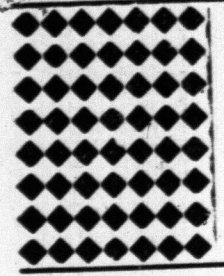


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### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

**BIRTHS.**  
DOLSEN.—On Wednesday, 28th inst., the wife of R. Percy Dolson, of a son.

### THE PROBABILITIES.

G. N. W. Special.  
Toronto, April 2—10 a.m.—Local showers at first, clearing to night; Tuesday fine and mild.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

Tancredi Doyle is a little better to-day.

Chairman Wilson, of the school board, is better to-day.

The firemen wish to thank P. D. McKellar for magazines.

The charter for the Western Post Fuel Company has arrived.

H. Bruce Cameron, of Buffalo, is home on a short visit to his mother.

The civic finance committee and city board of health are meeting this afternoon.

The quarterly criminal justice accounts for the March quarter are being audited to-day.

George Hardy, of Dover, leaves for Calgary this evening, with the intention of locating there.

The city water commissioners will hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday evening next.

Dr. J. L. Bray's mother died in Hamilton on Saturday. The funeral will take place to-morrow, Tuesday, at Petrolia.

A. L. Savage has purchased from John Bauser, of Freeport, Ill., a sweepstake barred Plymouth rock cock, which arrived on Saturday.

A. N. Doupe, of London, who has been employed for some time in the dry goods store of Wm. Foreman, left to-day to accept a similar position with Northway & Co., Ridgeway.

Blonde Bros & Co. have the contract for rebuilding the house of W. J. Elliott, Head St., weather permitting, the work will be completed this week. This is the house recently damaged by fire.

County Commissioner Thos. Robinson, of Romney, has been appointed to the Government position of preventive customs officer to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Caleb Courtwright.

The 2 T's have just received four dozen of their celebrated \$1. fast black, steel-red umbrellas, with or without case, correct size and 1960 style handles. These umbrellas will do for ladies and gentlemen.

Rev. J. D. McElliott, of Toronto, preached on both occasions yesterday in the First Presbyterian Church. In the morning he alluded to the work of the Bible Society, while in the evening his address was specially to the young people from the life of Saul. In connection with the musical services Mrs. John Cooper and William H. Brackin gave an excellent rendition of the duet, "He Giveth His beloved sleep."

The choir of St. Joseph's church will put on a high class musical entertainment in the Grand Opera House towards the end of the month. Professor Kleinmeyer will be here to take part. Mr. Kleinmeyer is a warm personal friend of Father Solanus. He is one of the noted musicians of the States, and it is only his friendship for Father Francis that brings him to the Maple City. An appetizing will be given by the members of the choir, under the direction of Miss Nellie Rhody, organist and conductor of St. Joseph's church choir.



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The river is rising.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Hickin is slowly improving.

Dr. J. P. Rutherford was called to Ridgeway on professional business to-day.

A musicale will be given at the Kraus Conservatory this evening. The program is an excellent one.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Sutherland and Miss Sutherland have returned from New Orleans where they have been for several weeks.

Remember the "At Home" at Mrs. Pilkey's, Cross street, to-night from 7 until 10 o'clock in aid of the Indian famine fund.

Mrs. Thomas acknowledges receipt of \$1 from "A sympathizer" in aid of the Indian famine fund, which will be handed to Mrs. Pilkey this evening.

The non-jury sessions of the county court will open before Judge Bell tomorrow. Only one case is down for hearing, that of Griffiths vs. Houston.

Penal fines for \$50 for alleged illegal fine and costs of \$5.90. G. G. Martin appears for the plaintiff and O. L. Lewis for the defendant.

**OUTSIDE FIRES.**

"The fire department has no business," said Chief Jacques, "to go to fires outside the city limits. The call men especially feel that they should not be summoned from their work for fires outside. Something will have to be done in the way of remuneration and if the fire insurance companies would each contribute \$5 a year to the department for the outside work, the men would gladly go. The amount isn't much, but it would pay the insurance on the accident policies the men carry."

**HAS BOUGHT OUT THE IDEWILD.**

Henry Marshall, has resigned his position in the store of McKerrall & McKerrall and bought out the interest of W. J. Kitchen in the Idlewild Hotel. Mr. Marshall has been employed in the grocery store occupied by McKerrall & McKerrall for 28 years, first with Mr. McKerrall, senior, and afterwards with John McKerrall. He is a pleasant and obliging citizen and that he may do well in his venture is the hearty wish of his many friends.

**MR. LOCKE ON THE PRESS.**

The Rev. Mr. Locke preached last evening from the text "Understandest thou what thou doest?" in the course of his remarks, Mr. Locke said he knew a scurrilous squib of a paper, where he had lived, and this sheet devoted half of its columns to vile comments on sacred things, thus contaminating the minds of the readers and doing a desecrating work. The Chatham papers, he was pleased to say, had a healthy tone, and a respect for divine things that was creditable. Mr. Locke hoped that they would continue to do so and fulfil their good mission.

**MUSICAL TREAT.**

A grand sacred concert will be presented under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of William St. Baptist Church, to-morrow evening, April 3rd, when an excellent program will be presented by the best musical talent of the city, under the direction of the conductor of the choir, Mrs. Alice James. The presentation promises to be one of the best musical treats of the season. A silver collection of ten cents and upwards will be taken at the doors.

**STRUCK BY A TRAIN.**

William Reid, of the 3rd con., Harwich, had a most miraculous escape from serious injury Saturday night. He was driving home about nine o'clock in company with another man. They attempted to cross the Colborne St. C. P. R. crossing in front of the Lake Erie train from Walkerville. The on line struck the rig between the horse and buggy. The horse was released and cantered on up Colborne St. The rig was badly smashed and the occupants pitched out. Mr. Reid was picked up by the train men and Dr. Rutherford, who happened to be on the train, examined his injuries. He found that Mr. Reid had escaped with only a bad bruise on his right leg. He was taken home in much the worse for the accident. In not much the worse for the accident. In the meantime Mr. Reid's companion had disappeared.

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# WAS A DEADLY AMBUSH

**The British Loss Amounts to 350 Men and Seven Guns--General French in Pursuit.**

London, April 3.—The War Office reports that Col. Broadwood lost seven guns and all his baggage in the ambush laid for him by the Boers on Saturday 21 miles east of Bloemfontein. The casualties numbered 350. The War Office has received the following from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, April 1:

"I received news late yesterday afternoon from Col. Broadwood, who was at Thabanehu, 38 miles east of here, that information had reached him that the enemy was approaching in two forces, from the north and east. He stated that if the report proved true he would retire toward the water works, 17 miles nearer Bloemfontein, where we have had a detachment of mounted infantry for the protection of the works.

"Broadwood was told in reply that the ninth division with Martyn's mounted infantry would march at daylight to-day to support him, and that if he considered it necessary he should retire to the water works. He moved there during the night and bivouacked. At dawn to-day he was shelled by the enemy, who attacked on three sides. He immediately dispatched two horse artillery batteries and his baggage toward Bloemfontein, covering some of them with his cavalry.

**CELEBRITY CONCEALED.**

"Some two miles from the water-works the road crosses a deep nullah or spruit, in which, during the night a force of Boers had concealed themselves. So well were they hidden that our leading scouts passed over the drift without discovering them, and it was not until the wagons and guns were entering the guns that the Boers showed themselves and opened fire. Many of the drivers and artillery horses were immediately shot down at short range and several of the guns captured. The remainder galloped away, covered by Roberts' horse, which suffered heavily.

"Meanwhile, Lieut. Chestermaster, of Remington's scouts, found a passage across the spruit unoccupied by the enemy, by which the remainder of Broadwood's force crossed. They

reformed with great steadiness, notwithstanding all that had previously occurred.

"Broadwood's report, which has just reached me, and which contains no details, stated that he had lost seven guns and all his baggage. His estimates all his casualties at about 250, including 200 missing. On hearing this morning that Broadwood was hard pressed, I immediately ordered Gen. French with the two remaining cavalry brigades to follow in support of the ninth division. The latter, after a magnificent march, arrived on the scene shortly after 2 p. m.

"Broadwood's force consisted of the Royal Horse Artillery, and Roberts' Hussars, Q. and U batteries of the Royal Horse Artillery, and Pilcher's battalion of mounted infantry.

"The strength of the enemy is estimated at from 8,000 to 10,000, with guns, the number of which is not yet reported."

Miss M. L. Meloche, of Charing Cross, is spending a few days in the city.

Allie Drake, travelling passenger agent of the Lake Erie, was in the city to-day.

Ralph Ryan and Bert Terry left for Detroit this morning. Bert Terry accompanied them as far as Windsor.

William Hollings and Albert Edmundson left this morning for Manitoulin.

An exquisite program has been provided for the Sacred Concert in the evening.

The vital statistics of the city for March, recorded by the city clerk were as follows: Births 17, deaths 14, marriages 10.

Miss Ada Ross, the Maple City's accomplished contralto, will sing the splendid solo, "Come to the Land of Rest," at the Sacred Concert at the William St. Baptist Church to-morrow evening.

Professor MacKenzie, of Trinity University, Toronto, will deliver his lecture, "The Boer in South Africa," Thursday evening, in Holy Trinity schoolhouse. Admission free, collection for expenses.

This being the feast day of St. Joseph, the popular divine at St. Joseph's church, the pupils of class 4 and class 3 of the Separate school greeted him with addresses and songs. The reverend Father responded thanking the pupils for their kind remembrance and admiration.

The Retail Grocers' Association at their meeting in the Rankin House on Friday passed a resolution of condolence to the widow of the late J. L. Simpson, who was a member of the association. The resolution was entered on the minutes and a copy will be sent to Mrs. Simpson.

**GOING TO DAWSON.**

Burrister Charles Macdonald has been notified by the Minister of Justice of his appointment as court clerk of the Yukon. He will start for Dawson City about April 20, so as to make the trip beyond Lake Bennett before the trip breaks up. He expects to travel from here to Dawson in about 14 days. Mr. Macdonald will leave his family here for about a year until he gets well settled in his new home.

**KILLED IN A FIRE.**

Owens, Mich., April 2.—A falling wall at the burning Central School yesterday, killed two and injured five people. Fireman James E. Ross, 24 years of age, was buried beneath the ruins, and Frank Tucker's head was crushed by a mass of brick which fell upon him. The injured will all recover. Tucker was a school student.

**HORSES BURNED TO DEATH.**

The large livery stable of Thomas Ferris, of Windsor, was totally destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. Twenty-five horses were burned to death, seven hawks with all their equipment were destroyed and a fine stallion, purchased recently by a syndicate of sportsmen for \$3,000, lost its life.

**TELEGRAPH NEWS.**

The birth of the Duchess of York's fourth child and third son is announced.

The machinists' difficulty with their employers in the United States is settled.

The first batch of Boer war prisoners has started from Cape Town for St. Helena.

The question whether the American and British sections of the exposition shall be opened on Sundays is being discussed at Paris.

The Cataract Power Company has reduced the rates for the electric lighting of residences in Hamilton to one-half cent per hour.

At Kansas City John Haylip, a horse trainer, has been found guilty of murder in the second degree, and sentenced to ninety years in the penitentiary.

The boiler of a French torpedo boat exploded near Cherbourg, and five of the crew were terribly burned. One died, and another unable to bear the agony, jumped in to the sea and was drowned.

Lewis Conley fired four shots from a revolver at Rice Carson, a Hamilton stone-mason. The attempt was not successful. Mr. Carson says he does not know the man and gave no provocation for the shooting.

Broker James Baxter, of Montreal, and Lemieux, of the Banque V. V. Marie, were each sentenced to five years' imprisonment for conspiracy to defraud the bank.

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5 pcs. 42 in. pure wool botany serge, in solid shades of brown, navy blue, cardinal, myrtle green and black, special value, our price per yd. 40c.

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2 pcs. 40 in. new Scotch tweeds, in snow flake mixture, rich and stylish, pure wool correct weight for tailored suits, in shades of gray mixed and brown mixed, a pleasure to show them, our price per yd. 60c.

6 pcs. new Scotch checks, for nobby suits, made of extra quality, fine yarns, in colorings brown and gray, navy and gray, new blue and gray, black and blue, fawn and white, garnet and gray, extra value, 52 in. wide, our price per yd. \$1.25.

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