

WATFORD, MAR. 22, 1907.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

If the Postmaster General desires to increase the revenue of his department he might advance the postal rate on the tons of mining prospectuses that now flood His Majesty's mail. A sliding scale, based on the value the promoters estimate their propositions to be worth, would bring in a revenue that in a short time would defray the cost of a rural free delivery in the wilds of Muskoka. Aside from the burden they impose on the P. O. department they have become a nuisance to those who are obliged to carry them from the office to the waste basket.

It is estimated that three hundred thousand immigrants will enter Canada this year. The active campaign carried on by our agents in Britain and the U. S. is having its effect, and a desirable class of settlers are coming to the country. The Dominion, with its thousands of square miles of virgin soil, offers greater inducements to newcomers than any country under the sun. Here every able bodied and industrious man is assured of a home for himself and family, and by exercising thrift and good management is assured of a competence in a few years, that he could not acquire in a lifetime in the old land. The broad and fertile acres of the great West, and the rich forests of New Ontario, await and welcome his coming.

The question of national disarmament will be discussed at the coming peace Conference to be held at the Hague. The colossal folly of spending millions of money, in preparation for war which may never come, is recognized by the leading statesmen of all nations, and the common people who have to bear the burden of taxation are beginning to resent the causeless expenditure. Nations, however, are constituted very much like individuals, and as long as rivalry and jealousy prevails the dawn of the era of universal peace is in the remote future. The Emperor of Germany, who is one of the disturbing features in international diplomacy, has already intimated his objection to the proposal, and without unanimity there is little hope.

The railway companies have themselves to thank for the present agitation for lower fares and restriction of their powers. By their arbitrary and public opinion defying methods of dealing with the people they have antagonized a large element upon which they are dependent for their support. Public sentiment has become so aroused that legislatures have been obliged to take action, and the railway magnates are now the supplicants for favors they refused to grant to others. President Roosevelt's decided stands have brought the great traffic lines up with a shout, and they are knocking at the door for mercy. Canada is proceeding along the same line, and is insisting on rights which the public have long been denied. The people rule and own this country and the railways or any other corporation who undertake to deprive them of their right will make trouble for themselves in the end.

The daily record of wrecks on land and sea is becoming so common that the average newspaper reader merely glances at the heading to note the number of killed and injured, and turns over to the Thaw trial or some other sensation of the day. The reading public becomes callous and indifferent, and unless the disaster is of unusual magnitude dismiss it with a passing comment. Even an earthquake with its attendant horrors only arouses a languid interest. This is not as it should be, and unless this apathy is shaken off little is likely to be done in the way of applying a remedy. A large majority of the disasters that take place are preventable, and due to gross carelessness and incompetence on the part of those responsible for their occurrence. This is where the strong hand of the law should show itself, and an example made that would deter others from offending. Unless some action is taken along these lines the uncertainty of life will continue to be daily demonstrated.

WARWICK.

Township council met on Monday. Jacob Cline, 4th line, has a new driver that makes the boys sit up and take notice as he goes down the line.

The Good Templar's Hall and contents, Main Road, on C. Williams' farm, will be sold at auction on Friday, March 29th, at 2 p. m.

Mrs. Bachelor, of London, wishes to thank the members of the C. O. C. F. Lodge for the kind letter received by her during her recent illness in Victoria Hospital.

Mary, the beloved wife of J. Y. Williams, Wisbeach, died on Wednesday morning, after a short illness, in her 60th year. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon, interment in the Wisbeach cemetery.

Mr. Ben Williamson, 4th line east, received word from a friend in Findlay, Ohio, recently, stating that James Porter who lived for many years on lot 5, con. 4, S. E. R., was killed by a street car.

that city, almost at his own door. Deceased will be remembered by all the old residents of the 4th line as a somewhat eccentric bachelor, who whereabouts had not been known for some years.

One of the most successful sales of the season was held at Geo. Wilkie's, Wisbeach, on Wednesday afternoon. There was a big crowd in attendance, everything was in first class shape and top prices were realized, steers sold for \$65, two fat cows for \$115 each, cows for over \$50, and a two-year-old colt for \$175. The total sales amounted to \$2,250, \$250 more than the owner's estimate, which speaks well for Auctioneer Elliot's ability as a salesman, everything being disposed of in three hours. All the people in the neighborhood are sorry to lose Mr. Wilkie and family as they are good neighbors and good citizens. They take with them the best wishes of the community to their new home in Strathroy.

Bellaire, Mich.—William G. Stillwell, of this village, is the only Michigan recipient of a Carnegie medal, as revealed by the official list, issued from Pittsburgh. Stillwell is a student in Albion college. One day last August, as a party of school children were returning from gathering flowers, Miss Ruth Schoolcraft, in attempting to cross Intermediate river by walking an old bridge stringer, lost her balance and fell into the river which flowed swiftly at this point, and was several feet in depth. She was soon carried several rods. While her companions were terror-stricken, William G. Stillwell, only 13 years of age, jumped into the stream and succeeded in rescuing Miss Ruth, who was nearly drowned. A representative of the Carnegie hero medal fund was here and expressed surprise at the boy's exploit when he looked over the scene of the adventure.—The young hero referred to above was born in Lambton, and is a nephew of Geo. Stillwell, of Warwick Village.

Morley—Wilson.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilson, 359 Bunsbyrne ave., yesterday, beneath a bower of palms, sun-lax and white blossoms erected in the drawing room for the event, Rev. J. W. Macmillan performed the ceremony, uniting in marriage Miss Gertrude May Wilson, their second daughter, and Arthur W. Morley, of the firm of Morley & Sufield, barrister, of this city. The lovely bride, who was given away by her father, was beautifully gowned in ivory chiffon, embroidered in a design of lilies of the valley and morning glories, worn over a foundation of white taffeta. She carried a beautiful bouquet of lilies of the valley and forget-me-nots, which, with a rich pink stole, were gifts from the groom. Her sister, Miss Cora Wilson, performed the duties of bridesmaid, wearing a most becoming frock of white point d'esprit over white silk. She carried a bouquet of white carnations. J. A. Sufield performed the duties of best man. At the close of the ceremony the Mendelssohn wedding march was played by Master Jack Gibson, after which the guests, numbering about thirty, repaired to the dining room, where refreshments were partaken of, the bridal table being centered with a colossal cake surmounted with lilies of the valley.—Winnipeg Telegram of March 21th.

The bride is a niece of Mrs. W. D. Cameron, of Watford, and has many friends here, who join in congratulations.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Report of S. S. No. 14, Brooke: Class IV. Orville Maddock 88, Malcolm Campbell 85, Ernest Moyer 74, Lyle Johnston 68, Lela McNally 63, Josephine Aulph 80, Ferguson McNally 77. Class III.—Lizette Johnson 98, Nellie Soper 93, Roy Doan 72, L. tie Meyer 63, Russell Maddock 25, Howard Clothier 26. Class II.—Milly Doan 87, Arthur Aulph 86, Violet Stuart 61. Pt. II, Class I.—E. R. McNally 80. Pt. I, Class I.—Barbara Aulph 85, Orson McCong 65, Sam Maddock 75.—VINA JOHNSTON, Teacher.

BORN.

In Plympton, on Saturday, March 9th, 1907, to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Shaw, a son.

In Sarnia General Hospital, on Saturday, March 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Garrover, a son.

MARRIED.

In Windsor, on Feb. 22nd, Robt. McGee, of London, to Miss Della Wilkin, of London, formerly of Clinton.

At the Baptist parsonage, Oil Springs, on Tuesday, March 12th, 1907, by the Rev. Mr. Halliwell, Mrs. Catharine Miller, of Brooke, to Mr. Edward John Peters of Enniskillen.

On Tuesday, March 5th, 1907, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. J. C. McLellan, her eldest daughter, Minnie C. to Jas. D. Purvis, of Sarnia township.

On Thursday, March 14, at St. Andrew's Church, London, by the Rev. Dr. Ross, Marion Barr, second daughter of Mrs. Margaret Petrie, 424 Horton street, to John C. Schoff, of that city.

DIED.

In Plympton, on Sunday, March 10th, 1907, Sarah Fisher, relict of the late John Fisher, aged 95 years.

At her home in Nanton, Alta., on Feb. 20th, 1907, Edna Vera Bourne, aged 14 years, 3 months.

In Toronto, on the 7th inst., Fannie Park, aged 40 years.

In McGillivray, on March 3rd, Mary Jane Jones, beloved wife of John C. Owens, aged 25 years.

In Arkona, on the 12th inst., Roy Brooks, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Smith.

In Petrolia, on Sunday, March 10th, 1907, Martha Hovey, relict of the late Edward Hovey.

In Arkona, on the 12th inst., Archibald Wilkinson, aged 70 years.

In Strathroy, on March 10th, Margaret McLellan, aged 80 years.

In delia on March 8th, Sarah Marie Kewer, beloved wife of John Smith, aged 61 years and 6 days.

In Warwick, on Wednesday, March 20th, 1907, Mary, beloved wife of J. Y. Williams, in her 60th year.

In Watford, on Saturday, March 16th, 1907, Ernest Calvert, beloved son of Walter H. and Keziah Cook, aged 3 years, 1 month, 16 days.

In Watford, on Tuesday, March 19th, 1907, Hannah Harrover, beloved wife of S. B. Howden, in her 50th year.

Parkhill collector's roll has been returned with over \$833 uncollected.

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Forest is agitating for a canning factory.

Inwood poultry fanciers have formed a local association.

There is some talk of organizing a Canadian Club in Strathroy.

Forest council has struck the rate of taxation for 1907 at 25 mills.

Wm. Lechead, a former resident of Forest, died in Iowa recently.

There are several cases of small pox among the Indians on Walpole Island.

Geo. Taylor, an old resident of Ipperwash, fell and broke his arm the other day.

The Petrolia Beavers, a junior base ball team, have re-organized for the season.

An Industrial Club has been organized to boom manufacturing enterprises in Sarnia.

Police Constable Archie Dow, of Woodstock, dropped dead while pursuing a jail breaker.

Miss Margaret McLellan, a resident of Middlesex since 1849, died in Strathroy last week.

Geddes Bros. have been in the dry goods business for twenty-six years in Strathroy.

The Presbyterian church in Glencoe will be enlarged by the erection of a new classroom.

Taylor's pop works in Strathroy were damaged by fire to the extent of a thousand dollars last week.

A summer hotel and three cottages, estimated at \$30,000, will be erected at Weesbeach this summer.

O. E. McIntosh has purchased Mrs. Pye's brick residence in Wyoming and will remove the telephone office to his new shop.

The manager of Wyoming's chartered bank is only twenty-one and the editor of the local paper eighteen. Youth will not be denied.

R. S. Ford, a prominent Petrolia merchant for many years, left for the west last week, having disposed of his business in the oil town.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kelly, of Euphemia, were presented with a purse of gold on the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage.

Miss Pepper, teacher in the Thedford public school, has resigned and Miss A. McFarlane, of Forest, has been engaged to fill the vacancy.

Petrolia barbers threaten to raise the price of hair cutting to 25c and there is some talk of organizing a branch of the Flying Rollers in the oil town.

The Children's Aid Society, of Sarnia, sent a boy eight years old to Watford on Saturday, a home having been arranged for him in Warwick township.

Mr. N. M. Cantin, the founder of St. Joseph, is a resident of that city no more. He has disposed of his furniture, and with his wife and family left on Monday for Montreal, where they will reside in future.

The postoffice at Uttoxeter, situated about half way between Forest and Wainstead, has been re-opened. This office was closed about four years ago, but the demand within the last year or so has necessitated its re-opening.

A case of smallpox is reported at the home of James Johnston, one mile south of Sombra village. Mrs. Johnston had been visiting near Oil Springs, where there had been a number of cases during the winter and broke out with the disease a few days ago. Medical Health Officer Dr. Chapman, of Wilkesport, has the house under quarantine and a strict guard is being kept to stop it from spreading.

An interesting question in regard to the maintenance of the country bridges will be settled by Judge Macbeth on Friday, March 26. Accordingly to some recent decisions in the law courts the ap-

proach to a bridge forms part of it, and is to be maintained as such. There are at present 5 bridges in London township which are under dispute and it will have to be decided whether they are to be maintained by the township or the county.

The police are baffled over the sudden disappearance of Flossie Goulden, a young girl, who for several weeks was employed in a Port Huron Military street home. The Port Huron Herald says: The girl came to this city from Petrolia two months ago and took a position as maid in one of this city's homes. She remained there until a week ago last Tuesday, when she told her mistress that she was going out for a walk. It was about two o'clock in the afternoon when the girl left the house, and when she did not return at six o'clock, the household began a search for her.

Settlers Come and Go.

The arrival at the Union Station Toronto on Wednesday of about three hundred immigrants for distribution in Ontario makes the number who have come in since Sunday about 1,000, according to a statement given at the immigration offices. While the three hundred were swarming around the station waiting to go out to work on farms in this Province there were as many farmers with their wives and families leaving for western Canada. In the early afternoon a special train went out bearing these settlers westward. In the evening a train filled with their personal effects left also.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

PASTURE to rent, a part of lot 7, con. 14, Brooke. Apply to John King, Watford P.O.

MRS. BRYSON is prepared to receive spring orders for corsets. Residence, Mill St. Watford.

I HAVE for sale one Jersey, also one half-Jersey cow.—ROBT. SMITH, Lot 2, Con. 3, S.E.R., Warwick.

S. STAPLEFORD has arranged to have a buyer at Warwick Village, who will pay highest cash prices for butter and eggs.

WANTED.—A smart active young man for office work with knowledge of short hand. Apply at office of Lloyd Wire.

WANTED.—A man handy with tools. Good wages to the right man. Apply to Arthur Higgins, Lot 9, Con. 6, S.E.R., Warwick.

WARD OF THANKS.—The family of the late Mrs. John Parker wish to express their thanks to the many friends for the kindness and sympathy shown in their late bereavement.

DUNLOP'S Rose flour, Manitoba blend, made from best Manitoba and select winter wheat. No better flour made, few as good. Try it and it will please you. Also Gold Dust, pure Manitoba. This is a favorite with all good bakers.

DR. BUTLER, London, will be at Watford, Roche House, on following days: Wednesday March 6th; Wednesday, May 1st; Wednesday, July 3rd. Eye, ear, nose and throat consultations. Eyes tested for glasses.

LINSEED meal, buckwheat flour, oat meal, cream of wheat, Tilton's oats, bran, chop and feed of all kinds at Dunlop's flour and feed store. Leave your order, goods promptly delivered.—DUNLOP'S FLOUR AND FEED STORE.

SUGAR SOCIAL.—The ladies of the Watford Congregational Church, will hold an old fashioned sugar social in the basement of the church on the evening of Wednesday March 27th. Good program, old fashioned costumes, plenty of warm sugar. Everybody come, admission 15c.

EGGS FOR HATCHING.—White Wyandottes, Jno. S. Martin's Regal strain, strong vigorous stock and persistent layers. Pens a. and b. \$1.00. Pen c. 50c. per setting, 15 eggs. Special price on incubator lots.—FRANK MORRIS.

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