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MANY PEOPLE WONDER WHY IT IS THAT in this enterprising city of Kingston there is only one Fur House that keeps in stock an assortment of

SEAL JACKETS AND OTHER FINE FURS.

Such, however, is the case and it need scarcely be stated that the single establishment that does carry these goods is

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NOW IS THE TIME TO GET SOMETHING suitable for a

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A Splendid Range of Silk Handkerchiefs and Ties and will sell them CHEAP.

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CHEAPER THAN EVER. Good Overalls on hand.

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Has secured the last of those

LONG STOCKINGS,

WITH RUBBERS.

This is the last of those that can be had.

GENUINE DEERSKIN MOCASSINS

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The Largest Variety of Fancy Slippers

In the city for Christmas.

For Genuine Value Give

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A CALL. He can and will sell all kinds of Boots and Shoes as low as they can be had in the Dominion.

Dec. 15th.

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—OF—

'XMAS GOODS.

I HAVE RECEIVED A LARGE CONSIGNMENT of **Presentation Books, Albums, Books of Poems, Bibles, Testaments, &c.,**

With a large lot of Miscellaneous Books, Note Paper in Fancy Boxes, Portfolios, Writing Cases, Pens, &c., making one of the finest lot of goods ever offered by Auction Sale.

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And each night during the week.

Dec. 14th. J. E. HUTCHESON, Auctioneer.

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DRESSING CASES in leather. Something entirely new.

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42 CLARENCE Street.

Dec. 15th.

To the Electors of the Township of Kingston

GENTLEMEN,—Having become a candidate for the office of Reeve of the Township of Kingston for 1884, and finding it impossible to make a personal canvass, I hereby respectfully solicit the votes and influence of my friends and of all who can endorse my past course as a public servant.

I remain your obedient servant,

Dec. 18th. J. E. HAYCOCK.

FARM FOR SALE.

98 ACRES of the south half of lot 18, in the 2nd concession of [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] good [illegible]. Well fenced; 17 acres in fall wheat. Terms easy. Apply to ALEXANDER RITCHIE, [illegible] P.O.

Aug. 4.

Wanted.

A NURSE to take care of two children. Apply at this office.

A SITUATION to take care of a horse or cow, or to work round a house, in return for [illegible]; references can be given. Apply at the Whig office.

A POSITION AS SALE-LADY or cashier in a store. Address L.J., Whig office.

To Let or For Sale.

OFFICES TO BE LET.—Two rooms in the Anglin Buildings, with large fire proof vault. Apply to Bawden & Machar.

Daily British Whig.

REMINDERS.

TUESDAY.

Xmas Sale of St. Andrew's Church in St. Andrew's Hall afternoon and evening.

BONUS BY-LAWS CARRIED.

The voting on the bonus by-law in the Township of Bedford occurred yesterday. Last night we were pleased to receive the following telegram:

"Westport, Dec. 17th.

"The Editor, British Whig.

"Thanks to you, majority for by-law in Bedford one hundred and twenty, which carries.

"W. H. FREDENBURGH."

A second telegram, from a well known resident of Westport, thanked the WHIG for its assistance, and reminded us of the position taken by Dr. Preston, M.P.P., whose prophecies were not realized and whose social and political position has been weakened by his attitude towards the K. & P. RR.

The doctor has been, we fear, actuated by personal motives in his action and speech. He has been advocating a scheme the most visionary in preference to that which is real and substantial.

We do not desire to be specially thanked for what we have done. We have regarded the extension of the railway to Westport as a needful and worthy undertaking, as a stroke of enterprise which must benefit the city and the village with which it is to be more closely connected.

The advantages of railways have been recognized by all, and they have been particularly recognized by the electors of North Crosby and Bedford, as their enthusiastic support of the bonus bylaws clearly indicates.

The people have done their duty; now it remains with the Railway Company to execute their part of the contract, and that, too, with all the haste which circumstances will permit.

The amount granted by the two townships is $32,000. The line is to be built to Westport before the end of 1885.

STUDY OF SHORTHAND.

The study of stenography is obligatory in the schools of Saxony, Bavaria, and Australia. In Prussia it is elective in a few schools, but in most of them it is unknown. This is unfortunate, because the advantages of stenography in relieving the overwork due to the great increase of written exercises at the present time are well known.

The results which the first-named countries have obtained with stenography have induced the Prussian Government to devote more attention to this branch of instruction. The Minister of Public Instruction has recently requested the Rectors of the Higher Schools to report to him on the condition of instruction in stenography in the schools under their charge. This subject has been brought to the attention of the Government and the House of Deputies before now.

The Berlin Stenographic Society presented a petition to the House some time since, urging the introduction of the study of stenography into the higher schools of the country, and recommending the Gabelsberger system as the most suitable for that purpose.

This subject, however, was not considered ripe for discussion, and the postal authorities were the only branch of the Government to take action in the matter. Postal officials were directed to learn stenography. It may be expected that a demand for this kind of instruction will arise in Prussia.

In the course of time it seems to us stenography or shorthand must be taught in the public as well as high schools of Canada. Rapid writing is one of the necessities of the age, and sooner or later our educationists will come to more fully realize this fact.

TWO LICENSE LAWS.

"Decision does not necessarily invalidate the Dominion License Law of last session, but it completely knocks away the assumption which led to its passage, namely, that the judgment upon the Scott Act had wiped out Provincial restrictive legislation."—Witness.

The above refers to the action of the Privy Council in case of Hodge vs. the Queen.

If there is any doubt about the constitutionality of the Act, in other than its restrictive sense, steps should be taken, and at once, to dissipate them.

A false impression has been spread, it seems, in regard to the case which has been adjudicated upon. It was expected to be final in every particular, but now that a decision has been reached we have the assurance of the *Mail*—which usually accommodates its argument to party exigencies—that the importance of it is very limited, that in fact but three clauses of the Crooks Act have been considered by the Privy Council.

Well, what's to be done now?

The new year is approaching.

The time for the enforcement of the new Act is at hand.

It should be known whether the liquor men are to be harassed by the application of two laws, unlike and conflicting in many respects. These men, represented by Hodge, of Toronto, should have made the appeal as full and conclusive as possible.

To secure their support Sir John Macdonald undertook to show Mr. Mowat that he had exceeded his power, that though Ontario was entitled to certain revenue from the liquor traffic, the Premier could not pass and put in force such legislation as that embodied in the Crooks Act. The great statesman has not come out of this legal conflict as gloriously as his friends anticipated.

The Dominion Act may not be invalidated, but under the circumstances it is not likely to be enforced.

If so who will suffer?

The Licensed Victuallers. They must certainly comply with the Provincial law.

Mr. Mowat will not recede in the least from the position he has taken on this question.

BLUE RIBBON ARMY!

A MEETING WHICH TOOK A DECIDEDLY PRACTICAL SHAPE—AN ORGANIZATION THAT CERTAINLY MEANS BUSINESS.

Instances of Drink's Doings—Converts on the Platform—Deserving the Clergy—Officers of the New Society—Working With the Churches and the Salvation Army—Performance of the Band.

The blue ribbon gospel temperance movement was inaugurated last night at the meeting held in the Victoria Music Hall; Major Jones in the chair. A number of leading temperance men occupied seats upon the platform. There was music and scripture reading and prayer at the commencement, and singing at frequent intervals during the evening.

The Chairman emphasized the thought that temperance work must be connected with the gospel in order to be successful. He said this had been Gough's experience; it had been the experience of every worker for the cause which they met to promote. Religion and temperance went together and were most productive of good when united.

A STROKE FOR PROHIBITION.

Rev. LeRoy Hooker said temperance should be affiliated with the gospel of Christ, and temperance is the legitimate daughter of religion. A man was not to be saved from one kind of sin and left a slave to other kinds. He had a motion to put and he hoped that the meeting would give practical shape to the movement. He looked for an expression in favour of prohibition. He had heard enough vapouring on the subject, and just as long as men talked and didn't act so long would they be far away from the accomplishment of that which they aimed at. If entire prohibition were passed by the audience hundreds would be consecrated and ready for action when the time for such arrival. He divided the people into two classes (1) those who should support prohibition for their own sakes and (2) those who should endorse the present movement for the benefit of their fellows. The scripture said that if a man's hand offended him he should cut it off and cast it from him. The liquor business offended one's estate, which it gradually consumed; it offended the body, which it ruined and brought to poverty and disease; it offended the mind, which it blighted, transforming one originally endowed with a bright intellect into a drivelling idiot; it offended one's wife between whom and suffering and death he should stand with his own suffering and life. He cited instances of drink's dreadful doings. Speaking in the second class he said they should think of more than what individually concerned them. As for himself there was no fear of him becoming addicted to alcoholic liquors, and there were many in his position. At the same time there was many a one who was not so circumstanced, and for the benefit of those a prohibitory liquor law should be enacted and enforced. He moved,

That the officers of this Society be a President, Vice-President, Acting Committee and Secretary-Treasurer; that Dr. Skinner be the first President, and the Rev. A. L. McFaydon Vice-President.

A SALVATION ARMY CONVERT.

Mr. W. Shea, a Sergeant of the Salvation Army and a member of the band, which played appropriately at the beginning of the meeting, seconded the motion. He explained how he became a teetotaller. He was attending the Army's meetings and one night, before becoming a convert, went into a saloon. The scene of ruin and profanity so disgusted him that he vowed he would drink no more. Next night (1st Feb.) he took the pledge and had ever after kept it. He did not believe he could have done so had he not been looking up to and resting upon One who was mighty to save. He alluded to the men he met in gaol, in the House of Industry and elsewhere, all being in misery and some in dreadful want because of their drunkenness. Johnny Kelly, the lightning bar-tender, had, in prison, lamented the partial wreck of his life and said that when released he would starve sooner than return to his old business. The case of destitution reported in the WHIG, was, he said, the result of intemperance. He counselled his friends to don the blue ribbon, to sign the pledge, and when they became teetotallers they would also become Christians.

The collection was taken up. Silver was asked for but copper prevailed.

DR. DUPUIS ON TEETOTALISM.

The Chairman said he was glad they had a physician among the speakers. The hands of the doctors were not altogether clean in this connection; he feared they often erred in counselling the use of liquor. When young he was recommended to drink wine and stout, his circulation being slow. Since he had given up the use of liquor his health had been very much improved. (Applause.)

Dr. Dupuis approved of the total abstinence character of the movement, and of the proclamation of one's principles and pledges by means of the ribbon. He admitted that the drinking customs of the country were sources of great evil, that they carried off more people than typhoid fever, to prevent the spread of which great precautions were made. He pictured the effects of intoxication upon the health and wealth of the individual, and saw great necessity for reformation on the part of many. He did not think, however, that any good followed the abuse of the liquor dealers. He once heard a lecturer say the saloon and tavern keepers should be hung, and he added that he would like to be their executioner. No good could come of the use of such language. There could be no advantage in strife. Many of the saloon-keepers had good hearts, but they were engaged in a bad business and should be persuaded to abandon it as soon as possible. As long as tame existed, however, evils will have to be fought. Drinking had long been a cause of degradation and woe. He quoted what Solomon said about the use of the wine cup, of redness of eyes, of woe and sorrow and contentions and wounds without cause. He spoke with force and fluency, building upon the scriptural quotation an argument that both interested and convinced. He alluded to various recent fatalities and said some of these showed that drink was at the bottom of them. He was only warming up to his theme when the Chairman suggested that he should be brief. That suggestion he did not like, and he said so. He would not have consented to give an address if he had thought he would be hampered in any way; he declined subsequently to be named a Committee man, and he left the hall before the meeting terminated, not though before he had moved the appointment of the following Executive Committee:

Edwin Chown, Arthur Chown, Jas. Wingfield, T. B. Hawley, J. E. Clark, T. G. Rudd, John Munsaith, A. McAuley, Neilson Bayman, Thomas Thompson, John Brokenshire, Louis Perrin, William Shea, A. Macalister, R. M. Rose, Charles Warwick, Major Wilson, John Anderson, J. V. K. Buckman, and John N. Kilpatrick, with power to add to the number.

REV. MR. HARRIS SPEAKS.

In seconding the motion Rev. Mr. Harris said the doctor was a Methodist and liked the "experiences." He (the speaker) stated that he had tasted liquor when a youth, had been nearly lost in a small boat, had been rescued and told never to drink again, to go to church, to get saved and fit himself for heaven. This he had done. He quoted from Gough's experience, and Sheridan's experience, and lamented that the latter, one of England's finest orators, was arrested by a Sheriff's officer—that he died a drunkard and filled a drunkard's grave, perhaps a drunkard's hell. He, too, spoke of what drink had done, even in Kingston, of the meanness and deception to which men descended in order to gratify their appetites for liquor.

The motion was carried.

BRIEF AND TO THE POINT.

Rev. Mr. McFayden compared the liquor traffic to a mad dog and to a band of robbers. Against the latter the people would rise in power and yet the liquor traffic was more damaging, more fatal, more dreadful, and but a feeble effort was being made to check its progress. He said there were many Simpson cases in the city if the facts were only known. He moved the appointment of Mr. W. R. Robertson as the Secretary-Treasurer of the movement.

Rev. Mr. McKay seconded the motion. The choice was a good one. Mr. Robertson having leisure on his hand and a heart for the work. The idea was to rescue the perishing, but to do it through the aid of all temperance associations, through the churches and the Salvation Army. The desire was to make it a real gospel movement. They were hopeful of success.

The motion was carried.

SPEECH OF MR. GILMOUR, SR.

A word from Mr. Gilmour, sr., was invited. The old gentleman thanked God for his reformation, for his escape from a slavery which affected him physically and financially. Now he believed he was a man, living a manly life, and looking for the reward promised to the just. He spoke with great earnestness.

After the formal close of the meeting the books were opened for signatures and 40 identified themselves with the movement.

A BRUTAL ASSAULT.

Unsuccessful Attempt to Rob a Man of $300—The Assailant Known.

Belleville, Dec. 15.—Last night, shortly after nine o'clock, Alex. Patterson, Treasurer of No. 3 Fire Company, left his house on Foster Avenue, with $300 in his pocket. The money was the annual grant of the Corporation to the Company. On reaching Dundas Street a man struck him on the forehead with a club or slungshot. His assailant at once threw himself on Patterson, whose pockets he rifled, but did not get the money, which was in an inside vest pocket. Patterson partially recovered his senses and raised an outcry, when the would-be robber ran off. The wound is a bad one and was sewed by a doctor. Patterson knows who his assailant was.

THREATENING LETTERS.

Guarding the Castles, Prisons and Bridges—A Scare All Round.

London, Dec. 18.—It is reported that the Lord Mayor has received anonymous letters containing threats to blow up the London bridge and Newgate prison. The detectives who were withdrawn from the prison after the execution of O'Donnell have been replaced and an extra force has been placed around the bridge to guard the arches, examine all crafts passing underneath the bridge, and to scrutinize closely all persons passing over it. Several armed policemen have been sent to Hawarden Castle to guard Gladstone.

A REGULAR MASSACRE.

Hacking the Egyptian Soldiers to Pieces—Europeans in their Flight.

Cairo, Dec. 17.—Further native accounts of the battle between Col. Mahdi and Hicks Pasha state that Hicks' hands were cut off and he was afterwards cut to pieces; 3,000 of Hicks' men were taken prisoners, two Europeans and twelve Egyptians, who were trying to reach Khartoum via Darfour have not yet arrived. They have probably lost the way. It is believed that the Europeans are Edmund O'Donovan and Frank Vizetelly.

FRENCH WORKINGMEN.

Their Reception in New York—Applauding and Hissing "Vive la Commune."

New York, Dec. 18.—A reception was given in the Cooper Union last evening to the French workingmen's delegation. A resolution was passed pledging the support of those assembled to the consummation of the unity of working classes in America with those in France in the struggle for social and industrial liberty. During the evening the cry of "Vive la Commune" was applauded and hissed.

LORNE'S SPEECH.

Presented with the Freedom of London—England's Backing Wanted.

Glasgow, Dec. 18.—Lord Lorne was presented with the freedom of this city to-day. In a speech he said Canada was independent in form and reality, but if she should be threatened by any great power her position would be a dangerous one without England to back her.

The workmen of the Edgar Steel Co., Pittsburg, Penn., have accepted a reduction of 22 per cent.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

LEFT WOOLWICH.

London, Dec. 18.—1,800 artillerymen have left Woolwich Arsenal for Egypt.

HANGED FOR MURDER.

Dublin, Dec. 18.—Joseph Poole was hanged at 8 o'clock this morning for the murder of John Kenny.

WATCHING THE NATIONALISTS.

London, Dec. 18.—The police are closely watching the houses of leading Irish Nationalists here.

A TOWN FLOODED.

Wurzburg, Dec. 18.—The River Main is rising rapidly. The lower part of the town is overflowed. Great anxiety prevails.

THREATENING REVENGE.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The Irish refugees here passed a resolution condemning the execution of O'Donnell and threatening revenge.

AN AGRARIAN CRIME.

Dublin, Dec. 18.—Philip McGavin, a farmer, was murdered yesterday in the County Cavan. The crime was agrarian. Several arrests have been made.

AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE.

Rome, Dec. 18.—Prince Frederick William went this morning to the Vatican with the German Ambassador and had an interview with the Pope.

ROBBERY AND ARSON.

Detroit, Dec. 18.—Early yesterday morning robbers entered the house of S. P. Creasinger, Maple Rapids, chloroformed him, stole $2,500 and a quantity of valuables, then fired the house. Creasinger recovered in time to escape.

THE EDINBURGH DYNAMITERS.

Edinburgh, Dec. 18.—At the trial of the dynamiters to-day the testimony showed that Featherstone was seen in the company of the prisoners, who had purchased large quantities of nitric and sulphuric acids and glycerine.

A BOY'S LYING STORY.

Brooklyn, Dec. 18.—The father of John Wilson, the boy who confessed that he was implicated in the murder of Jennie Cramer, says he is the biggest liar in Brooklyn. He has not been in New Haven for five years. The police do not believe the story.

GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER.

Hamilton, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Margaret Edgar was found lying in a neighbour's yard a few days ago. She died soon after. Her husband, Robert Edgar, was arrested and a Coroner's Jury, after a midnight session, declared him guilty of manslaughter.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

Last Night's and To-Day's Reports Condensed Down for our Busy Readers.

Five comets are visible at Buenos Ayres.

A foot of snow has fallen throughout Massachusetts.

The Pennsylvania Iron Works have shut down until after the holidays.

Baker Pasha has started for Suakim. He will have supreme command in Soudan.

A movement is on foot to replace Villard as President of the Northern Pacific RR.

The Beaver Lumber Company, of Yamaska, has suspended, with liabilities of $108,000, and assets nearly that.

D. M. & E. G. Halbert, wholesale and retail dealers in dry goods, Binghamton, have assigned. Liabilities between $300,000 and $400,000; assets probably $60,000.

At the annual meeting of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, last night, the assistant pastor, Mr. Halliday took a dismal view of the condition of the church. He said it was difficult to discover the residences of members, the Sunday School was a stand still, and the Bethel was decreasing. Year by year the contributions are falling off until they had reached a miserable condition.

ELOPED FROM WHITBY.

Arthur Cuthbert Makes Old Mr. Yerex Mad by Stealing His Daughter.

Whitby, Dec. 17.—Stella Yerex is the only daughter of one of the wealthiest men of Whitby. Some time ago she met Arthur Cuthbert, of Toronto, employed on the Grand Trunk, and fell in love with him. Stella is 16 and pretty. Arthur reciprocated her affection. Cuthbert made known to the girl's parents his feelings, and asked her hand in marriage. The old gentleman got very mad, and forbid the lover seeing his sweetheart ever more. Miss Stella was told that she must give up all thoughts of Cuthbert, and was commanded to cease communicating with a lady friend who was cognizant of the love of the young couple and had encouraged it. The lovers thought time would soften the opposition of the parents, but time only increased the father's obduracy. The result was that Miss Stella determined to elope. Miss Yerex told her parents that she could not forget Arthur as long as she remained in Whitby. She therefore begged them to send her to her brother's in Grand Rapids. Preparations were soon completed to carry out this plan. Her baggage was checked through to Grand Rapids, a ticket bought and the young lady placed in a parlor car under the care of the conductor. By some mysterious process to railroaders the baggage checks were changed to Toronto, and at the Don station the lady got off the cars and found herself in the arms of her lover. The next day they were united in marriage. In the meantime telegrams had been passing between Grand Rapids and Whitby. When the father got to hear of the true state of affairs, he altered his will, disinheriting his child. The young couple are residing in Toronto.

FENIAN FROTH.

What a Loud-Mouthed New Yorker Had to Say at a Meeting Held Last Night.

New York, Dec. 18.—A a meeting of Fenians last night Robert Blissert proposed that every Irishman should pay $1 a year to start a fund out of which $10,000 should be paid to any man who kills a Carey. "I'll pay $5," he added, "for the killing of an informer and $10 to the man who kills Justice Denman."

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Montreal, Dec. 18.

Flour—receipts 175; [illegible]. The following are the latest quotations:—Flour superior extra at 4.85 to 4.95; extra 4.65 to 4.65; [illegible] superfine 4.15 to 4.30; strong bakers 4.75 to 5.00; fine 3.60 to 3.80; middlings 3.50 to 3.60; pollards 3.25 to 3.30; Ont. bags 2.25 to 2.35; city bags 2.65 to 2.65 for strong bakers. Grain—wheat, red winter 1.20 to 1.22; white 1.16 to 1.18; No. 2 white 1.16 to 1.18. Corn 68 to 70. Peas 89 to 91. Oats 35 to 36. Barley 55 to 70. Rye 60 to 62. Oatmeal 5.35 to 5.50. Cornmeal 3.50 to 3.75. Provisions—Butter, Creamery, 24 to 26c. Pork 18.00 to 18.50. Lard—11 to 12c. Bacon—12 to 13c. Hams—12 to 13c.

RAT PORTAGE IN ASHES.

The Town Visited by Another Disastrous Conflagration—Appeal to the Public.

Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—About half-past eleven o'clock a fire broke out in the general store of Baker & Co. The flames quickly blew them into the adjoining building, and the people saw that the side of the street up as far as Second street must go. The total loss will foot up to $100,000 or more. This is the fourth extensive conflagration that has occurred in this town within as many months. The gap made by the fire extends nearly two hundred yards. Probably 75 people will be rendered homeless. The sufferers here have nothing to fall back upon, no resources whatever further than the business they were each depending upon. With the fire they have lost everything. The origin of the fire is attributed to the explosion of a lamp in the baker's shop.

Rat Portage, Mon., Dec. 18th.

To the people of the Dominion:

Rat Portage has again been visited by fire. Owing to this dispute between Ontario and Manitoba, as to provincial rights during the last few months, business men have materially suffered. Now some are entirely ruined; others seriously involved. What the public has done for St. John and other fire-visited places we ask for our town. The people are hard-working and deserving. We want fire protection, but owing to losses incurred are not able to purchase fire engines and other appliances. We ask you and the Mayors of Montreal, Quebec, Kingston, Belleville, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Brantford, London, Ottawa, Sarnia, Guelph, St. John, Halifax, and any others to help us."

(Signed) WALTER OLIVER, Mayor.

DIED.

In this city, this morning, Tuesday, Dec. 18th, Thomas, second son of P. Browne, aged 6 years and 4 months.

Funeral will leave his father's residence, Gordon Street, to-morrow afternoon, 19th, at three o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

Markets

[These markets are received at 1 p.m. and carefully corrected in detail up to the hour of going to press.]

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.

Dec. 18, noon.

STOCKS.	ASKED	OFFERED
Montreal	118½	118¼
Ontario	109½	109¼
Banque du Peuple	63	61½
Molsons	114½	113¼
Toronto	168½	167½
Banque Jacques Cartier	000	000
Merchants	110	109½
Quebec	000	000
Union	68	60
Commerce	120½	120
Imperial	00	00
Federal	125	124½
Montreal Telegraph	121	119½
Richelieu	57½	56
City Passenger	115	113½
Gas	175	174½
Canada Cotton Co	00	00
Dundas Cotton Co	00	00
Ontario Investment	000	000
St. Paul M. and M	101	98
N W L Co	68	65
Canada Pacific RR	55	53

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OSWEGO MARKET.

Oswego, Dec. 18.

Wheat—dull. White state and red State 1.05 to 1.14.

Corn—steady; sales 6,000; high mixed 62; rejected 60c.

Oats—quiet; new State at 38c. at 40.

Rye—quiet; Canada nominally 67 in bond.

Barley—quiet; sales 15,000 bush of No. 1 Canada at 86 to 00; No. 2 Canada 78c, in bond.

CHICAGO MARKET.

December, 18.

Wheat—94 Jan; 72 May; 100½ to ½ Feb.

Corn—58½ Jan; 58 1-8 Feb; 61½ May; 58½ Dec.

Pork—14.57½ Jan; 14.75 Feb; 15.30 for May.

Lard—900 Feb; 893 Jan; 945 May.

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Dec. 4th. 130 King Street.

ST. JAMES' SALE.

A SALE OF USEFUL AND FANCY WORK, Cakes, &c., will be held

IN ST. JAMES' SCHOOL HOUSE,

on the afternoon and evening of

Thursday, Dec. 20th.

TEA AND OTHER REFRESHMENTS. A programme of Music in the evening.

Admission in the evening—10c.

Dec. 18th.

Public Schools

THE CLOSING EXAMINATIONS OF THE Public School Pupils will take place in the several school buildings

On Friday, the 21st December,

At 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Under the supervision of the Chairman and Principals of the Schools.

By order, N. C. POLSON, Chairman School Management.

S. S. PRIPPEN, Secretary.

Dec. 18th.

Miscellaneous.

1883. CHRISTMAS!

NEW YEAR, 1884.

HOLIDAY GOODS

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Dec. 18th.

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Holiday Gifts!

Bibles, Prayer Books, Church Services and Hymn Books.

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Rosewood and Leather Writing Desks and Work Boxes.

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Evening and Bridal Fans.

Opera Glasses in Pearl, Morocco, Ivory

AT THE

CORNER BOOKSTORE

Corner Brock and Wellington Streets.

Dec. 3.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

CHEAP HOLIDAY TICKETS.

CHEAP HOLIDAY TICKETS TO ALL POINTS on the Line also to Ottawa and Midland Railway Points.

Xmas and New Year

SINGLE FARE ON FRIDAY TO TUESDAY, Dec. 21st to 25th inclusive. Good to return up to December 31st, 1883.

FRIDAY to MONDAY, Dec. 28th to 31st, and TUESDAY, January 1st, 1884. Good to return up to January 7th, 1884.

JOSEPH HICKSON, Gen. Manager.

Dec. 11th.

Tuesday, 18th of December

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

XMAS SALE!

Will be held IN ST. ANDREW'S HALL, on TUESDAY, the 18th Dec., of useful and ornamental work, dolls, &c.

The usual supply of Xmas Cakes and Xmas Cards. Also an Xmas Tree.

Tea from 6 to 8 o'clock. Oysters during the evening.

MUSIC will be supplied by the Queen's College Glee Club.

Tea, including admission, 20c.

Admission 10c. Dec. 12.

THE BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.

THE COURT OF DIRECTORS hereby give notice that a half yearly dividend at the rate of [illegible] per cent. per annum on the capital of the Bank will be payable on the 5th day of JAN., 1884, to the proprietors of shares registered in the Colonies.

The dividend will be payable at the rate of Exchange current on the 5th day of January, 1884, to be fixed by the managers.

No transfers can be made between the 20th inst. and the 5th prox., as the books must be closed during that period.

By order of the Court.

A. G. WALLIS, Secretary.

Clements Lane, Lombard St., London, Dec. 5th 1883.

LOST,

A REGIMENTAL KNEE BOOT with neck inside, on the Gananoque Road, between [illegible] Barracks and Kingston. The finder will be rewarded on leaving it at the Tete du Pont Barracks. Sgt. Mitchell, Staff Sergeant B Battery, R.C.A. Dec. 15th.

Groceries.

VANDERBILT'S GREAT BALL.

The Most Elegant Affair Ever Given in New York.

New York, Dec. 14.—Mr. W. H. Vanderbilt's ball last Tuesday evening was the grandest ever given on this continent. There were 2,000 of his friends and acquaintances at his palatial home on Fifth Avenue. The Vanderbilt families since their entrance into society have entertained most handsomely and their fancy dress ball given last March by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Vanderbilt was acknowledged to be the most elegant and costly ever given in this country. But Mr. W. H. Vanderbilt determined his ball should surpass that given by his son and lay over all Europe. It was grander than that given by the Queen of England or the Prince of Wales, whether in Buckingham Palace, the Marlborough House or Sandringham by comparison. The decorations, supper, music and toilets worn were in preparation for weeks. The two large houses were thrown open and appeared as one. They were so arranged when built, sliding doors having been placed between the two large vestibules. These vestibules appeared like a large hall and were decked on either sides with flowers, ferns and palms. The ball room of each house had the floors highly polished so as to resemble a mirror, and flowers bloomed everywhere. The supper was the grandest and most elegant ever served in on this continent. It was served by Delmonico, assisted by Vanderbilt's own corps. Over 200 waiters were in attendance and the supper and wines cost in the neighborhood of $50,000. The tables were decorated with masterpieces in fancy cream pyramids of French jams, jellies and bon bons. Now every family can have a supper anytime as good as the above at a price everybody can afford by going and getting their groceries at Crawford's, and there is no reason why every person in this city could not have a supper to eclipse Vanderbilt when they can buy fruit of all kinds, jams, jellies, pickles, sauces and table delicacies at such low prices as Crawford is now selling them at. It is said the wines used on the above occasion were chiefly Mumm's and Ayala extra dry and sweet and dry Catawba. These wines can be had from James Crawford at the same price as you pay other houses for the common wines, for they are agents for Catawba and Isabella wines, and that is the reason they can afford to sell them so cheap, and our Labatt's London Stout puts Guinness' in the shade; in fact our Labatt's Stout makes it pale by comparison. Go to CRAWFORD'S for your groceries and wines and you will be highly pleased.

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Everything that You will require for Christmas can be got at

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☞ We would advise intending buyers to come early as there will be such a rush at the end of the week that it will be hard work to get attended to properly.

Golden Grocery

W. R. McRAE & CO.

Dec. 17th.

Black Berries.

Parties who have been waiting for these Dried Black-berries can now be supplied as the first consignment has arrived. Also

Dessicated Wheat,

Dessicated Barley,

Rolled Oats,

Pearline Meal,

Oatmeal,

Cracked Wheat,

Hominy, &c.

S. LOYNES & CO.,

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☞ SIGN OF THE TEA POT. ☜

Nov. 30th.

RECEIVED TO-DAY

ENGLISH AND SCOTCH

MARMALADE

From John Moir & Son, London, England.

ORANGE MARMALAD in 1 lb. pots

Orange Marmalade in 4 lb. jars.

Orange Marmalade in 7 lb tins.

Lemon Marmalade in 1½ lb. pots.

Black Currant Jam in 4 lb. Jars.

Raspberry Jam in 4 lb. jars.

Strawberry Jam in 4 lb. jars.

AND A LARGE ASSORTMENT FOR THE CHRISTMAS TRADE.

JAMES REDDEN'S,

Ferguson's Block, Princess Street.

Nov. 29th.

FOR SALE.

A NEW DOUBLE BARREL BREECH LOADING GUN with latest improvements. A new handsome six chamber revolver. A muzzle loading gun. All of English make. Apply at 312 King Street.

Dec. 14.

NOTICE.

GET YOUR PLAQUES MOUNTED in PLUSH or Velvet at OHLKE & LEADER'S, 125 Brock Street, opposite the Golden Lion Block.

Dec. 18th. OHLKE & LEADER.

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