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EMPIRE DAY

"Empire Day" has been set apart in

the schools of the Province for pat-riotic exercises intended to impress the children with the greatness of the British Empire, points out the London Advertiser. It is one of the phenomena of history that the greatest and most successful of the colonial powers should have been the least enterprising when the race for empire began. We Anglo-Saxons flatter ourselves that we have had always a natural vocation for discovery and colonization, but as a matter of fact our maritime supremacy is of relatively modern growth. Spain and Portugal were a whole century ahead of England in exploration, and she trailed behind France and Holland. Not till the reign of Elizabeth did England begin to exhibit her maritime genius and take up her march "on the mountain wave." This was the age of Drake, Frobisher, Hawkins and Raleigh, but these great navigators were little better than buccaneers. All through the sixteenth century England played a minor role as compared with Spain and Portugal. John Cabot, who discovered the mainland of America in 1497, was sent out by Henry VII. of England, but he was a citizen of Venice. The achievements of himself and his son Sebastian were not followed up by the English until nearly a century later. Yet before the sixteenth century opened the Portuguese Vasco Da Gama had rounded the Cape of Good Hope and planted the Portuguese flag on the soil of India, while nearly the whole west coast of South and Central America, and what is now the State of Florida, had been brought under the dominion of Spain and Portugal by Columbus and his contemporaries. In 1534 Jacques Cartier almost rounded Newfoundland. and in 1535 ascended the St. Lawrence to the present site of Montreal and laid the foundation of French power in North America. The first English colony in the new world, planted by Sir Walter Raleigh in Virginia' in 1585 was a failure, the emigrants soon returning home; and the second, founded on Roanoke Island two years later, was allowed to perish.

Not till the seventeenth century, in the reign of King James I., did England begin to become a colonial power worthy of the name, and even for the greater part of this century she was eclipsed by the Dutch and French. The Dutch had the carrying trade of the world and had established virile colonies in North America, Cape Colony and the East Indies. But before the close of the century England had wrested from Holland her maritime ascendancy and her North American colonies. Spain was still the greatest colonial power measured by the extent of her possessions; she had nearly all of South and Central America and great tracts in the southern and western portions of North America. But, like Portugal, her apogee was in the sixteenth century. Then ensued a steady decay, until in the early part of the nineteenth century her empire in the new world collapsed like a Portugal lost her greatest colony, Brazil.

At the beginning of the eighteenth century, with Holland humbled and Spain and Portugal in decline, France and England became the Supreme rivals. France could boast the greater achievements. Canada and Acadia were settled and the town of Quebec founded about the time of the voyage of the Mayflower. In 1683 La Salle had made his way from the great lakes to the sources of the Mississip-pi, descending the whole river to the Gulf of Mexico, and proclaiming French sovereignty over that vast region, which he named Louisiana. England, when the eighteenth century opened, had a thriving row of colonies along the Atlantic coast, and France had the two great rivers, the St. Lawrence and Mississippi; but while France had more territory, England had more settlement. Then came the war of the Spanish success sion, culminating in 1713 in the treaty of Utrecht, which gave Newfoundland and Acadia to England and made her the first state in the world. In India the two nations clashed with the same result. When England defeated France on the Plains of Abraham half a century later she reached relatively the highest position she even attained; for soon afterwards came the great schism of the thirteen Am erican colonies. It was a terrible blow to British imperialism, but not a fatal one, as the world then believed. There has been no more wonder ful development in the nineteenth century than the expansion of the British Empire. At the end of the

eighteenth century the area of the

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empire outside the United Kingdom was a little over 2,000,000 square miles, with a population of about 100,000,000 souls. At the end of the nineteenth century the Empire, including Egypt and the Soudan, contained upwards of 13,000,000 square miles with a population of about 450,-000,000, or over a fourth of the population of the world. Since then the Transvvaal and the Orange River Colony have been painted red on the

Great Britain gave her American colonies freedom in everything but trade: This was the fatal weakness of her colonial policy, though it was mild and benevolent compared with that of other nations. The American revolution taught her this lesson, but she had still a great deal to learn, and only after a long and bitter struggle did the Canadian Provinces acquire their political liberties. Great Britain has succeeded as a colonizing power because she has abandoned the theory that colonies are mere possessions-estates to be worked for the benefit of the mother country. The British Empire is still undergoing an evolution, and he is a very wise man who will predict the end. Will Turgot's saying that colonies are like fruit and only cling till they are ripe, be verified? Or will some higher organization that the present one be developed which will keep the selfgoverning colonies within the circle of the Empire? If the latter is to be the solution, there must be absolute equality of all parts which are fitted for self-government.

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Local Briefs ****

Walter Mills, of Ridgetown, spent

R. J. Hemmick, of Wallaceburg, was in the city on Saturday.

Twenty-five second-hand Bicycles at Briscos', from \$5 to \$10.

Miss Irwin, of the Central School staff, spent Sunday in Tilbury. Walter Poile, of Tilbury, spen Monday with his Chatham friends.

Thelma Co. appear at the Grand gain to-night. The company is good Geo. M. Baird, of Blenheim, called in his many Chatham friends Sunday For Sale—A handsome baby grand Mason & Risch piano, practically new. —Mrs. John Cooper, King St. West. W. N. McCoig and A. M. Tait, of Blenheim, were in the city on Satur-

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Alfred Joseph Pinsenneault, of the 4th Con., Dover, is seriously ill with

Engage your best girl for Friday evening, May 27th, C. B. C. foot-ball excursion, steamer City of Chat-ham. Boat leaves at eight p. m. Miss Emma Mills, of Wheatley, a guest at the Garner House

The Twenty-fourth Military Band accompanies the C. B. C. moonlight excursion by steamer City of Chat-ham, Friday evening, 27th.

Henry Linley, of Cedar Springs, one of the most prominent Conservatives in the county, is quite ill.

Bucycle sale at Briscos'—\$45.00 Antelope Bicycles for \$22.50, a snap. Come quick! Only fifty of these bycycles put on sale, and the majority of them are sold.

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The C. B. C. football team's moonlight outing by steamer City of Chatham, Friday evening, 27th. Boat leaves dock at eight. Tickets 25c. Children under 12, 15c.

Lamon & Avichouser, merchant tailors, are going out of business and they are offering their entire stock of pantings and summer suitings at cost, as the goods must be sold within the next thirty days. Suits will in the next thirty days. Suits will be made for thirteen dollars and up-wards, or the cloth will be sold.

Biggest and finest shipment of sew-ing machines ever received in Chat-ham arrived that week. The White is King.—Geo. Stephens & Co.

Andrew Thomson sends us an order for fifteen Planet Souvenirs and Warren Lambert asks for ten. The total number of orders received is far in excess of what was expected at this date and the whole issue will probably be sold 'efore the end of next week. Those desiring copies should send or telephone their orders at

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"I tell you, Mr. Balkie is an expert when it comes to running an auto. He manages his machine like an old hand. I wasn't a bit afraid and I certainly like the sensation auto ridling gives a person. We went

down Cross St. and cut the figure eight across to Wellington Street Fight in front of Dr. Cornell's eyes. You ought to see him look green with envy at the way we did it. Autoriding for mine!" auto riding gives a person.

*** THE STAGE



*** ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At Chatham Grand-Thelma-May 24-25

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THELMA.

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There was a fair sized audience at the Grand last evening to witness the dramatization of Marie Corelli's most popular story. "Thelma." Teh play was well stageed, the scenic effects being good, while the acting for the most part very commendable. Perhaps the best work of the evening was done by J. Hayes Hunter, as Olaf Guidman, the blonde. Miss Roso Marston as "Thelma" was also good, while Coralie Clifton in her portrayal of "Botta," Thelma's maid, did much effective work and with Harry Dikeson, as George Lorrimer, produced what little humor there was in the play. The remainder of the cast was fair, and taken as a production gave every satisfaction. Some of the costumes worn by the ladies were much admired by the femiliaine portion of the audience. The company play again tonight.

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\$1.00.

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DISTRICT DOINGS.

May 25.—Mrs. W. N. Wade, Toronto, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Osgoode McVean,
Mr. Glassofrd, of Toronto, spent yesterday and Monday with friends in

Sandy McVean was a Maple City visitor on Monday. Marie Corelli's great Norwegian ro-Marie Corelli's great Norwegian romance Thelma, was put on at the grend Monday night by Miss Coralie Clifton's excellent company. The playing of the members of the troop was considerably above the average, that of Miss Rosa Marston, as Thelma, and of Mr. Hunter, as Olaf Guldinarthe blonde, being especially good. The attendance was very small considering the excellence of the play and the superior acting of the company.

Rev. A. E. Hayden played third defence on the Tecumseh lacrosse team, of Chatham, in their game against Detroit. The game was a fast one, but was characterized by several rough plays on both sides. Honors were even the score at the close being three goals each.

Mrs. Allam McIntosh visited friends, in Sarnas on the holiday.

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Rav. A. J. Vining will deliver an adress in the Baptist Church to-night on the Great West and his life there.

F. Wells, V. Dunn and Chester Watson spend the 24th at Mitchell's Bay.

Mr. Ingram, of the bank staff, visited with Sarnita Friends waterday.

ed with Sarnia friends yesterday.

Mr. Melville, teller of the bank, spent Sunday at his home in Woodstock.

Jas. Burnie was a Sarnia visitor

WALLACEBU RG

May 25.—The excursion given under the auspices of the Presbyterian Ladies Aid on the steamer Winona yesterday was well attended, the boat carrying a Tull number. Good time was made by the latter and the ex-cursion was much enjoyed. Mr. Francis Newton is a Detroit

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Miss Bertha Wellman is visiting friends at Sarnia.
Miss Ida Gallagher, of Chatham, is the guest of Miss Annie Mann.
Geo. Wooliver, of Cleveland, is visiting at his home here, being called through the illness of his father.
Miss M. Hooktwith spent the holiday at Leamington and Detroit.
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Mrs. Chas. Honsen is visiting at her home at Galt. A large number of members of the K. O. T. M. attended the annual con-vention held at Chatham on May 24th.

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