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Cervera, the bottled-up Spanish admiral, is really handicapped by his name. In fact, it is *Don* de Cervera y Topete Conde de Jerez, Marquis de Santa Ana.

Even yet, the Ottawa Citizen expresses opposition to the establishment of the Western Normal School in this city. No doubt these Ottawa people would like to have our bright pupils continue to journey eastward 400 miles to Ottawa to get their education.

The G. T. R. will get a free site for its new headquarters from the city of Montreal, if it puts up a building worth \$250,000. Hitherto the head offices of the G. T. R. have been at Point St. Charles, a far from central place. Now it is felt that the company must have their place of business in the center of business.

Toronto school authorities have resolved to increase the fees in the collegiate institutes as follows: First and second forms, \$16; payable by terms, \$5, \$5 and \$5. Third and fourth forms, \$22, payable \$7, \$7 and \$8. Fifth and sixth forms, \$32, payable \$10, \$10 and \$12. The intention is to keep down the cost to the general taxpayer.

The Hamilton Spectator expresses itself as firmly opposed to the establishment of the new Normal School in this city as ever. There is a little delay in starting the construction, but how much would it have been helped along if Mr. Whitney had been successful at the general election, and had been placed face to face with the steady and persistent opposition to London's interests of the leading Conservative newspapers of the Province?

Warden Lang, of Elgin county, introduced somewhat of an innovation into his opening address at the June session of that body. He took a worldwide view of the great events that have recently taken place in which Canada is vitally interested. Few orators have put the situation more neatly than did Warden Lang when he said:

"One year ago we were interested in the jubilee reunion in London, England, in honor of our beloved Queen. The conduct of our most worthy premier brought Canada to the front on that occasion in a very special way, not as a colony but as a sister nation in the great and grand federation of the British people. The result will no doubt be very beneficial to the trade of Canada. The seven realities of war have suggested to our neighbors in the United States the advisability of an alliance with the great motherland of Anglo-Saxon nations, and if there is not to be an alliance between Great Britain and the United States in form, there ought to be for all time, a union of hearts among peoples of the same race, of the same language, and with mutual interests the world over."

It is undoubtedly true that some of our Canadian railway managers have increased experts and innovations in methods from the United States. But it is also no less a fact that United States railway directors have obtained many of their brightest managers, high class assistants and general workers from Canada, and are ever ready to adopt Canadian improvements when they find them. President J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern Railway, is now journeying over the C. P. R. picking up such new features as that transcontinental line possesses, with the view of incorporating them in the system of which he is the head. It is only by keeping a constant watch to improve his service, and get every reasonable advantage from his resources, that a railway manager can make ends meet in these days of competition. In this respect, however, he is like all other business men.

Away With the Gerrymander!

Our contemporary, the Montreal Star, in an editorial headed, "Preparing for a Gerrymander," professes to find in a recent issue of The Advertiser positive proof that the Government now in power at Ottawa has in contemplation a course of action with regard to the constituencies such as warrants it to say in advance that a further gerrymander is contemplated, and it immediately resorts to the Senate, after the fashion of the small boy who runs to his "Ma" with every imaginary grievance against his playmates, and asks in advance to be protected against the wicked men who would dare remove one gerrymander by substituting another. Now, The Advertiser has never suggested that the constituencies which have been so shamefully cut and carved, to provide that "the Grits should be fived," as one of the authors of the rascally expedient confessed, should be once more so emasculated. What we have always contended for is that county boundaries should remain unbroken, that neither Grits nor Tories should be "fived," but that fair play should be extended to all. In its days of professed independence, the Montreal Star denounced the gerrymander, as heartily as we have done, and conceded the justice of the demand that it should be rectified, but in these later times even a plain demand that the gerrymander must be repealed, in accordance with the declared platform of the Liberal party, as endorsed by the people at the polls, is represented by the Star as a demand that another gerrymander take place!

Will our contemporary now deny that it is in the interest of honest politics and in accordance with the Liberal platform, that the gerrymander should be repealed, and that an honest redistribution, recognizing county boundaries, should take its place?

The War on Binder Twine.

Canadians may gain in some respects from the war between the States and Spain. But there is an article of prime necessity to Canadian farmers which the war has greatly enhanced in price. The raw material of binder twine comes from the Philippine Islands, where, owing to the rebellion and the conflict which was accentuated by the sinking of the Spanish fleet by Admiral Dewey, chaos reigned. In consequence, the price of binder twine in Canada has jumped up 2 cents a pound, and now ranges from 5½c to 10½c a pound. It is feared a further increase will be decreed at an early day. Of course, the price of binder twine is yet considerably below old-time combine rates, but no one would like to see either war or combine rates again prevailing for this necessity in successful Canadian agriculture.

London's Example Commended.

Commenting on the recent remarks of The Advertiser with regard to overpressure in the schools of the country, the Hamilton Times says:

"The Advertiser has touched the root of the evil. It is not the system, nor is it the department of education, that is to blame for the overpressure, where it exists; it is the competition of teachers to make a record and to meet the views of trustees and parents. It is pleasing to learn that the London board has taken action for if we mistake not it is not so long ago that the record of 'pusses' made by a London teacher was the boast of that teacher, and he was lauded over all other educators in the province. Now, let other boards profit by the example. In the matter of pressure of home work in the higher forms there is room for Hamilton board to exercise some influence with the teachers. After a day's study it is not two to two and a half hours at home work."

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION.

[Monetary Times, Toronto.] Who the commissioners will be in the future. It is essential that the numbers be equal on each side. We do not desire to see a repetition of the experience of 1842, when Lord Ashburton, with only Colby Cratton for his sole aid, had to face ten American negotiators, with Daniel Webster at their head. Nor could Ashburton be exactly called an expert in the matters to be decided. It is essential that experts be appointed now. Senator Mills for the boundary question is an available Canadian, as Sir Richard Cartwright would be for reciprocity. It will be essential that some trained diplomatist be found in the list.

NOT IN HER LINE.

[Fingende Blatter.] Lady (engaging a new cook)—Can you clean bicycles?
Cook—No, lady, but I can give you the address where I have mine cleaned.

NOT JUST RIGHT.

[Detroit Journal.] "That youngest boy of yours does not seem to be a credit to you," said the white man to Uncle Mose.
"No, sah," said Uncle Mose, "he is mighty bad. He's de white sheep of de family, sah."

WESTERN ONTARIO

Tuesday, Aug. 11, will be Windsor's civic holiday.

A large number of granolithic walks are being put down in Delhi.

Mr. H. J. Hassett, manager of the Bank of Commerce, Waterloo, has been transferred to Barrie.

Mr. W. H. Odell, of Belmont, shipped a cartload of young heifers and steers east on Saturday night.

The salary of Town Clerk Brodley, of Aylmer, was raised \$100 at the last meeting of the town council.

The Shelden flax mill was closed down last week as the supply of flax has all been dressed. No crop is being sent there this season.

Mr. Aaron Strong and Miss Phil-nice Marchand, of Tilbury, were married Wednesday morning in the Catholic Church by Rev. Father Langens.

The 100 acres on the lake road owned by the late Trenom Kellor, Fingal, was sold by the executor, Mr. John Steele, to Mr. Brian Brody, for \$4,000.

Mrs. Angus McLeod, of Southwold, Station, died on Tuesday from the effects of lung trouble, aged 29 years. She leaves, besides her husband, one child.

Tilsonburg council propose to buy a Van Dusen bell, weight 1,300 pounds, to cost \$300, and to be inscribed with the names of Mayor Bell, Chairman Hogarth and Town Clerk Raynes.

The 6-year-old daughter of Mr. Chas. Elliott, Fingal, was struck in the eye with the point of an umbrella, cutting the under lid and injuring the ball of the eye. It is hoped to save the sight.

The government sent two special officers to Windsor to stop the smuggling complained of by business men, but found no trace of it. Now a third officer, Inspector Clappison, of Ottawa, has been sent.

Fred Rathburn, aged 18, employed at the farm of Mr. Montgomery Bonham, St. George road, near Brantford, was terribly injured the other afternoon by the explosion of a dynamite cartridge, which he was picking up with a pin.

Mr. W. McCollum fell off the yacht Seabird into the waters of Lake Erie at Port Stanley, on Tuesday. Mr. W. McCollum jumped in and rescued Mr. McCollum, who would have been drowned but for the assistance rendered.

Rev. Aaron Slaught died on Saturday. By his death one of the last connections with the early Baptist Church has been severed. He was born on one of the farms near Waterford. Through his aid the First Baptist Church, Waterford, one of the finest in Western Ontario, was built.

Miss Addie V. Shillinglaw, second daughter of Mr. Robert Shillinglaw, builder and contractor, died at the resi-

dence of her father, Albert street, Sarnia. Deceased, who was 23 years old, was a much esteemed young lady, and an active member of the Presbyterian Church.

John T. Little, a commercial man, left his wheel in the Curry block ten days ago, when he was riding Windsor, and it disappeared. On Wednesday the police found it in the coal bin on the second floor, where it had been hidden by some practical joker. The wheel was forwarded to the owner at Toronto.

Roy Witherspoon, an employee of the Massey-Harris Company, Brantford, was kicked by a horse. Witherspoon was riding a wheel and endeavored to pass the horse, when the animal took fright, and kicked square out at the rider. Witherspoon received some painful bruises, which necessitated medical attendance.

Essex county council is revising the assessment roll. Leamington was increased \$5,000, and Amherstburg was reduced by a like amount. A new five-year arrangement was made with Belle Island, which is separated from the county, by which it pays \$150 a year for the administration of justice, instead of \$100 as before.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of Melrose Warehouse Company was held at Foresters' Hall, Lobo, on May 6. The directors' and auditors' reports showed a satisfactory state of affairs. The board was changed, placing E. B. Flewce in the position of Jerry George, and Mr. Ling succeeded Mr. McQuigan. The annual meeting will hereafter be held at Melrose.

After a lingering illness of about seven years, Mrs. Chauncey Purdy, of the 8th con., East Nissouri, passed away the other day. Mrs. Purdy was of a very kindly disposition, and was highly respected. She leaves a husband, two sons and two daughters, Lyman and Herman, and three grandsons and two granddaughters.

Besides her husband, she leaves three sons and two daughters. Deceased was a consistent member of the Port Stanley Methodist Church and a member of the Ladies' Aid of the church.

She was a daughter of Rev. John M. Smith, of Markham, Devonshire, England. Mr. Mitchell, St. Thomas, and Mrs. John Oliver, Port Stanley, are sisters of deceased, and Samuel and Richard, of Belmont, are brothers.

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cers, 21 captains, 6; subalterns, 7; sergeants, 18; rank and file, 100; total, 133. The field officer of today was Major D. Stuart, of the Twenty-sixth, and tomorrow Major Acheson, of the Twenty-ninth Waterloo Battalion, will command. The medical officer today was Surgeon-Major Rooms, of the Twenty-sixth; tomorrow Surgeon-Major Lockhart will officiate. The Twenty-eighth furnished the main guard and barrack and duty band; next for these duties, the Twenty-ninth Waterloo.

TO PREVENT MUSKETRY ACCIDENTS.

The drills today were the same as those performed yesterday. The daily orders included the following:

"At all the rifle ranges where the Lee-Enfield 303 rifle is to be used during the approaching training season, the general commanding directs that the greatest care be exercised to prevent accidents. The inspectors of musketry, their assistants and all regimental officers, when on range duty, are to satisfy themselves that there is no danger to the people living and working in the vicinity. By order, 'W. H. COTTON, Lt.-Col. A. A. G. A.'"

NOTES.

Leave of absence has been granted to Surgeon-Major H. R. Castgairn, of the Twenty-first, from June 9 to 11, and Capt. D. J. Gibson, Twenty-eighth, until tomorrow.

Col. Buchanan, R. R. C. I. brigade major, is preparing a thorough inspection of the guard. He taught the whole body, with one or two exceptions, how to wear the headgear.

The officers in the camp are organizing a cricket club and making arrangements to give the asylum a game. The medical officer, when on range duty, is to satisfy himself that there is no danger to the people living and working in the vicinity. By order, 'W. H. COTTON, Lt.-Col. A. A. G. A.'"

MIDDLESEX.

W. Irving, of Alvington, has been appointed a bailiff for the county of Lambeth.

Mr. J. E. Campbell has been appointed mail carrier between Appin and Mayfair.

John Stonehouse, manager of the St. Marys creamery, has sent in his resignation to the company.

Messrs. Johnston & Bodkin, of Delaware, are preparing to build, and contracts are let for their new store, to replace the one burned on April 1.

The Sarnia court of C. O. P. has received a cordial invitation to attend a grand Canadian Foresters' demonstration in Stratford, to be held under the auspices of the Court Stratford, No. 147, on July 1, 1898.

Rev. C. C. Purton, lately stationed at Cartwright, has been appointed curate for the Chapel of the Assumption at Windsor, and will take charge of the congregation next Sunday.

The match for \$30 a side between the crack shot of Sarnia, Charles Roach, and R. G. Shaw, took place at Bridgen on Tuesday, resulting in a victory for Shaw by two to one.

Statute labor is the order of the day at Delaware, and all available help is being ordered out to make a general clean-up, have roads graveled, sidewalks repaired and ditches and culverts opened up.

Charlie Chang, a Chinese laundryman at Berlin, has been fined for beating a girl named Lewis, who had been tormenting him. Chang will enter a suit for damages against the girl's father. He says the girl throws dirt on his washing, which has occasioned much loss.

Five young men from Windsor were riding out to Kingsville, when they ran into a thickly-strewn bed of carpet tacks at North Elgin, and before they could dismount the five wheels had picked up 22 tacks. The wheelmen have employed a detective to hunt up the culprit.

The remains of Mr. David Holmes, of Murray, who was drowned last spring, have been found by young Indian, Jacob Albert. He and others were swimming just where the man was drowned, and before they could dismount the five wheels had picked up 22 tacks. The wheelmen have employed a detective to hunt up the culprit.

George Weld, son of Mr. Edgar Weld, had a narrow escape from drowning at Delaware on Saturday. He was accompanied by his father and brother, and fell into deep water. He was rescued by the promptitude and bravery of Master Harry Hotman, who at once plunged in and brought the almost drowned boy to shore.

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