### LOW-PRICED ONTARIO FARMS

The ridiculously low prices at which improved farm properties in the older portions of Ontario are constantly being advertised for sale prompts the Toronto Sun to ask, "What is the matter with Ontario? A Simcoe county property, which is being offered for sale through the provincial department of colonization is given as an example. Here is a farm of 100 acres, all but five acres of which is tillable clay loam, with spring wells, two acres of fruit trees, an eight-room brick house, large barn with stone stabling underneath, implement shed, etc. The farm is only about six miles from Barrie, the county town, while a school is but a quarter of a mile distance, and there are churches two miles off. For this property all that is asked is \$5,000, \$50 an acre, whereas the buildings alone, is as represented, should worth nearly that amount."

Undoubtedly the immediate cause of these low prices is pointed out by a correspondent of the Sun in Kent county, who says the young men are leaving general farming districts in such numbers for the cities and for the west that no one remains to buy farms which come upon the market, and the help is not left to properly till the land, the consequence being the throwing of many fine properties on the bar-gain counter. As a matter of fact there is no good reason for the movement either to the cities or

the west.
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There is, speaking broadly, no cheap land in the west to-day. In Manitoba, in Saskatchewan, or in Alberta, farms situated as that Simcoe farm is in regard to a railway station will command between \$40 and \$50 an acre, even with buildings of not over one-fourth the value. Besides, in the west it is a rare thing to find that, as in this Simcoe county case, a public school almost at the door, and a choice of churches within two miles. It is a much rarer thing to find a collegiate within wheeling distance, while the thousand and one comforts and conveniences, which go with tance, while the thousand and one comforts and conveniences, which go with a highly developed civilization—including abandance of fruit and flowers—are practically unknown beyond the great lakes. Moreover, the money returns per acre are higher here than they are in the west, the slight difference in yield in bushels being more than offset by difference in selling price, more particularly when sale is on the hoof. Why, then, we ask again, the rush westward? then, we ask again, the rush westward? then, we ask again, the rush westward? Nor is there any more reason for the movement of young men from Ontario farms to the cities. . For the vast majority of these, the masses, the wage and salary earners, the future holds no promise but a life of toil, the best that is to be hoped for being that the end may not be delayed beyond the period of earning capacity. The rewards of the average Ontario farm are better and surer than the rewards offered the average man in the city.

# NOTES.

The Countess of Aberdeen is coming to Canada. It is to be hoped that pressure of engagements will not prevent her renewing acquaintances in Dutton.

It is pleasing to note that occasionally those in high authority have regard for the convenience of others. At a sitting of the high court in London last week before Justice Britton, his lordship, in view of the urgency of seeding operations on the farm, at some inconvenience to himself, postponed the sitting until the evening, so that no unnecessary hardship might be in-flicted on the witnesses in a case.

# BOY KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Woodstock, May 7.—In an electrical storm of no great magnitude, save for the one fatal bolt that passed over Woodstock yesterday afternoon, James Merrigold, aged fourteen, son of Robt. Merrigold, a hotelkeeper in Hamilton, and formerly of this city, was instantly killed, and Edgar Knight, of Burk's Falls, was dangerously injured, but is expected to recover. Both were students at Woodstock College, and

were students at Woodstock College, and it was under a tree on the campus that they were struck.

After the dismissal of the classes at 4 o'clock an inter-year game of football was commenced. It was in progress when the storm came on and the players and spectators, to the number of about thirty, ran under a big tree on the opposite side of the grounds from the buildings. They there grounds from the buildings. They there discussed whether to continue the game or not, finally deciding to call it off. Then all present, with the exception of Merrigold and Knight, ran for the college. The crowd had just reached the steps when a blinding flash and deafening crash came. They turned and were horrified to see that their two companions were lying flat on the earth. Friends ran to the spot, but Merrigold was already dead, while Knight was wounded and unconscious. The peculiar feature was that the tree was not struck. Knight was taken to the college hospital for treatment. It is not expected that his injuries will be fatal.

# TO DEAL WITH TRAMP EVIL

Ottawa, May 7.—Mr. Lewis gives notice of a resolution dealing with the tramp evil, It describes it as a "menace to the fair fame of Canada and to peace, welfare and comfort of her citizens," and denounces "the present system of herding all prisoners within stone walls, where they cannot have proper occupations, or any occupation, without interfering with organized labor." It, accordingly, proposes that the Government should set apart two ten-thousandare areas, contiguous to each other, one acre areas, contiguous to each other, one in northern Ontario and one in northern Quebec, where offenders convicted of the less heizous crimes could be imprisoned on indeterminate sentence at farming, road-making, etc.

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### PUBLIC SCHOOL REPORT.

Report of Dutton Public School for Report of Dutton Public School for April, Names in order of merit:
Fourth Class-M. Brown, M. Mann, M. Balkwill, J. Campbell, A. Hodder, L. Cape, C. Hill, N. Suttor, D. Kirkland, V. Husser, M. Walker, M. Lacey, Senior Third—T. Prince, V. Cavanagh, E. Black, M. Hodder, E. Affleck, Jennie McAlpine, M. Lodge, Jno. McAlpine, H. Depew, A. Graham, D. Love, M. Scoyne, J. McKillop, C. Morrison, B. Waite, M. Graham.

J. McKillop, C. Morrison, B. Waite, M. Graham.
Junior Third—W. Carnahan, C. Reekie, I. Campbell, R. Dicker, A. Payne, V. Satton, R. Affleck, A. March, H. Fillmore, C. Husser.
Second Class—J. Leslie, H. Waite, M. Mann, A. Love, L. Burnett, A. Crowley, B. Vogan, O. Hodder, D. Saunders, M. Clark, V. Patton.
Senior, Pt. II.—J. Ford, A. Graham, C. Balkwill, V. Smith, S. Morrison, F. Orton, A. Crawford, G. Hill, A. McAlpine, F. Mill, R. Dicker, S. Walker, A. J. Boyle, H. Patton, G. Milley, R. Wilton.

ROOM I

Room I
Part II. A.—M. Scoyne, A. Bruce, J.
Milley, M. Love, A. McAlpine, C. McCallum, B. Hodder, M. D. Campbell, K.
Orton, R. Vogan, W. Lacey, S. Allen,
V. Sullivan, M. Wilton, M. Leslie.
Part I B.—E. Law, J. Crawford, W.
Waite, M. Humphries,
Part I A.—J. Pinner, E. Saunders.
Part I B.—J. Welsh, (A. Kendall W.
Oavanagh, J. A. Graham,) equal, M.
McAlpine, I. Lineham, (I. Payne, A.
Crawford) equal, S. Mill, (G. Dayis, M.
E. Miller,) equal.
Part I C.—H. Scoyne, L. Welsh, F.
Patton, G. Law, T. Hockin, I. Burnett,
C. Satton, M. Galbraith.
A.B.O. Class.—V. McIntyre, N. Lacey,
V. Coates, J. Welsh, W. Hull, J. Mann,
D. Welinsky.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH AT ST. THOMAS Body of Wm. Tomlinson Found in Kettle

The body of a man, about 65 years of age, saudy-gray moustache and hair, weighing about 170 pounds, and without any outward marks, was found on a weighing about 170 pounds, and without any outward marks, was found on a
sandbar of Kettle Creek, under the M.
C. R. bridge, St. Thomas, on Friday
evening. The man's figure and appearance resemble an employe of a firm
of junk dealers in the east end of the
city. It would look as if the remains
were thrown up by the recent flood and
had been in the water for some days.
His coat was found on a nearby bank.
There is a theory that he fell or was
shoved off the M, C, R. bridge. He was
plainly but comfortably dressed and
wore patent leather shoes. A silver
watch and a few coppers were his only
possessions. Walter Lunn made the
discovery and notified Coroner Guest.
Attached to his watch chain was a
pendant or identification charm of the
Canada Accident Co. Subsequently the
body was identified as that of William
Tomlinson, machinist's helper, up to Tomlinson, machinist's helper, up to April 24th employed at the M. C. R. shops. Tomlinson had \$30 when he quit work, and only three cents was on his body when found. From all outhis body when found. From all outward appearances Tomlinson seems to have come to his death by jumping into the creek, while in a fit of despondency through drink and loss of work, or else by falling in either from the bank or from the M. C. R. bridge under which he was found. He leaves a wife in England.

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# COURT OF REVISION

OTICE is hereby given that a Court of Revision on the Assessment Roll for the lage of Dutton will be held in the Town Hall

MONDAY, MAY 31, 1909 at the hour of 7 o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of hearing appeals against the Assess-nent Roli. All appeals must be filed with the Cjerk on or before the 14th day of May, or they cannot be heard.

Dutton, May 3, 1909. J. D. BLUE, Clerk. COURT OF REVISION

OTICE is hereby given that a Court of Revision on the Assesment Roll for the fownship of Dunwich will be held in the Township Office, Dutton, on

MONDAY, MAY 31, 1909 at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of hearing appeals lodged against the Assessment Roll. All appeals must be filed with the Clerk on or before the 14th day of May, or they cannot be heard.

Dutton, May 3, 1909.

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Matchless flour is ity every day. Asl makes the best eye-op as a breakfast for Mills,

The estate of the and Miss Macbeth in sold to H. J. Rapel genseng gardens at not offered ror sale. At a meeting of t Southwold and Duny sociation it was decid the Bell at St. Thom direct access to the in the city at 5 cents

Tomatoes of the he made their appearance Tuesday. They we greenhouse of W. although retailed at they were picked up Mr. Geo. Dunk, (senting the Dominic Montreal, gave an eshooting before the n club yesterday. Mr. fessional wing shot o

The indications as prices for wool will be than last year. A that in all probabilit open at 17 to 18 cents a The price last season The hired men of hardly stand for the light bill. As they four in the mornin

hardly be worth wh A handy atlas of th ing maps of the varie Great Britain, and valuable information

the various school tes with the compliment T. W. Crothers. The Geological Sur preparing to send out for use in continuat history selections for geology, etc. Hither have been sent to collegiate institutes of

The Ladies' Aid of hold a food sale, co made bread, cakes a day afternoon of this lately vacated by Dr. the ladies of the co contribute towards tl Mr. James Beaty attack of paralysis condition at first was his speech being mu as his right side. He ing and his many fr will recover his usua

The 54th annual m Teachers' Institute of Thomas on Thursday 20 and 21. Amongst part in the discussion J. Duncanson of J. Duncanson of "Grammar" and E. "History in Public 3 Stockton (Cal.) Ind program of sacred mu by the choir of the church. It will include and duets. A speci service will be a sol who has recently cou-whose voice is one of and strength.

and strength. Division court occur of Judge Ermatinger on Thursday. The rethat of J. C. Panter of Health and the Market and t ton, was adjourned on Monday, which journed on account chairman of the Boa

To compete for the London and St. Thor quette will inaugu service, beginning ne train leaves Blenhe Dutton at 7.46 a.m. a at 8.55; returning it 6.35 p.m. and reach The train will run or

The train will run of the spring has bee for seeding. The we has been responsible of the township not sown, and those wh progress in seeding a to the grain being dairains of Sunday and nation is serious enoweather from now antumn will make u autumn will make u