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JOHN CAMERON, President and

Man. Mr.

God's in His heaven,

All's right with the world.

—Browning.

London, Saturday, March 28.

The moon is full tomorrow. A rural

meteorologist asserts that with the

change will come spring weather. Own-

ers of Easter hats will earnestly hope

that the ruralist is a prophet of the

first week.

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The amount paid in the form of in-

terest to shareholders in public com-

panies in Britain annually is something

like £220,000,000. And Britain is the

country that upholds trade freedom in

spite of the declaration by Sir C. H.

Tupper that she is going to the wall

in consequence of that principle. The

motherland remains right side up.

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Major-General Gascoigne, the new

commander-in-chief of the Canadian

forces, thinks the head of the military

college at Kingston should be frequent-

ly changed, and that the position

should be thrown open to an excep-

tionally smart officer of the Canadian

militia. That is right. There has been

too much tendency to under-estimate

Canadian talent when positions of this

kind become vacant. No position is

too good for a Canadian if he has the

proper qualifications.

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While we have been impatiently wait-

ing for warmer weather, in other parts

of the continent the climatic conditions

have been remarkable. In far north

Alaska, for example, they have experi-

enced the coldest weather known there

in twenty years. During January and

February the temperature was never

above zero at Juneau or Sitka, and

snow fell almost continuously. To bal-

ance this, an unusual spell of warm

weather during the early part of this

month hatched out millions of grass-

hoppers, prematurely, in Oregon. And

then came along an unusual cold snap,

which killed practically every one of

the insects. Consequently the farm-

ers thereabouts are doing the remark-

able thing of rejoicing over unseason-

able weather. In Southern California,

a former Londoner writes us, they are

already experiencing very warm weather,

and at Orange, in that State, the

other day, a farmer and his two sons

were killed by lightning, while sitting

at the table, eating their supper.

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How the Money Goes.

The opposition of Mr. Sanford Flem-

ing, the eminent engineer, to the pres-

ent extraordinary condition of affairs

at the Kingston Military College is na-

tural. Mr. Fleming is one of the visit-

ors, and he very properly objects to

the hiring of 37 officials to take con-

trol of 57 cadets. The country does not

get anything like value for the money

that is spent at this institution, which

has been yearly becoming more ex-

pensive. From the Auditor-General's

report we learn that to provide for the

education of these 57 pupils the sum of

\$64,568 94 was spent last year. The

original intention was that the college

should be devoted to the teaching of

military tactics alone, but as clamors

for office increased all kinds of

teachers have been added, until now

the college gives education that could

be obtained by the pupils at a tithe

of the expense in connection with our

public or high schools. Let the long-

suffering taxpayer reflect on this list

of teachers for these fifty-seven pup-

ils, together with the moneys paid

them last year:

Commandant, Major-General

Cameron, C.M.G. (son-in-law

to Sir Charles Tupper)\$3,153 52

Staff Adjutant1,400 00

Professor of Military History

et al.....2,500 00

Professor of Mathematics, etc., 2,000 00

or he would not see it in that light. There is no reason why the well-to-do young men who enter the military college should not be thoroughly equipped with all the general education which they need at the public and high schools of the country, as are budding doctors, lawyers, and other professional men, at very much smaller cost. In military matters, too, the country needs a change.

The New Olympian Games.

Our cablegrams inform us that re-

presentative athletes from America,

Great Britain and from other parts of

Europe have already been entered as

competitors in the great gathering for

the revival of the Olympian games in

Greece. It is to be regretted that in

the list of "American" athletes no

Canadian is included. We are confi-

dent that if one or more of our strong

and agile men, who in the past have

been in the habit of carrying all be-

fore them in athletic sports on this

continent, had been entered in the

Grecian contests they would have

made a most creditable showing.

Through the neglect to arrange for

representation in a competition of

such world-wide importance, which

will be witnessed by many thousands,

and reported on by the press of the

civilized world, Canada has missed a

great advertisement.

These games, which will stir up re-

collections of many events connected

with the greatness and glory of an-

cient Greece, will begin on April 6,

according to our calendar—March 24,

according to the Julian calendar that

is in use in Greece—and they will last

for ten days. They will take place on

the sacred plains of Elis in the an-

cient stadium, on the very ground

made celebrated by Choroebus, the

first of victors, and by Alcibiades, the

most renowned. The original site of

the stadium has been practically re-

stored, and the marble benches have

been replaced as they were two thou-

sand years ago.

The ancient games could be partici-

pated in by none but Greeks, and

every Hellenic state sent its repre-

sentatives. The prize was an olive

crown, a simple garland cut from a

tree in the sacred grove of Olympia,

while palm leaves were placed in the

hands of the victors. Hence comes

our proverbial expression "He bears

the palm." In addition to this the

victor's name, together with the games

in which he had conquered, were pro-

claimed by a herald. These victories

were considered the greatest triumphs

a Greek could obtain, and the highest

honors were conferred upon him. There

are instances on record in which altars

were built and sacrifices offered to the

victors at Olympia. The ancient games

comprised leaping, running, throwing

the quoit, spear-throwing and wrest-

ling. Added to these afterward came

boxing, in which the hands of the box-

ers were covered by a cestus made

partly of lead and partly of leather.

The modern boxer's glove is compar-

atively harmless beside it. Then there

was also chariot racing and racing on

horseback. In addition to these there

were contests in poetry, music and

oratory.

The Olympian festival was a sea-

son of gayety and rejoicing, and pil-

grims thronged thither from all Greek

cities and from distant provinces. Cel-

ebrated at intervals of four years, they

marked the periods of time, and it

was not until the fourth century of

our present era that they were abol-

ished by the Roman Emperor Theod-

osius.

There has been talk of a revival of

these games since 1853, but it was not

until 1894 that the project began to

make headway. A number of wealthy

Greeks and Frenchmen began the

movement in that year, and appointed

the spring of 1896 for the beginning

of a new Olympiad. The King and

Queen of Greece have taken the deep-

est interest in this revival, and have

given largely of their private means to

promote it. The games will be en-

tirely those that have the approval of

the present day, so that there will be

neither chariot racing nor boxing. Modern

games, such as bicycling and lawn

tennis, will be introduced, but in all

other respects the festival will con-

form as nearly as possible to that of

ancient Greece. The King himself will

place the olive crown on the head of

each victor.

SAVAGES TAUGHT CIVILIZED TRICKS.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

There is a touch of irony in the fact

that the spread of civilization has

placed modern weapons of war in the

Western Ontario.

The Latest Happenings in the Best

Section of the Province.

Sequel to the Dixon Matrimonial Trouble

Fifteen-Year-Old Suicide—The

Madill Assault Case.

The Chesley Board of Health de-

clines the story that cancerous beef was

offered for sale there.

Lord and Lady Aberdeen have prom-

ised to visit Sarnia in September and

officially open the Boys' Brigade, as

they intended to do last year.

Henry Smith, of the Penwarden

House, St. Thomas, was fined \$30 and

costs for selling liquor to James Som-

erville after being ordered not to do so.

Ward Stanworth, a Chatham bar-

rist, is arranging to bring a suit in

New York against John Abd-el-Noir, the

Syrian merchant accused of smug-

gling Abd-el-Noir at Detroit, and claims

\$1,500.

Waterloo Spring Assizes will start on

Monday, with Justice Rose on the

bench. The first business will be the

trial of August Kuchinski, charged

with murdering Albert Jeanerette on

Aug. 4, 1895, in a swamp near the

village of Kossuth.

Wm. Sewell, well-known to almost

every resident of Chatham, is miss-

ing, and his friends are searching for

him, as they fear that he has per-

ished from exposure. Sewell is a single

man, about 50 years of age, and has

had quite a chequered career.

C. T. Woolley, the 15-year-old boy

who worked for Mr. A. McPherson,

con. 13, Yarmouth, and who took a

dose of Paris green on Tuesday night,

died Friday. The lad worked for Mr.

McPherson for six years, and was for-

merly an inmate of the Elgin House of

Industry.

Daniel B. Duncan, the New York

lawyer who was in St. Thomas look-

ing up an alleged daughter of the late

Jay Gould, returned home yester-

day. Mr. Duncan is acting in the in-

terests of Miss Gould, of New York.

The lawyer could not find any traces of

the alleged heiress.

A writ has been issued at Brantford

in the slander suit of Fisher vs. Pat-

ten for \$1,000 damages for alleged

slander. The plaintiff, Wm. Fields, is

a wagon maker in St. George, and the

defendant, Thos. Patten, is carrying

on an insurance business in the same

place. Defendant is accused of insin-

uating that plaintiff had set fire to his

property and belongings in order to

get the insurance. The defendant de-

nies the statements made by plaintiff

in toto.

A new phase of the now famous as-

sault case, of which Rev. J. C. Madill,

of Sarnia, was the victim, was opened

Thursday when Wm. McLaren was ar-

rested by Officer Service on informa-

tion lodged by J. T. Mitchell. McLaren

was brought before the mayor, he ac-

cepted bail from two citizens of Sarnia

for \$250 each, McLaren giving bail

himself for the same amount. The

trial was set for Monday next. The

object of laying the complaint proba-

bly is to get at McLaren in case the