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Richly Spread—
Without a Loaf?
Of Richards' Bread?
It's Incomplete,
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THE PROBABILITIES.

G. N. W. Special.
Toronto, Oct. 8, 10 a. m.—Moderate
to fresh northwesterly winds, fair to
day and on Tuesday.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Jas. Clancy, M. P., was in the city on
Saturday.

Three dozen pints Walker's Superior
Lager for \$1.20 at F. A. Robert's. To day
only.

John McKenney returned to Toronto
this morning to resume his studies
at the university.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the
Holy Trinity Church will meet this
evening for reorganization.

The Young People's Society of the
First Presbyterian Church will meet
this evening in the lecture hall. Mr.
Bennett will conduct the meeting.

The choir of the William St. Epis-
tolic Church will hold a special re-
hearsal this evening. A full attend-
ance is requested.

Mrs. W. R. Baxter will be at home to
her friends in her new residence, Amel-
ia street, on Thursday afternoon, Oct.
11th, from four to six.

City Clerk W. O. Merritt, who has
been confined to the house for the
past few days with fever, was able
to resume his duties this morning.

A number of the members of the L.
O. O. E., attended the funeral of the
late Wm. Ferguson, of Harwich, this
afternoon. Noble Grand W. E. Mer-
ritt, was director of the representa-
tives.

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work to take charge of work my farm. Ap-
ply to G. W. Kelly, Queen St. South.

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If you are troubled with headaches
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colds which are so dangerous to you.

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THE MISSOURI RIVER.

Navigation on This Great Waterway Has
Been Abandoned.

Navigation on the Missouri River
the third greatest waterway in the
world, has been practically abandoned.
This is the meaning, in plain words,
of a statement from the report of the
Lighthouse Board, published last week,
which says:

"The lights in the Missouri River
were not shown during the fiscal year,
as no boats were navigating that
river."

While it is generally known that the
amount of traffic on the river has been
light for a number of years, the fact
that it has been completely abandoned
and that the Government has even
ceased to keep its beacons lighted will
cause genuine surprise.

The last boat that attempted to make
regular trips up the Missouri River
was the Fowler, which made three
trips in July, 1899, and then sank at
the mouth of the Osage. The year be-
fore that the Benton tried to make
regular trips, but was wrecked on the
Omaha Bridge. There was no naviga-
tion on the river between the times
that these two boats attempted to keep
up a service and the chances are that
when the lighthouse report for the
next fiscal year makes its appearance it
will tell the same story about the
abandonment of navigation on the
Missouri.

Millions of dollars have been spent
on the Missouri River to make it more
navigable. The channel has at times
been deepened in places and money
has at times been lavishly spent. But
at the same time that the Government
was attempting to improve the river
with one hand it was destroying naviga-
tion thereon with the other hand by
issuing permits for the construction of
bridges and other artificial obstruc-
tions.

Owing to the determination of Con-
gress to make no river and harbor ap-
propriation this year, however, prac-
tically all improvements on the Missouri
will be stopped for many months. All
work of whatever kind will have to
be dropped until an appropriation is
made. An attempt has been made dur-
ing the past ten years, to confine the
waters of the river within its banks,
and much labor and money have been
expended to this end. Now all this time
will have to be stopped for a year at
least, and between 200 and 400 men
will be laid off. The probable result
will be that the work already done will
go to ruin and that within a short time
the river will become a wild, unattend-
ed stream, unfit for navigation and a
menace to the territory through which
it flows.

The last important movement to
keep up navigation on the Missouri was
some eight years ago, when Kansas
City capitalists constructed three
boats at a cost of \$105,000 for the St.
Louis-Kansas City trade. They were
the A. L. Mason, the State of Kansas
and the Missouri. They ran most of
one season, when the Mason was
wrecked near the mouth of the Osage
and the other boats were put on to the
Mississippi trade.

The real cause of the abandonment
of navigation on the Missouri, accord-
ing to well-posted river men, is the
fact that the river has been made un-
navigable by artificial obstructions.
This is clearly shown by Captain Isaac
M. Mason, who is familiar with the
history of navigation for many years
back. His statement will be of inter-
est not only to river men, War Depart-
ment officials and railroad men, but to
all citizens generally, who cannot
conceive that any set of men would
be so shortsighted as to allow obstruc-
tions to be built across the Mis-
souri or any other river to the exclu-
sion of navigation. Here is what he
has to say on the subject:

"If I am asked what has caused the
abandonment of navigation on the
Missouri River I answer advisedly and
with out hesitation, artificial obstruc-
tions. The obstructions are principally
bridges, as constructed as to make the
river too dangerous to enable it to be
navigated with profit.

We have been approaching this con-
dition rapidly during the past decade.
The case which perhaps might be called
the final one was that of Captain
David Silver, whose boat (the Bright
Bridge, I think, in 1892. He sued the
bridge company, and the case was
fought so long and the cost of attor-
neys' fees and other expenses was so
great that he didn't have the money
to replace the sunken boat. Whatever
he may have secured by a compromise
or other wise was eaten up by the costs
of litigation.

Because of the danger caused by
these bridges the rate of insurance on
high-grade goods is so great that busi-
ness cannot afford to ship out steam-
boats to carry them. All that the
boats can get is such stuff as nails and
low-grade commodities. The result is
that there is no money in the busi-
ness, and so it has been abandoned.

Outside of these artificial obstruc-
tions the Missouri River is just as nav-
igable as it ever was. Of course, tak-
ing the boats off the river has made
some difference in the depth of the
channel, as boats continually passing
up and down increase the depth of the
channel probably a foot. But there is
just as much water in the river as
there was years ago, when there were
as high as forty boats in the Missouri
River trade, carrying California pas-
sengers.

And what has happened to the Mis-
souri is slowly happening to the Mis-
sissippi. It may not come in my day,
but come it will, if the same policy is
kept up that has prevailed for a few
years past. I am asked why the War
Department grants so many permits
for the construction of these obstruc-
tions. I cannot tell. I have been going
to Washington in the interest of the
rivermen for forty years and I expect
to keep going as long as I live. I know
what the river means to St. Louis.
Without it St. Louis would be naught.
The more it is protected the better
it is for the city.

Sitting down or lying down is not
necessarily resting. You must learn
the secret of relaxing, letting go, re-
moving all tension. Do not wait until
you become tired, but snatch a moment
here and there, and then just let your-
self rest—Ladies' Home Journal.

ELECTION DATE.

A Special to Toronto Fixes it as
Tuesday, Nov. 13.

An Interesting Despatch Dealing
With the Situation in the
Government Camp.

The following special despatch to
The Mail and Empire from its Ottawa
correspondent is published to-day:—
Ottawa, Oct. 7.—There was a good
attendance at yesterday's Cabinet
meeting. Although nominally only
"parish" business was transacted, yet
it was parochial work of a rather im-
portant character. It affected num-
bers of the Liberal faithful who have
been clamoring for, and expecting,
Government jobs. Whatever vacan-
cies have existed for some time are
now nearly all filled, but in order to
stimulate all "the boys" to work hard
during the election, the announce-
ments of promotions and appointments
will be withheld until after polling
day. The formal act of dissolving Par-
liament was again postponed, as Min-
isters have not yet got their lists of
returning officers complete, but will
in a day or two, so that the announce-
ment of dissolution can be made either
to-morrow or Tuesday. Nominations
will take place on Tuesday, November 13.
The Dominion Parliament will be
Mr. Blair left for New Brunswick
to-day, and will not return until after
the elections. It is said now that he
will not be a candidate in St. John.

PREMIER'S ONTARIO TOUR.
The Ontario tour of the Premier
commences on the 16th inst. Sir Rich-
ard Cartwright, Hon. W. S. Fielding,
Hon. Wm. Mulock, Hon. Wm. Paterson,
and Hon. James Sutherland will
accompany the Premier to Toronto.
Next day the Ministers will separate.
Sir Wilfrid and Sir Richard will speak
at Stratford on the 17th. After the
Toronto meeting Mr. Fielding will re-
main in Ontario for a few days, hold-
ing meetings with Mr. Mulock. Mr.
Tarte has numerous invitations to go
to Ontario, but cannot arrange for
any dates until after the 15th inst.

The formal act of dissolution has been
formally prorogued to the 12th of No-
vember, but this does not prevent the
issue of a proclamation in the mean-
time dissolving the House of Commons.

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