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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9.

THE C. C. I. COMPETITIONS.

Those who attended the very interesting competitions in elocution and oratory at the assembly hall of the Collegiate Institute yesterday afternoon enjoyed a very pleasurable and profitable time.

The fact that a liberal coterie of our students can ascend a platform and acquit themselves with credit in recitation and public speaking, is a source of gratitude and pride, besides giving evidence of the excellent all-round work which the institution is doing.

These competitions should be encouraged and perpetuated. Mr. Peterson, the principal, in speaking at the close of the contests, said the matter of making them annual events was under consideration. It is to be earnestly hoped that decision will be made to conduct them at even more frequent intervals.

The credit for their conception and in their successful conduct he was ably assisted by all the members of the teaching staff.

The result must be highly satisfactory and encouraging to them all.

Cecil Rhodes' Will.

The information regarding the terms of the will of the late Cecil Rhodes is as yet somewhat vague, but it is apparent that he brought to bear upon the plan for disposing of his large fortune the same broad-minded and original views which characterized him in outlining all the great enterprises which occupied his attention in life, comments the Ottawa Citizen.

The bequests for educational purposes are to benefit the United States, the colonies and Germany directly and the Anglo-Saxon race generally with a view to establishing better relations.

The bequests are in the shape of scholarships at Oxford, five of which are to go to German students and two are allotted to each of the states and territories of the United States. As to the allotment of the colonial scholarships the information, as yet, is less definite. The report says that "each colony or colonial unit" shall have a scholarship annually, valued at \$1500 a year. This probably means that Canada will draw one for each province and territory. At any rate it is fairly certain that when the numerous British colonies are allotted their share the fortune will be nearly equally distributed between the British colonies and the United States. The total amount of the bequest is about \$10,000,000 which would provide nearly three hundred scholarships of the value stated. The conditions attached are as original as the plan itself. Not only erudition, but physical fitness and the possession of mainly moral qualities and force of character will be taken into consideration in connection with the awards.

There is no doubt that it is a magnificent, far-reaching project whose influence on the future relations of the branches of the Anglo-Saxon race is likely to be almost incalculable.

Batoche and Kleinhardt's River.

Says the Hamilton Spectator: In 1885 there was a little rebellion in the Canadian Northwest. A force of Canadian militia, commanded by Gen. Middleton, of the regular British army, hemmed Riel and his half-breeds and Indians up in the little hamlet of Batoche. Then Gen. Middleton sighted for a regiment of regular British troops. He was afraid to let the "raw Canadians" go in and do up the enemy as they proposed. They begged to be permitted to end the daily skirmishing by a charge; but Middleton knew that "raw troops" could not be depended upon; he knew that the result would be panic and disaster, and he proposed to remain in front of Batoche, to besiege it, to shell it, and to starve the half-breeds into submission. Finally, one fine day, the Canadians, tired of the sniping and tom foolery, went in on their own account, with-

out the knowledge or permission of their wise old regular general. The battle was over in a few minutes. Batoche was captured, and the enemy was killed, captured or dispersed. They say that old Middleton put up a fine brand of wrathful indignation when he discovered that the Canucks had proved that he didn't know his business, as far as handling "raw Canadian troops" was concerned; but he finally concluded not to court-martial and shoot his army, and the incident passed.

In South Africa, near Kleinhardt's river, on Monday last, a lot of Canadians, just arrived from Canada, and hurried to the front, were engaged with the enemy. A few had had previous service in South Africa; but the great bulk of them were raw recruits, who had never been under fire. And these men withstood the attack of 1-500 veteran Boers, and drove them from the field on the run, so utterly demoralized that their officers' endeavors to rally them were utterly futile. A small squad of Canadians occupied an important position which it was most desirable to hold, and these raw men held that position until every man of them was dead or wounded. The gallantry of the Canadians was such as to win for them Lord Kitchener's special commendation.

Nor is that the first time that raw Canadian militiamen have won the empire's applause. Beginning at Paardeberg, where they bearded the South African lion in his den, and all through the war, wherever Canadians have fought, they have acquitted themselves grandly. No veteran troops are steadier under fire than Our Brave Militia Boys. None have shown greater enterprise and gallantry in the field.

All honor to Our Brave Boys!

AN UNMENTIONABLE OFFENCE.

The brilliant editor of the Milverton Sun is quaking because this paper arraigned him, as he remarks, for "breeches" of the peace. Evidently he is in dread of his hide getting tanned through the mishap to his "breeches."

BREAKING THE NEWS GENTLY.

New York Tribune.
The following ambiguous advertisement recently appeared in a Detroit paper: "Notice—If —, who is supposed to be in Chicago, will communicate with his friends at home, he will hear something to his advantage. His wife is dead."

A SUGGESTION.

As policemen the minions of the law in Ottawa could not run down concession street's toughest tough, but as a pedlar a policeman landed the jassal easily. There is no God-given reason why all Ottawa's policemen should not take to peddling. That might improve the morals of the city.

SHOULD HAVE PUBLICITY.

Toronto Telegram.
Publicity would have been safer than secrecy even in dealing with a case so atrocious as the alleged crime for which those Australian officers were justly executed. Hanging was too good for the criminals if they disgraced their country by the murderous cruelty which exposed them to the speedy justice of a court-martial.

A RADICAL REFORMER.

Bobageon Independent.
It is calculated that in writing 500 letters, one hour is wasted thumping out "dear sir," and "yours very truly," and what is the use of it? No earthly use whatever. A sheer waste. In writing to your best girl you would probably say, "with love and kisses," "devotedly yours," or something of that effect, and it would be all right. It means something, or at least it is supposed to mean something. But where is the sense in writing to a man you have never met, and never heard of before, to inquire the market price of hides, and saying in your best style of writing, "I am, yours very sincerely." It is the bolshiest kind of bolsh.

Count that day lost whose low descending sun
Views from thy hand no worthy action done.
—Bobart.

ADD UP THE GAINS.

In consumption, as in other diseases, the results secured from continued treatment with Scott's Emulsion come from the accumulation of many small gains.

A little gain in strength each day—a little gain in weight each day—if continued for weeks, amounts to something.

Scott's Emulsion can be taken for weeks and months without the least disturbance. It gives itself time to do good. It makes new flesh and strengthens the lungs.

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SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, Toronto

Abbey's Effervescent Salt

The best Tonic and System Regulator for Spring

It purifies the blood and improves the tone of every organ in the body.

A teaspoonful in a glass of water in the morning after breakfast.

Sold by all druggists.

For disordered Stomach, Liver, Urinary organs and other Rheumatic accompaniments the MAGI Caledonia Water is the antidote. Sold everywhere; J. J. McLaughlin, Toronto, Sole Agent.

THE DISTRICT.

TILBURY.

April 8.—Mrs. James Stewart leaves to-day to visit her daughter, Mrs. A. R. Nicol, in New York.

Tilbury East Council met yesterday. M. Moffin has moved the dwelling house on Queen St. lately purchased by him to the rear of the lot, and proposes erecting a carriage shop on the vacant property.

Mrs. R. Ainslie spent Sunday in the Chatham with Mrs. H. Powell, who is undergoing treatment in the General Hospital.

Miss Laura Powell, who has been visiting her cousin, Miss Winnie Powell, returned to her home in Essex last evening.

On Saturday, 5th inst., to the wife of J. T. James, a son.

The "Sons Society" Euchre Club met last evening at the home of Mrs. F. M. Scarff and spent a very pleasant evening.

BLENNHEIM.

April 8.—James Baird, one of our most popular Blenheim boys was banqueting last evening at Gerow's restaurant by the Blenheim lacrosse club, prior to his leaving for the west. We all join in wishing Mr. Baird every success in the new field.

The very encouraging report comes from our principal, of the public school, that the junior room, after the Easter vacation, starts out with fifteen new pupils.

A large number of the ratepayers attended the council last evening.

We regret to learn that Mr. Jas. English is gradually sinking, and that very slight hopes of his recovery are entertained. Mrs. English has also been taken down with pneumonia.

Don't forget the Oddfellow's "At Home" to-morrow evening. Will you be there? A free will offering will be taken in aid of the Children's Home.

We are pleased to hear that Mrs. James Baird is slowly recovering from her recent illness.

DRESDEN.

April 8.—Mr. McTaggart, of Washington Territory, is the guest of his cousin, Mrs. Huff, Centre street.

Joseph Gage, of Willson's drug store, is holidaying in Detroit.

John Gillaspie, whose sudden death was noted in these columns yesterday was buried to-day at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. M. Collison left for Windsor yesterday to join the boat "Juno" as cook.

Mr. Williams, of Georgetown, left for home yesterday after spending a few days with his son Dr. Frank Williams.

Captain Ribble visited Thorncroft yesterday in the interests of the Beet Sugar Co.

Council met last evening with Mayor Ribble in the chair and all members of the council present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.

A few small accounts from the finance committee report were ordered paid.

Councillor Blackburn said with regard to the building of the G. T. R. branch to Dresden and Wallaceburg that he thought it quite out of the question, the R. R. Co. having evidently no intention of building the branch.

Councillor Ward asked what the monthly receipts for the electric lights were. Councillor Wright in answer said that for the month of

600 Yds Floor Oil Cloth, splendid wearing quality, in large range of new patterns. 1 1/2, 1 3/4 and 2 yards w.d. special per square yard 25c.

The Northway Co'y. Limited.

CHARMING MILLINERY

At the rate we are selling Millinery it seems as though everybody preferred this store for Millinery. From Monday Morning to Saturday Night our large staff of expert artists are kept as busy as bees. If you want to be stylishly and becomingly dressed, this is your Millinery Store. If you want to combine economy and style you are sure to come here. Seventy-five per cent. of the best dressed ladies in or near Chatham buy their Millinery at this store. Clever milliners will adapt your own ideas or create what is newest and most becoming. Place your orders as early in the week as possible—give us all the time you can—good work cannot be rushed.

READY-TO-WEAR SKIRTS.

Fine Cheviot Skirts, medium weight, in colors Black, Navy, Fawn and Grey, cut in latest fashion, extra well tailored, Surah twill linings, velvet facings, length 38 to 44 in., special at \$2.50.

Tailored Skirts, splendid quality Cheviot, in Black, Grey, Navy and Fawn, stylish cut, trimmed with folds of rich satin, well lined, velvet bound, assorted lengths, special at \$3.50.

Serge Skirts, pure wool, Navy and Black, superior quality, bright, crisp finish, cut in latest fashion, trimmed with rich satin folds, extra well lined and finished at each \$4.00 and \$5.00.

Tailored skirts—Of Harris Home-spun, the best made, pure wool and thoroughly shrunken, cut with full

corded flounce, best quality linings in light grey only, good value, at \$6.50, special at \$5.00.

Reversible Golf Cloth Skirts—Extra weight and quality, pure wool, Oxford grey, with plaid or plain back, cut in dress or walking lengths, stitched finish, unlined, assorted lengths, special at each \$4, \$5 and \$7.50.

Black Satin Waists—Superior quality, rich satin finish, all over tucked front, clusters of tucks on back, latest sleeve and cuff, buttoned back or front, sizes 32 to 44 in., special at \$1.25.

Rich satina waists, equal to silk in appearance and much better in wear, beautifully tucked and stitched, latest collar, sleeve and cuff, rich

black dye, sizes 32 to 44 inches, matchless values at each \$1.50, \$1.69, \$1.89, \$2.00 and \$2.25.

Underskirts, the largest range and best values this store has ever owned, see these.

Rich black satina underskirts, made with tucks, pleatings, frills, ruffles, cordings, etc., beautifully finished, assorted lengths, at each 98c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.69, \$1.89 and \$2.19.

Ladies wrappers, handsome styles in fine prints, percales, muslins, satins and batiste, plain and flounced skirt, trimmed with ruffles, braid, lace, ribbon, etc., large range of pretty patterns and colorings, sizes 32 to 42 inches at each 75c, 89c, 98c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.69, \$1.98 and \$2.25.

The Northway Company, Limited.

THE BUSY CASH STORE

DRESS GOODS....

We have a large assortment of beautiful colors in Dress Goods suitable for

Spring Wear

Before making your purchases call at the mill and examine what we have to offer.

THE T. H. TAYLOR CO. Limited,

Flour and Woolen Mills

January they amounted to \$237.00, in February \$246.44, in March \$269.00. Stephen G. Smith waited upon the council asking aid for O. Mason. Referred to charity committee. Council adjourned.

How's This

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

West & Truax, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Waidling, Kinnear & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

TORONTO DRESSED HOGS.

Toronto, April 8.—Dressed hogs are firmer. Hog products in fair demand, and firm.

TORONTO PRODUCE.

Toronto, April 8.—Arrivals of dairy butter begin to show a little improvement. In about three weeks large offerings of choice dairy may be expected. Creameries are still in strong demand. The market is steady. We quote:

Creamery prints, 22 to 23c. Creamery solids, 21 to 22c. Creamery seconds, 19 to 20c. Dairy, pound rolls, 18c to 20c. Dairy, large rolls, choice, 17 to 17-1/2. Dairy, tubs, 14 to 15c. Dairy, medium and low, 10 to 12-1/2 cents.

Eggs—Offerings are liberal, with a good demand. Prices are steady at 12 cents per dozen.

Potatoes—The market for potatoes is only steady with a fair demand and increasing offerings. Prices are steady at 12-1/2 to 13c for well-fatted fresh killed turkeys and 60c to 90c for chickens.

Poultry—Trade is very quiet, with a fair demand and light offerings. Cans on the track here are quoted at 55c to 57c. Potatoes out of store sell at 65c to 70c.

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GOLD SOAP

Worth its Weight in Gold for all Kinds of Washing.

TEA and TEAS

Glenn & Co'y., William St.

Import direct from London, England, the finest Ceylon, Assam and China Teas. Try our English Breakfast Tea 35c and 40c.

Mirard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

BLOOD POISON

If you ever contracted any blood disease you are never safe unless the virus of poison has been eradicated from the system. At times you see alarming symptoms, but live in hopes no serious results will follow. Have you any of the following symptoms? Sore Throat, Ulcers on the Tongue or in the Mouth, Hair Falling Out, Aching Pains, Itchiness of the Skin, Sores or Blisters on the Body, Eyes Red and Smart, Dyspeptic Stomach, Sexual Weakness—indications of the second stage. Don't trust to luck. Don't ruin your system with the old fogey treatment—mercury and potash—which only suppresses the symptoms for a time, only to break out again, when happy in domestic life. Don't let quacks experiment on you. Our New Method Treatment is guaranteed to cure you. Our guarantees are backed by bank bonds, that the discharges have been already cured by our New Method Treatment for over twenty years. No experiment, no risk—not a "catch-up," but a positive cure. The worst cases solicited. We treat and cure Gleet, Blood Poison, Stricture, Varicocele, Kidney and Bladder Diseases, and all diseases peculiar to men and women.

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