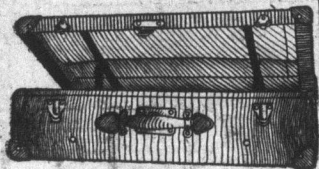


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#### Births, Marriages and Deaths

**SPRAGUE**—On Sunday, 21st inst., Helen, youngest daughter of G. W. and Sarah Sprague, aged 4 months and 4 days.

The funeral will take place at two o'clock to-day from Grey St.

#### THE LOCAL BUDGET

J. W. McKenzie, of Ridgetown, is a Chatham visitor to-day.

J. T. O'Keefe, of Mt. Clemens, was registered at the Garner House yesterday.

R. L. Geonell, J. H. Ferguson and Geo. Taylor, of Blenheim, were in the city on Saturday.

Miss Baxter, of Stone's, left this morning for Hamilton, where she will spend her holidays.

Garnet Holmes met with an accident on King St. West. He was riding along in his auto when he punctured the tire.

Misses Belle and Daisy Cameron, of Toronto, who have been visiting their cousin, Miss Belle Stringer, returned home to-day. Miss Stringer returned with them.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sprague, Gray Street, passed away yesterday. The funeral took place this afternoon at the Maple Cemetery. Rev. Mr. Cobblewick conducted the funeral services.

Mayor Graves, of Port Huron, called on Mayor McKough and invited the City Council to attend the Macbees' excursion, which goes to Port Huron. The Council will in all probability accept.

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#### ...SOCIETY...

A pretty wedding took place at the residence of Arch. Campbell, M. P., Toronto Junction, on Saturday, when his youngest daughter, Mabel L., was united in marriage to James E. Wallbridge, barrister, of Edmonton, N. W. T. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. C. Plaggon, of Victoria church, in the presence of a number of invited friends. Misses Helen Campbell, her sister, and Helen Wallbridge, were the bridesmaids, and Dr. W. D. Ferris, of Edmonton, supported the bridegroom. Mail and Empire.

#### BACK FROM THE WEST

M. J. Wilson, of the M. J. Wilson Cattle Company, returned last Wednesday from a very enjoyable pleasure and business trip to Winnipeg and the Northwest. Mr. Wilson took 54 tons of binder twine with him and succeeded in disposing of all of it in the Northwest. He could have sold much more but he had no more on hand and it was too late to commence manufacturing it for this season. In speaking of his trip this morning, Mr. Wilson said:

"The crops in the Northwest are excellent this year and there will be an abundant yield. Barley, oats and wheat are a splendid crop all over the Northwest. We had a very pleasant trip up on the 'Monarch' as far as Trevelyan, and a very pleasant trip back on the 'Huron.' There was a big crowd of Chathamites on board on the trip back. There were eighteen of us, including Mr. and Mrs. E. McKinnell, Mr. and Mrs. A. Albert, Mrs. Geo. Blackburn, Mr. Glassford, Mr. and Mrs. Peter McGeechay, A. E. Merritt, Mrs. Wilson and daughter, and myself. We were in the Park street Methodist church, and coming back Sunday evening we had a service on the boat."

"It appeared to me when I was there that there are a great many laborers in the Northwest. The C. P. R. have 20,000 men at work and the Eaton Company have a great many more at work on their new building. The whole city of Winnipeg is building up fast. There is \$10,000,000 worth of building going on there this year. They said Winnipeg was right in its boom when we were there and it did look very beautiful."

"I like the Northwest country very much, but I like Kent better. For a man who wants to start out in life the Northwest is the place to go and grow up with the country. There is a man here a good farm and income here he is better in Kent, where he can have more variety and live better. All of the fruit there is shipped in and, of course, it is not there as many other advantages in Kent. I would rather have 100 acres here than 500 acres there if I were going in for farming."

"In the manufacturing line the disadvantages of the Northwest are great. Labor is high and board is dear."

"I had a very enjoyable and successful trip indeed and next year I expect to have another just as enjoyable, and if everything goes well, even more successful."

#### PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.—Fresh to strong westerly to north-westerly winds, clearing this evening. Tuesday, fair and a little cooler.

**THERMOMETER.**  
The following figures were registered to-day at seven a. m. at Turner's weather bureau:

Highest yesterday, 54.  
Lowest during night, 71.  
This morning, 71.  
Barometer, 29.29.  
Direction of wind, west.  
Rainfall, .28 tons to the acre.

#### JEANNETTE'S CREEK.

Miss Nellie Smith, of Hamilton, is spending a month with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Gilbert and little daughter, of Chicago, are the guests of the former's aunt, Mrs. Ed. L. Smith.

Rev. Mr. Osborn is spending this week with his parents in Kingsville. School reopened on Monday.

The Young Men's Educational Society gave a musical concert on Monday evening. Each selection was very much enjoyed by the audience. W. Thorn sang "I am glad to meet you, Mary," and Geo. Mays gave a piccolo solo "The Battle of Waterloo." Both were very well rendered. The proceeds amounted to \$15.60.

Misses Edith and Floral Pack left on Monday to visit relatives in Detroit, Windsor and Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Murray and children of Midland, are expected here this week to visit the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hamilton.

**Mrs. Murphy Dies Aged 134.**  
Meadville, Pa., Aug. 8.—Mrs. Mary Murphy, the oldest person in the State, if her age is correctly reported, died Saturday in Kerrtown, aged nearly 134 years. Mrs. Murphy a few months ago said: "I was born in Dublin, Ireland, on Christmas Day, 1770, and came to America in May, 1870. When I was in my one hundredth year, I was 28 years old when the Irish rebellion took place in 1798, and my first husband was a soldier. I was 38 years old when Robert Emmet was executed for treason, Sept. 20, 1803." Mrs. Murphy is survived by her second husband.

A man's earning capacity is seldom as great as his wife's yeagning capacity.

#### ARMY REFORM IN ENGLAND.

Most Drastic Measures Said to Be in Contemplation.

The London Express says: The reconstruction of the army, which is a counterpart to war office reconstitution, is still engaging the attention of the Government, but an early statement will be made by Mr. Arnold-Forster on the subject. The most drastic measure contemplated is a general reduction among regiments possessing more than two battalions. The Guards are included, and it is likely that the whole battalion of the Third Scots will be struck off the establishment. The reason lies in the paucity of recruits, the brigade of Guards being 1,100 men and over 30 officers short. The Irish Guards are not to have their contemplated second battalion, and the Grenadiers and Coldstreams will probably lose 100 men each. Great efforts are to be made under the direction of Major-General H. S. G. Miles, to reorganize the recruiting for the army. He will be assisted by Colonel Crutchley of the Guards; Captain C. Mansel-Jones, V.C., and Major Dykes. The general improvement which will be effected includes the following: Better barracks and more allowances; greater freedom to soldiers; lodging list to be extended; khaki to be superseded by a more coming cloth; a better head-dress for walking out; long and short service; a new territorial organization; complete scheme for home defence; creation of a real army reserve. For the present Mr. Arnold-Forster will be unable to make any satisfactory statement with regard to the application of the Escher reforms to the regeneration of the War Office. The deadlock with the treasury continues, and the scheme for the establishment of a general staff, or brain of the army for war, is suspended, because the treasury have refused to find the money. No further appointments are, therefore, being gazetted at present.

#### British Railway Business.

A Parliamentary paper just issued in England contains a summary of the railway returns of the United Kingdom for 1903, compared with the two preceding years. The total mileage in 1903 was 22,380 miles; in 1902, 22,152 miles; in 1901, 22,078 miles. The paid-up capital totaled, roundly, \$6,220,000,000 in 1903, \$6,080,000,000 in 1902 and \$5,975,000,000 in 1901. The number of passengers carried, exclusive of season-ticket holders, was 1,194,000,000 in 1903, 1,188,000,000 in 1902 and 1,172,000,000 in 1901. The number of season-ticket holders was 592,000 in 1902 and 618,000 in 1903. The total gross receipts in 1903 were roundly \$550,000,000; in 1902, \$545,000,000; in 1901, \$525,000,000. The increase of capital is comparatively so much greater than the growth in mileage and division of profits is a serious menace to the future prosperity of the railway companies. The gain of receipts from passenger traffic in 1903 was mainly from the third-class and first-class shows a decline, indicative of hard times.

#### Birds' Big Appetites.

If a man could eat as much in proportion to his size as a sparrow is able to consume he would need a dozen sheep for dinner, a couple of dozen fowls for breakfast, and six turkeys for his evening meal. A tree-sparrow has been known to eat 700 grass seeds in a day. Birds can, and do work far harder than human beings. A pair of house-martins when nesting will feed their young on an average once in twenty seconds—that is, each bird, male and female, makes ninety journeys to and fro in an hour, or perhaps 1,000 a day. It must be remembered that on each journey the bird has the added work of catching an insect. Even so tiny a bird as the sparrow has been counted to make 100 trips to and from its nest within 30 minutes, and the prey it carried home consisted of insects much larger and heavier than were caught by swallows.

#### Little Union in It.

John Morley, the biographer of Gladstone, being commended for the serious teaching of his writings, said laughingly: "No; that is all wrong. You remember the French story of the monk who was a great friend of the devil—quite an old story. One Sunday the monk found himself too ill to preach, and the devil appearing in the sanctuary he persuaded that obliging person to go into the pulpit and harangue the congregation. The devil preached a most masterly sermon, covering himself with shame and confusion. 'How now,' said the monk when the devil came down. 'You have pretty nearly ruined yourself with that sermon.' 'Oh, dear, no,' answered the devil; 'no harm done, no harm done. There was no union to it.' Well, there is little union in my poor books."

#### The Dead Sea.

There are no fishes in the Dead Sea—no life of any kind. The percentage of solids in the water is enormous—about 26 per cent. The principal solid ingredients are the chlorides of sodium, magnesium and calcium. The deepest part of the Dead Sea's bed lies 2,600 feet below the level of the Mediterranean; its depth there is 1,310 feet. Oddly enough, it has a cloud system of its own, for one may frequently see cloud banks lying over the Dead Sea which are 500 or 700 feet below the level of the ocean.—Chicago News.

#### Mark Twain's Audience.

It was on the train somewhere between New York and the West, Mark Twain was traveling between towns on a lecture tour, and a friend had been drawing the humorist out on the subject of his experiences. "What sort of audience," he asked, "do you like best? Who, in your opinion, make the most responsive and sympathetic listeners?" "College men," replied Mark after a moment's thought—"college men and convicts."

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CHATHAM TO THE FRONT.

To the Editor of The Planet:

Dear Sir,—Among my sojourns around this part of the 'country' I struck the Agricultural Building at the World's Fair in St. Louis and my eye caught the familiar name of "Chatham," and putting on my glasses I beheld the exhibit of our old friend Mansen Campbell of a chicken incubator, and, of course, I felt at home once again. Just across from the Agricultural building is the Canadian Building, located directly in front of a distillery and a beer restaurant. The location suited me admirably, but I fear that it will not be endorsed by the fastidious prohibition element of your country. Canada may well be proud of her building at the Fair, but in providing around a stranger would imagine that the most attractive part of Canada was in the Northwest territory. Nothing of the beauties of Montreal and Quebec are to be seen, and only a view of Toronto and Grimsby—the Mecca of Methodist camp meetings—is all that I could see of Ontario. There is nothing of that green little spot called Chatham, not even a copy of the great home journal, "The Planet," could be found on the tables. True Premier Laurier's portrait adorns the wall, but not even a miniature of that grand old man, the founder of Confederation, Sir John Macdonald, could be found anywhere, which is certainly a disgrace to the country he so faithfully served. It appears to me that the City Council of Chatham could well afford to have at least a few photographs of the principle points of interest of its beautiful city, framed and hung up in the representative home of our country. Some years ago I had photographs of Chatham framed and hung in the Royal Commissioner's office in London, and also in the offices of the Globe and Mail of that city, whether they are still there I do not know. It would certainly be a good advertisement for your city if some enterprising citizen would donate the necessary frames and photographs to be hung in the Canadian Building of the Fair—it would at least be of interest to the old Chathamites who might visit there. Only those who have been away from your city for many years can appreciate the pleasure experienced when even a chicken incubator reminds them of their early home.

Yours very truly,

ROBERT J. HALLE.

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Table Linens, Scotch and Irish makes, Bleached and Unbleached, from 35¢, 40¢, 50¢, 75¢ to \$1.50 per yard.

New French Flannels in a big assortment, choice designs, 50¢. yd.

Towelling in all widths and qualities. See our leader, 18 in. wide, pure flax, soft make, 10¢. yd.

Towels. If you want good wearing towels, we have lots of them. Pure Linen Towels from 12½¢, 15¢ to 65¢ each.

Napkins—Big assortment, choice patterns, good values, all sizes, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 to \$5.00 Doz.

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We are showing an elaborate display of New Fall Dress Goods. The quantities are large, and they give a correct idea of the trend of the new styles and are not only interesting as a matter of study, but they give visitors who are passing through the city a fine opportunity to take a new fall dress home with them so that they may be the first to show the new fall styles in their home cities. The display includes a fine group of Cheviots, Mohairs, Voiles, Broad Cloth, Flake Goods, Venetian, Fancy Tweeds, Amazon, Crepe de Chine, Serges, Fancy Knop Costume, Stripe Tweeds, Canvas Cloth, Fancy Cheviots and Handsome Tweed Mixtures in costume lengths, no two patterns alike.

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**Bedroom Suite, No. 1188**—Birch, Mahogany, or Golden Finish. Bed 4 ft. 4 in. x 6 ft. 2 in. Stand, top 21 x 32 in., two drawers and two cupboards under, shaped splasher back. Dresser, top 23 x 41 in., swell front, two long drawers and three short 22 x 28 in., British bevelled Mirror, good value at \$27.50, Special August Price \$21.00.

**Bedroom Suite**, Bed and Stand same as above. Dresser, top 20 x 38 in., three long drawers, mirror 20 x 24, British bevel, special August Price \$17.75.

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