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London, Thursday, August 23.

-Hon. Wilfrid Laurier has pledged himself to Hon. James Young to visit Galt and address a mass meeting of Waterloo electors when next he visits Ontario. In advance he is promised a very warm

-The war news from Corea is neither very decided nor very reliable. But one thing is certain, both China and Japan express determination to fight it to the bitter end. This resolution once more exemplifies the fact that Christian and barbarian nations are alike in their innate get into a fight.

-The Hamilton Spectator now finds fault with the existence of the London Young Liberal Fleet because, it asserts, there is no water here. Bless its innocent heart, we have a navy that makes a record on dry land as well as on wet. In London we have the men, we have the ships, we have plenty of water, too.

-A correspondent writes to inform us that "it is the general opinion of the citizens of London that the starting of the schools on Monday next is perfect foolishness. Why not commence school with a good will on Monday, Sept. 3?" We are unable to decide on what data our correspondent basis this view. No hard-working mother will indorse it. Then Monday, Sept. 3, is Labor Day-a statutory holiday.

-Sir John Gorst, who was in the city today, is a leading Conservative member of the British House of Commons. He recently said: "I have no faith in Imperial Federation. I don't think that it will ever lead to any practical result. I was one of the original promoters of the movement, but left the association as soon as I found myself convinced that no practical result July vary from 1.803 inches in 1885 to could be obtained." Sir John is a hardheaded, matter-of-fact Englishman, and he declines to run after a phantom when so much work that is immediately practicable can be undertaken for the advancement of 1895; but the indications are that it was

unanimously passed the following resolu- known for at least 35 years. Dr. Bruckner

"That the council be asked to pass bylaw to better regulate the headdresses of ladies at public meetings; that, owing to the present fashion, the feathers, flowers and ribbons project high up above the ladies' heads, thereby the speakers on the platform; and providing that the ladies shall either to bareheaded, with hair cut short, or with opera caps fitting the head closely, so as not to obstruct the view of those sitting behind."

but who among the Wiarton wiseacres will undertake to enforce it?

-The agricultural conference at Truro, N. S., at which Lord Aberdeen, ex-Governor Hoard of Wisconsin, and Professor Robertson were speakers, was a great success. The Governor-General pointed out that nowadays the production of butter, cheese and bacon is more profitable than cereal growing in Canada, and Hon. Mr. Hoard backed up the statement. In Wisconsin, he said, before dairy farming was followed intelligently, in Jefferson county 60 per cent of the assessed value of farms was under mortgage. Not 7 per cent. were under mortgage now. The average yield of wheat had risen under dairying from seven bushels per acre to nineteen bushels per acre, and the average valuation of farm lands had increased from \$16 per acre to \$60 per acre. Co-operative dairying should render equally good results in Nova Scotia.

WORK AT THE FAIR.

We understand that the Western Fair Board have now before them far more applications for employment during the holding of the exhibition than has been the case since the inauguration of the fair. It is impossible for the directors to employ onetwentieth of the men who have applied for temporary situations at their disposal. The directors intend as far as possible to give work to men who are reliable, who have families to sustain, and who are the most in need of employment. This is a

public approbation. on the question of opportunities for makover-crowded, and that the educationists | sun spots is magnetic. He hopes by means are remiss in their duty when they do not of observations taken all over the world to warn the young against entering them. show that in the case of the aurora there is rheumatism, earache, bruises, cuts and "Let them," is the advice, "become a concentration of effect in a particular sores succumb to its action.

mechanics, laborers, or anything but direction from the sun and upon particular poorly-paid lawyers, doctors," and so forth. parts of the earth. Already evidence The experience in this city and elsewhere, has been obtained of the geographical dishowever, is that the mechanical worker and tribution of the aurora in the case of notable the unskilled laborer has a market for his outbreaks, well seen over wide areas. The energies fully as crowded as that which most practical outcome hoped from all this meets the professional man. The Govern- study and observation is the development ment at Ottawa may not know this, but it ought to know it, and it should be compelled to stop the policy of subsidizing old world emigration agents and professional tion, Dr. Veeder hopes, may place meteorphilanthropists to send out workmen to still further crowd the labor market. If the taxes are lowered, and those collected are honestly spent and not squandered, farm life will become so attractive as to procure the voluntary immigration of that ments are related to auroral conditions, and class of farmers who can alone make life a success in our new districts. Such a policy, too, would have the effect of encouraging our young Ontario farmers and our unemployed workers in the cities to seek a living on the plains, instead of adding to the ranks of those looking for work in communities already unable to find work for their ordinary population.

HEAT, RAINFALL AND SUN SPOTS. There was plenty of rain in the early months of the year, and in the southern belt of Ontario the earlier crops were fully up to the average. But for many weeks past phenomenally dry weather has prevailed, causing serious loss to farmers and fruit growers. The fruit yield would have been very large but for the drought, so would theapple, potato, corn and root crops, but all have been enormously curtailed through lack of rain. The grass has literally been burned off a wide stretch of country, and that which was not so destroyed has been eaten up by grasshoppers. Live stock, too, in many localities have suffered from lack of water, and there has been a great falling off in the yield of milk, and consequent appreciation in the value of butter. This undesirable state of affairs has re-

vived the discussion of the question whether or not, through one cause or another, our summer seasons are becoming drier. Dr. Edward Bruckner, of Berne, Switzerland, recently published a very doggedness of disposition when once they elaborate work, fortified with meteorological statistics from all the accessible parts of the northern hemisphere, on "Variations of Climate Since A. D. 1700." In this he undertook to show, and did produce an a priori presumption, that there are cycles of about 35 years in which the climate of countries changes from a maximum of coolness and rainfall to a maximum of heat and drought-the interval betwixt the two being approximately 171 years. He further declared that in 1893.5 we should reach a maximum of summer temperature and a minimum of rainfall; and this seems to have been verified in Europe last year It will cost a great deal more than this beand in North America this season. The fore all is over. That is, the people of this not seem to have been so excessive this whatever more will yet be needed, to hear year as last; but after a cold spring they have been quite marked. Yet England, to judge from an item in the Rochdale Observer of July 21, is getting back to her ordinary moisture; for it is there stated as follows: "Within the seven days ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, no less than 2.127 inches of rain fell in Rochdale; and the local rainfall of July represented 2.757 inches. So far there have been but six dry days in the month; previously recorded totals for

7.125 in 1878." There was a great rainfall in 1878, and if Dr. Bruckner's deductions are correct the maximum of drought will be reached in really reached in 1893 in England, and has now been reached in North America, where -Wiarton, Bruce county, council has we have passed through the hottest summer argues that the variation in rainfall from month to month is unimportant, since one month often brings up the low average of several others in the same year. In 1885, when the Rochdale rainfall of July was so low, that of the whole year was normal. preventing those sitting behind from seeing | That there should be but six dry days out of twenty in England is not surprising-for in 1890, out of the first 21 days of July in London, nineteen gave more or less rain. But in 1893, there were hardly six wet days It is all very well to pass the resolution, in the English July, and not more than three or four in each of the months May pected." But Mr. St. Louis had a fat con-

While the Swiss savant has been occupied in thus compiling data regarding dry and wet spells, Dr. Veeder has been writing to the Rochester Academy of Science a series of articles on his theory as to the effect of sun spots in causing storms on the earth. Dr. Veeder, after receiving records from the steppes of Siberia, from Alaska, Greenland and Iceland, Hudson Bay, Tasmania, New Zealand, and from every land where the aurora is known, finds that auroral displays and thunder storms have an important relation to the spots on the sun. The auroral displays occur at intervals of about 271 days. This corresponds to the time of the rotation of the sun upon its axis as viewed from the earth, which is. of course, advanced in its orbit in the same direction as that in which the sun turns upon its axis. If the surface of the sun be imagined as divided into 27 parts, like the sections of an orange, it is possible, says Dr. Veeder, to learn from records long and carefully kept just where each of these sections was situated with relation to the earth on any given date. The number and size of the spots in each of these sections at given dates are also to be learned from the records. In this way it has been found that such sections of the sun as are marked with many and persistent spots are invariably just coming into view by rotation whenever there is an aurora. The aurora, however, is not invariably seen when a spotted section of the sun bears such relation to the earth, but sometimes, instead, thunder storms seem to take its very proper course, and will meet with place, and when thunder storms do not replace the expected aurora, electrical earth It has been argued, in recent discussions currents disturb the telegraph lines and agitate the compass. These facts, argues ing a living, that the professions alone are Dr. Veeder, show that the influence of the

of a relation between the sun spots and that very commonplace, everyday matter, the weather. The establishment of this relaology among the exact sciences. He declares that there are rearrangements of

the distribution of the atmosphere in certain years in such fashion as to affect the weather of whole seasons. These rearrangethis he takes as proof that the disturbances upon the surface of the sun may control the conditions of our atmosphere in a way not hitherto suspected. In other words, he hopes to prove that the popular belief of a relation between the weather and the spots on the sun has scientific foundation. If all is proved that Dr. Veeder hopes to prove, perhaps the meteorological bulletins will not be for the next 24 hours, but for the next 27 days or the next three months. Beyond that possibility lies the more fanciful possibility of an almanac that shall foretell the weather as almanacs of to-day foretell eclipses, occultations, and transits. although Dr. Veeder does not lend his countenance to any such conjecture. He

does, however, venture the conjecture that the magnetic influences proceeding from the sun may not only cause magnetic phenomena in the earth's atmosphere, but influence the whole solar system, and perhaps keep the planets in motion.

HOW THE MONEY GOES. Mr. Mackenzie, that true Scotchman and thorough Canadian, as true and brave a man as ever breathed God's air-(cheers)had a yearly departmental expenditure of \$400,000. Now the departmental expenditure has gone up to \$800,000-has grown 100 per cent-while the population has increased but 9 per cent. Do you imagine that there is any justification for this? The Conservatives tell us that there is a justification. The population has increased, they say. Oh, yes, it has increased 9 per cent, but the expenditure has increased 100 per cent. There can be no justification for such an expenditure, when, as has been stated, the great bulk is a corrupt expenditure .- [Hon. Wilfrid Laurier at Brantford.

(Canada Presbyterian.) The report of the Ottawa Government's Liquor Commission was promised a good while ago to be forthcoming at an early day, but Parliament has prorogued and

A SPECIMEN FARCE.

there is no word yet of this report. The mountain has labored long and it has not vet brought forth even so much as a mouse. When it does bring forth, nobody expects to see more than a mouse. A more masterly illustration of how not to do a thing could hardly be found. It is some time since Sir John Thompson stated that the expenses of the commission were upwards of \$100,000. heat and drought in western Europe do | country are asked to pay this amount and what this precious commission thinks, some other people think of the character and effects of the liquor traffic, and of its suppression by law, after a majority of the provinces have said by a direct vote what they think of it and want done with it. A more huge, outrageous, screaming farce than this has not been perpetrated amongst us. As a specimen farce it is a magnificent proof of the skill of its inventors in this

The Great Bridge Steal. You have heard, also, of the famous Curran bridge work, which was to have cost \$160,000, but which has now cost \$490,000. This was another case in which the same principle was disregarded, no tender being asked for. The work was not let by contract, but was done by day labor by Government. Was there any other reason why this work was not let by contract? Oh, yes, there was a reason. There was no time. The work had to be done in a short time-in two months-because the bridge went over the canal, and the water had to be drawn from the canal. Mr. St. Louis is well-known supporter of the Government, he is a Bleu heeler of the Province of Quebec, and when examined before the commission at Montreal in the month of May last-the Government papers never referred to this he said to the commissioners: "What do you find fault with? want to know; is it not a fact that every Government work has cost three or four times the appropriation? There is no reason, therefore, why you should complain that the bridge has cost more than was extract. He was paid for every laboring man \$1 87 per day, to whom he paid \$1 25, pocketing the difference.—[Hon. Wilfrid Laurier at Brantford.

THEY NEVER CAME BACK.

Mrs. Lint and Evangelist Belleville Seem to Have Disappeared.

Hamilton, Aug. 23.-Mrs. L. Lint, the old German woman who disappeared from her home in Kohler, Ont., on May 7, and who was supposed to have come to Hamilton, has not yet been heard of, and although a reward was offered and her disappearance advertised in the newspapers throughout the country, her whereabouts, dead or alive, is still a mystery. Efforts are still

being made by her friends to discover her. Not less strange is the prolonged disappearance of Evangelist Belleville, who has been lost twice. Belleville some time early in May disappeared, and about a week afterward was arrested at Brampton for attempting suicide. He was subsequently brought to the city and placed in the city hospital for medical treatment. His escape from that institution followed, and since then no word of any kind has been heard of him. As he was in a bad mental state when he disappeared, the chances are that he again attempted suicide in some lonely spot and was successful in his attempt, his

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1st-Ladies' Fine Linen Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, worth 25c each, on Friday 14c.

2nd-Ladies' Cardinal Silk Mitts, worth 35c, on Friday 15c pair. 3rd-Ladies' Colored and Black Silk Gloves, worth 50c pair, Friday 38c.

4th-Ladies' Colored Silk Taffeta Gloves, worth 25c pair, on Friday 17c. 5th-Ladies' White Lawn and Colored Cambric Blouse Waists, worth \$2 25, for \$1.

6th-Ladies' Colored Wool Jersey Waists, worth \$3 and \$4, for \$1. 7th-Ladies' Shirt-Waist Blouses, colored cambric and white lawn, worth

8th-Ladies' Black Silk Parasols, paragon frame, worth \$1 50 to \$2, your choice \$1.

oth-Ladies' Colored Sateen Parasols, worth 75c, on Bargain Day 5oc. 10th-Ladies' Black and Colored Gloria Parasols, frilled, worth \$2 50, for \$1 50.

11th-Ladies' Colored and White Wool Shawls, worth \$1 25, on Friday 90c 12th-Ladies' Black Cotton Hose, spliced sole, heel and toe, worth 35c,

13th-Children's Fast Black Cotton Hose, double heel, toe and knee, worth 20c and 25c, for 15c pair.

14th-Colored Silk Garter Elastic, worth 8c, for 5c.

15th-Black and Gray Linen Thread, worth 8c spool, for 4c. 16th-Ladies' Fancy Gilt and Silver Belts, worth 50c, for 25c.

17th-Mull Muslin, in pink and blue, worth 25c yard, for 10c.

18th—Fancy Silk Net Veiling, worth 25c, on Bargain Day 18c. 19th-Ladies' Wool Vests, fall weight, worth 35c, to-day only 25c.

20th-Ladies' Swiss Ribbed Summer Drawers, worth 40c, on Friday 25c. 21st-Sponges-A good line worth 121/2c for 5c, worth 3c, to-day 2 for 1c. 22nd—Fine Tooth Brushes, worth 18c, to-day only 10c.

23rd—Good Rubber Combs, worth 15c, for 10c.

24th—Fancy Horn Handle Knives and Forks, worth 25c, to-day only 13c. 25th-Solid White Metal Teaspoons, 6 for 25c, Dessert and Table Spoons and Forks, to-day 3 for 25c.

26th-11 pieces Ladies' Habit Cloth, 42 inches wide and heavy weight, to-day only 25c per yard. * 27th-1 table of Dress Goods, ranging from 50c to 75c per yard, one cut

only of each piece to-day for 25c. 28th-4 pieces Double Width Flannel, in grays and fawns, regular price 65c,

on Friday for 35c. 29th-5 pieces German Wrapper Flannel, worth 50c yard, Friday, Bargain

Day, price 25c. 30th-I table Dress Goods, worth 25c and 35c yard, one cut only of each piece to-day for 121/2c.

31st-Oriental Muslin, to-day for 3c yard, worth double. 32nd-17 pieces 44-inch All-Wool Henrietta, regular price 65c, one cut only

of each piece to-day for 25c per yard. 33rd-1 piece 78-inch Bleached Twill Sheeting, worth 38c yard, for 29c. 34th-1 piece 72-inch Bleached Sheeting, worth 35c, to-day for 25c.

35th-2 pieces Unbleached Table Linen, 58 inches wide, worth 38c for 29c. 36th-3 pieces Table Linen, extra heavy, worth 40c, Bargain Day 33c. 37th-3 pieces Heavy Canton Flannel, worth 8c, to-day for 61/2c. 38th-2 pieces Linen Toweling, 27 inches wide, worth 15c yard, to-day

39th-3 pieces Cretonne, reversible, suitable for drapery, worth 20c yard, to-day only 12 1/2 c.

40th-5 ends of Colored Muslins, worth 81/2c, to-day 51/2c. 41st-10 pieces Heavy Twill Sheeting, 36 inches wide, worth 12 1/2c, for 10c. 42nd-3 pieces Heavy Aberdeen Flannel Shirting, to-day only 10c yard.

43rd-6 pieces Halifax Tweed, heavy and strong, for boys' wear, worth 35c, to-day only 25c. 44th-5 pieces Lambskin Flannel, worth 15c, to-day for 10c. 45th-1 bale Heavy Factory, 40 inches wide, worth 9c, to-day for 6 3-4c.

46th-1 bale of Factory Cotton, worth 61/2c, to-day only 5c; 20 yards for \$1. 47th-2 dozen Bleached Tablecloths, 2 1-2 yards long worth \$2 25, on Friday for \$1 65.

48th—Honeycomb Quilts, worth \$2, for \$1 59, worth \$1 50, for \$1 29. 49th-Cambellford Gray Flannel, all wool, plain and twilled, worth 35c yard, to-day for 25c.

50th-Men's Black Sateen Shirts, regular price \$1 25, to-day 90c.

51st-Boys' Fancy Blouses, worsh 50c, for 35c.

52nd-Boys' Blue Serge Sailor Suits, worth \$1 25, for 75c. 53rd—Boys' 2-Piece Lined Suits, worth \$2 50, for \$1 50.

54th—Men's Heavy Tweed Pants, worth \$2 and \$2 50, to-day for \$1 50.

55th-Men's Tweed Suits, worth \$8, for \$5. 56th—Gents' White Shirts, laundered, worth 75c, to-day for 59c.

57th—Gents' 4-ply Linen Collars, 2 for 25c to-day. 58th—10 pieces Scotch Tweed Suitings, for dress purposes, worth 20c yard, on Friday 5c.

59th-15 pieces Scotch Zephyr Chambrays, worth 20c, for 6c. 60th-Gents' Plain Underwear, Scotch make, all wool, worth \$2 a suit, today \$1 25 a suit.

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