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**ASTRONOMICAL.**

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Sun rises ... 5:57 a.m. Moon rises ... 12:00 a.m.

Sun sets ... 5:30 p.m. Moon sets ... 3:02 p.m.

Day of the year, 294.

**METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE OF CANADA**

**Fine Weather.**

Toronto, Oct. 17, 11 p.m.—The pressure has given way in Eastern Canada and in the far North-west, but has remained high elsewhere. The weather has been generally fair in all portions of the country.

Maximum temperatures:—Calgary, 64°; Winnipeg, 52°; Toronto, 61°; Montreal, 56°; Quebec, 48°; Halifax, 52°.

Indications:—Lakes, winds mostly westerly; fine, not much change in temperature.

Report for 24 hours, ending 10 p.m. (Observations taken daily at 8 a.m., 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.)

Baro. mean, daily ... 30.19° Therm. min. ... 44° Therm. max. ... 61° mean, daily ... 50°

SINCE LAST OBSERVATION.

WIND—Direction and Velocity:—Miles.

8 a.m. 5 miles south ... 45°

3 p.m. 12 miles south ... 65°

8 p.m. calm ... 21°

Total ... 131

Average state of weather—Fair.

E. BAYNES REED, Observer.

What is the cause of "summer lightning"? "Summer lightning" is the effect of electrical action. "Heat lightning" is the name by which it is more commonly known, as it is unaccompanied by thunder, and entirely free from danger. At the moment of sunset the vapors, which are condensed by cooling near the ground, form a conducting stratum, which serves to re-establish by degrees the electrical equilibrium between the atmosphere and the earth, which are charged with opposite electricities.

Rev. Robert McIntyre, D. D., of Chicago, delivered a lecture in Victoria Hall last night on "Wandering Cave."

There was a large audience, and the graphic revelation of the wonders of the mysterious cavern was received in a manner that must have satisfied the lecturer of the appreciation of his audience and their thorough enjoyment of his rich and varied oratory. Dr. McIntyre is magnificently endowed in the way of voice and physique for a lecture platform. He is also gifted with a vivid appreciation of the beauties of nature, a strong sense of humor and a happy choice of language, all of which make his lectures a delight to be long remembered. It is not improbable that last night's entertainment was better than a trip to the cave itself. Mayor Taylor presided.

The funeral of the late Thomas Tanton took place yesterday afternoon at Woodland Cemetery, and was very largely attended by the personal friends of the deceased. Rev. Mr. Courtice, of the Dundas Street Methodist Church, was the officiating minister, and at the grave Master Workman Poole, of the A. O. U. W., read the burial service of that order. The pall-bearers were Messrs. J. Percival, W. Dawson, Joseph Hooke, J. Dunn, M. D. Dawson, Ald. Callard, R. Hookway and J. W. Martin.

The "Devil's Mine" play and company, to appear at the Grand Opera House to-night (Friday) and to-morrow afternoon and evening, are well spoken of by the Hamilton papers. The show is a "choice article," and "altogether the show is a very pleasing one."

Mr. H. T. Wilson, representing Miss Victoria Vokes and Thearle & Cooper's Comedy Company, was in the city last night arranging for their appearance at the Grand on Friday, Oct. 25. The bill for that evening will be "A Mere Cipher" and "Hubbub."

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**LOCAL AND DISTRICT.**

Mr. Alexander Ross, of North Oxford, has sold his farm, consisting of 200 acres, to Mr. John Dunn, for \$11,000.

Miss McPhail, of Rodney, met with a very painful accident the other evening. The horse which she was driving ran away, throwing her out of the buggy and breaking one of her legs.

Brantford Telegram:—"John Kelly, an old-timer, from London and W. E. Mann, a boy of 13, from Dundas, were charged at the police court Wednesday morning with vagrancy. Kelly was fined \$2 and costs or 30 days, and went up."

Thomas Ballantyne & Son, Neidpath Farm, Downie, have recently sold the five months' bull calf, "Neidpath Prince," to head the fine herd of Shorthorns belonging to Greene Bros., "The Glen," Innerkip.

The story is going around that McDuff, who is wanted for the Holton murder, is hiding in the Colchester woods, and that Detective McKee is on the lookout. A few weeks ago he was said to be working in a saw mill on the Georgian Bay.

A horse was stolen at Highgate the other night. It is described as black, with spot on forehead, one hind foot white, about 15½ hands high, weight 1,000 lbs., in poor condition. Old harness, open square box buggy, and a pair of blankets.

Mr. R. G. Struthers, of Galt, the other day while mixing cattle food in a machine made for the purpose had the misfortune to get his hand caught in a revolving part of the mixer, the result being the loss of the middle finger of his right hand.

There are quite a number of people afflicted with a mild type of typhoid fever about Dorchester Station. Doctor Graham has proved very successful in the treatment of such, and all those thus far have either been cured, or are on the way to speedy recovery.

The Customs returns for the port of Chatham, for the quarter ending 30th September, show a large increase over the corresponding period last season. The value of imports, \$59,100; exports, \$74,825. Duty collected, \$8,410.14, as against \$6,425.85 in the third quarter of 1918.

Bothwell Times:—"On Friday night last some daring work was done by house-breakers on the 6th con. Zone. They entered the house of Mr. S. Best, and finding his bureau locked, went out again to an out-house where they secured a brace and bit, and bored holes around the lock of the bureau in such a way as to force it in, after which they rifled the drawers of \$26 in cash. They also took Mr. Best's watch, which was hanging down stairs. They then repaired to Mr. Hastings's residence, where they effected an entrance by raising the pantry window. Here they secured a horse pistol and a quantity of provisions, but were frightened away by some of the family moving in bed. Then they went to Mr. Johnson's, where they entered the bedroom and took a revolver and \$8 from under the pillow on which Mr. Johnson slept. They afterwards tried to enter some other houses but without success."

The Dundas Standard says:—"On Saturday morning a young man named Michael McMahon, who stays at the House of Providence, was the victim of a painful accident. He was securing the furnace in the basement of the building when the side of the coal bin gave way, and twenty-five tons of coal were let loose on poor Mike. It was so sudden that he hadn't time to escape and was driven up against the furnace door. A telephone message was sent to John Bertram & Sons' works, and five men went up with shovels to dig the unfortunate young man out. It was a terrible sight to see the young man, who had been pressed tight up against the hot furnace for all that time, were badly burned. The men who dug him out say they had no idea he was being scorched as he made no fuss but quietly waited until he was taken out."

The anniversary services to be held on Sunday in St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, will be of unusual interest. The Rev. Principal Grant, of Queen's University, will preach morning and evening, and the Rev. Thomas Macadam will deliver his farewell sermon at 2.30 in the afternoon. On Monday evening a handsome presentation will be made to him at the anniversary social. It is expected that the Revs. Dr. Thompson, of Sarnia; Cuthbertson, of Wyoming; Anderson, of Nairn; Ball, of London, and Henderson, of Hyde Park, will be present to assist in the evening's entertainment.

The Brantford Examiner says:—"M. W. Brown, the man brought here from London charged with obtaining money by fraud, is suffering from a loathsome skin disease, and though he has pleaded guilty to the charge he is an undesirable prisoner. He is rather a subject for the hospital than the jail, and should be get a long sentence, which is altogether likely, he would not be taken to the Central Prison nor could he do any work here. Jail Surgeon Griffin will examine him and report to the police magistrate, who will sentence the self-confessed criminal in accordance with the facts."

The Liberal-Conservative Association of the county of Bothwell met at Dresden a few days since. The meeting was well attended from all parts of the Riding. The following officers were duly elected:—President, J. W. Sharpe, Dresden; Vice-President, T. Gillard, Wallaceburg; Secretary, R. D. Swisher, Thamesville; Treasurer, F. J. Mayhew, Thamesville; Vice-Presidents, W. K. Snider, Sombra; Johnston, Dawn; Norton, Camden; Bridgewater, Dresden; A. Bodkin, Zone; T. M. Syer, Thamesville; J. T. Adkins, Bothwell.

The Band of the Canadian Household Troops, consisting of eighteen members of the Salvation Army, will appear at the Barracks here to-night. The band is led by Capt. McCarty and Leonard.

Mr. Thomas Barrett has sold his 50-acre farm, 14th con., West Williams, to Mr. John McPhee, who owns the adjoining farm. The price paid was \$3,000.

Lieut. Woodhull, who has had charge of the Salvation Army at Parkhill for some time, has been stationed at Goderich. He was succeeded by Capt. Gibbs.

The annual convention of the Lambton and Middlesex Sabbath School Association will be held at Parkhill on the 5th and 6th of Nov. next.

Rev. Canon Richardson, of this city, is announced to take part in the Harvest Festival at Ridgeway on the 27th and 28th inst.

Richard Restorick, of Watford, shipped 126 head of export cattle from there recently and 200 from Kerwood this week.

St. Mary's is dicker with a Syracuse firm for a system of water-works for fire protection and domestic purposes.

Mr. W. Witty has disposed of the lease and good will of the Dominion House, Watford, to Mr. Whiting, of Brigidon.

Robt. Duncanson has sold the west half of south half of lot 8, con. 4, of Moso, to Wm. Innes, jr., for \$1,825. Wm. Innes, jr., has sold 25 acres of lot 9, con. 3, to Wm. Innes, sr.

It is reported that Mr. John McKeune, for many years Postmaster at Aughrim, has resigned, and the office will be removed to the residence of Mr. Neil Patterson, lot 16, con. 2, Brooke.

Mr. Wm. Drader, of Thamesville, has already turned out about 16,000 apple barrels this season. This means over \$30,000 has been paid for apples in that neighborhood.

Mrs. (Rev.) W. M. Rogers, of this city, President of the London Presbyterial Society, addressed the ladies in the interests of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society in Victoria Street Church at Glencoe last evening.

The 27th Batt. Band held their annual meeting at Sarnia the other evening, when the following officers were elected: Thos. H. Cook, President; Fred. Wenino, Vice-President; D. Barr, Manager; George Wenino, Secretary-Treasurer.

It is thought that he Rev. Father Kennedy, of this city, will be assigned to the charge at Mt. Carmel until such time as the Bishop of London is appointed, when the appointment of a successor to the late Father Kelly will be made.

Mr. John Smith, tailor, of Clinton, turned another milestone in the journey through life on the 11th October, his birthday. His father, also, was born on the 11th October, and died on the 11th October, and Mr. Smith's oldest son was born on the 11th October.

The other night some sneak thieves entered Mr. William Sherman's cellar at Thamesville and stole some meat, a basket of cookies and about two pounds of butter. Fortunately this was about all they could lay their hands on, as Mr. Sherman had just sold his stock of butter.

The death occurred at Toronto on Tuesday of Mr. Hugh Wright, an old resident of this city. Deceased was at one time employed in the London branch of the Bank of Upper Canada, and subsequently entered the law office of Mr. M. Holmes. He was a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, and 56 years of age. His wife, a sister of Mrs. Gunn, of this city, survives him. The remains were interred in Woodland Cemetery on Wednesday.

Mr. W. E. Fitzgerald, of Watford, solicitor for the ratepayers in the case of Hume vs. Lambton Co., in which an injunction was granted restraining the county council from borrowing money on their resolution for the purchase of the site for the proposed House of Refuge, has received an undertaking from J. F. Lister, county solicitor, agreeing not to take any further action in the matter, and paying all costs incurred in obtaining said injunction.

In the course of a lengthy letter to the Alvinston Free Press regarding accounts illegally passed by the Lambton County Council, Mr. George Shirley, of Watford, an ex-auditor, says:—"Time after time accounts that I knew to be illegal, and which I had declined to pass, were passed over our heads by the Committee. I saw that if the schemers got their Chairman of Committees appointed in the beginning of the year they did not care a fig for the Council afterwards. They simply ran the business without as much as consulting the Council."

The death is announced of Mr. Peter McGregor, of Sarnia township, in the 76th year of his age. Deceased, when only four years of age, came to Canada with his parents, who settled in the township of Bathurst, county of Lanark. In 1852 he came to Lambton, whither his two brothers, Donald and Alexander, had shortly before that time preceded him, all taking up land in the township of Sarnia, and forming the well-known "McGregor settlement," now among the best agricultural sections of Lambton. Mr. McGregor leaves a family of eight children, all comfortably settled in life or well provided for.

On Tuesday morning Messrs. Wesley Sussex, John Sussex, William McGaffy, James Leatherdale and section boss Henry Ryan, of division No. 2, Bothwell, had a narrow escape from being killed by trains on the G. T. R. near the 5th concession, Zone. They were riding on a hand car, and owing to a dense fog an approaching train could not be seen till within 100 yards of the men. Breaks were applied but they had little effect, as the rails were so frost-covered. They managed to get off just in time to meet a new horror, for three of the men had jumped upon the other track, and an express from the other direction was almost upon them, when Mr. Leatherdale shouted jump. They had just time to get between the trains and save themselves from their second danger. The hand car was wrecked.

The Galt Reformer records the fact that "Miss Agnes Sewell, daughter of Mr. Wm. Sewell, of South Dumfries, about three miles north of Paris, undertook the other day to shoot a black squirrel on a tree a few yards away from the house, and after killing it resolved to try her hand on another one she saw near the woods, which she also succeeded in killing. Her shooting propensities being aroused, she determined to see if it was possible for her to bring down a large Mallard duck she saw flying over the trees, and as she judged, lit in the water a hundred yards or so from her; by going round very quietly she saw her prize, and taking deliberate aim at the Mallard, fired, and she succeeded in bagging her prize, and as she was about to start home, to her heart's delight, she noticed another duck light a few yards from shore which she also bagged."

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The next trial of Bob. Murray, for murder, is fixed for Nov. 4, at Lapeer, Mich.

Mr. H. Johnston has purchased from Mr. A. A. Campbell the south half of lot 1, con. 4, Lobo, for \$5,500.

R. Porter, a mile and a half east of Melbourne, has sold his farm of 70 acres to James Carruthers. Mr. Porter intends removing to the North-west.

Alex. Duncanson has disposed of his hotel property at Melbourne to Mr. Robbs, of St. Thomas, who expects to occupy the house in about two weeks. The price paid was \$3,400.

Mr. H. Coombs, of Ridgeway, has a contract for building wire fence along the M. C. R. and Leamington branch. He and a gang of ten men have been at work for a couple of weeks.

Messrs. W. H. Taylor, Reeve, and Wm. Fraser, Clerk, of McGillivray township, are at Sarnia attending the trial Stephen vs. McGillivray. The former township is trying to compel McGillivray to bear part of the cost of reclaiming the "drowned lands."

Two members of the G. T. R. mechanical staff are taking the levels of the Company's property at Stratford, preparatory to having plans drawn for new car shops for which \$60,000 bonus was voted by the city. It is expected work will be begun in the spring.

Many Londoners will hear with regret of the death of Mary Ann, relict of the late Dr. McHattie, formerly of this city, which occurred at Edinburgh, Scotland. Dr. McHattie will be remembered as the manager of the chemical works here, who returned to Scotland several years ago, where he died.

The numerous friends and acquaintances of Mr. John Weld, of the Farmer's Advocate, of this city, will be pleased to hear that he has joined the ranks of the benedicts. The ceremony took place at Cataract, near Kingston, on Tuesday last, the bride being Miss Florence Simpson, only daughter of John Simpson, Esq., of that place. Congratulations.

A syndicate is being formed to carry on business at the brewery and distillery in Kingston, once conducted on a large scale by the late Mr. Morton and now owned by Mr. McMillan, of Petrolia. The capital to be raised has been fixed at \$1,250,000, and a good portion of this sum has been subscribed in that city. The remainder will likely be raised in England.

The death is announced in the township of Moso, of Margaret, wife of Captain D. A. McLachlin, of the steamer City of Detroit, which took place at the residence of her father, Mr. Alex. Ferguson. Deceased arrived home from Detroit about ten days ago on a visit. She was then ill, and despite all that medical skill could do rapidly sank until death ensued. The funeral was the largest ever seen in that neighborhood, many of deceased's friends attending from Detroit.

The Young People's Guild of St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, have presented their retiring pastor, Rev. Mr. Macadam, with an elegant drawing-room chair and an address expressing regret at his departure from among them.

There should be a large attendance at to-night's meeting of the Young Men's Liberal-Conservative Association, as the election of officers will take place and other business of importance will be transacted.

While playing with a companion the young son of Mr. H. N. Ferguson was struck in the eye with a stone from a sling-shot in the hands of the other boy, and it is feared the optic is permanently