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Take No Chances!

Political feeling in the west is that Mr. Whitney is in for a bigger defeat in the next election than he received in the last.—Kingston Whig.

That no doubt will be the case if complete arrangements for polling the full Liberal vote are made, and there is no fool business of two Liberals running against one Conservative, as was the case in 1898. There cannot be a doubt that the Government lost something like eight seats at the last general election by these local troubles. Let there be no such division or inattention in the coming contest, and the victory for good and progressive government will be a signal one. When even a former Opposition leader falls out with the Whitney policy of obstruction, we can well understand what the verdict of the Province will be in a fair fight.

Niagara Can Be Brought to London

The new electrical works, which are being constructed on the Canadian side of Niagara Falls, are to provide at the first go-off 125,000-horse power, but there is opportunity for almost indefinitely increasing this force as the demand advances. A great deal will depend upon the price at which the company will be able to sell the power. If it is not considerably lower than that now provided by steam, it may be some time before the demand extends to outside places. At first, the intention is to supply industries in the immediate neighborhood, but there can be no doubt that we are entering on an age of long-distance power transmission by means of electricity, and we have in this country so many water powers available that the average center of population, if it cannot get a supply from one source, will look for it from another.

A revolution has taken place in the views entertained by experts with regard to this matter in the last half-dozen years. In September, 1896, Dr. Louis Dunning, in his inaugural address as president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, remarked that "if we are to consider the record of the present transmission plants, we can quite safely say that it would not be going outside the safe limit of development to transmit at least 50 miles at a potential 20,000 volts." In less than five years it has been demonstrated in California that, under favorable conditions, this distance can be increased fourfold, and the pressure raised to three times the force. The achievement of the California capitalists, who have harnessed the North Yuba River and the mountain stream at Colgate, is graphically told by a recent writer in the Review of Reviews. He points out that 50 miles around Niagara would not mean much to cities as far off as Toronto and Rochester—and he might have included London—but a radii of 220 miles in every direction, which is the practical achievement of the Californians, would include a region bigger than England, and if carried out at Niagara would enable the projectors to sell their product successfully in almost any city or town in the Western Hemisphere, as well as throughout Western New York. Indeed, the lines of the Allied Bay Companies and Standard systems are already furnishing current for light, heat, power, chemical and metallurgical work in no fewer than sixteen counties of the State within whose borders lie one-half the population and three-fifths of the assessed valuation. And this is not a temporary experiment like the Frankfort-Laufen trial of 1890, but a strictly commercial enterprise, attending to business every day of the year.

The interesting point, too, is that Niagara will in due course send out its current just as far, provided industries established in the immediate neighborhood do not take up the supply as speedily as it is provided. The question really resolves itself into this: Will the great manufacturing populations go to Niagara or will Niagara be taken by means of electricity to the centers of population? In California, the writer of the sketch from which we have quoted, reaches the conclusion that the problem is already solved. The Sierras will always remain lonely, and San Francisco will always sit by the Golden Gate and multiply her children there. It is truly a wonderful triumph of science to have these far inland streams, which have been running to waste from time immemorial, harnessed for the use of man over 200 miles distant, and at the same time called upon, all along the route, to perform almost every description of work, including lighting and every sort of power application, from the running of cars to the operation of flour mills, from the driving of mine shafts to the propulsion of the little sewing-machine at work on a bride's trousseau.

The development of electricity as a motor power must have a very important industry on the question of fuel on an industrial province like Ontario, in which so far coal has not been found. It was recently stated by Mr. L. B. Stillwell, the electrical engineer of

the plant on the United States side of Niagara Falls, that its output for the first six months of 1891 was 104,273,000 kilowatt hours, equal to more than 800 tons of coal per day. On the same basis, the saving of coal in California might easily approximate 1,000 tons a day, while the saving of coal in Canada, with its hundreds of magnificent waterfalls ready to be turned to profitable account, would be simply enormous. In this natural resource alone, Canada has untold wealth yet to develop, and this much-favored Province of Ontario has a large share of it.

Municipal Telephone.

The citizens of Ottawa are desirous of introducing a municipal telephone system. The question of establishing an independent telephone system was voted on at the last municipal election, with the result that the electors pronounced in its favor. If the city cannot buy over the local plant from the Bell Telephone Company, it is prepared to establish a plant of its own. Notice of motion was given recently in the City Council that the city advertise for tenders to put in a municipal telephone plant and to operate the same for ten years, the rate not to exceed \$20 for each subscriber. Commenting on the subject of cheap telephones, the Ottawa Citizen says:

"Here is a chance for Mr. Oscar Rogers and the companies behind him to make good the promises that he has held out of the possibility of cheaper telephones. Mr. Rogers says that a 1,500 'phone exchange can be established here and operated at a profit providing services at \$15 and \$10 for business offices and private houses respectively. At that rate it will be a snap to establish a 1,000 'phone exchange at \$20 per 'phone."

Nature-Study.

What is Nature Study? A ready reply would be that it is, of course the study of Nature. But the study of Nature is a wide term, and may be made to include almost everything in the way of natural observation and scientific research. Mrs. Crawford, in her book just published, "Guide to Nature Study, for the Use of Teachers," (The Copp, Clark Company), interprets her subject as a response to Wordsworth's invitation to

"Come forth into the light of things, Let nature be your teacher."

As a matter of fact, a person would need to have scientific knowledge, poetic sympathy, and dramatic skill to carry a number of children over the course outlined in this book. The danger is that when the thing is systematized so highly, the spirit may evaporate. "Cram" in matters of book learning is wretched enough, but in this study it would be even worse. There would be even greater hollow-ness and unreality about it. This the authoress sees clearly when she says, "It will be readily seen that 'cram' is impossible in true Nature-lessons, since many of the type questions will require months of observation before they can be answered." Just so. If we get "cram" here, we lose truth and find hypocrisy. Therefore, interesting and useful as the guide book is, it needs an intelligent, sympathetic interpreter who will consider the capacity of different children. This book has in it the introduction to the beginnings of many sciences. It is written in a sympathetic spirit by one who has studied both the theory and practice of teaching. It may be commended to the careful consideration and friendly criticism of those to whom it specially appeals. But such a book, or at least many of its chapters, might well be read in the home as well as in the school; and many whose work is literary and reflective, could profitably use it to test their powers of observation and their knowledge of simple facts. If our civilization is to be kept pure, we must keep near to nature, and cultivate our powers of seeing and hearing, so that we may have the scientist's sense of law and the poet's perception of spirit. The book before us contains not only appropriate quotations, but also a good list of books for those who wish to pursue the study in a broad, intelligent fashion. Mrs. Crawford (formerly Miss Rose, of Strathroy) is a niece of the Hon. George W. Ross, and has had good advantages for work of this kind. The information as to what has been done, in this line, in other lands, is both useful and interesting. The able assistance of several educational workers is courteously acknowledged. Among these we note the name of Mr. J. Dearness, Vice-Principal of the Normal School, London. The illustrations add greatly to the value of this volume, and without entering into detailed description or criticism we may say that it is a creditable production, judged either from the standpoint of brain-work or of mechanical skill.

A Cat Tax.

The Toronto Star and the Kingston News are favoring the idea of imposing a tax on cats, analogous to that which is at present exacted from owners of dogs. The tax on dogs doubtless originated from the attempt to raise a fund from which to indemnify sheep owners whose flocks had been visited by them. So far, and in rural districts, such taxation is perfectly legitimate. But sheep folds are not likely to be molested in cities; there the object would seem rather to check the undue and unnecessary multiplication of members of the canine race.

But in cities both dogs and cats are to a greater or less extent a nuisance.

Their voices, crying in the night, are anything but melodious. Near the bewitching hour of twelve or one o'clock, a.m., these animals, the cat especially, which possesses a certain amount of animal magnetism, strongly attracts old boots, bricks, and other articles, which in missing their destination are apt to have a retroactive effect on the mind and temper of the would-be sleeper.

There was a bill introduced into the Massachusetts Legislature empowering municipalities to impose taxes on cats. If such a scheme could be inaugurated in this city it would result in either raising the city revenue or in decreasing the number of cats, either of which would be very desirable.

A lecture, the object of which was to emphasize the geological or historical importance of Anatolia, or Asia Minor, was recently delivered before the Royal Geological Society of Britain by Prof. William Ramsay. This broad peninsula jutting out westward from Asia has from early ages been the scene of great events, and is full of details of the ruins of many races and of many periods. In the opinion of the professor, this piece of land needs more exploration by antiquarians, artists and historians than any other country in the world. He believes that it was at one time, before the dawn of history, the seat of great empire with wide external influence, and with an art, language and religion of its own. The Anatolians differ from the rest of the world inasmuch as they believe in the motherhood instead of the fatherhood of an Ultimate Creator. Anatolia, or Asia Minor, is one of the most fertile districts in the world, and is as large as France in area.

The Best We Can Get.

[Ottawa Journal.]

Any healthy, honest man is a good man to have come to this country, but the young farmers and farm laborers from England, Ireland and Scotland who are arriving, are about the best immigrants Canada can get.

A Suggestion.

[Toronto Star.]

A correspondent in an English newspaper suggests that "conigram" would be a good term to apply to a message sent by the Marconi system. "It is," he says, "a simple name, easy of expression, with just sufficient allusion to the inventor."

Unwise Prohibitionists in Manitoba.

[Montreal Witness.]

The referendum vote in Manitoba is appointed for April 2. We have no reason to doubt that if the prohibitionists had untidily entered the contest they would have gained a signal victory as they have always done in the past. They are, however, too angry to do so. It was certainly an outrage to submit a law unconditionally passed to any further test. But the outrage was more against the British constitution than against any set of citizens. Those seem to us to be very unwise who have determined to wreak their wrath on the prohibition cause. Of course this is not the way it appears to them. They have reasons which seem to them perfect for believing that in refusing to vote they are acting in the interests of prohibition. Those who believe that if they went to the polls untidily they would win and who think that in any case it is their duty to secure as good a friends as they can are denounced as shrews to the government and regarded as traitors to the prohibition cause. The party favorable to voting called a convention to secure united action, if possible, but the result seems to have been like the falling of a drop of water on a hot stove, nothing but an explosive splutter. The tension of feeling was so great that agreement on anything was hopeless. The delight of the liquor interest is unbounded.

There are 6,891,038 electors in Great Britain, according to a return just issued.



Mrs. D. Arnold, President German Woman's Club, Grand Pacific Hotel, Los Angeles, Cal., Relieved of a Tumor by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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"As I have suffered no relapse since, and as I took no other medicine, I am sure that your Compound restored my health and I believe saved my life."—MRS. D. ARNOLD.

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THE SEQUIN FALLS SHOOTING AFFAIR

Acquittal of Thomas Hooper, Charged With Killing Thomas Cooper.

Ferry Sound, Ont., March 29.—Thos. Hooper, who was arrested in connection with the Sequin Falls shooting affair, appeared before Judge McCurdy, and the trial was concluded yesterday.

The evidence showed that Hooper discharged the gun in self-defense, defendant being afraid for his life, because by the attacks made upon him by Cooper, who was demented. Hooper is 65 years of age, and acted with great excitement as well as from fear. Cooper, besides being much the younger, was a large and powerful man, determined to do violence and out of his mind.

The judge discharged the prisoner, remarking that in his opinion the shooting was entirely justified. It was shown that Cooper was shot in the leg, and that death resulted from gangrene, the surgical dressings having been torn from the limb by the victim himself.

Much comment is made on the conduct of the other men, two sons-in-law of Hooper, who were present at the time of the row. The whole party appeared to be afraid of Cooper, and certainly did not endeavor, simultaneously, to overpower him.

THE DEATH RECORD

Demise of William Douglas, K.C., a Well-Known Chatham Lawyer.

New Orleans, La., March 29.—Major J. R. Claget, of the Second United States Infantry, died yesterday. Major Claget was a graduate of West Point and had a creditable record in the Indian fighting in the west and in the Philippines.

Chatham, Ont., March 28.—William Douglas, K.C., died this morning, shortly before six o'clock. Although it was generally known that his illness was of a fatal character, the news of his death came as a shock, and expressions of sorrow and regret were heard on all sides. He had suffered for over six months with an ailment of the liver, which assumed a malignant form about the end of the past year. He was advised to enter the general hospital at Toronto, and went early in January, but in a few weeks returned without benefit. On Sunday last he was seized with a chill induced by a slight attack of peritonitis, but rallied, and was considerably better yesterday. During the night, however, he began to sink and passed away. Mr. Douglas was born near Thurso, Sutherlandshire, Scotland, in 1836, and came to Canada when a lad. After graduating in law, he came to Chatham in 1864, was appointed crown attorney in 1872, and a Queen's Counsel in 1882. He is survived by his wife and six sons and two daughters, one of the latter being Mrs. Harry Kirk, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

INTERESTING SCHOONER RACE.

Port Townsend, Wash., March 29.—A marine race more than ordinary importance, owing to the fact that both vessels broke all previous records, was terminated yesterday by the arrival of the schooners Fearless and Salome from Shanghai. The Salome's trip from the Yang Tse Kiang to Cape Flattery was 23 days, and that of the Fearless 23½ days, the former vessel making the fastest sailing time across the Pacific on record. The Fearless had her foretop mast carried away during a gale.

OLD SOLDIER ROBBED.

Port Huron, Mich., March 29.—Wm. Tasker, an old soldier who served in the Canadian militia many years ago, complained to the police that he had been robbed of \$70. The police investigated, and when they arrested Harry LaClair, a 17-year-old boy, Tasker could not be found. He was located in Starnia jail, where he had been placed for drunkenness. Later it was discovered that young LaClair had sold the pocketbook and the money for 30 cents, but the situation was changed when he informed the officers that the money was bogus, being old Confederate bills. Tasker also lost a watch and other articles, which were recovered.

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Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits, in Oxford gray, Eton jacket, skirt seven gored, special Easter price\$10 00

Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits, in black and navy homespun, Eton jacket, silk trimmed, seven-gored flare skirt\$13 00

Ladies' Suits, in castor and fawn cloth, Norfolk jacket, skirt with Spanish flounce, special Easter price\$19 00

Special Line Ladies' Spring Jackets, in fawn, black and gray, at\$5, \$8 and \$10 50

One only Ladies' Black Taffeta Silk Long Coat, special Easter price\$25 00

Ladies' Taffeta Silk Skirts, tucked and applique trimmed, special at\$13, \$18 and \$22 00

Umbrellas.

Ladies' Black Umbrellas, silk and wool cover, new style handles, special at from\$1 50 to \$4 00

Curtain Section.

Ruffled Bobbinet Curtains, new and dainty, special, per yard, 20c, 25c, 35c

Frilled Muslin Curtains, 42 inches wide, special, per yard, 25c up to40c

Nottingham Lace Curtains, 3½ yards long, strong thread, new designs, large range, special, per pair \$1 00

Muslins.

See our Printed Lawn, assorted colors, at, per yard7c

See our Ruby Batiste Muslins, assorted colors, at, per yard3c

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Large assortment of Ladies' Neckwear Novelties for Easter. See our special at50c

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Men's and Boys' White Laundered Shirts, linen fronts, all sizes, special, each50c

Men's Fine Pure Natural Wool Underwear, all sizes, special, per suit\$1 75

Men's Fancy Striped Half Hose, large assortment of patterns, special, per pair25c

Crockery.

China Fruit and Salad Bowls, floral decorations, regular 25c, for15c

97-Piece Printed Dinner Sets, gilt lined, regular \$7 50, for per set \$5 85

Glass Cake Stands and Half-Gallon Water Jugs, regular 80c, for20c

Silk Blouses.

Ladies' Silk Blouses, in wood rose taffeta, handsomely tucked and newest sleeve, special at\$3 75

Ladies' Silk Blouses, in pink Japanese taffeta, with white tucked front, special at\$5 00

Ladies' White Summer Silk Blouses, trimmed with hemstitched tucks, special at\$4 00

Gloves.

See our Fine French Kid Gloves, in all leading shades, every pair fitted and guaranteed, special, per pair\$1 00

Ladies' Kid Gloves (Jouvin) two-clasp, in shades of tan, mode and gray, very fine grade, special at\$1 50

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Straw Belts, in gray, fawn, black and white, special value at 25c and 50c

Black Seal Belts, dip front, with French gray and black ornament, 60c

Black Suede Belts, dip front, steel trimmed, at 90c and\$1 00

Black Suede Wrist Chatelaines at \$1 25 and\$1 60

Black Seal Wrist Chatelaines at \$1 25 and\$1 65

Groceries.

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GONE UP IN SMOKE

The Simcoe Wool Stock Company's Property Burned.

Simcoe, Ont., March 29.—The Simcoe Wool Stock Company's property was destroyed by fire at noon yesterday. The buildings and contents were all destroyed.

The fire originated in the picker, which was being used to work up cotton waste. The blaze gained such rapid headway that several of the employees narrowly escaped being burned. Fairly insured.

New York, March 29.—The steam lighter Santos, just completed for Ar-buckle Bros., was damaged by fire to the extent of \$50,000 at Shooter's Island early yesterday.

Humors feed on humors—the sooner you get rid of them the better—Hood's Sarsaparilla is the medicine to take. A Vladivostok possesses the only crematorium that has been erected in the whole Russian Empire.

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REV. J. J. CROWLEY UNDER THE BAN.

Chicago, March 29.—In an official letter sent to every Catholic priest in Chicago, Archbishop Feehan says: "We hereby notify you that the Rev. Jeremiah J. Crowley, whose public acts and utterances have given grave scandal to the detriment of religion, is in open rebellion to legitimate ecclesiastical authority; therefore, any priest of the diocese of Chicago who assists him by moral or financial aid or offers him encouragement of any kind whatever is ipso facto suspended."

A Great Increasing Army composed of men and women that spend heart and soul in the vain effort to overcome a lack of vigor in the body. To replace inertia by vigor, to make good red blood that will build up the system, to have strong nerves, you must eat more digest more, assimilate more. How can it be done? By using Ferrozone. It invigorates, strengthens, possesses magical health-giving powers. Get Ferrozone today from Strong's, and make yourself strong and well.

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