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Are selling Trimmed Hats at great reductions. Newest designs, perfect fit and best workmanship in ladies' street and evening costumes. Give us a call.

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If you want Photographs for Christmas, call and see our work. No trouble to show it, and also no stairs to climb.
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TORONTO.
All other British Columbia mining stocks at lowest prices.
Correspondence solicited.

THE DAILY WHIG.
"Opifer per Orbem Dicor."

ALIEN LABOR LAW.

The fool legislators of the United States are again busy. They have introduced two bills into congress which are decidedly aimed at the Canadians. One is to the effect that it is unlawful for an alien, unless he becomes naturalized and has resided a year in the United States, to seek or accept employment in it, and for every violation of this law, which it is expected to become, there will be a fine of not less than $100 or more than $500. Another bill aims at the limitation or restriction of immigration to the best classes. To this end it provides that every male emigrant shall pay a duty of $100, which shall be paid at the port of embarkation; that he shall be a man of character, able to read and write, and ready to renounce allegiance to his native land and become an American citizen. Neither may pass, and both may pass. In any case the inference is that U.S. congress is not inclined to modify the alien labor law, and that the Canadian commons will have, in defence of its people, to pass legislation protecting the labor market from American encroachment. Mr. Laurier, at the last session, proposed to do what he could to have Canadians dealt with more gently in their relations with the American people. He has not succeeded. This we assume from the outrages practiced upon Canadians in Michigan recently. At the next session of parliament this question will be revived, and if we cannot have reciprocity we can have retaliation.

WORKING UP INDIGNATION.

The government's policy is to have the complaints against employees of the Intercolonial railway enquired into by a commissioner, and according to the evidence their political partizanship will be judged.

Advices, however, to the conservative papers are to the effect that the employees are organizing and pledging themselves to stand by each other "should another man be let out for taking part in the recent elections." The despatch continues: "Both liberal and conservative employees are interested in the movement, and political differences are forgotten in the anxiety to prevent the establishment of what they consider would be a precedent that other governments might use." Oh, fudge!

What is all this by the outcome of a conservative conspiracy to defeat the government in its plans of purging the railway of political cutthroats. Does anyone suppose that Hon. Mr. Blair is going to be prevented from doing his duty by these protests? Have the politicians in the government's employ a right to do as they wish while the conservatives are in power, and to defy the liberals to punish them when a change of government occurs? Not much. The enquiry will go on, and the offenders will be dismissed. Let the whole force of men strike if they will. Let the liberal employees, if they choose, be talked into compromising themselves for the sake of men who will sell them out if need be. But let the commision do its work, and do it effectually.

The conservative officials did not organize a strike when Sir Charles Tupper, after a certain election, dismissed employees without a hearing. And the C.P.R. had no difficulty in finding men when their telegraphers went on strike recently. Have these circumstances no moral in them?

CORNWALL ELECTION.

The contest in Cornwall, for the possession of the seat held by the late Dr. Bergin in the commons, is exceedingly hot, and the appeal of the conservatives is to the religious prejudices of the people as a result of the Manitoba school compromise.

The issue is made religious because there are in the city and township of Cornwall a thousand French Catholic votes, and in the township of Rexborough a large preponderance of Scotch Catholics, and these have been invited, nay urged, to condemn the government, by the defeat of the liberal candidate, because it has favored and brought about a settlement of the school difficulty. What these electors will do remains to be seen. But in any case Hon. G. E. Foster and Sir Adolphe Caron have made the party fight a religious one, and they will not end it with the Cornwall election.

The great feature of the election is the political performance of the conservative candidate, Mr. Leitch, M.P. He has not always been preaching the doctrine which he now defends. Not long since he was an equal righter, and was most offensive in his attitude and language towards the Catholic church. But that was because he saw a chance of winning favor by espousing the cause of the minority, and hence the theatrical effects at a meeting where he announced himself as a remedialist. This meeting was being addressed by Mr. Laurendeau, a Montreal advocate, who turned to Mr. Leitch and asked him if he was prepared to solemnly engage himself by voice and vote to support remedial legislation, and Mr. Leitch replied, "I will support it unto death."

A man who could so quickly swing around from one extreme to another is not to be trusted. He is a time-server of the most pronounced character, and unless appearances are dreadfully deceptive he will receive a scourging from the electors.

Making Final Arrangements.

A joint meeting of the public school property committee and a committee of the collegiate institute board was held last evening for the purpose of arranging for the accommodation of the board of education. Only chairman McIntyre and John McKay appeared for the collegiate institute board. It was decided to enlarge the horseshoe in the public school board rooms to accommodate the increase of members.

The public school property committee instructed secretary McDonald to write architect Ellis urging him to hurry on the work of completing the new school. It is desired to formally open the building on January 4th.

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.

Christmas presents. R. Uglow & Co.

Cold weather. Cheap overcoats. Dunlop.

Choice roses, carnations, smylax, etc. Johnson, the florist.

There was no session of the police court this morning.

Holiday books. R. Uglow & Co.

The local branches of the C.O.H.C. will be visited by supreme leader Raines, of Uxbridge, shortly.

Headquarters for ye old English holly. Johnson, the florist.

All kinds of upholstering done at the Carnovsky Co., 128 Ontario street.

Don't let the chill of winter get the mastery over you. See Dunlop at once about one of his heavy ulsters at $4.50, $6, $8.

Fine leather goods. R. Uglow & Co.

Genuine Roger & Gallet cologne 35c., three for $1, at E. C. Mitchell's. Spurious imitations of this are being sold. Look out for them.

Ladies purses. R. Uglow & Co.

A night school will be conducted at the Y.W.C.A. rooms, William street. All applicants will be received.

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

George Kincaid, of Frankford, and Miss Bertie Bonesteel were married on December 9th at the bride's father's, William Bonesteel, Sidney Crossing.

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

A King street barber shop has not been open since Saturday night last and enquiries are being made as to the whereabouts of the proprietor.

Extra heavy men's winter pants $1. Dunlop for clothing values.

Four generations, embracing twenty-six persons, were present at the celebration of the eighty-second birthday of John Dorr, sr., Clayton, N.Y., on Friday.

Toys and games. R. Uglow & Co.

What more useful Christmas present can you buy a husband or son than an overcoat? Our overcoats are the best value in Kingston. Dunlop, King street.

On December 2nd J. L. Donaldson, Trenton, was married to Miss Eva Bonesteel, Front of Sidney. Miss Eva is the youngest daughter of C. H. Bonesteel.

Coal $5 per ton delivered. W. G. Craig & Co.

Already the express companies have begun to feel the effect of the Christmas trade. About double the usual quantity of express matter is now being handled.

Before you buy your Christmas presents see our palms, rubbers, arancarias, aralia, umbrella plants, ferns, azaleas, begonias, primroses and hyacinths. Johnson, the florist.

On Monday driver Ruttan was tried at the barracks for desertion. He received sentence, but this will have to receive confirmation from the authorities at Ottawa.

Telephone 74 and have your furniture repholstered by the Carnovsky Company.

Coal, all sizes, for base burners, open grates, ranges and cook stoves, heaters and furnaces, delivered to any part of the city at $5 per ton, by W. G. Craig & Co., Ontario street.

After careful nursing for three days and nights good ice was secured at the Kingston skating rink. The foundation is firm and the surface is like glass. It is not very thick as yet.

The balance of our overcoats at cost price. Dunlop, King street.

The Trinity workingmen's club, Watertown, N.Y., a non sectarian organization, is in a flourishing condition and has over $1,000 in its treasury. It has a membership of more than 300.

For holiday goods go to Henderson's book store. R. Uglow & Co.

The Bay of Quinte Ry. new short line for Tweed, Napanee, Deseronto and all local points. Train leaves City Hall depot at 3:30 p.m. R. J. Wilson, agent, C.P.R. telegraph office Clarence street.

Sofa cushions and tea cosies ready for covering at R. McFaul's.

Local curlers expect to enjoy the "roarin' game" by to-morrow. There is fairly good ice now in the rink, and as soon as the "tees" are marked out active playing will be at once begun.

For holiday goods go to Henderson's book store. R. Uglow & Co.

We have a few very pretty fans, bought at a big reduction, on which we are offering special prices. E. C. Mitchell.

The Kingston and Montreal forwarding company has three barges hauled out at Portsmouth to be rebuilt during the winter. Work on them will not begin, however, until after the opening of the new year.

Toys and games. R. Uglow & Co.

Twenty patterns in winter trouserings made to measure at $3.50 in nobby stripes and checks. If you can beat them anywhere else and can prove it we give them for $2.50. Dunlop, King street.

The work of laying up the M. T. Co's fleet of craft is being proceeded with. A large staff is engaged in the work, which will not be completed for at least a couple of weeks yet. The tug Jessie Hall is still in commission.

Christmas presents. R. Uglow & Co.

See our photo frames. People pronounce them perfect and prices are ridiculously low. E. C. Mitchell.

Saturday night last a hardware merchant located on lower Princess street locked a dog in his store. Upon opening up the premises Monday morning he found his day book torn into scraps. There were scarcely two pages intact.

Ladies purses. R. Uglow & Co.

We have sold more purses during the past year than we had sold altogether for five years before. Reason—Prices, styles and quality were right, and we are offering better values than ever for Xmas. E. C. Mitchell.

Superintendent B. W. Folger, of the electric street railway company, states that he is perfectly willing that the electric cars shall be stopped to take on and discharge passengers at the near sides of crossings instead of at the farther sides, as is done at present.

Fine leather goods. R. Uglow & Co.

Mantles, grills, screens, and interior house decorative work made to order The Carnovsky Co.

What had been needed for a long time has at last been attended to, namely, a light at the rear entrance to Queen's college arts building. An electric light has been placed immediately above the door and after nightfall guides uncertain feet into the way of truth.

Holiday books. R. Uglow & Co.

The Rose Importing Company have received about fifty cases of Japanese curios too late for the wholesale trade and have opened them up for retail in the city directly opposite the City Hotel. These are very fine goods, suitable for Xmas presents. This is a grand opportunity for the citizens of Kingston to get fine goods at low prices. New goods opened daily. Store open on Wednesday.

Burial Of The Late Andrew Davidson.

The remains of the late Andrew Davidson were conveyed from his late residence, Colborne street, to Cataraqui cemetery yesterday afternoon. Service was conducted at the house by the Rev. John Mackie. The cortege was a lengthy one and included many of Kingston's oldest and most respected citizens. The floral display, made up of gifts from friends, was large and beautiful.

Safe, Sure, Painless.

Just what you need if you are troubled by aching corns. Putman's Painless Corn Extractor acts in this way. It makes no sore spots, acts speedily, removing the worst corn in twenty-four hours. Putman's Corn Extractor, the only sure corn cure.

Death Of Owen Powers.

One of the old and respected settlers of North Burgess passed away on Monday, December 7th, aged sixty-six years. We extend heartfelt sympathy to all the friends of deceased.

WANT TWO VOTES

In the Senate to Secure Passage of a Tariff Act.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—In an interview on the senatorial situation in North Carolina, senator Thurston, of Nebraska, a member of the national republican committee, said: "The republicans seem certain of forty-two seats in the next senate. If Mr. Mantle, of Montana, should act with us we will have forty-three. We would then need at least two more votes together with the vote of the vice-president, to secure the passage of a tariff act. We hope to secure those two votes from Kentucky and North Carolina.

"For myself I feel that all proposed financial legislation can be and ought to be postponed until this country has a chance to test the effect of the new protective tariff. We are, therefore, not interested very much now about any money issue, but it is of the greatest importance to have enough senators thoroughly committed to the protective policy to secure the passage of a tariff bill."

Second City In The Empire.

Scottish American.

Our Canadian contemporaries have been indulging in discussion as to the second city in the British empire. They readily admit that Glasgow is the second city in the united kingdom, but maintain that it only ranks fourth in the British empire, as according to the census of 1891 both Calcutta and Bombay have a greater population. Our contemporaries forget that since 1891 a great change has come over Glasgow, and that the census of that year is no test. Since then a greater Glasgow has been formed through absorbing several suburbs, placing it beyond all question the second city in the empire. Glasgow has the farther distinction of being the most teetotal city of the empire. At last municipal election there were seventy-five councillors to be elected in the twenty-five wards, and out of the fifty-six candidates recommended by the progressive union, which takes up the question of temperance energetically, no fewer than forty-five have been elected, and still another five recommended by the union have been returned unopposed.

Made No Public Appeal.

In regard to Deremo, a sick Bellevillian found on the streets of Kingston very ill the Belleville Intelligencer says: "Deremo was in the city last Thursday and asked to be allowed to go to the hospital, saying he had diabetes. He said he was formerly a resident of Tudor. He was directed to the county council for assistance, but he made no public appeal. He was evidently in fear of warden Clark, whom he defrauded, it is said, out of a quantity of goods some years ago.

Deremo arranged to peddle medicine, and procured a horse, harness and waggon from warden P. P. Clark and started out. He stopped at Buffalo, and after remaining there fifteen years, came back to be kept by Hastings county. He has a wife and a son living in Buffalo, and it is said they put him out.

Fraser's Creditors Meet.

A meeting of the creditors of the Donald Fraser estate was held yesterday afternoon. No business could be transacted owing to the fact that the appeal of the Canada life assurance company against the verdict of a Kingston jury, in the action of the creditors against the company, has not yet been decided. It will be remembered that the creditors sued to recover $900, the surrender value of an insurance policy on the life of Donald Fraser, and originally drawn in favor of his wife. Mrs. Fraser died some time previous to her husband's assignment, and when the latter event occurred the policy was surrendered by a relative of Fraser on payment of $900 by the company.

Until the company's appeal has been decided the creditors cannot wind up the estate, and yesterday's meeting was therefore adjourned.

It Stands To Reason.

That a man who gives his whole and undivided attention to one particular subject should acquire a greater proficiency in it, than one whose energies are expended in different directions. This is true of the medical superintendent, and his staff of assistants, at Lakehurst institute, in their treatment of alcoholism and kindred diseases. Every fresh case adds to the experience of years, and to the number of those successfully treated. There is no sudden and dangerous deprivation of liquor; there are no bolts and bars; the patient gives up the drink habit almost unconsciously, and, from that moment, takes the first step on his upward career, commencing life afresh under brighter auspices. For pamphlet and terms address The Manager, Lakehurst institute, Oakville, Ont.

Talking Of Car Fenders.

It is claimed that the net fenders in use in Toronto, on the electric cars there, would not be available for use on the cars of the Kingston street railway. It is pointed out that the space between the street railway rails on Toronto streets are either block, brick or granite paved, whereas in this city there are no such conditions, and it is claimed that on that account the fenders used on the Toronto cars would be of no use here.

A corporation employee claims, on the contrary, that in this city the road bed is fully, or very nearly as high as the face of the rails, and that it is not necessary that the space between the rails should be paved, in order that effective fenders should be used.

The Village Council.

The Portsmouth council held a meeting last night, all members present. The treasurer's statement was read and ordered to be printed. A number of accounts for supplies, etc., were passed, and the petitions for reduction of taxes were read but no action taken. The resignation of F. McIlwaine as constable was accepted. A vote of condolence was moved by M. H. Grass and seconded by John Mills to the widow of late ex-reeve George Sexton. Lieut.-Col. Van Straubenzie was present and requested council to remit taxes for present year on the Sexton property. The question of collecting taxes on unoccupied land was laid over for the new council to act upon.

Not What It Should Be.

Merchants say that up-to-date business has been very slow. Dealers in fancy goods report trade this year to be only about half as good as at the same period last season. Boot and shoe dealers also report light sales. Fur dealers are in a similar condition, while dry-goods merchants say that while trade with them is fairly good it is not by any means as brisk as it should be. On the whole the Christmas trade this season may be counted light and almost a failure. The prevailing warm weather up to a few days ago and the utter absence of snow are held responsible for the present conditions.

Election Of Officers.

Derry lodge, No. 2, 'Prentice Boys, of Stella, held their annual election of officers at their last regular meeting, 9th inst. D. Caughey was re-elected for the third time as worthy master. He will have to support him: R. F. Henderson, D.M.; W. H. Preston, chaplain; H. Fleming, secretary; A. Finley, treasurer; Ed. Scott, D. of G.; A. Higgins, O. tyler; D. Bray, I. T.; committee, Samuel Miller, foreman; R. Instant, R. Marshall, Herbert Brown, William Bray.

Hamilton's Butternut Pills—Mild, Efficient, Safe. One a Dose.

These pills are not small, but they are not drastic irritating cathartics, as small pills must needs be. They contain active vegetable extracts which have direct remedial action upon the stomach, liver and bowels. Avoid irritating drastic pills by using Hamilton's. Sold by all dealers.

To Be Held For Orders.

The five horses purchased by Lieut.-Col. Drury and veterinary captain Massie, of "A" field battery R.C.A., and which were to be sent to Quebec, for the field division of "B" battery, will be held here until further orders have been received regarding them.

An easel would make a nice Christmas present, white and gold enamel, at R. McFaul's Kingston carpet warehouse.

THE RAVAGES OF FAMINE.

FORTY MILLION PEOPLE ARE STARVING IN INDIA.

Plague Adds its Terrors—Famine More Widespread Than Any Previous — Weird Sacrifices Offered up—Children Sold For Their Skin.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Starving India's misery fills the reports just received by the Rev. Dr. James L. Barton, secretary of the foreign department of the American board of missions, and the Rev. Dr. Elnathan E. Strong, its editorial secretary.

"From eighty missions in India," said Dr. Barton, "we have accounts of suffering beyond description. The severity of the famine does not indicate that there is no food in India, but that a scarcity in one section has raised prices beyond the earning power of the people. Wage earners there earn about a penny a day. On that they can live in ordinary times. Now, with the cost of food raised two or three fold, they cannot possibly live on their wages.

"Great masses of the population of India are on the verge of starvation even in the best of times. Millions must die for want of the grain that dealers are holding in granaries for high prices. The government will do all that it can. Since the famine of 1877-78 it has been preparing for a famine by planning reservoirs, roads and other public works. These are to begin at once and will furnish employment and wages to many. But India has a population of 287,000,000, and the £25,000,000 to be expended will be but a mere trifle in alleviating all of the suffering."

In the mission board's famine packet from India, the Rev. James Smith wrote from Ahmednagar:

"Those who constitute the rank and file of our churches are always in a condition bordering upon starvation. There are 40,000,000 of such poor people in India who never get more than one meal a day. Every night 80,000,000 lie down on the ground to sleep, hungry. The average income of every man, woman and child in India is less than one cent a day."

"In this Ahmednaga district," writes the Rev. Dr. R. A. Hume, "there has been no rain since July, and the prospect is that for eight months no more rain will fall. The first crops have not been properly ripened and the second crops cannot even be sowed. The water supply in the wells is low. What will it be in a few months hence? The famine seems likely to be general for nearly the whole population, with its 300,000,000 people. Grain riots are common. Merchants will not sell grain, largely because they know the price will greatly increase. So the people break open grain shops and granaries and threaten to kill the merchants if they interfere. They say: 'We shall soon die without grain; if you interfere with our getting your grain we will kill you in the struggle, and will die all the same.'"

"During the past week there have been 800 deaths, or fifty per cent. above the normal for this time of the year," writes the Rev. Edward Hume from Bombay. "This is due to the famine plague, which the doctors call 'bubonic fever.' The symptoms are swellings on the neck, in the armpits and groins, accompanied by fever and vomiting. The patients present a sad and demented appearance. In one case death came after an illness of twenty-two hours. In most cases the patients linger on for two or three days. Experts cannot tell whence the disease came nor its cause.

Over At Barriefield.

The closing meeting of the council took place on Tuesday. William Toner is the popular candidate for reeve. Miss Martin, Wolfe Island, is very ill at Mrs. Batten's. A very pleasant surprise party and house warming took place on the occasion of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dowler starting housekeeping. The presents were numerous and valuable. The dancing school is progressing and on every occasion the little man with the bow and arrows shoots whole quivers full into every corner of the hall and never misses his aim. There is every probability of a long list of benedicts marching off at the end of the season. Mrs. Hutton and Miss Isobel have returned from Toronto. The school children, under the guidance of their teachers, are making preparations for a concert at the closing and a Christmas tree. The children have made great progress during the last year. The parents earnestly hope the same teachers will be induced to continue next year. Visitors: Mr. Donovan, of Lansdowne, at Mr. Fowler's; Charles Burton at W. Murray's.

Sons Of Temperance Concert.

St. Lawrence division No. 2. Sons of Temperance, gave a very enjoyable concert in their hall, corner of Princess and Montreal streets, last evening. The apartment was crowded to the doors, and the ante-room was filled with those who were unable to obtain standing room inside.

The programme was lengthy and appropriate. Those who took part were: Mrs. Allen, Mrs. McClyment, Misses Ida Filgate, Mabel Phelan, Gertie Trayner, McCartney, R. Ferguson, M. Monk, S. Monk, Aggie Monks, M. Kidd, K. Bailey, P. Kidd, Jessie Sands and J. Allen; Joseph Blayney, R. Harrington, E. Roy, L. La Froniere, E. Bell and A. O'Reilly. R. W. Allen occupied the chair, and was happy in his remarks. The genial countenance of alderman Joseph Tait was observed among the audience.

A Scotchman's Hard Luck.

Four tramps were given shelter at police headquarters last night. One of them was a youth, aged seventeen, named James Thompson, who has been in Canada only three years. He is Scotch, and during his stay in Canada has been working for farmers in the neighborhood of Belleville. Finding himself out of employment this fall, he "went on the road" in search of something to do during the winter. His efforts were unavailing, and, homeless and moneyless, he, last night, applied to Police Sergt. Snodden for shelter. The request was granted and this morning the young fellow was directed to A. Horn, secretary of St. Andrew's society, in hopes that he might assist his luckless fellow-countryman.

Passengers For Kingston.

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 14.—Thomas Cake and Edward Fountain were arraigned before judge Edward Elliott this morning for sentence for offences of which they had been convicted at the December sessions last week, Cake of robbing a Hamilton-road street car of a fare box, containing about $30 in money and tickets, and Fountain of receiving money belonging to J. H. Brooks, of William street, knowing it to have been stolen. Cake received two and a half years and Fountain three and a half years in the Kingston penitentiary.

Narrow Escape From Drowning.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 16.—Mexican advices state that president Diaz and party returned to the capital last Thursday, after an eventful trip to Guadalajara, Ameca and lake Chapal in which the president had a narrow escape from drowning. While crossing the lake a storm came up which was so fierce that the party gave up hope of reaching the shore in the vessel. But after a fearful battle the tug managed to get into the lee of a range of hills on Ocotlan and thus ran to that town in comparative safety.

Gets Five Years.

MONTREAL, Dec. 16.—Another of the famous Huddel brothers was sent to the penitentiary for five years yesterday for sneak thieving. It was his brother Joseph who assisted a prisoner to escape from the Central prison when he had just completed a two years' sentence, for which he got an additional a three months. William, who was sent to Kingston for ten years, tried the escape racket also, and was sent back for another four years. He was a burglar well-known to the police.

A Scarlet Fever Epidemic.

County registrar J. D. Thompson yesterday received a letter from his daughter, resident in Regina, N.W.T., giving the information that the public schools in the north-western city have, for two weeks past been closed, and will remain closed until after the Christmas holidays, on account of an epidemic of scarlet fever.

Legitimate Mining vs. Speculative Mining.

To Mining Investors.

We invite your careful consideration for the prospectus of the Colorado Gold Mining and Development Company and its auxiliary, the Kootenay Exploration Company, Limited.

As you will notice by the plan presented, our proposition is purely a business one, we confining our attention to working only such properties as have been sufficiently developed to show a profit over our original investment, and as we work collectively an unlimited number of these claims, it gives us an opportunity of presenting an investment of unquestioned superiority.

The groups of properties now under control of these companies are the most important yet offered in the Dominion under one management.

There are many mining companies that have valuable properties, but have not the means to develop them, and it is this class only that we take up and work for the profit in sight. If there is more beyond, we are so much better off, but we do not hazard our original investment, therefore, the element of loss, so prominent in the average mining venture, is practically done away with.

Another favorable feature is that every shareholder participates in the profits in direct proportion to the amount invested, no stock being set aside for an officer or director, except as it is subscribed and paid for the same as by every other shareholder, and all are equal partners as their interests may appear.

This is worthy of the favorable consideration of the small investor, for until the Colorado Gold Mining & Development Company was brought out never before did the small shareholder have an equal chance with the promoters of the company.

The magnificent success achieved by the parent company during the past nine months is sufficient indication of what can be done on these lines under competent management.

We anticipate equally gratifying results for the Kootenay Exploration Company, Limited, and will be pleased to have you join us and receive your subscription for the number of shares desired.

Subscription books are now open at the office of LOWNSBROUGH & Co., Bankers and Brokers, 22 King street east, Toronto, Ont., where J. GRANT LYMAN, Managing Director, will be pleased to receive your subscription. Price 10 cents per share. No certificate will be issued for less than 100 shares. Shares are of the par value of $1, full paid and non-assessable, being subject to no further call. Correspondence invited.

Intending Subscribers may, if desired, apply for Shares through Mr. Thomas Briggs, Kingston.

GANANOQUE FINANCES.

The Town in Good Shape—Church Collections—To Build a Station.

GANANOQUE, Dec. 16.—Wesley Petch, attending the Toronto college of pharmacy, has returned home. In all probability the Rathbun company will soon begin the erection of a station and waiting room on King street, where the "umbrella" now stands. The plans have been prepared and the ground laid out. We learn on good authority that operations will be commenced at once. The Wells concert company give an entertainment this evening, a benefit to the Gananoque lacrosse club.

George B. Williams, Shakespearian reader and entertainer, gives an entertainment to-morrow evening in Turner's opera house. Mr. Williams is very highly spoken of and will no doubt draw a large and select audience. Wilson's minstrels are booked for McKenzie's opera house on Christmas night, December 25th. A large number enjoyed skating on the ice at what is termed the "muck hole." A fine sheet of ice made many happy. Osborne Webster left yesterday for Toronto and western points on business. Three hundred and forty-six tramps have been sheltered at the police station so far this year. This is an increase of twenty-seven over last year, with the remainder of this month to account for yet.

The Sons of Temperance division at Gananoque Junction will hold a box social in their lodge room to-night. A large number from town will attend it. Three soldiers from Kingston were in town yesterday, removing the ammunition from the old drill shed here. A regular meeting of the town council was held last evening, at which the reports of the town officials were presented. The taxes already collected exceeds by several thousand dollars the amount collected at the same time last year. The deficit last year was over $1,100, and this has been reduced this year to about $800, including the expense of building the wharf at the end of Stone street. Had this wharf not been built there would have been quite a surplus this year, as it cost over $2,500. The returning officers for the approaching elections were appointed as follows: No. 1, George Jackson; No. 2, R. Bartlett; No. 3, James McKellar; No. 4, R. McCullough; No. 5, James Bell; No. 6, W. V. Battams.

The collections taken at the Methodist church re-opening Sunday amounted to over $600, considerably less than was expected. J. M. Campbell left yesterday for Ottawa. The steamer Pierrepont, up to this week, has been making her regular weekly trip to this place.

Captain Sinclair A Candidate.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Captain Sinclair, in the service of the governor-general of Canada, will, it is understood, be the liberal candidate for a member of parliament for Forfarshire, the seat made vacant by the resignation of James M. White.

Bright's Disease of the Kidneys, Diabetes and other Diseases of the Kidney and Liver, which you are being so frightened about, Hop Bitters is the only thing that will surely and permanently prevent and cure. All other pretended cures only relieve for a time and then make you many times worse.

Hot Water.

Hot water has far more medical virtues than many believe or know. Because it is so easily procured, thousands think it valueless. The uses of hot water are, however, many. For example, there is nothing that so promptly cuts short congestion of the lungs, sore throat or rheumatism as hot water when applied promptly and thoroughly. Headache almost always yields to the simultaneous application of hot water to the feet and back of the neck. A towel folded several times and dipped in hot water, and quickly wrung out and applied over the painful part in toothache or neuralgia, will generally afford prompt relief. A strip of flannel or napkin folded lengthwise and dipped in hot water and wrung out, and then applied around the neck of a child that has the croup, will sometimes bring relief in ten minutes. Hot water taken freely half an hour before bedtime is helpful in the case of constipation, while it has a most soothing effect upon the stomach and bowels. A goblet of hot water taken just after rising, before breakfast, has cured thousands of indigestion, and no simple remedy is more widely recommended by physicians for dyspeptics. Very hot water will stop dangerous bleeding.

Value Given to Wire by Skilled Labor.

In an address before an association of iron and steel managers in England, some new statistics were brought up on the remarkable achievements that have been noted in the manufacture of fine wire. The speaker said that he had been presented by a wire manufacturer with specimens of wire for which $4.32, or more than $3,600 per ton was paid. This wire was largely used in the construction of pianos and other musical and mechanical instruments. Accompanying these was a sample of pinion wire, which had a market vlau of $21.60 per pound, or $43,200 per ton. A still more remarkable illustration of how a piece of steel can be treated so as to become more costly than gold, is seen in the manufacture of hair-springs. Of these it takes 754 to weigh an ounce of 437½ grains, and 27,000,000 of them to go to the ton, which would cost $400,000. Probably the limit of the value that can be given to steel by skilled labor is reached in the case of the barbed instruments used by dentists for extracting nerves from teeth, which is sold at the rate of some $2,150,000 per ton.

Meets With Approval.

The resolution passed by the city council Monday night providing for street cars stopping at the "near" instead of the farther crossing meets with general approval by citizens. They recognize the fact that by so doing the danger of crossing accidents will be reduced to a minimum. The cars may have a tendency to block the cross streets by the company complying with the new regulation, but that can be tolerated if the danger of accidents occurring is lessened.

Wood Yard.

James Campbell, corner of Wellington and Barrack streets, always has on hand a good stock of best maple, cut and uncut, dry slabs, pine and cedar blocks. All cheap for cash. Telephone, 116.

A MECHANICAL PITCHER.

The Curves Are As Complete As Any Human Hand Can Twirl.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 16.—Prof. Hinton gave the first public exhibition of his baseball pitching machine last night in the university gymnasium. The gun, which is a short, breech-loading cannon, twenty-four inches in length, and placed upon a two-wheeled carriage was put at one end of the gymnasium. At the other end was a net, at which the professor pitched several balls from his cannon. All were successful and the curves could be seen as distinctly as if sent by the hand of one of Princeton's Varsity twirlers. In a lecture Prof. Hinton told of his early experiments with the machine, how the ball was made to curve and how he expected that the national game would receive a great change through the agency of the mechanical pitcher.

Useless Fright

To worry about any Liver, Kidney or Urinary Trouble, especially Bright's Disease or Diabetes, as Hop Bitters never fails of a cure where a cure is possible. We know this.

An Aching Back

How the Kidneys Talk.

The kidneys cannot talk and the only way they have of letting us know when they are sick is by making our backs ache.

If it is only a little ache, the kidneys are only a little sick.

If it is a big peace-destroying, nerve-racking ache, the kidneys are more than a little sick.

In either case it must be attended to at once.

Doan's Kidney Pills act directly on the kidneys, make them strong and healthy and stop aching backs in every case.

Here is a sample case:

Frederick J. Wade, 8 Vine street, Kingston, speaking to our representative, gave the following history of his case:

"I have had serious trouble with my right kidney for three years, with great pain in the small of my back, and excruciating neuralgic pains in the back of my head, so bad that at times I was almost crazy.

"I was greatly troubled also with an eruption on my face and the whites of my eyes were quite yellow. The least hard work aggravated the pain in my back, and made me feel generally miserable.

"Some two months ago I procured a box of Doan's Kidney Pills at McLeod's drug store and have taken them with marked results for good. They have removed the pain in my back, the neuralgic pains have disappeared and strange to say the eruption on my face which I had not previously attributed to kidney trouble, but now believe was caused by the disordered condition of my kidneys, has been completely removed, and my skin is perfectly clear, and the whites of my eyes are as clear as ever.

"In fact, Doan's Kidney Pills have cured me of all pain and every ailment from which I suffered, and I recommend them to anyone having any form of kid