not more than a handful should go to each tree and should be placed down close to the crown so that the mice will be sure to find it. It is better to put a slightly raised board on top of it, and under no circumstances should cattle be allowed into an orchard thus treated.

RUTH DEMANDS PRICE Or Will Retire From Major League Baseball



"BABE" RUTH.
Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 30.—"Babe" Ruth, home run hitter, is "through with major league baseball," unless the manager of the Boston American League Club is prepared to meet his demand for \$20,000 a year, he said to-day in discussing an announcement from Boston that he had returned unsigned a contract calling for \$10,000 a year.

TO TAKE NO ACTION UNTIL JANUARY

The Referendum Committee Will Then Discuss O.T.A. Amendment Plan.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—According to Dr. Andrew Grant, Secretary of the Ontario Referendum Committee, no official action in connection with the liquor situation is likely to be taken by that organization until after the meeting of the general committee about the middle of January. At that meeting the action of the committee in the light of recent legislation will be decided upon.

The committee will discuss the advisability of requesting the Provincial Legislature to ask the Dominion Government to take a vote at the earliest possible moment of the question of prohibiting the importation of liquor into the Province from any place outside of Ontario. An amendment to the Ontario Temperance Act with regard to medical prescriptions will also be discussed.

Another matter to come up before the committee is that of asking the Government to pass an interim measure limiting the quantity of liquor that any person can bring into the Province for personal use, and to make this measure retroactive to January 1st, this measure to automatically cease at such time as the Dominion Government takes a vote of the Province on the question of importation.

CHARTER FOR ALLENS

Montreal Organization of Moving Picture People.
Quebec, Dec. 30.—The Allens' Montreal Theatres, Limited, have been granted a provincial charter incorporating the firm with a capital stock of \$1,750,000. The principal place of business of the new company will be at Montreal.

The Allens operate two or three moving picture theatres in Montreal, and are building a modern one with a considerable seating capacity.

The steamer Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm, one of the seven German liners handed over to the British Government by the United States is to be transferred to the C.P.R. ocean services.

F. W. Barnett, Foam Lake, Sask., is on a visit to old friends at Sydenham and Mallorytown, where he formerly conducted business, and at other eastern points.

To-morrow the business profits war tax will expire, and the question will arise of its renewal of its discontinuance.

Nell Love, a veteran commercial traveller and wool buyer, well known over Ontario, died at St. Thomas, aged seventy-six.

Justice Fortin of the Superior Court of Montreal has resigned and will retire on the superannuation provided by the Judges Act.

The Montreal Star has ordered a lockout of all its union reporters and editors, to take effect on New Year's Day.

William Anderson is dead, and his brother Joseph likely to die, as a result of drinking "Columbia spirit."

THINGS FOR OUR READERS

PRESENTED IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE FORM.

The Whig's Daily Condensation of the News of the World From Telegraphic Service and Newspaper Exchange.
Arab volunteers and French detachments have clashed at Baalbek, Syria.

largely wood alcohol, at Owen Sound John McCop, who was a drummer boy during the Indian mutiny, was found dead in bed at his home in Brantford, at the age of seventy-seven.

It is reported that the ministers of Admiral Kolchak's all-Russian Government were killed when the train on which they departed from Omsk left the rails and ran down a slope.

The permanent Olympic committee at Geneva has received a request that the Olympic games in 1924 be held at Halifax. The question will be decided at the games to be held at Antwerp next summer.

Charles William Pearce, demobilized Ontario soldier, employed as a lumberman at Warham Camp, England, shot and wounded the barmaid and landlord of the hotel at Midhurst, Sussex, and then blew his brain out.

Mr. William Charbon, Derby township, near Owen Sound, died after nine days' agony, from burns received in an explosion when she filled a lamp with gasoline by mistake for coal oil, fumes catching fire from the stove. Her baby daughter died the next morning.

DIED AT KEELERVILLE.

Mrs. David Sleeth Passed Away on Christmas Day.
Keelerville, Dec. 27.—The death of Mrs. David Sleeth on Christmas Day, after an illness of about four months, has cast a gloom over the entire community. The family she has left behind have the sincere sympathy of every person. The deceased was of a very kind disposition and an excellent wife and mother. She was always ready to give a helping hand and kind word to all, and will be greatly missed in the community.

Besides her husband, there are six children: Susie and Mamie at home; Lizzie, one of the soldiers' civil establishment staff, Kingston; Bertha attending Kingston Collegiate Institute; John and Willie, at home. The funeral to-day was one of the largest that took place here from the house to the Methodist church at Battersea. Rev. E. Codling preached the funeral service. The casket was covered with flowers from friends and relatives. The pallbearers were: John Robb, J. E. Anglin, George MacFarlane, Charles Clark, James Boal and Charles Anglin.

Enough snow has come to make good sleighing. John Robb and family, Charles Clark and family at Thomas Clark's, Cedar Lake. J. E. Anglin and family at W. J. Anglin's, Battersea.

James Boal entertained for Christmas dinner and tea a good number of friends. Those present were: Henry Scott and family, Milburn; Hugh Boal and family and Mrs. Boal of Cedar Lake; William Boal, of the Standard Bank, Kingston; Mr. Pipe of Kingston; George Kirpatrick and family, of Battersea; John Hanley and family, Milburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Mellroy, of Leland, spent Christmas at James Mellroy's. Mr. and Mrs. William Dixon and son, Willie, at William Sleeth's, Round Lake. A good number attended the entertainment at Battersea on Christmas Eve. Everyone is looking forward to the New Year's tea meeting at Battersea.

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