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London, June, 23, 1899.

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METEOROLOGICAL

Toronto, Dec. 20—8 p.m.—The general outlook is for a spell of mild weather from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 40-48; Calgary, 20-44; Prince Albert, 14-36; Parry Sound, 26-40; Toronto, 34-40; Ottawa, 22-36; Montreal, 22-36; Quebec, 14-18; Halifax, 32-38.

Local temperatures—The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory on Wednesday, Dec. 20, were: Highest, 40; lowest 25 degrees.

Today sun rises at 7:48 a.m.; sets, 4:14 p.m. Moon rises at 9:35 p.m.; sets, 10:26 a.m.

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A LOCAL BUDGET

—Lieut.-Col. Stacey, of St. Thomas, was in town yesterday.

—The Shenango arrived at Port Stanley yesterday with a general cargo.

—Mr. and Miss Gard are visiting friends and relatives in Boston, Mass.

—The 'Varsity Glee Club, of Toronto, gave a performance in St. Thomas last night.

—Master Mechanic W. D. Robb, of the G. T. R., was in the city yesterday.

—Mr. R. F. Wilkins left on Monday evening with a carload of lemons for Winnipeg.

—Miss Daisy Donaldson, of Chicago, is visiting her relatives and friends during the holidays.

—Mrs. McDonald, of 346 Colborne street, tripped while coming down stairs at her home yesterday morning and fractured her foot at the instep.

—Canon Dann will give his lecture on "Ireland and the Irish" in Guelph the last week of January.

—Mr. John Lackie, of this city, left yesterday to visit his sons, William and Arthur, of Chicago.

—Miss Mabel Ryan, who has been attending the Model School here, has been engaged to teach the Hyde Park school.

—Company B of the Seventh organized an indoor baseball club last night. An executive committee, composed of Lieut. Harris, Corp. Noble and Pte. Hennessey, was appointed.

—The Rev. H. S. Miller, M.A., formerly principal of Huron College, has written a commentary of St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians, which has recently been published, and is a valuable addition to the literature upon that epistle.

—Mr. Walter McTavish, Denfield, has returned home after a three-months' visit with friends in Marlette, Sanilac County and other places. Mrs. William McTavish, of Marlette, who will spend Christmas with her aunt, Mrs. A. McTavish, accompanied him.

—The Hospital building committee met last night and further considered the claims of the contractors. The disputed items were finally referred to City Engineer Graydon, Clerk of the Works Dodd and Architect McBride to report at a special meeting of the council tomorrow night. Ald. Jolly (chairman), Carrothers, Wilkey and Parnell were present.

—We have received the following kind remarks from a subscriber of ours, Mrs. C. Cathro, of Lieury, Ont.: "Inclosed find renewal of subscription. I cannot do without my paper. It has been a welcome visitor in my home for considerably over 30 years, and I am the only one left now to read it, and I am in my 73rd year. Wishing you a very pleasant Christmas and happy new year. Yours truly, Mrs. C. Cathro, Lieury, Ont."

—Raymond D'Arcy Gamble, general manager of the Dominion Bank, who died last month on board the Oceanic, from Liverpool to New York, left an estate worth $31,956 80. Of this $2,000 is in household goods, $10,138 in life insurance, $13,300 in securities, and $6,618 80 in other personalty. The will was signed in London, England, Oct. 24 last. The brother, Harry Dudley Gamble, and Theodore George Brough, of Toronto, are the executors. Everything about the house is willed to the widow. As to all the rest of the estate it may be retained as it is now or sold, as the widow may direct, and the proceeds disposed of as she determines. Mrs. I. F. Hellmuth, of this city, is a relative.

LONDON MAN IS PRESIDENT.

In Detroit on Tuesday, a convention of the Michigan Improved Live Stock Association was held. Stock breeders from different parts of the States and from Canada were present. In the morning the Lincoln sheep breeders held a meeting, at which the following officers were elected: President, John Gray, London, Ont.; vice-president, J. J. England, Caro; secretary and treasurer, H. A. Daniels, Elba.

THE CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Inspector Sanders is busy these days sending out Christmas gifts to the 160 wards of the Children's Aid Society in all parts of the province. Additional contributions received by Inspector Sanders for the purpose are as follows: Mrs. McIntosh, boys' clothing; Mrs. J. Puddicombe, girls' clothing; a friend, clothing; Mrs. Callard, mitts; Miss Mattinson, stockings; Mrs. Arthur, boys' clothing and caps; Mrs. Yarker, boys' clothing, stockings and books; Mrs. McBride, cards and books; Miss Saunders, 298 Central avenue, toys; Martin Bleuchner, toys; Ernest Bleuchner, toys; Len Whindell, candies; Hobbs Hardware, jackknives and girls' sets; Mrs. Hunt, sen., books and toys; Miss Hunt, toys; W. Strong & Co., turkey; Amicus (per Mrs. Boomer), $1.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The directors of the London Horticultural Society held a meeting yesterday in the Western Fair offices. Mr. R. Shaw-Wood presided, and there were present also, Col. Gartshore, George Taylor, Wm. Yates, J. W. Jones and Secretary Thomas A. Browne. The annual financial statement showed a balance of $400, which was turned over to the Western Fair Association. Secretary Browne's resignation was received, accepted, and Mr. J. A. Nelles was appointed his successor, at a salary of $100 a year. The board's thanks were extended to Mr. Browne for his long and valuable service. The president Mr. W. J. Reid, Mr. Browne and Mr. Nelles will prepare the report for presentation to the Western Fair Association.

CIVIC NOMINATIONS TOMORROW.

The civic nominations will be held tomorrow, as follows: For mayor, water commissioners and hospital trustee, at the city hall, commencing at 10 o'clock; for aldermen and school trustees at noon, at the following places: First polling division No. 1 and 3 wards; in the East End Hall, in No. 5 ward; in the fourth division for No. 2 and No. 6 wards, and in Thomas' Hall for No. 4 ward.

McCORKINDALE—BARTER.

Miss Georgia Barter, daughter of Mrs. Barter, of 576 York street, was united in marriage on Tuesday to Mr. Wilbert A. McCorkindale. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Saunders, assisted by Rev. T. E. Harrison, of Granton, in the presence of about 30 guests. The bride was gowned in white, with veil and carried roses and carnations. She was attended by her sister, Miss Clara, who also wore white. Mr. Walter Oliver supported the groom.

A POPULAR FOREMAN.

A very pleasant event occurred last evening when the employes of the pant and vest department of the R. Greene Manufacturing Company presented their popular foreman, Mr. H. E. Coldham, with a magnificent combination bookcase and secretary. An address accompanied the gift, which was read by Mr. D. Howlett. The surprise was almost too much for Mr. Coldham, but he expressed his thanks in a neat speech, hoping the mutual good feeling would continue to exist between them. On Wednesday evening, the 27th inst, the employes will be tendered a banquet at Mr. Coldham's residence on Dufferin avenue.

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Verdict Quickly Reached in Favor of Richards.

The Young Man Accused of Assaulting Austin Addison "Not Guilty."

The trial of Walter Richards, accused of assaulting and wounding Austin Addison, was concluded at the county court yesterday afternoon, and the jury, after being out twenty minutes, returned a verdict of "Not guilty."

After the noon recess some well-known citizens were called, and testified to the good character borne by Richards. Mr. E. Meredith, Q.C., counsel for the defendant, claimed an alibi had been proven, and delivered an impassioned appeal to the jury for acquittal. Crown Attorney Magee, in reviewing the evidence, said Richards' movements on the night of the assault had not been fully accounted for. Mr. Magee doubted if the mob who assaulted Addison thought they were doing wrong, but he also believed they intended he should never speak again. They were wild, he said.

The judge, in his charge to the jury, dwelt upon the brutal character of the assault. Of the detectives he said they held responsible positions. It was their duty to look for information where they could find it. In dealing with the defendant's evidence, his honor pointed out that Richards, when he went into the Duke of York Hotel at 10:40, looked at the clock. He had not looked at his watch because his overcoat was buttoned. Yet he played two games of cards after that. Was his coat buttoned while he played these two games of cards? The judge also laid stress on the fact that Richards, when he came up to Dean, Mottashed and Stapleton, showed not the slightest inquisitiveness as to what had taken place. "One would suppose that after going as far as he did, he would naturally have inquired what was going on," said his honor.

FOR VOLLEY FIRING

Ontario's Regiments to Compete for Senator Gowan's Cup.

Ontario is divided into four military districts, with headquarters respectively at London, Toronto, Kingston and Ottawa; and the recent action of Senator Gowan, who served in the militia 60 years ago, should be known in all these centers. Persuaded that efficient volley-firing is more important in the field than individual marksmanship, which hitherto has been mainly encouraged, he has just offered a magnificent solid silver cup, weighing about 120 ounces, to be competed for annually by the regiments in the four districts during the annual training. Gen. Hutton, under whose direction the matter is placed, has warmly approved of the competition. Shooting in volleys under control and under the practical conditions of our own country will be its main feature. London will doubtless make a good strong bid for the cup.

HONORABLY ACQUITTED

Particulars of a Horse-Stealing Case Recently Tried Here.

At the county court in London, on Saturday, says the St. Thomas Journal, W. L. Walker, his son (Wm. L Walker, 15 years old), Duncan McArthur, of Southwold, and Richard Allinson, of Bismarck, were tried jointly on a charge of horse-stealing, preferred by Edward French and Henry French, Indians, father and son of the Muncey Reserve, and were acquitted by his honor Judge Elliott. The story, as Mr. Walker tells it, is as follows: "The case is a peculiar one. On Oct. 3, 1898, W. L. Walker, sr., sold two horses to Henry French, taking as payment his note signed jointly by himself and his father, Edward French, for the sum of $117. The note was to run twelve months, being payable at the Merchants' Bank, St. Thomas. When the note matured Mr. Walker went to see about the payment. The Indian explained that the crops were poor and he could not pay. He offered to return the horses if Mr. Walker would return for them the next day, the understanding being that the animals would be delivered at 8:30 o'clock in the morning on the river flats, on French's farm. When Mr. Walker and Mr. McArthur went for the horses the other defendants appeared to be in the vicinity. Mr. Allison was a visitor at Mr. Walker's, and was accompanying young Walker to fetch a load of wood. The horses were handed over to Mr. Walker by French.

The only witness called by the court was the young Indian, Harry French. At first he declared that he didn't agree to return the horses in return for the note, but upon cross examination by Mr. McPhillips, the lawyer for the defendant, and questioning by the judge, he changed his story and owned up that he had agreed to do as stated above.

His honor took the case out of the hands of the jury and honorably acquitted the defendants. He instructed the crown to return the horses not later than Monday, Dec. 18, when Mr. Walker agreed to deliver up the note to French.

Mr. Walker went for the horses on Monday and was compelled to take them by force.

Women Students Lunch

"Now good digestion wait on appetite, and health on both."

—Macbeth.

The large library of the Western University, brightly lit and decorated with the glistening leaves and scarlet berries of holly, was the scene of an animated and thoroughly enjoyed luncheon yesterday, partaken of by the women students of the college—past and present.

The success of the affair is an earnest of a series of similar annual luncheons.

The menu cards were artistic little affairs of white and gold, in the shape of a shield, tied with purple and black, the college colors.

Clever and bright speeches were made in response to the various toasts, and those present also contributed solos, instrumental music and recitations.

Those present were: Misses Cowan (B.A., Western), Logan, Spencer, Morphy, Cooper, Brock (special students), Smith (B.A., Toronto), Williams (Toronto University), Burns, Blackburn ('00), Murdock ('00), Graves ('02), Campbell ('02), Macdonald ('01), Cunningham ('01), Martin (Havergal Hall, Toronto), and Hyman ('01).

The toasts were given as follows, Miss Blackburn ('00) being chairman:

TOASTS.

"Long talking begets short hearing, for people go away."—Richter.

"The Queen" (students sang "God Save the Queen"); "Canada," Miss Brock; "The Army and Navy," Miss Graves ('02); "Our Faculty," Miss Macdonald ('01); "Our Guests," Miss Smith, B.A.; "Sister Institutions," Miss Williams (Toronto University); "Graduates," "Miss Cowan, B.A.; "Seniors," Miss Blackburn ('00); "Undergraduates," Miss Campbell ('02); "Freshmen," Miss Fox ('03); "The Press," Miss Hyman ('01); "The Gentlemen" ("God bless em!"), Miss Murdock ('00). "God Save the Queen."

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Better stop the disease while it is yet creeping. Better cure your cough today.

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AMUSEMENTS

THREE MUSKETEERS.

Waving plumes, clashing swords, swashbuckling heroes, handsome women in startling costumes and all the elements of the romantic drama will be offered at the grand tomorrow night by John Griffith and his famous company in Dumas' drama, entitled the "Three Musketeers." Mr. Griffith has youth, vigor, dash, a forceful manner and an attractive personality. John Griffith as D'Artagnan, the adventurer, has a part that suits him better than any he has had since "Mephisto."

"WHY SMITH LEFT HOME."

"Why Smith Left Home," the new mirthful melange, by George H. Broadhurst, author of "What Happened to Jones," will be presented at the Grand matinee and night Saturday, at popular prices. It is an amusing hit, both in England and America and teems with new, sparkling ideas. It is a play of the moment, not one worn threadbare in other cities before being presented here. New types of characters have been presented in a story whose comic interest is never for a moment allowed to flag. Like "What Happened to Jones," it is a laugh from the start.

"DEVIL'S ISLAND."

"Devil's Island" will be the attraction at the Grand matinee and night Christmas. The famous Dreyfus case furnishes the scheme for the plot, and the interest of the spectator is held from the rising of the curtain until the close of the play. The production brings into action all the personages mentioned in connection with the celebrated case and several Americans who have taken an interest in the case. The first scene shows a military reception in the grounds of Gen. Reguad. The second a room in the French war department, with the wife of Dreyfus waiting the result of her appeal to the powers. The third act depicts the degradation of Dreyfus, while in the fourth are shown the cage on Devil's Island, the prisoner and the explosion. In the last act the prisoner is rescued from the island, and everything is as the friends of Dreyfus would have it.

RETURN OF FAVORITES.

It will be a pleasure for the theatergoers of London to learn that during the week of festivities, commencing on Tuesday, Dec. 26, the Lyceum Company, stronger than ever, and equipped with new costumes and scenery and new plays, will hold the boards at the Grand Opera House. A fast growing reputation is being won by this most excellent company for the productions they give at the low prices of 15, 25, 35 and 50 cents, and packed houses are anticipated.