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No Robbery in This.

In the face of plain figures, what Duncombe it is to talk about the Ontario Government bleeding the municipalities! Take the case of the city of London and how does the account stand? Last year the Government handed over to public institutions in this city no less a sum than \$153,122, distributed as follows:

Asylum (salaries)	\$39,034 47
Asylum (expenses)	\$6,468 58
General Hospital	\$3,642 68
St. Joseph's Hospital	\$2,049 89
Convalescent Home	118 38
Roman Catholic House of Refuge	1,855 44
Home for Aged People	1,855 84
Home for Incubables	590 17
R. C. Orphans' Home	654 96
Protestants Orphans' Home	313 56
Women's Refuge and Infants' Home	320 51
Rescue Home for Women	354 47
Public Schools	4,231 00
Separate Schools	581 00
Kindergartens	262 60
Model School	150 00
Teachers' Association	25 00
Normal School	8,440 50
Collegiate Institute	1,348 76
Public Library	200 00
Public School Inspection	625 00

We have included the asylum in the above, as most of the money spent on that institution finds its way to the city of London. The county of Middlesex, apart from the city of London, receives the same generous aid from the Provincial Exchequer. Take the following grants last year alone:

Public Schools

Continuation Classes

Strathroy High School

Lucan High School

Teachers' Associations

Western Dairy School

East Middlesex Agri. Society

North Dorchester Agri. Society

London Tp. Agri. Society

West Nissouri Agri. Society

Westminster Agri. Society

East Middlesex Farmers' Inst.

North Middlesex Farmers' Inst.

West Middlesex Farmers' Inst.

In addition there is the large outlay for administration of justice, fishery and license inspection, etc. The largest portion of this outlay if not assumed by the Ontario Government, would have to be borne by the city and county.

The North Pole Again.

That dauntless navigator, Capt. Bernier, who is planning to reach the north pole, seems to have infused some of his own hopefulness into the staid legislators at Ottawa. He may not get the \$50,000 which he says is needed to fit out his expedition, but he has won the sympathy and good-will of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the leader of the Opposition which ought to be worth something substantial when the question comes before Parliament again. It is likely that a grant for the purpose will be placed in the estimates next session. When the question was under discussion in the Commons the other day some members pronounced any such expenditure as a waste of money. The Premier took the view that a spirit of enterprise and adventure was not a bad thing for a country.

Capt. Bernier intends to follow Nansen's plan of taking the current of ice which flows from the Siberian side across the polar regions to the other hemisphere. He would enter the Behring Straits in July with a specially built vessel of 300 tons, and following the coast of Siberia, would enter the ice between 170 and 165 degrees east, which he calculates would drift him further north than Nansen's line. When he reached the point nearest the pole he would leave the ship and employ dogs to carry him. Photographic and scientific records of the expedition would be taken regularly. Capt. Bernier in outlining his plans before the Royal Colonial Institute in London last year, said:

"We would make two different routes, one in the northeast direction and the other in a southwest direction, with stations at different places, so that we can keep in communication with the ship by wireless telegraphy, and gun-signals when weather permits. The route will be staffed; the staffs will be hollow and part of them filled with condensed provisions, each one bearing a number and a record, so that the passage of each party will be recorded. At the 50-miles station, soundings and weather records will be taken at intervals, and other observations will be made. When in the neighborhood of the pole the northeast route will be extended to one or more stations, as we may require, always keeping in communication with the ship and the stations. In this way, I think we can reach 90 degrees north with certainty."

This is the first instance in which wireless telegraphy figures as an aid to polar exploration. One does not need to be an explorer to understand how valuable the invention would be in such a case. By means of relay stations, Bernier could be kept in constant communication with the outside world.

It would be a great stroke for Canada if a Canadian should discover the pole.

The Settlement of New Ontario.

The annual report of the Director of Colonization, Mr. Thomas Southworth, for the year 1901, which has just been published, contains some interesting details with regard to the progress of settlement in New Ontario and the conditions prevailing in recently opened up neighborhoods. The principal movement has been in the direction of the Temiskaming townships, where 957 settlers took up land last season, the total number of locations in New Ontario being 1,917, embracing an aggregate area of 288,780 acres. The influx into Temiskaming was greatly stimulated by the land-seekers' excursion, organized last June by Mr. Southworth, a great many of those who then visited the country, taking up land or signifying their intention of doing so this year. The number of settlers on the land returned by the local crown lands agents, however, by no means indicates the total extent of the influx, as many have gone in as squatters in townships not at present opened up in addition to the laborers who have gone to Sault Ste. Marie, and other centers of industry, and the large number of men engaged in railway construction. Many of these will take up land and become permanent settlers. The greater proportion of the new arrivals are from older Ontario, but there is also a considerable movement from Quebec into Southern Nipissing.

The returns of immigration from Europe embodied in the report indicate a satisfactory increase in the number of arrivals, which was 6,354 as against 4,983 for 1900. The proportion of farm laborers among them was comparatively small and not nearly equal to the demand. As the report points out, we cannot expect to receive many immigrants of this class from Britain in future, as the rural districts of the old country have been considerably depleted of their population by the same causes which have been in operation here, many of their former inhabitants having gone to the cities. The class of young men having little or no experience of farm life, who desire to learn farming, is, however, on the increase, many of them being desirous to take up land as soon as they have obtained the necessary training. It is expected that a number of farm pupils will arrive this season. The report favors increased efforts to bring the advantages of Ontario before the tenant farmer of Britain, as, owing to the generally depressed condition of agriculture and the high rents many of them find it difficult to maintain themselves. The immigration of domestic servants has almost ceased.

The Tale of the Barbary.

Perhaps there are a few farmers hereabouts who have not made the acquaintance of the barberry shrub, as it is not prolific in these parts. With its thick green foliage and bright red berries, it is a pretty plant and makes a highly ornamental hedge, for which purpose it is chiefly used. Mr. Taylor, the Provincial member for North Middlesex, used to tell the Legislature that this innocent-looking shrub belied its appearance, and was in reality a standing menace to the crops. Session after session he brought in a bill to prevent the planting of the barberry within a certain radius from farm lands, but his fellow-members paid no heed, and it was regularly shoved aside as a matter of no importance or a piece of crank legislation. During the last session a deputation of farmers living in the vicinity of Barrie waited on the Agricultural Committee of the House and told a story that sealed the doom of the barberry then and there. The plant is used extensively for hedges by Barrie people, and according to the testimony given, the effect had been disastrous to wheat crops for miles around. They confirmed by practical experience what scientists have discovered by chemical analysis, that barberry rust is identical with wheat rust, and that rust on the barberry infects the wheat and may be communicated over long distance by a heavy wind. Instances were cited where a single small shrub in a corner of a field had infected all the wheat in that field. One witness declared that the Barrie hedges had infected his oat crop, some miles away, and that the oats had passed the blight on to a potato patch in the next lot. The farmers in one locality in Simcoe county became so incensed at the refusal of a neighbor to remove a barberry hedge that they took the law in their own hands, tore the hedge up by the roots and burned it.

As a result of testimony of this kind the Minister of Agriculture at once drafted a bill, which was unanimously passed by the Legislature. It absolutely prohibits the planting of barberry in any locality, and its cultivation or sale by nurserymen. Provision is also made for the extirpation of any hedge or shrub upon the petition of a certain number of farmers in the vicinity who have reason to believe their crops are being injuriously affected. Compensation is to be allowed those who can show that the removal of a hedge is a loss to them. The act has already borne fruit, as the people of Barrie the other day, yielding to the complaints from the surrounding country, destroyed their barberry shrubs and will be compensated by the Government.

Mr. Taylor is entitled to credit for his persistence in this matter. He is one of the most useful members sent by any rural constituency to the Legislature.

The Conservatives, thanks largely to the Gerry-mander, carried a majority of Ontario seats in the last Dominion election. The same vote in a Provincial

DAILY PICTURE PUZZLE.



FIND THE SEA-GULL THE BOY IS TRYING TO SNAPSHOOT.

SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE—With the upper part of the picture as base, the rescuer may be found towards the top formed in the waves.

election would have given the Liberals a majority.

As for the local Conservative nomination, the office has had a hard chase for the man.

Of course the people will remember Ross. His achievements have been such that he cannot be forgotten while public gratitude lives in this Province.

Mr. Whitney's present tour of New Ontario may not widen his chances of success there, but it ought to broaden his opinion of the country.

A deputation has waited upon a committee of Congress to urge an expression of sympathy with the Boers. Meanwhile the water cure is considered good enough for the Filipinos.

A course of military instruction for Collegiate Institute and High School teachers in Ontario is to be opened at Stanley Barracks, Toronto. Those who take the course will undoubtedly be better qualified to teach the young idea how to shoot.

There are, however, signs of restlessness in the Province of Quebec regarding the growing imperialist tendencies of the Premier—London Free Press.

"The growing imperialist tendencies of the Premier!" Pretty language this, from one of the Ontario sheets that have been hounding Laurier with the cry that he is more French than British. To make it more contemptible, the Free Press quotes approvingly an attack on Laurier in the New York Sun, a paper rabidly anti-British and insulting to Canada and Canadians.

Ottawa ministers have been discussing the amusement question. Rev. S. G. Bland, Methodist, says he objects to dancing and theater-going being placed in the same category as lying, stealing or murder. Rev. A. W. Mackay, Anglican, regards the theater as a legitimate recreation. Church-goers are the main support of the theater, and the remedy is in their hands. Discriminating patronage, on their part might do more to elevate the stage than indiscriminate denunciation by those who never enter a theater at all.

Is Amiability Frumpish?

(London Truth.)

Good manners are now quite out of fashion, just as amiability, once regarded as a charming quality, is now dowdy in the extreme—even frumpish. A girl of today would vigorously resent being described as amiable. "I'm not such a weak idiot as all that," she would say. "For goodness' sake don't libel me."

Think It Over.

(Chicago News.)

Always think twice before you speak—and nine times out of a possible ten you will have no occasion to say a word.

Woodpecker Knows.

[Youth's Companion.]

How does he know where to dig his hole. The woodpecker there, on the elm tree bole?

How does he know what kind of a limb to use for a drum, or to burrow in? How does he find where the young grubs grow?

I'd like to know.

The woodpecker flew to a maple limb, And drummed a tattoo that was fun for him. "No breakfast here; it's too hard for that."

He said, as down on his tail he sat. Just listen to this: rrr-rat-tat-tat.

Away to the near tree out of sight. With a cheery call and a jumping flight! He hopped around till he found a stub. Ah, here's the place to look for a grub!

'Tis moist and dead—rrr-rub-dub-dub. To a branch of the apple tree Downy hid.

And hung by his toes on the under side. 'Twill be sunny here in this hollow trunk. It's dry and soft, with a heart of punk. Just the place for a nest!—rrr-runk-tunk-tunk.

"I see," said the boy. "Just a tap or two. Then listen, as any bright boy might do. You can tell ripe melons and garden stuff in the very same way—it's easy enough."

An Ancient View.

(Boston Herald.)

Speaking of the coronation windows, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, now 88 years old, intends to look at the procession out of the same windows from which she looked on Queen Victoria's 64 years ago.

Helping Him Along.

(New York Times.)

"Do you think your father would

offer me personal violence if I were to ask him for you?" "Hardly. But there is no telling what he will do if you don't do something pretty soon."

Good-Bye.

[Andrew Lang.] Kiss me, and say good-bye! Good-bye, there is no word to say but this. Nor any lips for my lips to kiss. Nor any tears to shed, when these tears dry. Kiss me, and say good-bye!

Farewell, be good, forget. There is no need to say "forget." I know. For youth is youth, and time will have it so. And though your lips are pale, and your eyes wet, Farewell, you must forget.

You shall bring home your sheaves. Many and heavy, and with blossoms twined. Of memories that go not out of mind; Let this one sheaf be twined with poppy leaves. When you bring home your sheaves.

In garnered loves of thine. The ripe good fruit of many hearts and years. Somewhere let this lie, gray and salt with tears. It grew too near the sea wind, and the Of life, this love of mine.

This sheaf was spoiled in spring. And over-long was green, and early sent. And gathered gold in the late year. From autumn suns, and moons of harvest. But failed in frosts of spring.

Yet was it thine, my sweet. This love, though weak as young corn withered. Whereof no man may gather and make bread. Thine, though it never knew the summer heat. Forget not quite, my sweet.

Thumbscrew and Water Cure.

(Boston Transcript.)

Some of the returned "heroes" of the Philippine war say the "water cure" is not so bad as it is not as "serious as painted." Of course, if it killed at once no information could be extracted by means of it. Neither did the thumbscrew or the rack always kill.

Wanted.

[New York Sun.]

The horseless carriage now has solved a problem often vexed. We hope somebody can invent the horseless street car next.

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Apologies of the Marquis of Anglesy, whose famous pantomime has at last ceased, there is a story told of his father. Upon one occasion he ordered a large number of fire extinguishers. The butler having arranged them all over the place told him there were a dozen left over. "Put them in my coffin," said the marquis, sadly, "I shall need them."

In the Dolomite Mountains three women lost their way in a snowstorm and were found frozen together in a stone-like group. They had to be laid in a sledge together and dragged into the valley and thawed in front of a great fire before they could be separated for burial.

Don't think less of your system than you do of your house. Give it a thorough cleansing, too. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Some of the hair of King George IV. taken from his tomb in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, was sold in London for \$7 25.

Heisingers now possesses a new National Finnish theater, which has been erected with funds supplied by the states general, the municipality and private subscriptions.

Drink Grano Cereal Coffee