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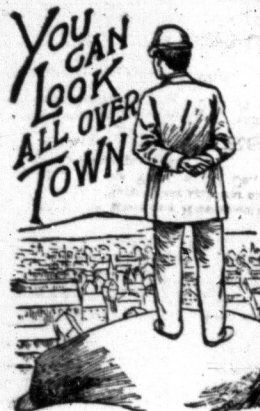
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OUTLOOK IS BAD.

Only Half a Crop of Wheat is Estimated

For the County of Kent—Prospects in Essex Also Poor.

Henry Tibbels, of Dover, says he has been through most sections of Dover and Chatham townships, and he never saw the wheat looking worse. He estimates it everywhere at only about half a crop. There were very few good spots to be seen anywhere.

The Farmers' Son says of the Kent and Essex crops:
Kent—In Kent the increase in area sown is placed at 20 to 25 per cent. The yield is placed at from 15 to 20 bushels to the acre. In one section in which the yield was placed at 30 bushels to the acre last year, this year the estimate is for 15 bushels.

One correspondent says that as there was a large top last fall and this is now nearly all dead, the fields look very bad—they probably look worse than they really are. Another correspondent says that in 25 years' experience he never saw the meadows so poor in appearance as they are now; the wheat, he adds, is badly used up. He does not expect the yield to be half what it was last year, while in some cases the crop will be entirely lost.

Essex.—From Essex the report is that there is considerable increase in the area sown—some reports estimate this as high as 30 per cent. The reports as to appearance are very discouraging and the estimate of yield is placed at about 12 bushels to the acre.

"I had seven acres of wheat," says one correspondent, "and it is no good. Another man on the other side of the road had 65 acres and only 15 will be worth leaving. Other fields will have to be worked up. I do not think that what is left will average over ten bushels to the acre."

Another correspondent says the crop has suffered badly from frost; that sown early seems to have sustained the greatest injury. A third correspondent says land is getting in good shape and spring seedling commenced on Friday.

THE PUBLIC GOOD.

Messrs. Brierly and McKay Put up a Fight for It.

And the Westminster says all Honor to Them—A Newspaper's Risks.

The Westminster.

The Westminster stands with unswerving head to do honor to its contemporaries, the Montreal Herald. That newspaper has done a brave deed and has won a great victory. Every Canadian citizen who loves righteousness and would see our administration purified, must honor the Herald for its courage and for the distinguished ability and wisdom with whom it is carrying on the campaign against municipal corruption in Montreal. It is with profoundest gratitude that we read the news that on Tuesday of this week the verdict in the great newspaper trial, which occupied the attention of the court of Queen's Bench for nine days, was in favor of the Herald.

This is an instance of what a newspaper can do in its service of the public. In 1896 Mr. J. S. Brierly, proprietor and publisher of the St. Thomas Journal, took charge of the Herald. He put new life into it, gathering about him a staff of bright and clean newspaper men of whom Mr. J. F. McKay, of Woodstock, was one. Civic administration in Montreal was known to be thoroughly corrupt, and the Herald undertook the task of fighting the city administrators. Direct charges were made by the Herald against Chief Hughes of the city police force. The result was an action for criminal libel against Messrs. Brierly and McKay. After a long and costly suit they stand acquitted. All honor to them and the newspaper they control. And may they have the sympathy and support of their service to the public good so justly deserves.

This illustrates the services a newspaper can render the public. It illustrates, too, the risks a newspaper must take in such service. The public are wholly ignorant of what is involved, and the newspaper that undertakes to expose villainy or charges wrongdoing against a public official or a private individual virtually takes its life in its hands. "The law of libel," as the Globe says, "is very strict and very severe, and when a newspaper has the boldness to make a charge, it is morally certain, under the most favorable circumstances, to be mulcted in heavy costs for a legal defence. Besides this certainty there is a danger, however, well-founded and necessary in the public interest, the charges may be of a ruinous verdict for damages of a sentence under the criminal clauses of the law of libel. Critics of the press seldom appreciate the risks taken, and the courage displayed in attacking questionable public

dealing. A newspaper is not privileged, like a lawyer in court, or a member in his place in parliament. It must accept full responsibility for every utterance."

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AN ELABORATE PRODUCTION OF "FAUST."

The beginning of the fifth act shows us Faust and Mephisto toiling climbing the steep rocks and yawning chasms of the peak of the Brocken, in the Harz Mountains where, according to the German legend, the witches and warlocks, meet on Walpurgis night—the thirtieth of April—to hold their yearly festival. The night grows darker and darker; the moon is in its last quarter and gives but little light. They climb higher and higher, the trees and rocks and distant cliffs take on wondrously fantastic shapes in the dim light of the dying moon; only the howling of the owl and the far away lonely cry of the night-hawk breaks the solemn stillness; strange shapes crawl to and fro, and weird, snake-like forms seem to writhe and try to clasp the wanderers in their horrible embrace. At midnight a mighty tempest rages and the witches gather from far and near to their unholy festival. During the truly horrifying scenes that follow Mephisto shows Faust the never-fading "Punishment of Evil," and the curtain falls with terror-stricken cries of "The Devil is in the House!" A perfect storm of electric fire descends, amid which the imps and witches are seen revelling in their fiendish merriment. At the Grand here Saturday night.

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News, Local and Telegraphic, Gathered from Reliable Sources.



A player who did good work here last year and no doubt will this is M. S. Conklin. He has been practicing indoors at Chicago all winter and says he is in first class condition.

Conklin's brilliant plays last season will be well remembered. If all Manager Fossent's team prove as hard-working and reliable as Conklin Chatham ought to land the pennant.

NATIONAL LEAGUE SCORES.

At Washington:—			
Washington.....	2	3	2
Philadelphia.....	10	24	3
Batteries—Dunkle and Farrell; Wheeler and McFarland.			
At Louisville:—			
Louisville.....	3	11	0
Chicago.....	8	13	0
Batteries—Woods and Kittredge; Callahan, Griffiths and Donahue.			
At Baltimore:—			
Baltimore.....	0	6	2
New York.....	6	9	0
Batteries—Miller and Robinson; Doherty and Warner.			
At Cincinnati:—			
Cincinnati.....	3	6	1
Pittsburg.....	3	12	5
Batteries—Brientein and Peitz; Leever, Bowerman and Darkness.			
At Boston:—			
Boston.....	7	13	1
Brooklyn.....	0	5	2
Batteries—Nichols and Bergen; McFarland, Kennedy and Smith.			

EASTERN LEAGUE.

At Syracuse:—			
Syracuse.....	6	8	2
Buffalo.....	4	6	4
Batteries—McDermott, Vileman and Williams; Lee and Amole; Diggins and Nelson.			
At Reading:—			
Reading.....	3	9	2
Montreal.....	2	6	1
Batteries—Fertich, Thatcher and Holmes; Duggieby, Felix and Moran.			

NATIONAL LEAGUE RECORD.

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Chicago.....	4	1
Philadelphia.....	2	2
St. Louis.....	1	2
Pittsburg.....	3	1
Baltimore.....	2	2
Boston.....	2	3
Brooklyn.....	1	3
New York.....	0	2
Cleveland.....	1	4
Washington.....	1	3
Louisville.....	2	2

TILBURY.

April 20.—Mrs. W. A. Shaw and Miss Flora Burgess spent today in Detroit. F. M. Seuffert left last evening for Woodstock to attend the funeral of his grandfather there.

A special meeting of the council will be held this evening in the public library. The bridge over the King and White drain on the Middle road is at present down, causing a long detour to travellers.

Mrs. J. Appleyard, of Comber, is visiting relatives here.

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