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You make no mistake coming direct to us for Gloves. We can give you Gloves or Mitts from 25c to $3.50 per pair. Prices the lowest in the city.

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THE DAILY BRITISH WHIG.

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He's a level headed old chappie. He knows that a man, woman or child can't enjoy Christmas cheer with cold toes.

That's specially true of the children. Don't spend all the holiday money for toys and have 'em shiver all winter with cold feet and blue noses.

Old Santa can buy our shoes at about any price he pleases.

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CLEARING SALE

OF

$12,000 worth of Boots, Shoes, Trunks and Valises

Commencing Saturday morning and continuing until the entire stock is disposed of.

This will be a grand opportunity to secure seasonable goods at greatly reduced prices. Sales for cash only. Call and see us.

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Something to interest you in the way of

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Men's Lined Kid Gloves, 50c and 75c.
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Men's Fleece Lined Underwear, 95c per suit.
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Men's Finest Underwear, $2 and $2.50 per suit.
Men's Unlaundried Shirts, 25c and 45c.
Men's Laundried Shirts, 40c, 50c and 75c.
Men's Wool Sock s, 25c for two pairs.
Men's Neckwear and Collars in endless variety.
Men's Working Caps, heavy tweed, 25c.

No trouble to show goods.

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H. D. BIBBY CO.

OAK HALL, KING STREET.

The Knowing Ones Come Here

to purchase their Christmas presents. Fancy Goods, Purses, Perfumery, Novelties, Dressing Cases, etc., at prices that will make you wonder how we can sell them so cheap. See our windows.

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to the finish, the utmost care and cleanliness is brought to bear in the making of our pies. Busy housekeepers find our mincemeat, apple, tart, lemon and pumpkin pies at 15c cheaper than they can make at home. Fresh every day and prompt delivery has made them popular.

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After Cough—CONSUMPTION.

STOP THAT COUGH BY USING ORIEN'S Cough Cure

The Quickest, The Surest, The Cheapest

FOR 10c.

COUGH CURE IN THE WORLD.

It will stop any Cough and only costs 10 cents a bottle. Children like it. Take nothing else and you are safe.

Sold by all wide awake druggists, such as E. C. Mitchell and G. H. Mallard. Also our Wholesale Agent, [illegible]

He's a Jolly Good Fellow.

Santa Claus, of course. That's because he's doing all he can to make other people happy. One of his distributing depots is our store.

2,000 BOOKS.

All kinds, all new, prices from 5c to $1.50. Travel, adventure, history, etc.

Case After Case of Games.

5c, 10c, 25c. We are very strong on games at 25c. Big well finished games, the latest kind for 25c.

The Jacket Offer

Saturday is worthy your consideration. Order to-day.

HARDY'S,

123 Princess St., North Side - Kingston

PARLOR TABLES.

Great range fancy parlor tables. Oak, birch, mahogany and brass. Tables and chairs make fine Xmas presents. We hold and deliver at Xmas as you wish.

T. F. HARRISON CO.

AUCTION SALE

—OF—

Cutters, Sleighs, Bobs, Buggies, Etc.

I HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO sell at the Warerooms of the late G. W. Robinson, Sydenham Street, on

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10th,

the stock, consisting of three Gladstone Sleighs, one Victoria Sleigh, seven Montreal Sleighs, two Portland Cutters, four second-hand Cutters, one pair Heavy Bobs, one pair light Bobs, two Buggies, one Phaeton, with a lot of sundries, etc.

Sale at 2 o'clock.

J. E. HUTCHESON, Auctioneer.

MARTIN'S OPERA HOUSE

THREE NIGHTS AND SATURDAY MATINEE, COMMENCING

THURSDAY DEC. 10th.

Harry Lindley Co.

Opening Night, First Time Here,

"MY PRISON CELL."

Change of bill nightly. Extra attractions for Saturday night.

Prices 10c, 20c and 30c.

REMOVAL OF LICENSE.

I HAVE NOTIFIED THE LICENSE commissioners of this city that I desire to move with my Shop License to the premises on Princess Street, formerly occupied by Robert Campbell as a tavern, and they have decided to meet to consider the same at the Inspector's Office on WEDNESDAY NIGHT NEXT at 8 o'clock.

Kingston, 4th December, 1896.

JAMES THOMPSON.

EDUCATIONAL.

MR. C. J. HOGARTH,

(Pupil of Sir Walter Parratt),

From the Royal College of Music, London, England, gives lessons in Pianoforte, Singing, Harmony, Counterpoint or Fugue. Terms $5 a month, 200 William street.

THE CANADA OF LONG AGO.

PROF. SHORTT DEALS WITH SOME ANCIENT HISTORY.

Currency In Use by the Early Settlers of Canada—The First Attempt at Founding a Bank—Temperament of the People in those Early Days.

The annual meeting of Kingston historical society was held last evening in St. George's hall. Considering the inclemency of the weather the attendance was good. After the reading and adoption of the minutes of the last previous meeting the election of officers was proceeded with resulting:

President, Dr. R. T. Walkem, Q.C.; first vice-president, Prof. Ferguson; second vice-president, Dr. E. H. Smythe, Q.C.; secretary and treasurer, J. Fortesque; assistant secretary, Miss A. Moore; corresponding secretary and librarian, Prof. Shortt; council, Rev. S. Houston, M.A., Dr. Neilson, Rev. Canon Spencer, R. V. Rogers, Q.C., Rev. C. Cartwright.

The retiring president returned thanks to members of the society for the assistance rendered him in the performance of his duties since taking office. He predicted that the society would prosper under the guidance of the newly elected president. Dr. Walkem, in accepting the presidency, said he had taken a deep interest in the society ever since its formation. The society was one worthy the support of every citizen, as its object was that of research into the earlier history of Kingston and Canada as a whole. All the meetings of the society had been pleasant and instructive and the members had acquired much useful knowledge.

Rev. Dean Smith moved a resolution of thanks for the retiring president. The society ought to place on record its sense of appreciation of his untiring efforts in its behalf. Prof. Ferguson seconded the resolution, eulogising Dr. Neilson for his keen interest in the society's welfare. He was peculiarly adapted for the position, being conversant with much of the earlier history of the country. President Walkem warmly supported all the previous speakers had said in regard to Dr. Neilson's ability to fill the position of president of the society. His knowledge of the earlier history of Canada was unique. Probably not another person in the country possessed the same fund of information concerning its past than Dr. Neilson, who acknowledged the tributes paid his knowledge and returned thanks for the kind resolution. Secretary-treasurer Fortesque also came in for a share of praise, his interest in the affairs of the society and the zeal he displayed in the fulfilment of his duties being eulogised by the different speakers.

Prof. Shortt read some extracts from a paper on the early banking system in Canada, or more properly currency and bills of exchange in use at the period of the conquest in 1759 and downwards. Information on the subject was gleaned from the dominion archives, and from many libraries in Canada and the United States. After the conquest of Canada all the trade of the country with the outside world passed into the hands of English traders. Their methods were radically different from those hitherto employed by the French, consequently confusion reigned in the colony for a certain period. The French left a lot of bills of exchange unpaid, and as a result of the conquest it was a doubtful question whether or not they would be redeemed. The effect such a condition of affairs would have on a young, thinly settled and not over wealthy country can be readily understood. The paper money, in the form of bills of exchange, was practically worthless, and to add to the further discomfort of traders and others the metal currency began to disappear and soon became scarce. It cannot be said to have gone out of the country. Most of it went into the "long stockings" and strong boxes of the inhabitants. By acts passed in 1764-66 certain gold coin were rated at a trifle above par, which was not at all satisfactory to merchants. An observer at that period of Canada's history said that Canadian farmers were very wealthy. They hoarded their wealth for the purpose of endowing their children, consequently much of the smaller currency of the country was stored in strong boxes. Among the greater sufferers from worthless French bills of exchange were the signiors and the nobility, whose riches seemed to decrease with the increasing prosperity of the farming classes. Nearly all the English settlers in Canada following the conquest were traders. There was alsoquite a sprinkling of Scotch element, to which is due so many Scotch names among Montreal mercantile houses. All these traders were tainted with the freedom which Britain affords and conducted their business on recognized British principles. The British colony owed its rapid recovery from the conquest to this same adherence to British loyalty. Governor Murray suggested that bills to the extent of £100,000 be put into circulation in Canada, sketching a system by which he hoped to popularize that form of currency. A year later he suggested another scheme, neither of which was adopted. In 1765 a memoir was issued setting forth the condition of the country and contrasting its disastrous present under English rule with the prosperous past under the French regime. It was suggested that as a means of bettering the condition of the country a large standing army be stationed in Canada, either that or a fleet of ships be built. On the other hand, from certain quarters emanated a favorable comparison of the condition of the country at that period with that of the past. The governor succeeding Murray suggested that a quantity of small coin be sent into the country with a view to relieving the congestion of business. On account of the scarcity of small coin merchants were forced to issue "due bills." These afforded practical relief and came to be used in ordinary business transactions. Their circulation was of necessity very limited, but the practice survived many years. An auctioneer at Quebec petitioned parliament for the privilege of the exclusive right to issue promissory notes or due bills. His request was refused. This may be looked upon as the first application in Canada to found a bank. About the period of 1772 the character of the currency in use in the country was very mixed. The standard or value of coins was left with merchants. In a report the then governor said the practice of merchants issuing due bills, while illegal, had to be winked at by the authorities. After repeated calls for specie, small coin began to pour into Canada from England. During the revolutionary war much English money found its way into Canada. In 1783 Canadian merchants asked that no more specie be imported; they had more than they could use, and asked for more bills of exchange. About this time certain traders in the west were prosecuted for fraudulent transactions in connection with issuing bills of exchange. A great amount of specie was at that time put into plate, much of which is still in existence.

The paper was discussed by several present, and Prof. Shortt was tendered a vote of thanks for his interesting talk.

Workmen were busily engaged this morning making repairs to captain Craig's ferry steamer, the Paul Smith. It will take them about a week to complete the work necessary to put her in fit condition for commencing her trips to and from the island before navigation closes. During her stay in winter quarters further repairs and alterations will be made.

The highest and latest style in collars are always in stock at Baker's, opposite Windsor hotel.

Tea and coffeat St. Andrew's bazaar

CITY AND VICINITY.

Thursday Bargain Day.

Everything at cost price, no matter what you require. Richmond & Co.

More New Mantles.

Ranging in price from $3 50 to $9 have been added to the stock of George Mills & Co., 170 Wellington street, next door to Waldron's.

Christmas Cards and Calendars.

Largest stock, greatest variety, lowest prices. R. Uglow & Co., successors to John Henderson & Co. Open every evening.

Have You Seen Them ?

Those lovely silk curtains, the most serviceable present you can make. We are offering them at cost price during our bargain sale. Richmond & Co.

Week Of Prayer.

The subjects for the week of prayer are: Monday, January 4th, Thanksgiving and Humiliation; Tuesday, The Church Universal; Wednesday, Nations and their Rulers; Thursday, Foreign Missions; Friday, Home Missions and the Jews; Saturday, Families and Schools.

Xmas Presents For Dry Goods Shoppers.

We are offering everything at cost price at our bargain sale. Richmond & Co.

Physically Unfit.

A citizen speaking of the local post office referred to it as a sanitarium for old and infirm persons. No less than five of the clerks have physicians certificates to the effect that they are physically unfit for night duty. This throws the night work wholly upon a few and the task is not by any means evenly distributed.

A Midnight Call.

A resident of Cataraqui ward says he was canvassed by an alderman candidate after midnight Saturday. The candidate excused himself by saying he had his regular business to attend to and as the other candidates were canvassing he was forced to do likewise. The only time he could devote to the work was after hours, when he tried to see as many of the electors as possible.

"Our Genuine Sale."

Have you taken advantage of it? If not, do so now. Everything at cost price. Richmond & Co.

They're Doing Double Duty

Commencing on the day that P. C. Small ceased active duty in connection with the the local police force the remaining members of the force have, each man in his turn, been doing double duty, which means that the men do twenty four hours' duty each at a stretch. This state of affairs will continue until the newly-appointed member, R. Weir, begins duty on January 1st next.

The Sons Of Scotland.

At the yearly meeting of the Sons of Scotland, for the election of officers the following officers were elected: Chief, R. J. MacDowell, re-elected; chieftain, Mr. King; chaplain, R. Flett; secretary, J. Massey; financial secretary, D. Spence; treasurer, D. Gibson; marshall, Mr. Gilmore; standard bearer, Thomas Mackenzie; senior guard, Mr. Henry; junior guard, Mr. Carswell; physician, Dr. Herald; pipe-major, Mr. Scott; pipers, Messrs. MacDonald and Clark.

Come To Our Bargain Day Sale

On Thursday. Everything at cost price, no matter what you require. Richmond & Co.

Chalmers' Bazaar And Sale.

The bazaar and supper, given by the ladies of the congregation of Chalmers' church yesterday afternoon and evening, proved very successful.

During the afternoon the sale of the various articles on view went briskly on, and the only lull in the business done was when refreshments were served. Needless to say these were of the very best, and received full justice from those present. After supper a short musical programme was rendered. Quite a neat sum was realized from the sale of the different articles disposed of in the bazaar.

Grand Vespers In St. Mary's.

Grand vespers were sung in St. Mary's cathedral last evening, after which the benediction of the holy sacrament was imparted. The singing by the choir was very fine, especially the rendition of the "O Salutarius" and the "Tantum Ergo." The altar was profusely illuminated with wax tapers and colored lights. This morning at the early mass there was a large number of communicants. During the day numbers of the congregation visited the cathedral and prayed before the holy sacrament, which was exposed in the tabernacle. The archbishop presided. On Thursday evening the forty hours will be concluded with the recitation of the litany, the benediction of the sacrament and the Te Deum. The ceremonies will be one of the most impressive and beautiful of the ritual of the church.

Accident To John Gillespie.

Yesterday afternoon John Gillespie, farmer, who resides on the Point road some distance from this city, met with an accident that will lay him up for some time to come. Mrs. J. Metcalfe, of this city, had driven out to Mr. Gillespie's residence during the afternoon to look at a colt she was desirous of purchasing. She decided to buy the animal, and Mr. Gillespie set his son to work to show it, previous to its new owner taking it away. Another colt was playing about, interfering with the work, and Mr. Gillespie went to drive it away. As he passed behind the animal that was being shown, it kicked, striking him on the left arm a little below the elbow and breaking both bones. The fracture is a serious one. Dr. Abbott, William street, was called and set the broken bones. He does not anticipate any serious outcome of the accident.

Thinks It Would Be A Good Thing.

C. H. Hatch, who has spent his entire life in connection with travel, looking after the wants of the travelling public for an age and is, therefore, in a position to express an opinion on the subject, says that no form of amusement or celebration attracts as large a number of visitors or of so superior a class as a military review. Toronto recognizes this fact and caters to the popular taste. Thousands from all parts of Canada and the United States pour into Toronto to witness the annual sham battle and review there. Kingston is better situated for such a spectacle, and Mr. Hatch has no doubt that if a military review is held here next summer a large number of visitors would be attracted. He thinks that if the affair was carried on for two days the city would scarcely be able to care for all who would be here to witness the amusement.

All Saints' Bazaar And Supper.

The attendance at All Saints' bazaar and concert, held at St. Paul's schoolroom yesterday afternoon and last evening, was very large, and the affair was a success in every respect. The decorations were of a patriotic character and were very tastefully arranged.

In the evening the following programme was given, Rev. R. W. Rayson acting as chairman: Song, Bert Spencer; recitation, Miss Alice Callaghan; song, Mr. Malcolm; recitation, Carew Roche; song, Miss M. Harris; song, Miss McMorine; duet, Rev. R. Coleman and Bert Spencer; charade, "The Seven Ages of Man"; violin solo, Miss Alice Callaghan.

The charade was very comical, and the "Seven Ages of Man" were represented as follows: 1, Cribb-age; 2, muse-age; 3, garb-age; 4, marri-age; 5, lugg-age; 6, pill-age; 7, shrink-age.

Music of Farrin-Field's chambers, [illegible]

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

PARAGRAPHS PICKED UP BY OUR BUSY REPORTERS.

The Spice of Every Day Life—What the People Are Talking About—Nothing Escapes the Attention of Those Who Are Taking Notes.

Xmas presents. J. Craig & Co.

R. Uglow & Co. open every evening.

Delicious tea at St. Andrew's bazaar "Crown Blend."

Richmond & Co. offer everything at cost price Thursday.

Now is the time to buy a nice silk scarf. Baker has them.

There were no cases to be tried by police magistrate Duff this morning.

Fine ordered clothing, black worsted suit $14. Dunlop, King St.

Japanese screens, very prettily hand painted, $1.25 each. E. C. Mitchell.

R. Uglow & Co. open every evening.

Cataraqui lodge No. 10, I.O.O.F., met last night, and five candidates were initiated.

Health underwear and all other kinds to be had at Baker's, opposite Windsor hotel.

An Ontario street wholesale firm received to-day per the G.T.R. a carload of tea from Yokahama, Japan.

R. Uglow & Co. open every evening.

Market caretaker Bennett conferred a favor on pedestrians this morning by cleaning all the crossings under his care.

Ladies' travelling curling sets, scissor cases, manicure cases, cheap. E. C. Mitchell.

Black and dress suits a specialty, the nobbiest line of black goods in the city. Dunlop, King St.

Mrs. C. Bowen has opened a bread and cake bakery at 68 Brock street. Ladies please leave your orders for Saturday.

Valencia oranges. J. Craig & Co.

Refreshments too, at the promenade concert, Levana and Alma Mater societies, Queen's university, Dec. 11th.

One of the gables of the Brock street fire station urgently requires the attention of the fire, water and light committee.

All kinds of upholstered, cosey corners and window seats made at the Carnovsky Co.

All kinds of gloves at Baker's; lined and unlined, reindeer, mocha, kangaroo and bangaroo.

Spanish grapes. J. Craig & Co.

Twenty patterns in trouserings made to order at $3.50. Just the thing to put you through the winter. Dunlop.

A carload of whiskey arrived at the C.P.R. freight shed from Toronto for a local wholesale dealer this morning.

New silver goods. R. Uglow & Co.

A quantity of steam piping arrived from Hamilton to-day and will be used in the outer G.T.R. station, which is to be heated by steam.

Cigar and cigarette cases, also the necessaries to fill them at E. C. Mitchell's.

Your wife would like a pair of handsome curtains to finish her drawing room. Handsome silk, damask or chenille curtains at R. McFaul's.

Fancy lemons. J. Craig & Co.

Of course all the young people in the city will want to go. Promenade concert, Levana and Alma Mater societies, Queen's university, Friday evening, Dec. 11th.

Passenger traffic on the different railways that centre here is very light at present. It is expected, however, that travel during the Christmas vacation will be unusually heavy.

Perfumes, perfumes—See our east window for an elegant assortment of French, English and domestic perfumes. E. C. Mitchell.

At the January meeting of the historical society Dr. Walkem, Q.C., will read a paper on the early fortifications of Kingston, dealing largely with those at the dock yard or point Frederick.

Blue ribbon tea. J. Craig & Co.

Black or blue beaver overcoat made to measure with velvet collar and wool lining, $13. Dunlop for clothing values, King St., south side.

Remember St. Andrew's bazaar in City Hall, Thursday, Dec. 10th. Dinner at 12:30; tea at 6 p.m., stereoptican exhibition at 8 p.m. admission to which is 10c.

The Collins Bay rafting company has secured an extension of time in which to complete their contract of laying water pipes in Toronto harbor and their plant is now being laid up for the winter.

New silver goods. R. Uglow & Co.

Mayoralty candidates express regret that the announced visit of the Duke of York to Canada has been cancelled as they saw in the dim future the possibility of a familiar title "Sir John" descending upon one of them.

H. A. Bird, the man who claimed to have been robbed on Monday night, sold his effects to a second-hand dealer yesterday and took his departure for Cape Vincent, N.Y. He came to Kingston a few days ago to attend a social function.

New silver goods. R. Uglow & Co.

During our cheap sale we will offer a splendid range of fine overcoats, made the same as order work, in beavers, meltons, French nappe and frieze, at prices to defy competition. Z. Prevost, New York Clothing Store, Brock street

The prayer service in Queen street Methodist church has been withdrawn this evening in favor of the missionary address in Sydenham street church by Rev. J. E. Gardiner. The Sunday school board will meet in Queen street at 8 p.m., as arranged.

A box filled with rusty fragments of rock has been lying at the K. & P. station for a long time past. An enlightened farmer brought the "specimens" to the city from the back country in the belief that they contained gold ore. It was another case of "fool's gold."

R. Uglow & Co. open every evening.

Purses, letter wallets, car ticket cases, bill books and hand satchels at Mitchell's.

The Dominion Churchman and Church Evangelist, since the publication of canon Spencer's sermon before synod delegates at Montreal, unhesitatingly condemn bishop Sullivan's criticism as uncalled for. More than the old psalmist can arraign people for speaking in haste.

The final meeting of the city council of 1896, was set for Monday, January 4th, 1897. But, as the municipal elections take place on that day, the date for the meeting will have to be changed, as it is hardly probable that an election of the new council and a meeting of the old one will be held on the same date.

All we ask is an opportunity to show you our stock of Xmas novelties, purses, perfumes, etc., the prices will sell them. E. C. Mitchell.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Movements of the People—What They Are Saying and Doing.

Warden Metcalfe is moving into his official residence.

Fred. Hayward left yesterday for Toronto, where he has secured employment.

Robert Bullis, Marysville, Wolfe Island, has been dangerously ill, but is now on the high road to recovery.

Dr. Knight is out as a candidate for a seat at the public school board, as a representative from Ontario ward.

Dr. Harry Pirie, formerly of Dundas, Ont., but now of Buenos Ayres, Central America, was married in Berlin, on Tuesday, to Miss Gibson, sister of the well-known foot-baller, Thomas Gibson.

W.M., George Aylesworth, D.D.G.M., for Frontenac district, No. 14, will pay an official visit to Frontenac lodge No. 92, A. F. & A.M., this evening, when the lodge will elect its officers for the incoming year.

"Hutch" Taylor has returned to the city and will remain over the winter. He will play with the Frontenac hockey team. Last year he was one of the fast wings of

SLAVERY IN CANADA.

Indians Were Kidnapped And Sold Into Slavery in Early Times.

At the November session of the Kingston historical society Dr. Neilson asked for information concerning the use of the word "Pawnee" in connection with slaves in Canada and the southern provinces early in the history of the continent. Old residents of Kingston who owned slaves had used the word, as documents they had left behind testified. At the meeting last evening Dr. Neilson answered his own question. In the interval he had looked the matter up and this is the explanation given: Early in the last century the French settlers in Louisiana found it difficult to secure domestic servants. They secured permission from the French court to kidnap Indians from the remote west. Most of these captured Indians who were put into domestic use were Pawnees, hence the term came to be applied to slaves. Quite a number of these Indians were imported into Canada and it is almost certain some of them were owned by residents of this city. Difficulty was experienced in domesticating these Indian slaves, who ran away at every opportunity. A scheme was put on foot to export these Indians to the West Indies and there exchanging them for African negroes on the basis of two Indians for one negro. It was contended that the blacks would not attempt to run away from their masters, as they would be captured and killed by the Indians, and on the other hand the Indians taken to the West Indies would soon become domesticated, as they would be far from home and would not attempt to run away. This scheme, however, did not meet with the approval of the French court.

A UNIQUE DECORATION.

How the Dominion Government Encourages Canadian Marksmen.

This afternoon Lieut.-Col. Cotton, D.O.C., military district No. 3, sent to private M. D. Campbell, 45th batt., Bowmanville, one of the handsome gold medals presented by the dominion government to each of the eight members of the team of Canadian marksmen, who won the Kolapore cup at Bisley this year.

The medal is of gold and is in the form of an elephant, which, with the tiger, forms the insignia of India. The elephant is surmounted by an imperial crown. The ribbon is crimson, blue and orange, and the face of the gold clasp pin is surmounted by a tiger and bears the legend "Kolapore-Bisley." On the reverse side of the medal is the inscription: "Presented by the government of the dominion of Canada to Pte. M. D. Campbell, 45th batt." The Kolapore cup was offered by the rajah of Kolapore, hence the unique form of the medal.

Accompanying the medal is a letter from colonel Aylmer, adjutant-general, who states that the general officer commanding the Canadian militia, directs him to "express his appreciation of the splendid work done by the team in bringing the trophy to Canada once more, and in his name, to thank the recipient for the part he took in the competition."

BIDDLE GUILTY OF ASSAULT.

Convict Buckley, of Toronto, Tried This Afternoon.

In the court of general sessions before judge Price Elmer Biddle was placed on trial this morning on a charge of having committed an assault upon guard Patterson, of the penitentiary, in which institution Biddle in confined.

Witness testified to having seen the assault committed. Biddle called several witnesses whom he examined. He afterwards addressed the jury on his own behalf. He was found guilty of the charge preferred against him.

Convict T. Buckley, from Toronto, was then placed on trial, charged with having conspired with the late convict Hewell, Laframboise, and others, to escape from the prison of isolation, in which they were confined. Buckley also called several witnesses, and made a very good address to the jury, whom he asked to find a verdict in his favor, and so do him "the first act of justice he has ever received from twelve of his peers." The jury retired to deliberate, and Laframboise was next placed on trial. The convicts found guilty to-day will be sentenced this evening.

Across The Continent On Wings.

While visiting here this summer W. W. Walkem, M.D., M.L.A., Nanaimo, B.C., was presented with a number of carrier pigeons by general Cameron. They were taken to British Columbia by Dr. Walkem and there placed in a loft. A day or two ago two of the birds returned, having flown across the continent, almost from ocean to ocean. The birds evidently did not stop many times on the journey to feed, as they were in a thin and weakened condition upon arriving here. They flew direct to their former home at the Royal military college, where their old caretaker, John Saunders, attended to their wants and has them still in his possession. It seems almost incredible that these frail birds, about a pound in weight, whose wings measure only twelve inches from tip to tip, should cover so great a distance and successfully find their way across the continent back to their old home. Such is the power of old associations. It is not known what time they made, as the date of their departure is not known here.

Has Another Test.

A crowd of two hundred farmers and others collected on Monday afternoon at Wolfe Island to witness a test of the Emergency hand fire extinguisher, such as was given on the market square, Kingston, a few weeks ago. The little machine was again most successful in subduing fire in an incredibly short time. A frame structure ten feet high was built of pine wood, slabs, shavings, etc., and then saturated with coal oil, then the whole set on fire. When considerable headway had been gained, the contents of one of the small tubes was poured upon the blaze, and it was extinguished almost instantly. For farmers and general store keepers who lack the fire protection of cities and towns it is a valuable protection.

Knights Of The Maccabees.

The local "hive" of the Knights of the Maccabees met last evening and initiated several candidates. Officers for the incoming year were elected as follows: P.C., Dr. Herald; C.C., J. Morgan Shaw; Lieut. C., P. J. Graham; record keeper, C. Carnovsky; chaplain, Rev. G. R. Beamish; physician, Dr. T. M. Fenwick; sergeant, T. Kinch; master-at-arms, G. H. Wartman; first M. of G., H. Oberndorffer; second M. of G., C. Barber; sentinel, S. Decker; piquet, S. Burton.

A large number of propositions for membership have been received, and the hive is in a thoroughly satisfactory condition, financially and otherwise.

Public School Suggestions.

The school management committee has recommended that Miss Wilder be engaged as kindergarten teacher for Victoria school and to exchange with Miss Jones of Central school, both being employed all day. Miss Allen will be director of the Frontenac school kindergarten, assisted by Miss Elliott. They will conduct a kindergarten in the morning and primary class for the afternoon. W. H. Godwin is recommended as principal of Frontenac school. The teachers who will be given rooms under him are: Misses Hentig, Volume, Gardiner, Godwin, Allen. There will be a vacant room at the start.

The State Of Florida.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

VARIOUS SUBJECTS DISCUSSED BY CORRESPONDENTS.

In Cases of Sore Throat Time is an Essential Thing—A Letter Regarding the Coal Oil Question and the Attitude of Aldermen.

KINGSTON, Dec. 8.—(To the Editor): In your issue of Wednesday last appeared a letter headed "That Coal Oil Location," and signed "Fair Play," which, in the interests of the citizens of Kingston in general, of the workingmen in particular, and also in the interests of good municipal government, I hope you will allow me to reply to.

And first, permit me to ask—Did you notice that the letter above referred to appeared simultaneously with the arrival here of the manager of the Imperial oil company—Mr. Waterman? This is significant that that gentleman is anxious for competition, is it not?

"Fair Play" accuses you of being one-sided, because you have taken such a stand on this question, and says the twelve aldermen, who voted against the change in the oil limits, acted consistently. The WHIG is to be commended for its manly, independent stand, and has won the warm appreciation of the working classes by its position on the issue. Where is the consistency of Dr. Ryan, who at first moved a resolution advising the council to change the limits, or of his colleagues who endorsed that advice, and who, after they or some of them, had been buttonholed by Mr. Waterman, veered about like weathercocks, and voted against their own recommendation, without condescending to give reasons for their "wobble." Where is the consistency of these aldermen, who are now seeking the suffrages of the electors, whose opinions, and publicly expressed wishes, properly communicated to them they recently treated with contempt?

Where is the consistency of the men who sent their chairman to Toronto at our expense to ascertain from the fire underwriters whether the proposed change would injuriously affect the city's insurance rates, and who, when he returned with an official reply given at a special meeting of the association, and stating that such a change would not cause an increase in our insurance rates, nor lower the city's rating, refused to believe the association, and by their votes repudiated the action of their chairman, the action taken at their urgent and special request. "Fair Play" seems to know nothing more about what consistency means, than do his twelve, "steadfast" (?) aldermen.

The agitation for a change of the oil limits is not in the interest of one party, as "Fair Play" says. It is in the interests of the working men and of all who use coal oil, and wish to get that article as cheaply as possible. But, of course, the workingmen, the coal oil consumers, do not count with "Fair Play" and his twelve pet aldermen. They are worthy of notice only at election time—they have votes.

I can on the authority of manager Morris, of the Queen City oil company, (as per his statement in the WHIG that the company would gracefully retire after having sold the oil in storage here, and that which was on the way here, and would leave the citizens to the tender mercies of the Imperial oil company) contradict "Fair Play's" assertion that the Queen City company will locate here despite the refusal to change the limits. Does "Fair Play" know Mr. Morris' business better than that gentleman knows it himself? I think not, in spite of "Fair Play's" wonderful acumen.

"Fair Play" says the owner of the quarry hole site "presumes to control enough of our representatives to induce them to do as he pleases." It seems to me that the only man who controls "enough of our representatives" is not a resident of Kingston and is on the same side as the "twelve steadfast aldermen." One thing is very apparent, and that is that the wishes of their constituents do not control those "steadfast" imperial heroes, between elections at least. "Fair Play" says "King Ben wishes the twelve aldermen turned out, because they declined to become his tools to carry out his behests," etc. Three sentences later he say, "King Ben has become too much of a ruler of our aldermen and citizens." Here is more of the "imperial" consistency affected by "Fair Play" and his twelve stalwarts.

Your very acute correspondent says that the principle of this matter is kept out of sight by the WHIG. I am sorry for "Fair Play," for it is the principle of the thing that the WHIG has constantly dwelt upon. "Fair Play" and his model aldermen keep the principle out of sight when they harp so tediously on "the insignificance of the affair." The question at issue is not, shall the oil limits be changed for the benefit of the Queen City Co. alone, but shall our aldermen turn away from our doors any company who asks to be allowed to locate here, to expend money here, to pay taxes here, and to give employment to some, no matter how few, of our citizens?

The assertion that the coming of the Queen City Co. will not cheapen oil here, is not worthy of refuting. It carries with it its own contradiction. Else why is the Imperial Co. so very anxious to keep the new company out? What has the Imperial Co. to fear if "Fair Play's" statement is correct? Moreover the Queen City Co. has already reduced the price of coal oil here, as witness dealers' advertisements.

Without going into "Fair Play's" letter any more deeply, which I could not easily do, for there is very little depth to it, allow me to place before your readers the request of the Queen City company as I, an elector, view it.

They ask to be allowed to purchase and to pay about $100 taxes annually, upon a site that now brings no revenue to the city, and is suited for no other purpose than that for which they wish to use it; they ask to be allowed to erect buildings thereon at a cost of between $2,000 and $3,000, which means giving work, for several weeks, to quite a number of workingmen who stand badly in need of employment; they ask to be allowed to compete with a company that has repeatedly refused to sell coal oil by the barrel to retailers, and which insists that to the price paid by the workingmen for their oil must be added the wholesale dealers' profits; they ask to be given a chance to sell oil by the barrel direct to the retailer, and thus to save to the workingman the middlemen's or wholesaler's profit; they ask to be allowed to add at least one family to our population, to occupy at least one of the many vacant houses in Kingston and do away with the vacancy remission on such house to the landlord every year; they ask to be allowed to give permanent employment to just as many men as are in the service of the Imperial company here; and they ask to be permitted to pay for the extension of the water works system to the quarry hole site. This is what the request that the oil limits be changed means, and the Queen City company has expressed a perfect willingness to welcome any competition. They do not want to monopolize the trade.

W. D. Morris, an alderman of the city of Ottawa, is rated to be worth $57,000 worth of property. Is not he a desirable acquisition to our city, or is not the firm he represents one we should strive to have locate a branch of its business here? "Of course not," say the "twelve, worthy, capable, reliable, consistent and steadfast aldermen," and "of course not," echoes "Fair Play." That would not be fair play to the Imperial company.

In conclusion permit me to thank the sturdy, unpurchasable old WHIG, on behalf of the workingmen, the poor men, for its manly, independent course in this matter, and to put before the public, another phase of the question. There are, in Kingston

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who cannot get work to do. Their outlook for the winter is bleak and disheartening indeed. Many of them, with their wives and innocent children will know the pangs of terrible hunger and cold before spring. Some of them, as I see by the daily papers, have already felt the grip of the relentless monster—want. It is hard for a man who is anxious to work, to be compelled night after night, on returning from fruitless search for employment, to meet the pinched and pallid faces of wife and children, to hear his little ones asking for bread, that he cannot give, to see them shivering for want of the fire that should brighten; the stove, he sees black and cold—if he has not had to sell or pawn it—and to have to turn away helpless, heartsick and despairing, from the piteous looks of their beseeching eyes. Is there a sight in all God's universe, more heart-rending, more agonizing to a father, than to know that the request of his innocent little ones, and his suffering wife, for food and warmth, cannot be granted by him? I think not. And if it were possible to give relief to one such family, by providing the father with honest work, would it be a "small matter," a "matter of interest to one party only?" Even if employment for one man only can be secured, does not it mean that several other persons, the members of his family, will be fed, and clothed, and warmed, that the landlord will get his rent, that the grocer, the butcher, the baker, the coal merchant, and other tradesman, including even the coal oil dealers, will get their share of the wages paid that man. How can "Fair Play" say then that this is a "small matter that affects only one or two parties, at most?" Where is the penetration, and the acumen of this very intelligent and shrewd gentleman, who sees treachery and guile in the request of a company who wishes to buy a quarry hole, and scents a plan to corrupt and control our aldermen, and to subvert our liberties as Canadians and British subjects? Have our aldermen a right to decree that not even one unemployed man shall be given work, that not even a single hungry family shall be fed? I trow not. This is a long letter, but having given "Fair Play" a show, I hope you will not refuse a similar privilege to—FAIR PLAY TO ALL.

Time A Great Helper.

KINGSTON, Dec. 9.—(To the Editor): The statement of a local physician in the WHIG of last evening that cases had been sent to the hospital and reported to the medical health authorities as diphtheria when a little delay would have proved the non-contagious character of the disease, is dangerous and misleading. During the past five months all suspected cases, on admission, have been subjected to a careful bacteriological examination and only once was the diphtheria bacillus not found. If, on