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PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.
Toronto, April 19.—11 a.m.—Strong southwesterly winds, fair. Thursday, northerly winds, fair and cool.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Mrs. Holman, Joseph St., is visiting her daughter in Berlin.
Ko-Ko will have you on his list if you do not attend St. Joseph's Hall Monday night.

See those Natty Spring Coats in Northway's window! On sale at \$1.38 each to-morrow morning.

Ald. W. H. Westman is building a couple of new houses on King St. West, opposite St. Joseph's Hospital. Richards' store will be open at six o'clock Friday morning, where you can get the best Hot Cross Buns.

Poor Bob—Busby—Help him out of his fix by attending St. Joseph's Hall Monday night. Plan now open at Tschirhart's Music Store.

Wanted—15 or 20 ladies or gentlemen to learn the photograph business. Apply at Gibson's Studio, cor. King and Fifth streets.

Miss Geraldine Stephenson, who is attending Brankome Hall, Toronto, is spending the Easter holidays with Miss Edith Holmes.

The ladies taking part in Mrs. Busby's Pink Tea will certainly amuse you at St. Joseph's Hall Monday night.

Lost!—A young Scotch Collie dog that has on a leather collar. A reward will be paid for its return to J. J. Ross, Victoria avenue, and any person keeping him after this date will be prosecuted.

Rev. D. W. Hoyt and W. D. Ingram are appointed delegates from the William St. Baptist Young People's Society to the Baptist Y. P. Convention of Ontario and Quebec, which meets in Toronto on Good Friday. They leave to-morrow morning for Toronto. Rev. Mr. Hoyt is on the convention program.

Don't get cross when you go by the Urban Store, because we only made it yesterday and would like to keep it ourselves for a few days. After that you can get cross. In the meantime if you intend having anything new for Easter in the way of neckwear, belts, waists, skirts, suits or jacket, you can come across if you do not across and make your selections now, while our stock is complete. URBAN.

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RECESS FOR LEGISLATORS.

Certain Toronto Social Functions Draw Interest and Legislature Will Adjourn Thursday Until May 2.

Toronto, April 19.—The Legislature will adjourn on Thursday until May 2, owing to the visit of the Governor-General and the horse show, which functions will divert the attention of a large number of the Legislators from public business. Mr. Whitney urged as a third reason that the Government required some time to prepare public bills for presentation to the House.

The Budget Debate.
There were only three speeches in the budget debate yesterday. They were by Mr. Sam Clarke, who spoke for an hour and a half, Mr. T. W. McGarry, of South Renfrew, who occupied about half an hour in the presentation of his views, and Mr. E. A. Thompson, of North Westwold, who spoke briefly. The speeches, though pleasant to the ear, brought out nothing new.

Lunatics in Chatham Jail.
Before the orders of the day were called, Mr. Bowyer called attention to an article in The Chatham Planet regarding the incarceration in the Chatham jail of two dangerous lunatics.

Hon. Mr. Hanna replied that he had made enquiries and had found that no report of the case had come to the department. He had given instructions that the parties be removed.

Bills Read a First Time.
A large number of bills were read a first time, among them being one to regulate the width of sleigh runners, and Mr. Downey's to provide for the exemption of woodlands from taxation; also to amend the Assessment Act.

Hon. Mr. Mathison has given notice of two bills relating to the public debt, and to raise money on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario. The first provides machinery for regulating the public debt and the second gives authority to borrow money if necessary to meet the Temiskaming Railway bonds. Mr. Jamieson gives notice of a bill to amend the Public Schools Act, and Mr. Preston, of Brant, of a bill to amend the act respecting gas and water companies.

HOME FROM JAMAICA.

Ex-Premier Ross Returns Much Benefitted, But Still Lame.

Toronto, April 19.—Hon. G. W. Ross, Miss Ross and Miss Mabel Ross arrived in the city yesterday morning after a six or seven weeks' sojourn in Jamaica. Their arrival was expected only by members of the family, several of whom were at the Union Depot to meet them. They drove direct to the family residence, 1 Elmley Place.

The ex-Premier is tanned and looks exceedingly well. He was cheerful in manner and conversation, but naturally, owing to his absence from the scene, was not able to discuss Provincial or Federal politics. He intimated that he would not take his seat in the House until after the Easter recess.

"Although my rheumatism has not been very much relieved by my sojourn in Jamaica," he said in reply to several inquiries, "the rest has been most valuable to me. I come back almost entirely innocent of what has occurred here during my absence, as the last Canadian paper I saw, until this morning, was dated March 30, and I had been wondering whether Mr. Whitney had got his address from the Throne through the House, and whether Sir Wilfrid Laurier had got over the initial stage of his autonomy bill. I have therefore some arrears to make up in newspaper reading, which no doubt will be exceedingly interesting."

Mr. Ross and his daughters left Toronto on February 22, and reached Jamaica on March 3. For three weeks they lived out in the country, near Kingston, and for the last three weeks of their stay at the hot sulphur springs forty miles from Kingston, and they had to drive that distance across the country to get their steamer.

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TEACHERS IN CONVENTION

Annual Gathering of the West Kent Institute Opened To-day

Civic Welcome From Mayor Cowan—Mr. Jewett's Good Address.

The annual convention of the Chatham District Teachers' Institute, which comprises the inspectors of West Kent, opened this morning at the Central School, with a large and interested attendance of the teachers.

In opening the convention the Vice-President, Miss Georgia A. Morrison, who presided, cordially welcomed the visiting teachers and appropriately expressed her regret at the unavoidable absence of the President, Mr. A. M. Fleming, who had been a most earnest and capable official. Miss Morrison felt assured that the convention would prove of great interest and benefit to all present.

Inspector Park, the energetic Secretary of the Association, submitted several communications, which were duly received and laid on the table. The acting president asked the secretary to appoint a committee to deal with the recommendations of the Provincial Educational Association.

Miss Alice F. Mounteer, delegate to conference, furnished a most interesting account of the gathering, which was received with applause.

THE CIVIC WELCOME.

Miss Morrison then introduced his worship Mayor Cowan, who delivered a cordial address of civic greeting to the Association. The Mayor expressed his pleasure at being present to welcome the delegates. "We are proud of our schools and of our teachers," he said enthusiastically, "and I heartily tender you the freedom of the city."

At the conclusion of the Mayor's address, Miss Morrison briefly expressed the Association's appreciation of the civic welcome.

NATURE STUDY.

The paper of A. E. Jewett, B. A., science master of the Chatham Collegiate Institute, on Nature Study, was of special interest to the teachers, in view of the fact that the course in Nature Study in the Public schools has recently been increased. The paper was full of excellent suggestions for elementary Nature Study work. He especially advised the leaving of the scientific aspect of the subject for more advanced students and the confining of the Public school work to observing the manner of life of the insects that the children are familiar with and learning facts about these, that every one should know.

Mr. Jewett was led enough to bring several mounted specimens of local insects.

After the paper a short discussion was held. Mr. Plewes, Miss Irwin, Inspector Park and Miss Taylor taking part.

NEW BANK BUILDING

Geo. Massey, Manager of the Bank of Montreal, has been notified that the Head Office has decided to tear down the building now occupied by bank and erect a handsome structure in the centre of the present site. The material will probably consist of rough stone and pressed brick, and the estimated cost will be about \$25,000. Temporary quarters will be taken in the Seane Block, until the completion of the new premises.

ONE YEARS AGO.

Buildings Which Replace Burned Toronto of April 19, 1904.

Toronto, April 19.—One year ago wholesale Toronto was in the grasp of flames. The night will never be forgotten.

Thirteen acres was burned. 104 buildings were utterly destroyed.

"Twas said next morning it would take five years at least to recover from the shock. Today six acres have been rebuilt, and but for the railway expropriation there would have been more.

Thirty-one new buildings have been erected. They are bigger and better than those they replaced. They are valued at \$1,124,000. The value of three times the number destroyed was \$1,285,000.

Railway Strike Fizzles.

Rome, April 19.—The strike of employees of the State railroads against the Government regulations continues, but more men returned to work yesterday and more trains are being moved.

Cheaper in Canada.

London, April 19.—Application was made yesterday at Acton police court, by the Acton guardians, for necessary certificates for the extradition of 11 orphan and deserted children from the cottage homes to Canada. It was pointed out that the maintenance of these children in future would be \$11 per annum, as compared with the present cost per child of £30 per annum. The magistrates granted the application.

Mr. Hays at Ottawa.
Ottawa, April 19.—Chas. Hays, general manager of the G. T. P., was in the city yesterday on business with the Government.

The bride can never be happy unless she has confidence in her husband, and her dressmaker.

Minard's Liniment Cures Dismember

HARD TO GET QUORUM.

Some Questions Answered in the House and Autonomy Debate.

Ottawa, April 19.—The Easter exodus has begun and the whips are having a herculean task in keeping the necessary quorum in the House. Yesterday the front Government bench was entirely deserted after the orders of the day were called, and ten members of the Government side held the fort during the autonomy debate.

Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, in answer to Mr. Boyce, of Algoma, made quite a lengthy statement regarding the extension of time of fishing off Norfolk County in Lake Erie.

In reply to Mr. Foster, Mr. Prefontaine said the Icebreaker Montcalm, in his opinion, was all right. It is now safely anchored in clear water, its winter task was done, and it was now resting quietly, though it was still surrounded by mountains of ice.

Mr. Maclean asked the Premier about the Arctic expedition, being fitted up at Cape Breton by Americans. It might not merely be a voyage of discovery, and Canadian interests should be safeguarded.

The Premier: The S. S. Arctic is in those waters and will do the necessary safeguarding.

The Autonomy Debate.

The speakers on the autonomy bills were Mr. Lawrence of Colchester, Mr. Armstrong of East Lambton, Mr. Bole of Winnipeg, and Mr. Paquet of L'Assomption, who moved the adjournment of the debate and the House adjourned at 8.30 p. m.

To-day being a three hours' session, a couple of short speeches were made, and then the Government had time during the following holiday recess to come to some definite conclusion as to the future.

M. P.'s in a Fall.
A dozen members of the Commons had an exciting experience at noon yesterday. The elevator suddenly took a turn for the worse and fell from the second story to the bottom of the shaft.

Messrs. Gallier, MacPherson of Vancouver, Blair, Caldwell, Talbot and Wilson were on it when it made a bee-line for the bottom. Luckily, the safety brake did its duty, and beyond some severe shakings and depleted vocabularies nothing more serious resulted.

A year ago a similar thing happened. Mr. MacPherson brought the matter to the Government. He pointed out the danger to the Commons, and an enquiry is to be instituted.

No Canada-Mexico Line.
Ottawa, April 19.—The proposed steamship service between Canada and Mexico on the Atlantic coast has fallen through. The Mexican Government refused to contribute anything for a line that calls at Cuban ports on their way to and from Canada, and it is impossible to get any steamship company that will take the contract under those terms.

The Department of Trade and Commerce will offer a subsidy to a line of steamships to Cuba, connecting the Bahamas for a monthly service all the year around between Canada and Europe, calling at Charlottetown, Halifax and Nassau. In summer the steamers will start at Montreal, and in winter the terminus will be Halifax. The department expects to have the line established this season.

Passed by Railway Committee.
Ottawa, April 19.—The bill to grant an extension to the Ontario, the Hudson Bay and Western Railway was considered by the Railway Committee yesterday. The bill received the support of two-thirds of the committee.

The Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston and Georgian Bay Railway Co. has changed its name to the Dominion Central Railway.

A COUNCIL OF EMPIRE.

Premier Balfour's Diplomatic Answer in House to Liberal M.P.

London, April 19.—(C.A.P.)—Alex. W. Black, Liberal, asked the Prime Minister in the House of Commons whether at the projected colonial conference the delegates would be invited to consider the establishment of a council of the Empire as a better method of cementing the Empire, rather than the adoption of any scheme for the exaction of a duty on wheat and flour.

Mr. Balfour replied that the conference itself would be a council of the Empire. The establishment of machinery for making recommendations to some special scheme which the council itself might propose.

Contract Awarded.
Toronto, April 19.—The contract for 44,000 feet of ten-inch cast iron tubing to be used in installing the pneumatic postal system in Toronto and Montreal, has been awarded by the Dominion Government to the Alexander MacLaren Co. of Glasgow at \$1.50 per foot.

The work of digging the trench and laying the pipe will be done by the Toronto Construction Tube Co., a branch of a Boston concern. No Canadian labor must be employed wherever possible in the work of installation. The distance to be covered is estimated at 15,000 feet. The entire cost is placed at \$300,000.

They Apologized to Mr. Monteth.
Stratford, April 19.—Richard Wright and Rev. S. Anderson, who made slanderous statements alleging that Hon. Nelson Monteth had been drinking during the campaign in South Perth last January, have backed down. Mr. Monteth had an action entered against them and they apologized. Hon. Mr. Monteth has accepted the apology and proceedings are called off.

Agent For Servant Girls.

Montreal, April 19.—Supplying servant girls for the Northwest is a new industry, but it is one, according to Benjamin Pipe, real estate agent at Wapella, Assiniboia, which will yield profitable returns. Mr. Pipe, who is on his way to England, has arranged to bring back with him from England 50 servant girls. He has already good places provided.

Corby Gives a Park.
Belleville, April 19.—H. Corby, ex-M. P., has presented a piece of property on William street to the city, to be used as a park. Mr. Corby had just refused \$10,000 for the property.

At Listowel.
Listowel, April 19.—The Mannel House, operated by John Welsh, was discovered on fire early yesterday morning. It was a frame structure, opposite the Grand Trunk depot. The building and contents were entirely destroyed. The loss is about \$4,000.

At Berlin.
Berlin, April 19.—What might have been a very serious fire was prevented by the quick action of the fire department here yesterday, when a barn in the rear of E. O. Boehmer's departmental store took fire. The Waterloo brigade was called, but the fire was under control when they arrived.

Germany Makes Demand.
New York, April 19.—A Pekin despatch to The Herald says Germany has just demanded exclusive mining rights in the prefectures of Tongchow, Liachow and Chingchow, in the Shantung Province. These prefectures cover the entire Shantung peninsula, including the neutral zone around Chefoo.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED—Girl for general housework in Detroit, two in family. Apply by Saturday, stating salary, to Box 22, Planet Office.

Notice To Contractors.

Sealed bids and separate tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned for all of the several trades necessary to construct a frame residence, with brick foundation, up till 7 o'clock p. m. Saturday, April 20th, 1905, for S. S. Agar, of Chatham, Ontario. Plans, specifications, etc., can be seen at the office of the architect, Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

S. S. AGAR, Prop., Chatham, Ont.
JAS. L. WILSON & Son, Architects, Chatham.

Mortgage Sale

On Wednesday, the 26th day of April, 1905, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon, upon the premises, there will be offered for sale by public auction the desirable residence and lot described as the east half of lot number fifty-four, in Block "U" on the north side of Water street in the city of Chatham.

For terms and particulars apply to S. B. Arnold, auctioneer for the mortgages, or Andrew Thomson, Jr., auctioneer.

The household effects of David Watson will also be sold by auction at the same time and place.

FOR SALE

The undersigned have been instructed to place on the market the Scott property. This place is located on the south side of Park Ave., in the city of Chatham and is composed of ten acres of first class land on which is situated a large new brick residence and other buildings. This is one of the most beautiful and elaborate homes in the county of Kent, and must be sold within the next few days. Persons wishing a bargain in real estate would do well to inspect this property. For terms and particulars of sale apply to

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At \$1.00.—Pauline, 2 dome clasp, all Silk stitched, with self or White backs, shades are Brown, Tan, Castor, Black, White, Green, etc.

At \$1.25.—Greylock, 3 dome clasp, with self or White backs, in following shades, Black, Tan, Grey, Castor.

At \$1.25.—Beatrice, 3 dome clasp, with 3 dome clasp, in all the new shades.

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Some active new Hats in continental Turban and Polo effects of Milan and Rustic braids, from \$2 to \$5.

Critic, pretty rolling brim Sailor, in Navy, White and Brown, trimmed with smart bow of ribbon and quill, \$2.50

A rus starw Hat, rolling on side, in Tuscan, White, Brown and navy, severely but artistically trimmed, \$3.00

We are proud of a new line in Children's Hats, soft fancy braid floppox pleated edge, all colors, \$2.00.

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Spring Overcoat, Suit, Hat, and Neckwear.

We can outfit you complete in an hour, at half made-to-order prices, with satisfaction guaranteed.

Stunning Spring Overcoats, \$7.50 to \$15,
Smart Spring Suits, \$7.50 to \$18,
Correct Spring Hats, \$9.00 to \$2.50. Stiff and Soft.

Bright Spring Neckwear, Gloves, Shirts, Etc.

EASTER NECKWEAR

Our furnishing department is fairly abloom with fresh creations in Neckwear for Easter. Come in and see what's what in Neckwear for Spring. New shapes and new Silks. If you can look at the new styles without buying a Tie or two, you'll do better than we think you can. Come and try it.

Update Prices here You Know, Always
you'll need a new Tie for Easter at any rate, special values, 25, 50c

BOY'S EASTER SUITS

Let's not seem like Easter to the average boy unless he has a suit to wear. Let us fit out the Boy with his Easter clothes, a top coat, or both. Elegant, all Wool, fast color, Blue two piece Suits, sizes up to 13 years, \$4.00.

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