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ASTRONOMICAL.

London, Friday, March 1, 1889.

Sun rises..... 6:54 a.m. | Moon rises..... 7:09 a.m.

Sun sets..... 6:07 p.m. | Moon sets..... 5:56 p.m.

Day of the year, 60th.

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon..... 1st..... 5:01 a.m.

First Quarter..... 7th..... 12:50 p.m.

Full Moon..... 17th..... 6:47 p.m.

Last Quarter..... 27th..... 1:54 a.m.

New Moon..... 31st..... 6:37 p.m.

METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE OF CANADA

Partly Cloudy and Mild, Followed
by Rain.

Toronto, Feb. 28.

A slight decrease in pressure has taken place
since yesterday in Ontario and Eastern Canada,
and the weather is fair, with moderate tem-
peratures everywhere. A depression now covers
Manitoba, and throughout the North-west the
weather is fair and mild. Maximum tem-
peratures:—Calgary, 42°; Edmonton, 56°; Qu'Appelle,
42°; Winnipeg, 40°; Toronto, 35°; Mont-
real, 34°; Quebec, 30°; Halifax, 32°.Indications:—Lakes:—Easterly winds; partly
cloudy or cloudy; mild weather, followed by
rain.

London Station, Feb. 28, 1889.

Report for 24 hours, ending 8 p. m. Obser-
vations taken daily at 8 a. m., 3 p. m. and 8 p. m.

Baro. mean, daily..... 30.50 | Therm. min..... 20

Therm. max..... 37 | mean, daily..... 32

SINCE LAST OBSERVATION.

WIND—Direction and Velocity:— Miles.

8 a. m. calm..... 12

3 p. m. calm..... 13

8 p. m. calm..... 11

Total..... 36

Average state of weather:—Cloudy.

E. BAYNES REED, Observer.

Why is the origin of the sobriquet,
"Tommy Atkins," as applied to the British
private soldier? The printed forms used in
the army for different purposes have, for the
guidance of those who use them, the name
Thomas Atkins printed to indicate
to those using them where to write their
names. Since this form has been in use
our private soldier has been generally term-
ed "Tommy Atkins."

FREE PRESS CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Luney's Explanation.

To the Editor of the Free Press.

SIR,—At the meeting of the Hospita-

Trust yesterday, fault was found with me
because the completion of the recent ad-
dition to the laundry had been delayed.Permit me to say that it was delayed on
account of the recent severe weather, and
that the work is now progressing favor-
ably. Yours, etc., JAS. S. LUNEY.

London, Feb. 28.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

The Sacred Heart Convent.

To the Editor of the Free Press.

Canfield, Feb. 25th, 1889.

SIR,—Would you, through your weekly, kin-
dly give the address of the manager or head of
the Convent at London. A. C. CROSBIE.ANSWER.—Madam White, Dundas street, Lon-
don.

Notice of Removal.

The business of the well-known jewelry
firm of A. S. Murray & Co. has continued
to increase with remarkable rapidity, and
in order to supply the demands of their
numerous patrons have found it necessary
to remove their place of business from
Richmond street to Dundas street, just one
door west of Richmond street, on the north
side. This commodious store is being
fitted up for the firm, and by Saturday it
is anticipated to have everything in order.
This store is finely situated, and will be
without doubt the finest jewelry establish-
ment in the city. Everything in the
jewelry line will be kept in stock, and
special attention devoted to the spectacle
department.The Bishop of Huron will preach in
Trinity Church, Aylmer, on Sunday,
March 10th.A large stock of the best English and
American linen ledger papers always on
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this office. Any neglect in the

delivery of papers should also

be communicated.

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Business Department..... 145

Editorial Rooms..... 150

LOCAL AND DISTRICT.

Bishop Baldwin will preach in the

Church of St. John the Evangelist on Sun-

day evening next.

Mr. Edward Farrer, editor-in-chief of

the Mail, who has been ill for some time,
is gradually regaining good health.

The contract for erecting the new High

School in Parkhill has been awarded to

Mr. A. K. Vanwyck, of that town.

William Marshall, who has been under

arrest for some time on a charge of in-
sult, was discharged by Judge Davis

yesterday.

Will McCracken, of the Dufferin House,

Woodstock, has been convicted of a sec-
ond offence against the Scott Act and fined

\$100 and costs.

Messrs. John Geoghegan and John

Shea, of Toronto, have returned home
after spending a couple of days with Mr.

Harry Merritt.

The vital statistics of the city for the

month of February, as registered with the

City Clerk, were:—Births, 44; marriages,
3; deaths, 20.

Mr. John Livingstone, editor-in-chief of

the Empire, has not been in good health for
some months. His immediate return to

active duty is not probable.

The Railway Committee of the Legisla-

ture has reported Bills respecting the
London Street Railway, the Waterloo Junction

Railway and the Yorkville Loop Line.

The sudden death is reported of Mr. John

Cooper, of Ottawa. Deceased had oc-
cupied the position of treasurer and clerkof the township of South Norwich for
twenty-one years.

Mrs. Wm. Andrews, of Exeter, died

suddenly the other morning, aged 72.
Deceased was mother of the wife of Mr. S.Carter, at present residing in Rochester,
N. Y., formerly of this city.

Mr. H. A. Morgan, of Guelph, son of

John Morgan, Esq., of Kewwood, has been

appointed Vice-President of the Farmers'
Experimental Union, in connection with

the Agricultural College, Guelph.

The two brass bands in Parkhill have

amalgamated and are to be known as the

Parkhill Brass Band. The new band will

comprise about 20 instruments and is now

under the leadership of Mr. Frank Haw-

key.

Walter Walters, of the second concession

of Westminster, was bound over to keep

the peace by Squire Peters yesterday, a
neighbor, Robert Brown, being the com-plainant. He will answer a charge of abusive
language on Saturday.

The induction of the Rev. Edward

Cockburn, M. A., to the pastorate of
Dumfries Street Presbyterian Church,
Paris, took place yesterday in the presenceof a very large assemblage of people from
the town and surrounding country.

W. Willis & Co. wish the FREE PRESS

to state that an error was made in making
out their tender for furnishing pine lumberto the Water Commissioners for 1889 at
\$14 per thousand feet, as the price intended

by the firm was \$15 per thousand feet.

Mr. Justice Macmahon has given the fol-

lowing judgement in the suit of the Huron
and Erie Loan and Savings Co. vs. Lodge—

Order made making perpetual the injunc-

tion restraining the defendants from cut-

ting timber on the mortgaged premises.

For some time past the Street Railway

Company have been missing money from
fare boxes, and yesterday Fred Scott, a

painter, was caught in the act of unlock-

ing a box and abstracting cash. He was
arrested. How he came into possession of
the key is not known.

On the news of the railway accident at

St. George reaching the Local Legislature
Wednesday night there was much excite-ment. Mr. W. R. Meredith, Q. C., was
expecting some of his family and was

afraid they were on the ill-fated train. The

suspense was very painful for a time, but a

telegraphic message soon conveyed the tid-

ings that all were safe at home.

Mr. H. B. Sproat, of Woodstock, has

received a letter from his brother-in-law,
Mr. G. B. Hyslop, of Fargo, Dakota, con-taining the intelligence of the painful
death of Mr. Hyslop's five-year-old child,
Berrie. The little fellow, it appears, was

kicked in the head by a horse, the skull be-

ing penetrated. The child survived the
kick only a short time. Mr. Hyslop is an
old Zorraite.

At a meeting of the Oxford Lodge the

following officers were duly elected and in-

stalled for the ensuing year:—County Mas-

ter, Wm. S. Scott, Tilsonburg; Deputy
County Master, Donald McAllen, Wood-

stock; County Secy., T. Barneott, Tilson-

burg; Chap., J. C. Watters, Woodstock;
Treas., John Barry, Culloden; D. of C.,Mat Dillon, Tilsonburg; Lecturer, R.
McClintock, Culloden; D. Sec., DonaldMcLean, Woodstock; D. Lec., Wm.
Whitcombe, Woodstock.The extensive saw-mill and hoop factory,
owned by Schlehauf Bros., at Wallace town,
was completely destroyed by fire on Tues-

day night. A large quantity of new ma-

chinery had just been placed in the mill,
and steam was raised in the morning for
the purpose of testing it, so that the generaloperations could be commenced. The fire in
the furnace was allowed to die out at
noon, and the watchman went through themill after dark and found everything all
right. It is thought, however, there must
have been fire smouldering, as it originatedin the engine room. Loss, \$4,000; insured
for \$1,800. The mill will be rebuilt.There was a pretty little entertainment
for the "wee folk" in the Congregational
Church the other night. Rev. H. D.
Hunter presided, and those who took part

The conversation in Christ Church

school-room last night was highly success-

ful. The first part of the programme was

under the able management of Mr. W.

Halle, and consisted of solos, duets, trios

and quartettes, rendered in a very pleasing

manner, those taking part being Mrs.

Piper, Miss Boddy, Miss Madge Seaborn,

Mr. Halle, Mr. C. A. Jones and Mr. Ma-

comb. The choir also gave a couple of

choruses in a creditable manner, and Mr.

Cecil Smith gave a capital recitation. A

prominent feature of this part of the pro-

gramme was a violin duet by Miss Cop-

pinger and Mr. Maccomb, which elicited a

hearty encore. Mr. E. Green also favored

the audience with an excellent piano solo.

During recess refreshments were served in

great abundance, and before resuming the

programme the Rector, Rev. Canon Smith,

called attention to the fact that the congre-

gation were about to sustain a loss by the

resignation of Mr. Halle as organist of the

church. Mr. G. F. Brown then came for-

ward and read an address to Mr. Halle,
expressive of the regret which the mem-bers of the choir felt at his withdrawal
and of the benefit which they had derivedfrom his teaching. Mr. A. G. McCormick
then presented Mr. Halle, in behalf of the

choir, with a handsome travelling case.

Mr. Halle, though taken completely by

surprise, made a neat reply, speaking
warmly of the interest he felt in the churchand his regret that personal and business
matters made a severance of his connectionnecessary. He felt that in his successor
they will find one quite able to fill his placewith efficiency. The rector then announced
that he and the Wardens had agreed in ap-pointing Mr. E. Green to the position of
organist, and felt that in so doing theywould have assurance of a continuance of
harmony and good-will, as well as thorough

efficiency. The second part of the pro-

gramme was then taken charge of by Rev.

Professor Seaborn, assisted by young lady
pupils of Hallowell Ladies' College, theMisses McCammon, Gibbons, Alters and
Smith, through the kindness of Rev. Prin-

cipal English. Brilliant chemical experi-

ments were given in rapid succession by
the young ladies, showing an intimateacquaintance with the science of chemistry.
Brief explanations were given by the Pro-fessor as each experiment was given. A
very pleasant evening was spent.

Mrs. R. A. Douglas' residence in Lon-

don West was besieged on Wednesday
night by a large number of young peopleof the Methodist Church. A still greater
surprise awaited the good lady later in theevening, when she was presented with a
beautiful silver crucifix and an address,
expressive of the highest appreciationof the young ladies of her Sabbath
school class. After spending a verypleasant evening the young people returned
to their homes.

A public discussion will be held in the

Town Hall, Aylmer, commencing on Mon-

day evening, March 11, 1889, and contin-

ing the five following evenings, between
Elder J. S. Sweeney, Christian Disciple, of

Paris, Kentucky, and Rev. T. L. Wilkin-

son, Methodist Minister, of Dunnville, On-

tario. Propositions:—1. In Christ's com-

mission to the Apostles He commanded
immersion.—(Sweeney affirms). 2. That

infant children of believers are proper sub-

jects for Christian Baptism.—(Wilkinson

affirms).

Last Sunday, during services, Rev.

Father Corcoran, who was preaching his
farewell sermon in the Roman CatholicChurch, at Parkhill, was the recipient of
two touching addresses, each accompanied

by a substantial token, from his parishion-

ers in Parkhill and Forest. The Forest friends
had come to Parkhill for that special

purpose. Father Corcoran made a touch-

ing reply to the addresses, and the oc-
casion was a deeply interesting one.

About twenty-five of the employees of

the late firm of Samwell & Pickard, of
Exeter, surprised Mr. Samwell, the retiringpartner, the other evening, and presented
him with a handsomely illuminated en-grossed address, beautifully framed. A
very pleasant evening was spent, manyof those present not having met one another
for years.

The following officers were elected at a

recent session of Chapter 346, Royal Black

Knights of Ireland:—Sir Knight in Com-

mand, M. Baldwin; Deputy, Hance Walker;
Secretary, William Griffith; Treasurer,Hugh Nichol; Standard Bearer, John
Walker and William Fox; Pursuivant,
George Fox; Assistant Secretary, W.Bro. W. Fitzgerald. The Chapter is
in a flourishing condition.

Mr. J. Crawford and Mr. Geo. Fuke, of

Iowa, U. S., have been in Exeter for some

days purchasing horses. They have suc-

ceeded in securing a great many fine spec-

imens of horse flesh, among the number
being eight or ten superior Canadian bredstallions. The average price paid for the
latter was about \$400.

A fire occurred at Marthaville on Wed-

nesday night at 10.30, completely destroy-

ing the house occupied by Mrs. C. Cal-

linan, an elderly lady, who resided alone.
The remains of Mrs. Callinan was foundburnt to a crisp. It is supposed the fire
originated from the explosion of a lamp.

The plan for Miss Jarbeau's entertain-

ment at the Grand Opera House on Tues-

day evening next opens at the box office
this morning. She has received very manyfavorable press notices, and her musical
comedy, "Starlight," is highly spoken of.The West Williams Reform Association
has chosen the following officers:—Presi-

dent, Mr. Richard Couch; First Vice-Presi-

dent, Mr. John Love; Second Vice-Presi-

dent, Mr. William Peterkin; Sec. and
Treas., Mr. William Dawson.Mr. Arthur Winlow, late of Ingersoll,
brother of Messrs. George and CharlesWinlow, of this city, left on Monday
for New York, where he has obtained