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OPPOSED TO HOMEWORK.

Interviewed by the Toronto Star, Mr. John Millar, Deputy Minister of Education, talked on the proposal to shorten the hours of the pupils in school. "I am quite in sympathy with the proposal, so far as it applies to young children, but I believe the most pressing need is the abolition almost entirely of homework. It is hardly the thing that when children are kept busy five hours a day they should be taxed with lessons at night. The effect is to make school life unhappy instead of cheerful. Five hours a day, at school should be quite sufficient for any pupil under 12 years. There is little use of agitating for a reduction of school hours where so many teachers are extending it by the giving of home work."

PAYMENT OF \$200 WAGES.

Says the Guelph Herald: The return asked for by Colonel Matheson, giving details of the payment of the wages to the working men at Sault Ste. Marie, was laid on the table of the Legislature on Monday by the Provincial Secretary. It is an interesting document. The amount disbursed is in the neighborhood of two hundred and sixty thousand dollars and the recipients number four thousand one hundred. It will be remembered that the peculiar hardships that followed the suspension of the operations at the Soo were urged as a reason for the special intervention of the Government on behalf of the distressed working men. Hundreds, we are told, had come down from the bush without a dollar in their pockets and were dependent upon the charity of the people of the Soo for their immediate needs.

As to the appeal of the unfortunate men who had been so suddenly separated from their means of livelihood, the people of the Province lent a sympathetic ear. The leader of the Opposition was quick to appreciate the necessity of prompt action and urged the Government to pay the wages of the men, and retain as security lands and subsidies still held by the Crown on behalf of the insolvent company. The Government, after some delay, went to the assistance of the unemployed laborers at the Soo. The relief was to be confined to mechanics and laborers—"to relieve distress and avert famine." Let us see how distress has been relieved.

We find the first name on the list of working men whose family, we presume, was suffering severe hardships because the husband and breadwinner was suddenly thrown out of employment is that of Mr. Shields. Mr. Shields was paid his back wages for August and September, \$2,500 per month, and for October, \$1,693, a total of \$4,193. It is obvious that Mr. Shields was a case of peculiar distress. If the children of the horny handed husbandman, who was earning twelve dollars a week, was suffering because of lack of employment through the suspension of the Soo industries, what can be said of the hardships of the family of the gentleman who was in receipt of \$100 per day? Words fail to express the depth of misery into which Mr. Shields' family was plunged, misery which, we hope, was in some measure alleviated when he was handed \$4,193 for less than three months' work.

Less distressful was the case of William Coyne, the assistant to the President. Mr. Coyne's salary was six hundred a month. He was paid for August and September and part of October, and his bill settled by the Government, amounting to \$1,606.45. D. D. Lewis, President of the Steel Company, was also lifted out of a condition of want or fear of want, by the payment of a thousand dollars a month for August and September.

As we go on down the list: J. S. Wang, \$500 a month, a total of \$1,455; T. C. Donohue, Secretary to the President, \$225 a month, a total of \$450; A. H. Chittie, \$250 a month, a total of \$669.

But the real horrors of the situation are only revealed when we are given a glimpse of the open-hearted benevolence extended by the government to the legal gentlemen in the chair: A. E. Elliott, counsel, \$500 a month for August and September, and \$338 for October, a total of \$1,338; J. E. Irving, counsel, \$500 a month, a total of \$1,338; H. C. Hamilton, counsel, for August and September, \$350 each month, a total of \$610.

The details thus brought to light are an ample justification, if any were needed, of the course taken by the Government. Sad, indeed, it

All Humors

Are impure matters which the skin, liver, kidneys and other organs can not take care of without help, there is such an accumulation of them.

They litter the whole system. Pimples, boils, eczema and other eruptions, loss of appetite, that tired feeling, bilious turns, fits of indigestion, dull headaches and many other troubles are due to them.

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Remove all humors, overcome all their effects, strengthen, tone and invigorate the whole system.

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would be if any of these gentlemen earning from one hundred and fifty to six hundred dollars per week should have been allowed to wait for their wages until the Company was in a position to pay them.

True, many of these gentlemen—officers of the consolidated companies—purchased supplies from merchants and manufacturers throughout the province at a time when they knew or should have known that the company was not solvent. These business men have not been paid. They will likely never be paid. But the government did not feel called upon to intervene in their behalf to relieve distress or avert riots, possibly because they had no influence in the then pending Soo election.

The distress that would have resulted from the failure of the government to respond to the appeal of the hundred dollar a day man to come to his assistance, would have aroused public sympathy and made the government's position decidedly uncomfortable. Happily, however, that catastrophe has been averted, and the cry of the children of the twenty-five thousand a year servant of a wealthy corporation is no longer heard in the land.

WAS'NT AT THE PAY CAR.

Hamilton Spectator. And where was poor Clergue when the "distress" was being relieved at the Soo?

THE SYREN'S COSTUMES.

Hamilton Herald. Patti mugged and wouldn't sing in Syracuse because the advance sale was small. Strange, that those gorgeous costumes of hers don't draw.

NO CHANCE TO REMINISCE.

Toronto Telegram. This Russian-Jap struggle is something of a naval combat in which every happening will not remind the

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Thousands of the world's best people have found instant relief and speedy cure by the use of Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Pills in the most torturing and disfiguring of itching, burning and scaly humors, eczema, rashes, itches and inflammations.

Thousands of tired, fretted mothers, of skin-tortured and disfigured babies of all ages and conditions, have certified to almost miraculous cures by the Cuticura remedies, when the best medical skill had failed to relieve, much less cure.

Cuticura Treatment is local and constitutional—complete and perfect, pure, sweet and wholesome. Bathes the affected surfaces with Cuticura Soap, and hot water to cleanse the skin of crusts and scales and soften the thickened cuticle, dry without hard rubbing, and apply Cuticura Ointment freely to all itching, irritation and inflammation, and soothe and heal, and lastly, take Cuticura Resolvent Pills to cool and cleanse the blood, and put every function in a state of healthy activity.

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Hamilton Spectator of the Red River expedition and the Ottawa Citizen of the South African war.

SHE IS DISCOVERED.

Toronto Telegram. Can it be possible that, for the purposes of war with Japan, Russia is one unwieldy, gigantic, helpless bluff? Russian diplomacy has traded on the supposed might of an empire that was always feeling its muscle and silently admiring its own bulk.

Russia has gone from triumph to triumph because other nations, exposed to danger at many points, could not throw everything into the melting pot for the sake of fighting Russia at one point.

The doctrine of Russian invincibility was accepted by nation after nation. It is possible that in deceiving others Russia deceived herself. In the belief that no nation would dare to match its puny strength against the might of her resources, Russia forced Japan into a war that finds Russia unprepared and therefore helpless.

FOR STOMACH TROUBLES.

"I have taken a great many different medicines for stomach trouble and constipation," says Mrs. S. Geiger, of Dunkerton, Iowa, "but never had as good results from any as from Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets." For sale by all druggists.

Township Councils.

CAMDEN COUNCIL.

The council met Monday, Feb. 1st, with all members present.

Communications read. From Wm. Gibson re statute labor ordered filed.

Account of James Duddy left with Commissioner Tyhurst to investigate and if correct settle.

Following accounts ordered paid: J. C. Fleming, for \$3, amount paid, \$77.75; Municipal World, town-ship supplies, \$16.00; Thos. Steeper, for making inspection of township hall, \$5; Clemens, tile, \$12.31; F. Leeson, tile, \$15; W. J. Gryderman, services as auditor, \$15; Francis Tipton, services as auditor, \$15.

Thomas Steeper reported the T. hall to be in an unsafe condition for public meetings.

The clerk was instructed to prepare a by-law to amend present by-law now in force in Camden re law fence. The proposed by-law will amend the Page and Execlisor and all woven or alai and wire fences, when properly constructed, not less than four and one-half feet high, lawful fences.

The reeve and clerk were instructed to complete the transfer of the Wabash road to G. A. Elgie and receive the money therefor, and pay same over to township. The auditor's report was submitted and adopted, and the clerk instructed to have 500 copies printed for distribution.

The commissioner of division No. 5 was authorized to expend the sum of \$150 per week for the purpose of for indigent Ward family and life for indigent N. Roe.

Commissioner of division No. 5 was instructed to collect from G. A. Elgie the sum of \$5 for rent of road allowance between base line and Victoria street.

By-law to impose a special drainage rate, under the Tilt, Stone and Timber Drainage act, on E. W. W. Meadows' land was read and finally passed.

By-law appointing township officers read and finally passed.

By-law for money was read and ordered filed.

Communication from G. S. Langford re indigent supplies read and ordered filed.

Council adjourned to meet again first Monday in March.

M. S. BLACKBURN, Township Clerk.

DISTRICT DOINGS.

IRWIN.

We are pleased to again have regular services. Two weeks ago Rev. Rural Dean McCosh conducted service, and last Sunday Rev. Mr. Collier, former pastor, was present and preached to a good congregation, all of whom were glad to once again listen to their old pastor. The Sunday school also has been re-organized, with Miss Sarah Dolsen as superintendent, the Bloomfield school joining the school here.

Misses Ella and Emma Lee gave a pleasant social evening to their young friends one night last week.

McKAY'S CORNERS.

Hugh Cameron, carpenter, is finishing the woodwork of Wm. Parsons' residence.

A neighborhood of friends from Kent Bridge and vicinity were entertained by the Misses Hutchinson the other night.

Last week, in broad daylight, two desperadoes entered the residence of Mr. Paul, during his absence for a short time, tossing and upsetting a number of household effects in search of booty. Before leaving they helped themselves to good things, but left without discovering Mr. Paul's wallet.

Mrs. Christina Clark has moved a part of her residence into the village, to which will be built a fine front during the summer.

A hockey team has been organized in the village, and purpose accepting the Hoffman invitation to a friendly game.

There are many friendly and exciting debates on Local Option taking place each evening, pro and con, by local celebrities.

Alex. Chinnis injured his knee severely while skating.

Mr. Paul has a close as to the miscreants who entered his home when the family were all away. The local

ONE W:E:E:K MORE

Then our Great Clothing Sale is over. New Spring Clothing is coming to hand every day. The advantage of the following prices and be wise.

Special inducements for balance of this month.

\$7.50 will buy any Overcoat in the store up to \$15.50.

\$7.50 will buy Men's Suits for the balance of this month, up to \$12.00.

Boys' Overcoats at about Half Price.

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You will get what is advertised; no two ways about it.

Here's a chance for cash buyers.

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J. J. McLAUGHLIN, Agent, Toronto

detective is now working on the case. Cont family is not far away from a number of our citizens are attending anniversary services at Botany on Sunday morning and evening, although the weather was so unfavorable.

A festive encounter is reported by two locals, on Saturday evening. Only one round was permitted before police interference. It is well that such occurrences are rare in this quiet hamlet.

Thos. Steeper is moving to the 6th Con. having purchased W. Gage's fine farm.

Angus Lawton is also leaving the farm, having rented. Scarcity of farm help the cause.

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KENT BRIDGE.

On Monday, to the wife of J. S. Langford, a daughter.

Ed. Burgess, who lived on Smoke St. of this city, unfortunately lost his house and part of his furniture by fire on Monday. The fire is supposed to have started from a defective chimney upstairs. It commenced about 5 p. m., and was discovered by Mr. Burgess while at the stable, but it was too late to extinguish it. Considerable bedding and clothing was lost. The family are now living on the town line.

We are glad to say that our shoe repairer is kept very busy these days.

This icy weather makes lots of work for our blacksmith. A great many horses are daily turned away owing to press of business.

A party of young people enjoyed a sleighride on the south side of the river on Thursday night.

The present is a good time for borrowers who wish to change their loans, or make new ones, either on farm or city property and we would recommend persons requiring any thing of the kind to call on W. E. RUSSELL, 415 King street, who has made arrangements with three different loan companies and can grant most favorable conditions and terms to borrowers.

The experience of the ideal woman is not guaranteed after marriage.

New Carpets at Old Prices.

We have just received a large shipment of all wool and union carpets and notwithstanding the big advance in prices of wool and cottons, we are prepared to quote you the lowest prices of former seasons on these new goods. Buying in large quantities for our many stores means a big saving to our customers. Would advise early buying as higher prices are bound to prevail later, besides you get best choice now. See these:—

10 pcs. Union Carpet—Good firm quality, full yard wide, in choice new reversible designs and colorings, worth 30 c a yard, special at 25c.	Heavy 2 ply All Wool Carpets—Made from pure clean wool, thoroughly scoured, firmly woven, full yard wide in handsome new reversible patterns, rich colorings, special per yard 75c.	Japan Matting, in good, firm quality cotton warp, fine woven designs, full yard wide and reversible, special per yard 12 1-2c.
Extra Super, 2 Ply All Wool Carpets—In elegant new designs and colorings, guaranteed in wear, good value at \$1.00 a yard, special per yard 85c.	Best Quality 3 ply All Wool Carpets—Made from superior quality pure clean wools in rich reversible designs and color combinations, extra heavy firm weave, special per yard \$1.00.	New Matting—Excellent quality, firm weave choice new reversible designs, pretty colorings, full yard wide special at per yard 18c and 20c.
And Remember, in addition to the above close prices we make and lay all carpets at 60c a yard and upward.	Heavy Wool Carpets—Made from pure scoured wool filling, cotton chain warp, firm heavy quality in excellent designs and colorings, worth 60c a yard, special at 50c.	Japan Matting—Superior quality, fine soft finish, weaves in plain or fancy woven designs, pretty colorings, extraordinary values at per yard 25c and 30c.
	Extra heavy Union Carpets—Firm weave, choice designs and colors, reversible, good value at 45c to 50c a yard, special at 40c.	Extra quality Japan Matting—Fine close weaves, soft finish, in new oriental designs, rich reversible colorings, special per yard, 35c, 40c and 45c.
		400 Square Yards Heavy Scotch Linoleum—Splendid wearing quality, thoroughly seasoned, beautiful new floral, tile, and block designs in 3 yard and 4 yard widths, special a yard 60c.

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Mr. S. Higgins has instructed Andrew Thomson, Auctioneer, to sell without reserve all his household effects on

Thursday, February 25, 1904, at his residence, Forsyth St., No. 36, at one o'clock sharp, consisting of the following:—

One parlor suite, one marble top table, one parlor lamp, lace curtains and blinds, Brussels carpets, one fine bedroom suite, mattress and spring, one toilet set, bedroom carpets, curtains and pictures, one walnut bureau, dining room chairs, one couch, one dining room carpet, one clock, rocker, coal stove, double heater, nearly new, arm chair, curtains and one coal and wood range with reservoir and shelf crown, Huron, only burnt shoes, September, one kitchen table, stove furniture and one new refrigerator, fruit jars and other articles too numerous to mention.

The property will be offered at the same time, by auction.

Remember Day and Date, Thursday, Feb. 25th, at one o'clock.

ANDREW THOMSON, Auctioneer. S. HIGGINS, Proprietor.

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