

**THE MORNING GUARDIAN**

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**TRUSTS AND COMBINES.**

The United States Steel Corporation has recently acquired the Union and Sharon Steel companies, at a price of 45 millions. It is pointed out that these steel companies were practically compelled to "merge" or be submerged. That is, the Morgan Steel Trust and the Morgan Railway combination were strong enough to render these independent companies unprofitable. The big combinations help one another.

An interstate commerce commissioner has said that "four or five men now control the great railway systems of the United States. In like manner four or five control the coal combine; four or five the steel trade; four or five the meat business; four or five the oil trade. Quite frequently one man has a potent voice in more than one of these trusts. The groups are intermingled. The railway companies own most of the coal mines, and can gather in the rest whenever they will."

Think of what it means when about twenty men can and do control the railways, the coal mines, the production of iron and steel, the meat that goes upon the people's tables and the oil they burn, with power to fix prices and shut out competition. We have only begun, or hardly begun to feel the grip of the trusts in Canada as they are felt in the United States. But our danger is great, the more so as the Liberal party, now dominant in the country, and formerly very outspoken against the trusts, has begun to lend them encouragement. We should beware the entrance of the thin end of the wedge. Once entered it will be driven home. There is no tyranny so oppressive, cruel and remorseless as that of the trusts. Some of them are paying their shareholders 40 to 100 per cent on the capital actually invested, and they have power to double their exactions at will. The United States oil trust is an instance which while paying dividends of 45 per cent is steadily increasing the price of oil.

Connecticut claims that no case of the foot and mouth disease has been discovered in that State, and the embargo upon Connecticut cattle has been removed.

**DESPAIRED OF BEING CURED.**

Mrs. W. E. Jeffries, 44 Hicks Ave., Kingston Ont., states: I suffered agony with itching piles. I don't believe that any person who has not had the piles can realize what I endured. The first application of Dr. Chase's Ointment brought relief and has since entirely cured me. I hope that the testimonial will be the means of bringing comfort to other sufferers by making known the great ease of this ointment.

The Short Act inspector in Sydney reports that during the present month twenty-two cases were tried resulting in 14 convictions, five dismissals, and three cases continued. Nine more cases are ready for trial.

A murderer who suffered death for his crime had his life insured and the insuring company cancelled the risk when he received sentence. The beneficiaries after the execution sued the company. When the case was carried on appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States the Court decided against the plaintiffs, holding that the commission of murder invalidated the policy.

The fate of the Ross government will be practically decided on January 7. On that day the by-elections will be held in North Perth, North Grey and North Norfolk. At the close of that day "out of the north will come tidings" full of political import. It is not often that a few by-elections held on the same day will be as decisive of victory or defeat for political parties as a general election.

A tower is to be added to the cathedral at Bloemfontein to perpetuate the names of the 7,500 officers and men of the British forces who died in the Orange River Colony during the war. The cost will be \$25,000 and the names of the dead are to be inscribed on tablets in the cathedral. Archdeacon Balfour of Bloemfontein desires all Canadians who have relatives buried in the Colony to communicate with him, giving particulars.

The appalling casualty list from collision on the Grand Trunk Railway near Sarnia, makes it with one exception the most serious railway disaster that ever occurred on a Canadian railway. Twenty-four are reported dead and forty injured. The one accident still more serious than this also occurred on the Grand Trunk. It occurred on March 12, 1857, nearly 45 years ago. On that occasion a crowded passenger train broke through the bridge over the Desjardins Canal and seventy lives were lost.

**DIED**

Yesterday afternoon at her late residence Queen Street, Margaret McGregor Heartz, relict of the late Chas. Heartz, aged 81 years.

[Funeral notice later.]

At Charlottetown Hospital on Saturday from heart disease, Thomas J. Brennan of Hunter River.

**TAKE NOTICE**

During the year the space devoted to advertising MINARD'S LINIMENT will contain expressions of no uncertain sound from people who speak from personal experience as to the merits of this best of Household Remedies.

See the change in Paton & Co's advertisement in today's issue.

A nice variety of old ladies felt congress boots, wide and comfortable.—Conroy, Pownall St. 29 11

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At cost price.—  
Anyone wishing to make a present should take note of this.

A. W. Reddin, Phm. B.,  
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**Commercial Cafe**  
QUEEN STREET  
TABLE D'HOTE DINNER

During Christmas week we will serve special dinners at the above Cafe, from 12 o'clock to 3 p.m., consisting of Soup, Fish, Roast Meat, Pie and Pudding, Tea, Coffee or Milk for 50c or a 75 cent dinner. Lunches all day from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Oysters in every style. Home made bread and pastry for sale. Give us a call.

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Body Straps with brass or nickle bells as low as 90 cents  
Back Straps as low as 40 cents  
Saddle Gangs.  
Shaft Bells.  
Wholesale and Retail.

**DODD & ROGERS.**

**Why Wait Xmas is Past**

Try us to-day for after Xmas bargains. Hundreds of left overs that we are going to put out this week at prices much less than their value. We know that this week must take away all our Xmas things so now you

**Can Buy Cheap**

Such things as Silk Handkerchiefs, Gloves For Caps, Fur Collars, Mitts, Ties, Underwear, and Caps. We are making a special drive in these goods during this week.

**Dont Wait**

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**Prowse Bros.,**  
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**25 to 50% Discount**

**No samples, No approbation, Sale for cash only.**

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