PEACH CROP OFF MEANS HIGH PRICE

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gara Way Will Give Scarce a Half Crop.

The prospects are that Londoners peaches this coming summer. Mr.

About a month ago the peach crop was very promising, and from all quarters came the news that the crop was to be one of the largest on record. It was not long, however, before something happened to the fruit and greatly blighted it. What it was that harmdon't think that anyone else does. It was simply one of those unforeseen happenings which cannot be accounted for, and which are liable to come at

City Clerk Pay, of St. Catharines, who is one of the most extensive growers of peaches in the country, and who is an undisputed authority in such matiers, is credited with having made a statement to the effect that fully two-thirds of the peach trees were destroyed last winter or this spring. He said that he was positive from general observation and reports received that the peach crop this year would not be more than half of that of last year. The cause of the immense destruction of fruit trees in the fruit belt was the very severe winter, which the trees, weakened as they were by the San Jose scale, were unable to stand, and they succumbed in thousands. Mr. Pay said:

Peaches Will Be Scarce.

"It simply means that peaches will be scarce for the next few years until the new trees begin bearing." Mr. being wrought by the San Jose scale, cited his own case. He does not go non-political. In very largely for peach-growing, but Local option is the leading topic then the trees had to be cut down.

The outlook is decidedly bad in the fruit situation," went on Mr. Pay. of London, returned on Monday, after The only fruit that will be anything a visit to Wingham friends. like a full crop is grapes. Around here even for grapes. Plums will be fair, ing right up-to-date. but pears will be decidedly scarce. Last year the canning factories were

Speaking of tomatoes, of which he seriously hurt. is a large grower, Mr. Pay said that Rev. Mr. Howson will again fill his while the crop was looking fairly well pulpit next Sunday. His flock wil doubtedly have a bad effect. Last a year ago. American tomatoes are day our town will, comparatively son, Savoy Hotel; John McIntosh, 713 and the Prince of Wales' Cup on the being sold at home, those which come speaking, be "dead." over here as a general thing being surplus stock.

Corn and Potatoes.

Speaking of corn Mr. Pay said that there would also be a shortage of that Public Meetings May Be Held There grain in that part of the country on account of the corn being planted so late, owing to the backward spring, that a great deal of it will not come to anything. The only thing which Mr Pay thinks will save the corn and tomato men will be a late fall.

Speaking of potatoes, he said that they were not in a satisfactory state. told of one man in that district who planted two bushels of seed potatoes in the spring, with the view to having an early crop, and when harvested them recently he found that he had only two bushels, exactly the same quantity which he planted.

MAINLY DRUNKS

Tive First-Timers and a Couple Others Appear.

Most of those whose names appeared on the dockets at the police court this morning were drunk.

Joseph Tait was fined \$2 for being

Donald Smith paid a \$2 fine for the

Five first-time drunks were allowed to go with a warning.

James Bradley, charged with being insane, was acquitted.

Alfred Prodgers was convicted of having threatened to break up the furniture in the house where he lived, and was bound over to keep the peace for one year in the sum of \$50.

The London Silver Cobalt Company which has been selling its shares ex- King street, in this city. tensively in London and vicinity has made a big deal whereby its acreage is increased from 40 to 360 acres. It le said that a dividend of at least 100 per cent will be declared and a special neeting of the shareholders has been called to consider this and various other matters. Messrs. F. G. Rumball and A. E. Welch, who are heavily interested in the company, left for Cobalt Monday to look over the property.

TO RAISE THE PACKARD.

Detroit, Mich., July 31.-The tug Rennett, with a wrecking outfit, left Sturgeon Bay, Wis., last night to raise the steamer Packard, sunk a year ago in Pigeon Bay, Lake Erle, between Pelce Island the the Canadian mainand of Essex County.

\$1 60 to Detroit and return on Satday, Aug. 3. Leave London at 6:35 a.m. and return by any train, except No. 16, on Saturday, Sunday or Mon-day following. Get your ticket at the Grand Trunk office.

GENERAL RAILWAY GOVT. WINS IN RATE WAR LOOMS

Sumerous Orchards Down Nia- Action of M.C.R. Brings Down Bank of Montreal Held Respons-Party Rate Between Chicago and New York.

Chicago, July 31. - A rate war will pay a very high price for their among the railroads from Chicago 12 peaches this coming summer. Mr. New York is threatened Passenger chauncey Smith, one of the leading have met here yesterday to consider afternoon. The other ministers here wholesale fruit merchants of this city, was today interviewed regarding the prospects for the supply of peaches during the coming season.

"Good peaches will be very scarce this summer, and people who want them will have to pay a lot for them. About a menth are the reach or the supply of the reach or the secured only by all lines joining in an agreement, the meeting was postan agreement, the meeting was postponed indefinitely.

It was announced yesterday that the Wabash and Erie roads would also put in compliance with the interstate comticket from here to New York. This amount of the forgeries are between is a cut of \$1 from their present rate. sixty-five and seventy thousand dol-If the Michigan Central makes an- lars.

WAYS OF WINGHAM

Fisherman's "Good Catch - Union Church Picnic Arrangements.

Wingham, July 29.-A son of Mr. George Phipen pulled out an eightpound mullet from the river here on Monday morning, a pretty good catch. On Friday Miss Eva, eldest daughter of Mr. A. Simmons, was united in marriage to Mr. Brown, of Acton. The happy couple, after their honeymoon, will take up their residence in Acton, where Mr. B. holds a good position. Dr. Chisholm, M.P., addressed Epworth League of the Methodist Church on Monday evening. His subject was: Pay, as an illustration of the havoc "How we are governed." There was a crowded house and the lecture was

a couple of years ago he had about in Wingham at the present time. There \$00 peach trees. "Today I have about was a big meeting last week; another a dozen left," said he. He, similar to will be held in the Presbyterian Church other growers, kept spraying the trees, next week, and ere very long the voters until the scale got ahead of him, and will have to mark their ballots for or against.

Mrs. W. Bisbee and daughter Arlie,

The bandmen of the S. A. are fast the grapes look exceedingly well, and developing into expert musicians, and give every promise of a good crop, be- have filled very many engagement's cause there has been no mildew or during the present season. Last week blight as yet, though reports from they sent to England \$82 for two more Stamford are not very encouraging new instruments. They believe in be-

Clarence, the young son of Mr. Harry paying only 1½ and 1½ cents a pound for pears, but now they are skirmishing around offering to pay 2½ cents a though considerably bruised, he is not the considerably bruised, he is not the considerably bruised, he is not considerably bruised.

un- gladly welcome back their shepherd. UNIVI DARDLED The annual union picnic of the year by this time thousands of baskets churches will take place on Thursday, had been shipped away from there. August 1, and the picnic place will be whereas this year hardly any had as Kincardine. Wingham's famous town yet gone. James Titterington, one of band will accompany the picnickers, the principal tomato shippers, up to and also the S. A. band. A great time Friday last had shipped 25 baskets, is anticipated. As it is Wingham's against about a thousand by that date civic holiday, we expect that for one

CITY HALL IS SAFE

as Usual-No Cause for a Scare.

The bell at the city hall has stopped ringing, but there was no panic in connection with the matter. The city hall has not been endangered, nor is it likely to be.

"That story is simply ridiculous," said Engineer Graydon. "The wall is the union card. 24 inches thick, with a 36-inch foundation. There is considerable vibration when the bell rings, and I had it had waited the previous evening until stopped, not because there was any a late hour, expecting to meet a com-

caution. quarters. This shook when the bell was tolled, and I had the ringing stop-

lery."

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. H. Collard, of Michigan, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Collard, Belmont. are visiting their uncle, Mr. Alex. Gil-

lean, of this city. Mrs. W. Y. Martin, St. Albans, Ver-

mont, is visiting her mother, Mrs. John Bell, York street. Mr. Harry Morrow, Toronto, is

spending a few days at his home, 427 Miss Fleta Bennett, of King street, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. J.

N. Willett, of Flint, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Miller and daughter, of St. Paul, Minn., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, of Waterloo

street at present. Rev. I. B. Wallwin, who has been granted a month's holidays by the Empress Avenue Methodist Church left this morning for Brandon, Man., for a

FIFTY-FIVE GRANDCHILDREN.

trip trough the west.

Detroit, Mich., July 31.-Captain Louis Charbonneau, 78 years of age. one of the oldest of the Upper Lake captains, is dead at Mount Clemens, He was born in Quebec, and came to Mount Clemens in his youth. Capt. Charbonneau was the first man to sail a steamer out of the Clinton River into Lake St. Clair. Among his survivors are 55 grandchildren and 16

MARTINEAU CASE

ible for Departmental Clark's Forgeries.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, July 31.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier arrived in the city at noon today and

dered, has refused the appeal in the case of the Bank of Montreal vs. the King. This means that the bank and into effect, as soon as they can do so, not the Government is responsible for the loss by the forgeries of Martineaux, merce law, the same party rates as the Grank Trunk's \$15 75 per capita, for prosecuted and convicted, and serving the militia department clerk, who was

otherwise and the judgment is now against the bank.

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STILL ON STRIKE

Continued from page one.

wood, 118 Hamilton road; Sim Thomp-Richmond street; Ed Sherman, 253 Wellington street; Herb Routledge, 281 Wellington street; George Cambridge, Rectory and Grev streets. A Statement.

Last night the men issued the fol-

lowing statement: "The Journeymen Barbers' - Union held three meetings yesterday, which were all fully attended, the evening session being the largest attended since the inauguration of the strike Not a single man has deserted the union and all are enthusiastic at the outlook. Three more shops displayed

"As the statement was made in the daily papers that the boss barbers cial meeting of the Trades and Labor ests of peace. Council will meet in the evening to

Financial Assistance Offered.

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H. J. Halford, organizer, of Hamilton, is still in the city, and will remain to give his advice and co-operation to the journeymen. If the strike is prolonged it is the intention of the union to take steps to institute new union shops in any districts where they may be required. Before to morrow night the strike will either be definitely settled or the union will take energetic steps to prosecute it with renewed vigor. It is felt that with the assistance of the Trades and Labr Council, and the local trade unions of the city, success is assured. Steps are already under way to increase the staffs in the union shops, as there is no doubt the increased trade that will come to these establishments will provide employment for every union barber in the city. A number of the members have already been detailed to act in this capacity. Offers of financial assistance were received today from four outs'de cities. The union will hold morning and afternoon meetings today, and a third meeting in the evening, prior to the special meeting of the Trades and Labr Cuncil.

In the city and will remain to give his advice and into two classes, absolute and conditional.

WROTE "BLUE AND GRAY."

Ithaca, N. Y., July 31—Francis Miles Finch died here today aged 80 years. Mr. Finch was a former dean of the Cornell Law School, associate judge of the court of appeals of New York State Bar Association. He wrote the "Blue and the Gray."

RANSACKED BY BURGLARS.

Belleville, July 31.—The residence of Dr. J. M. Farley, this city, was broken into last night by burglars. The Farleys are at present at the seaside and though it is believed the house has been pretty well ransacked, it will be impossible to tell what was taken un-

ROSSLYN HITS BACK.

lyn announces that he has instructed fessionals his attorneys to appeal against the decree of divorce granted his wife by the Scottish court. The ground of the appeal is not stated. The Countess of to an estimate quoted by the Mexi-Rosslyn was formerly Miss Anna Robinson, of Minneapolis, She obtained States is three times greater than her decree in Edinburgh July 26.

The best is always cheapest. Ours is best, therefore cheapest. Made from vanilla beans, it contains no vanillin, coumarel, or tonka. It is properly aged, and has the true flavor, which can only be obtained from the bean itself. Sold in any quantity.

T. STRONG

184 Dundas Street.

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

-Court of revision will be held next

-Only three building permits were issued during July. There were twelve issued during the same month last

-Timothy Howlitt, the 11-monthsold infant of Mr. and Mrs. Howlitt, of other reduction in its party fares, a general rate war will probably be premartineau. The auditor-general of the day, Mr. McDougall, held that the day the d fant on Monday last, Mrs. Howitt remaining with her mother, while Mr. Howitt went on a business trip. So far the father has not been located.

A Big Increase. London bank clearings for the month of July totaled \$6,066,975, against \$5,-294,870 for the same month last year. increase for July, 1907, \$772,105.

Who Knows? R. M. Hall, of the Buffalo News office, Buffalo, N. Y., writes City Clerk Baker to know whether Mrs. Emma McKeown (nee Schreiber), formerly of this city, had obtained a divorce from her husband, Wm. L. McKeown. They do not know at the clerk's office.

Track Elevation. It looks as if track elevation was off for the year so far as the Grand Trunk Railway is concerned. General Manager Hays has not yet replied to the last agreement sent to him for approval, nor does he seem in a hurry to do so. An official in close touch with the Grand Trunk manager declares that the company considers itself in a comfortable position, and that it will take its time about elevation. City hall rumors seem to confirm this impression.

Large Gooseberries. One of the largest branches of ripe bushes were all as heavily laden.

CANADIAN GUNNERS WIN

te Artillery Team Caried Petawawa Trophies.

Petawawa Camp, July 30.-The results of the artillery competitions were announced tonight The Canadian composite team has

aggregate score. The results were: British 549 in field artillery and 507 in heavy; Canadians 524 in field and 598 in heavy.

won the Londonderry Challenge Cup

The British Proposal for Abolition Adopted by Committee.

traband was adopted in committee today by 25 votes to 5. The representatives of the United States, Germany, France, Russia, and Montenegro expressed themselves as opposed to the measure, and Japan, Spain, Panama, danger, by merely as an extra pre- mittee from the union, and as the Greece and Roumania abstained from union is desirious to throw nothing in voting. There were also ten absentees. "There never was any danger to the way of a satisfactory settlement, In explanation of the American vote anything but the little belfry, which it was resolved to notify the master in opposition, Jos. H. Choate declared is situated over Harry Merritt's barbers that representatives of the it was the plan of the United States union were prepared to meet them at to limit the list of objects that shall any time. After conferring with the be considered contraband of war, but master barbers they were notified that to go further than this now would the union would be in session Wed- be a violation of a long-established usual in the city hall. You couldn't nesday afternoon, and as Wednesday custom. The change, Mr. Choates conknock it over with a battery of artil- afternoon is a holiday in the trade, tinued, will create many uncertainties and would not inconvenience the em- regarding the rights and duties of ployers, the committee from the union neutrals and belligerents, and would would meet them at that time if they prove more injurious to the commerce so desired. This is the position of of the world than the existing custom, affairs at the present moment. A spe- and contribute nothing to the inter-

The British proposition on contratake action and co-operate with the band, together with the proposals substrikers, if no settlement is reached mitted by the United States and Germany on the same subject has been sent to committee for examination. The American proposal divides contra-

Cornell Law School, associate judge of aggressive American game. York State Bar Association. He wrote they were too many for us."

impossible to tell what was taken until the family returns. The police London, July 31.—The Earl of Ross- think the job is not the work of pro-

> Americans invested \$50,000,000 in Mexican mines during 1906, according

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AUTUMN SELLING STARTS ON MONDAY

Always Does the First of August at this Store KNOW THE REASON? Bright, Crisp New Autumn Goods begin to arrive. We'r busy selling these while most stores are busy clearing undesirables that belong to summer stocks.

For next few days we intend offering a number of Black Dress Goods, Specials. These belong to no particular season—always staple.

Black Twine Voile, French Make

And guaranteed French dye; 44 inches wide; A stylish dress material and as desirable as it is stylish. Regular price is \$1.00. Buy them this week, at, per yard...... 690

Priestley's Twine Cloth, Black

An elegant fabric for late summer and fall wear; shakes dust admirably and gives no end of serviceable wear. Regular price is \$1.00. 44 inches wide. For balance 690 of this week the price will be, per yard

Black Grenadine

All-wool and silk stripes, beautifully sheer cloth for summer wear or for a house gown for any time of the year. Regular 75c, this week the price, per yard 39c

Priestley's Serge In Black

54 inches wide, all wool and thoroughly shrunken, worth now 75c per yard. Limited quantity of this cloth. Special, per 590

German Hosiery In Tan and Black, 18c Quality, For 12th Per Pair

Full fashioned, fast dye Stockings, spliced feet. Regular 18c quality. Sizes 8½, 9, 9½ and 10 inch.

On sale this week, a pair from......12½c Have you left your order for skirt to measure? Only a few more days—have succeeded in having the time limit extended to Saturday. Perfectly tailored,

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G. T. R. ACTS AT ONCE

\$1.95 for making.

Have Appealed From Third-Class Decision to Supreme Court.

Ottawa, July 31.-The Grand Trunk Railway Company has lost no time in notifying the railway commission that it is their intention to appeal to the supreme court against the judggooseberries ever shown in London, men of the board compelling them to was brought to the city yesterday by issue third-class tickets and attach Mrs. E. Dunn, of 411 King street. The coaches for third-class passengers on gooseberries were picked out of the one train each way between Montreal garden of Miss Henderson, Thorndale, and Toronto. The appeal will be and are remarkable for the size and taken at once. It will come before number of gooseberries on the the supreme court at its next sitting, branches. The branch has been placed and, no doubt, the case will be taken in the window of The Advertiser, The to the Imperial Privy Council should the decision be against the company. This means that the order of the board will not go into effect for some

time to come.

MORE PASTIME THAN ART President of Dance Teachers' Society Deplores Popular View.

of the ballroom is the avowed object of a conference of the Imperial Society of Dance Teachers, which is now be ing held at the Hotel Cecil. A mabut there are a number of foreign tained. THE CONTRABAND QUESTION delegates, including an American a German and an Austrian, who will be present later. The new Dutch dances, the Apollo waltz and the motor polka, were illustrated and discussed yesterday. There is great interest in the new Cecelian waltz, invented by Mr. The Hague, July 31.—The British Crompton, the society's president, of the season. Mr. Crompton thinks ment in dancing, but it is regrettable that it is regarded as more of a pastime than an art. It ought to be re-

to a polite education.

New York, July 30.—Beals C. Wright, the American tennis expert, who, together with Earl H. Behr, was sent to England by the United States Lawn Tennis Association to contest for the Dwight F. Davis Cup, returned yester- In Smollett's writings an unmarried Effects permanent cures. day morning on the Umbria, from Liv- woman of mature years and her maid erpool. Mr. Behr will sail on Aug. 9.

cognized, he declares, in the schools

and universities as a necessary adjunct

lost the cup to the Australians. This to boys. is his third contest in England for the Davis Cup. "In England," said Mr. Wright, "Behr and I were beaten fairly and squarely by better men. We were tole

TRAILING THE STRANGLER.

New York, July 31.—No arrest have been made so far in the cases of the wo young woman found choked to leath in this city Monday, and yeserday and the police today are following a trail that will lead to the character of the stranglers. The bodies of the dead women are at the morrous. been made so far in the cases of the two young woman found choked to death in this city Monday, and yesterday and the police today are following a trail that will lead to the character of the stranglers. The bodies of the dead women are at the morguunclaimed. One of the bodies has been identified as that of Sophie Kehrer, of Buffalo. Her maiden name was WANTED-YOUNG MAN. ABOUT 18, TO Canada's trade with the United Trainer. She was about 27 years of age. The body of the other strangled woman has not been identified.

M'GILL TO TRAIN FOR THE ARMY

University Will Institute the Teaching of Military Subjects.

with the view of securing officers who received genuine university education as well as more practical training in military subjects during their university career. This system has been established at such centers as Oxford, Cambridge, London, Dublin, Birmingam and Edinburgh, and those who we been watching its development by well satisfied with the results obned.

It is proposed now in McGill to ide such instruction during the ersity course as will qualify canes for commissions both in the ial army and in the Canadian It is in contemplation to proort courses of lectures, average-ectures in each course, on such as military history, tactics, law and administration. years commissions have been offered by the war office to university candidates in Great Britain and Ireland Ir London, July 30 .- To raise the tone in military subjects during their unijority of those attending are British, are well satisfied with the results ob-

proposition for the abolition of con- which, it is claimed, will be the dance subjects as military history, tactics, military law and administration, milithere is a tendency toward improve- tary engineering, military topography

"Miss" is an abbreviation of misress" which, as an English law dictionary explains, is the proper style of the wife of an esquire or a gentleman. By Dr. Johnson's time it had become "the term of honor to a young girl." In the earlier part of the eighteenth century, however, it was used respectfully of girls below the age o ten alone. After that age "miss" was Hood's Sarsaparilla rude, implying giddiness of behavior are both "Mrs." It is curious that Mr. Wright looked to be in the best "miss" has grown older, so to speak. of health and spirits, though his team while "master" has become confined

CHICAGO EXCHANGE. Reported by C. N. Spencer, Stockbroker. Market Lane, for The Advertiser.

squarely by better men. We were told			Chicago, July 31.					
that the Australians had developed	Wheat- Op	en.	lign.	L	OW.	Cl	000	
	September is	921/4	925/8	9	11/2		915%	
wonderfully during the past season, but	December	96	961/2		51/2		95%	
were inclined to be skeptical and we could not believe it till we saw them	May 1 (00% 1	013%	1 (10%	1	001/	
	September	533/4	54		33%		54	
play. Then we were convinced.	December	493/4	50%		193/		501/	
"Wilding plays the Oxford game. He		511/4	513/4		11/8		513%	
learned tennis at Oxford. Brooks	Oats-							
	September	391/2	401/2		391/2		402/	
learned his tennis in Australia, but he		391/2	4.3%		191/2		401/	
has the best ali-round service of any		41%	423/4		17/2		42%	
player I have ever met. He has a	Pork-							
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wonderfully keen eye and plays a fast,	September16	52 10	5 55	16 5	50	16	52	
aggressive American game.	Lard-							
"Behr, my partner, played a very	July 9	12	12	9 1	10	9	10	
good game all the way through, but	September 9	25						
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they were too many for us."	July 8		8 57	8 !			57	
Referring to Miss Sutton, Mr. Wright	September 8	70 1	B 75	8	70	8	72	
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TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

market grows dull on recessions. Should the crop reports, due in August, not be us to Wall street expectations, especially in corn, we should see a further reaction prior to the report. The selling of Copper stocks is supposed to present a further cut in the metal prices.

After a few days of this dull market, with bear rumors being conjured up, and prices only gradually sinking, the short interest will have exhausted itself, and then good stocks should be bought again for a turn.

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New York, July 31. Open High Low Close

Scrofula Makes its presence known by many signs,—glandular tumors, bunches in the neck, cutaneous eruptions, inflamed eyelids, sore ears, catarrh and wasting diseases.

PETERS' ICE CREAM

Is Always the Purest and Best.

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Whose sole time is devoted to the study of your eye. Our opto-metrists, J. G. Tait, D. O., and W. R. Brown, D. O., make a thorought examination of your eyes without charge. WE ARE NOT JEWELERS, BUT SPECIALISTS. In our own factory, equipped with the finest machinery, we make HIGH-GRADE lenses at the smallest cost possible for perfect