

SOUTH AMERICA A
LAND OF MARVELS
BEYOND NUMBER

Mr. R. J. Graham Gives His Impressions
to the Ontario—The Best and the Worst
Hotels—Poor Country for the Poor Man
—Evidences of Advanced Civilisation
of Ancient Inhabitants—A Leisurely
Tour.

With a newly acquired ruddiness
of complexion and with his old-time
smile, Mr. R. J. Graham, Belleville's
leading captain of industry, has re-
sumed his seat in the comfortable
office of Grahams Limited, up street
after an absence of four months.

Since The Ontario scribe last saw
Mr. Graham the latter has been gad-
ding about considerably and has in
that four months seen more of the
surface of this mundane sphere than
most people behold in the course of
an ordinary lifetime. Incidentally he
has lost 17 lbs in weight but he still
is a very substantial shadow and tips
the scales at 263 and is therefore
not doing any worrying on account
of undue frailty.

He has visited and become intima-
tely acquainted with South American
continent that to most Canadians
is a terra incognita. Mr. Graham
travelled with a mind open to im-
pressions and has come back with a
rich store of information such as
only an experienced man of affairs
might be able to gather and assimilate.

Briefly, the itinerary was to the
west coast of South America via the
Panama Canal. They travelled
along the coast by land and water
until they arrived at Santiago. From
there they crossed the continent to
Buenos Aires, and thence directed
their course to Rio Janeiro from
which port they took steamer for
New York.

Living Conditions Abominable
"How did you find living conditions
in South America?" asked The On-
tario.
"Abominable all along the west
coast," said Mr. Graham emphatic-
ally. Spanish cooks and cooking are
about the worst on earth. The Mat-
roney hotel at Lima is said to be the
best along the west coast. Lima is
the capital of Peru and a prosperous
city with a population nearly as
large as Toronto. But it has only
one decent hotel. The principal
business of this one good hotel is to
trim tourists to a finish. They
charged Mr. Graham's party the mod-
est sum of \$20 each per day in gold,
and also charged up \$25 in the same
kind of coin to bring the luggage
from the station to the hotel.

West Coast a Desert
The west coast of South America,
Mr. Graham continued, is a desert.
There is no living tree or other form
of vegetation to be seen except in
the few small valleys where irriga-
tion is carried on. Fruits and veg-
etables are not therefore grown and
not being grown locally the
people get along without them. An
Englishman living in Lima stated
that he hadn't seen any rain for 22
years. In southern Chile, however,
there is an abundant rainfall and
cereals are extensively grown. Mr.
Graham did not visit that part. But
the rainlessness is an asset in an-
other way. The great guano beds
and nitrate deposits of Bolivia and
Peru are possible only in a district
without rainfall.

The Best Hotel in the World
While the west coast had the worst
hotels in all Mr. Graham's experience
he found at Buenos Aires the best
hotel he had ever seen anywhere.
This was the Hotel Plaza. He and
his party stayed at the Plaza three
weeks and in all that time no two

Morning
Dispatches

WAR WITH REDS TO BEGIN IN
EARNEST

LONDON, May 26.—War in the
East with the Reds seems about to
begin in earnest.

MODERATE PROTECTION THE
POLICY OF THE UNION

OTTAWA, May 26.—Moderate
protection is proclaimed by Meighen
as the fiscal policy of the Union gov-
ernment.

BRITAIN NOT SEEKING TO MON-
OPOLISE WORLD FUEL
SUPPLY

NEW YORK, May 26.—Geddes
denies many rumors that Britain is
seeking to monopolise the world's
fuel supply.

SUGAR PRICE TO TAKE
ANOTHER JUMP

Ottawa, May 26.—The price of
sugar is to go up at once two cents
per pound.

BORDEN HESITATES TO AN-
NOUNCE INTENTION

OTTAWA, May 26.—Premier
Borden delays telling his followers
whether he will stay or take another
position.

R 34 MAY AGAIN CROSS THE
ATLANTIC

ROME, May 26.—The R 34 may
cross the Atlantic. The air-
ship may fly from Rome to Buenos
Aires.

HARROWING TALE OF RUSSIAN
HANDSHIPS

PARIS, May 26.—Harrowing tales
of the sufferings of the
French refugees arriving at Havre
yesterday.

CANADA'S FIRST FEMALE CITY
CLERK

WINDSOR, May 26.—Canada's
first woman city clerk was appointed
by Windsor council.

Eight More Battalions
Ready for Ireland

LONDON, May 26.—Eight more
fresh troops recently sent to Ireland,
eight more battalions are held in
reserve for the transfer thither on
short notice according to The Daily
Mail.

Austrian Commander
Dies of Apoplexy

VIENNA, May 26.—Field-Marshal
Svetozar Boroevic, commander of the
Austrian forces on the Italian front
from late in 1915 until October
1918, is dead. His death was caused
by a stroke of apoplexy.

Poles and Reds Battle
on 110-Mile Front

LONDON, May 26.—Retchits vil-
lage on right bank of the Dniester,
about 125 miles north of Kiev, has
been occupied by Bolshevik forces,
which are also advancing on the
fortified outskirts of Dubruisk on Ber-
esina River. According to official an-
nouncement by wireless from Mos-
cow. Along the upper reaches of the
Beresina Soviet forces are said to
have occupied a number of villages.
On this front the battle is going on
over a front of forty miles long.

Doctors Acquire the
Price-Boosting Habit

Hamilton, May 26.—Feeling that
the fees paid them for professional
services were not adequate, the doc-
tors over a wide territory, in the
country between St. Catharines and
Windsor and south to Wellandport
and Castor, met at Grimsby and
formed a District Medical Associa-
tion. Dr. J. R. Smith is president.
From June 1, this charge for con-
sultation cases will be \$250, ordinary
calls, \$1 each; and night calls, \$2.

New Church for
North Hastings

Foundation Laid for Fine Structure
at Baptists—Mr. F. E. O'Flynn
Laid the Cornerstone on Victoria
Day.

(Special to The Ontario.)
Bancroft, May 26.—An event of
unusual interest in the history of
North Hastings took place on Victo-
ria Day when a cornerstone of
marble was laid for the new St.
Matthews Church at Baptists.

There were some disappointing
features but these did not appear to
dampen the enthusiasm of the great
crowd of people who gathered from
the entire countryside to do honor
to the occasion. In the first place
the day was rainy and unpleasant
and for reasons that we do not know
at present General Sir Sam Hughes
who had been invited to take a promi-
nent part in the ceremony, was not
present to the disappointment of
many of his constituents from
Hastings and elsewhere, who had
come to see and hear him.

Mr. F. E. O'Flynn of Belleville,
well and favorably known through-
out the County of Hastings, was on
hand and, according to previous
arrangement, was presented with a
beautiful silver trowel, with which,
after the customary documents had
been deposited, he duly and truly
laid the cornerstone.

Among the visiting clergymen
who presented formal greetings were
Revs. Ogden, of Wilberforce,
Ferguson of L'Amable and Rennie
of Maynooth.

Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Bancroft per-
formed the pleasing duty of master-
of-ceremonies throughout the day.
The excellent supper provided by
the ladies of the congregation was
then enjoyed by the guests after
which the evening was taken up
with athletic contests.

The event in an eminent degree
marked a milestone in the progress of the com-
munity at Baptists.

The foundation of the new church
is of concrete which harmonises with
the beautiful marble cornerstones
of which there are four, the gift of
Mr. W. Holdge, superintendent of the
Bancroft Marble Quarries Limited.

The superstructure, which is 28 x
40 feet, has a tower and choir
chancel in addition. The main part
of the building is of frame construction
and, when completed, will form
a pleasing architectural desire and
supply a long felt need in the Baptis-
te neighborhood.

Albania Joins Civil
War Procession

LONDON, May 26.—Messages
from Durazzo picture Albania as in
the throes of Civil War, the ulti-
mate consequences of which it is im-
possible to forecast, according to an
exchange dispatch from Rome, today.
The provisional government seems
incapable of dominating the situa-
tion and its call to the colors for the
establishment of a National Army
remains unanswered. The message
declares Greeks, who formerly were
anxious to occupy northern Epirus,
have decided to delay the occupation,
fearing complications and attacks
by bands. Advice assert that the
civilian population is petitioning
Italian command not to withdraw
their garrisons from the interior.

CEMETERIES AND PARKS MAY
BE BIRD SANCTUARIES

"Cemeteries and parks may be
made into bird sanctuaries; park
fair and cemetery caretakers can be
made honorary game wardens under
the act, so they may have the power
of a constable to take prompt ac-
tion," states Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Minister of the Interior, in a letter
dealing with the Migratory Birds
Convention Act received by the
Belleville Council. After pointing
out that birds are the chief control-
ling agency in keeping down insect
pests which destroy field crops and
trees, he states that by the erection
of bird houses, stopping the destruc-
tion of nest-destroyers and control-
ling other destructive agencies, this
protection can be increased.

About People

Every reader of The Ontario
is invited to contribute to this
column and assist in making it
bright and interesting. If you
are going away on a visit or
have guests at your home send
or telephone particulars to
editorial rooms of The Ontario.

Miss Elva Locklin, B.A., specialist
in art, now in the Napanea Col-
lege, goes to Ottawa.

Mr. George B. Jones, of the Judge
Jones Milling Co. is quite seriously
ill at his home on Ann street.

Mr. Ross Wotten, of Toronto,
spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs.
F. R. Wotten, Catherine St.

Mrs. J. E. McCorkell and daughter,
Grace who have been visiting the
former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E.
Haight, left yesterday for Muskoka.
Major McCorkell and son Bruce

District Endorses
Co-operation Scheme

National Campaign Fund \$6,000
Beyond Objective—Apprecia-
tion of Dr. Scott

Belleville District Meeting took
place yesterday in Bridge Street
Church. All the circuits of the Dis-
trict being represented. Rev. W.
Elliott, chairman of the District pre-
sided and Rev. H. H. Mutton was
elected secretary.

Very gratifying reports were given
of the work in the District. The
National Campaign Fund of the Dis-
trict as reported was \$40,041 which
is over \$6,000 beyond the District
objective.

A plan of co-operation prepared by
the Co-operation Committee of the
Presbyterian and Methodist churches
was presented to the District Meet-
ing by Rev. F. L. Brown, Superin-
tendent of Missions and was unani-
mously accepted. This plan, while
touching only two circuits on the
Belleville District affects four or five
districts besides.

A resolution was passed express-
ing appreciation of Rev. Dr. Scott
and his services during his pastorate
in Belleville. There was a general
feeling of regret over his transfer to
another conference.

MILITARY NEWS

An enjoyable time was spent by
the sergeants of the Argyll Light In-
fantry at the Armouries last even-
ing.

For a purely regimental affair the
social was highly successful, and
considering the time from forming
the idea to finish, the thanks of the
members are due to the committee
(R. S. M. Playford, R. Q. M. S. Mills
and Sgt. Cross) in making the eve-
ning pleasant.

Among the officers present were
the C. O. Lt. Col. R. Vandewater,
Capt. and Adj. Thomas McManus,
Major S. E. Vermilyes and
Lieut. L. P. Green, and it is hoped
the first annual held by the Sergeants
is a forerunner of regular periodical
gatherings of this nature and in time
be a recognised source of amuse-
ment.

New Ambassador
Presents Credentials

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Sir
Auckland Geddes, the new British
ambassador, formally presented his
credentials to President Wilson at
the White House today and ex-
changed with the executive assur-
ances of good will and amity.

LATE THOMAS O'CARROLL

The funeral of the late Thomas
O'Carroll who died in Toronto was
held this morning from the resi-
dence of his daughter, Mrs. Vance,
Mary street, to St. Michael's Church,
where Rev. Father Whelan conducted
solemn requiem mass. The in-
terment was made in St. James cem-
etery. Father Whelan officiating.
The bearers were Francis O'Carroll,
William Weir, John Douglas, Hugh
Reid, Thomas McAvoy and James
McAvoy. The obsequies were very
largely attended by friends of the de-
ceased. There were numerous spiri-
tual offerings.

STIRLING'S NEW PARK
AUSPICIOUSLY OPENED

Fine Celebration at Opening of Stirling
Agricultural Society's New Grounds on
Victoria Day—Thousands Present—
New Buildings Almost Completed.

(From The Ontario's Special Stir-
ling Correspondent.)

Stirling, May 25.—Stirling's
splendid new park and agricultural
society grounds had an auspicious of-
ficial opening on Victoria day. Not-
withstanding the threatening weath-
er crowds came from far and
near and the subsequent celebration
was in every way worthy of an event
so important.

In the forenoon a monster pro-
cession was formed which probably
surpassed any similar feature ever
seen in Hastings county. It was com-
posed of an amazing variety of
floats illustrative of the trade and
other interests of the village, beau-
tifully decorated cars and calli-
chumpian features. The parade was
repeated in the afternoon.

In the afternoon a program of
speaking took place, Brig. Gen. A.
E. Ross, of Kingston being the
principal speaker of the day. Gen.
Ross had contrived to discover from
various sources much of the history
of North Hastings and of the North
Hastings Agricultural Society which
held its first exhibition in 1849,
Stirling fair being its direct descen-
dant. Gen. Ross was presented with
two bouquets, the first by little Miss
Mabel Tucker, daughter of Mr.
Clayton Tucker, president of the
Agricultural society, the second by
Miss Shea, daughter of Mr. Michael
Shea, one of the directors.

An address of welcome to Gen.
Ross and to those present was read
by Mr. A. D. McIntosh, district agri-
cultural representative.

Speeches of a congratulatory na-
ture were also delivered by T. H.
Thompson, M.P., W. H. Ireland,
M.P.P., H. K. Dwyer, M.P.P., J.
Lockie Wilson, superintendent of
fairs for Ontario, Mr. Maybee, war-
den of Durham and Northumberland

A fine grandstand has also been
completed and bandstand and
judges' stands are also finished.
Only the stables yet remain to be
erected and these will be ready in
ample time for the fall fair.

The cost of all these improvements
will be between \$6000 and \$7000.
The receipts from Monday's cele-
bration reached the very satis-
factory total of \$1006.

SENSATIONAL EVIDENCE BEFORE
INVESTIGATING COMMISSION

Deputy Minister Grigg Testifies Today
That Hearst Government Sold 400
Square Miles of Timber Limits, Just
Prior to Election Without Any Report
From Department as to Value.

TORONTO, May 26.—That on sev-
eral occasions he had urged upon
Hon. G. H. Ferguson, the necessity
for greater publicity in regard to the
sale of timber limits but in vain was
the statement made by Albert Grigg,
Deputy Minister of the Department
of Lands, forests and mines, before
the commission investigating the
sale of timber limits here today. It

was revealed that over four hun-
dred square miles of timber limits
were sold to the Graves, Bigwood
Lumber Co., just prior to the elec-
tions last fall without any investi-
gation or report from department of-
ficials. Mr. Grigg, in answer to Jus-
tice Latchford, stated that he could
not agree with the methods employ-
ed.

The Board of Education

BELLEVILLE, ONT.
Sealed Tenders are wanted, ad-
dressed to the Secretary-Treasurer
of the Board of Education, endorsed
with the words "Tender for Cole-
man Ward School."

Plans, specifications, etc., may be
seen at the office of Beaumont Jarvis,
Architect, 8 Campbell Street, Belle-
ville.

Tenders will be received until
June 16th.

The lowest or any tender not
necessarily accepted.

F. S. DEACON,
Chairman of Sites, Building &
Repairs. m28-8td

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look after your requirements in
painting, paper-hanging and decorat-
ing. All work given prompt attention
Phone 1049.

NOTICE FORESTERS

Important meeting Court Motra,
No. 33, I. O. F., Friday, May 28.
All members specially requested to
attend. S. Flieger, C. R. 26-2td