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PROBABILITIES

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Toronto, March 22—11 a. m.—Fair and very mild to-day and on Saturday.

LOCAL

Miss Helen Carter is in Dresden to-day.
The funeral service of the late Mrs. D. R. Van Allen will be held at Holy Trinity church to-morrow, Saturday afternoon, at 2.30 p. m.

HOME MISSIONS

Mt. Brydges, Mar. 22.—The following appointments to mission fields for the year have been made by the home mission committee of the Presbyterian Church for Western Ontario:
London—Mr. B. Bryden.
Chatham—Messrs. J. T. Clugston and Alex. Gillies.
Sarnia—Mr. J. D. Thompson.

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GUNPOWDER EXPLODES

(Special to The Planet.)
Northwood, March 22.—Considerable excitement was caused out this way this morning, by the explosion of a can of gunpowder in J. A. Reid's grocery store.

How the powder became ignited, is a mystery, as no one was close to it at the time. The explosion could be heard all over the village. Eddie Campbell, who clerks in the store, had a narrow escape. As it was, his face and hands were badly burned, and his hair and eyebrows scorched.

The force of the explosion blew things around considerably, and lamp chimneys and other glass goods in the store were broken. Fortunately no fire resulted.

A.O.U.W. OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

Fewer Changes Made in Constitution Than For 20 Years.

Toronto, March 22.—All the principal officers of the Grand Lodge of the A.O.U.W. were re-elected yesterday, and Toronto was again named for the next place of meeting. The officers:

Past grand master, Ald. J. M. Peregrine, Hamilton; grand master workman, C. E. Cameron, Iroquois; grand foreman, E. D. Morris, banker, Rodney; grand overseer, Major J. J. Craig, M. P. P., Fergus; grand recorder, M. D. Carder, P.G.M.W., Toronto; grand solicitor, A. F. G. Lawrence, Toronto; grand medical examiner, J. Milton Cotton, M.D., Toronto; grand guide, W. Charles Mikel, barrister, Belleville; grand inside watchman, W. W. Burgess, Mimico.

Fewer changes were made in the constitution than in any year for two decades, as general satisfaction exists.

METER BLEW UP

An explosion, which might have been very serious, was witnessed at the Collegiate Institute Wednesday morning.

A plumber was testing the gas pipes and endeavoring to locate leakage. He had a lighted match in his hand which came in contact with a large leakage of gas, immediately igniting it. In an instant the meter was blown to pieces, the laboratory was badly shaken and a panic ensued. The explosion was terrific and shook the whole school. No serious damage resulted except that the plumber's hands and face were somewhat burned.

TWO MORE CALLED

The death of Mr. E. Falcon occurred yesterday morning at five o'clock, at the age of 62 years. Deceased was a resident of Dover and lived on the 2nd concession, about half a mile from Pain Court. He has been ailing for some time with kidney trouble and suffered a great deal. He leaves a wife and family to mourn his loss.

The funeral will take place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, from the Church at Pain Court. Interment will be made at the cemetery adjoining the church. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved.

The death of Augustus Joseph, of the second concession, Chatham Twp., took place yesterday, after a short illness, at the ripe old age of eighty years.

The deceased came here from Portugal over fifty-five years ago and has always lived on his farm. A few days ago he contracted a cold, which developed into pneumonia. He has been living a retired life for the past three years, and has always enjoyed good health until death came. He leaves a family of four daughters and three sons, namely, Mrs. Arthur Gee, Mrs. Wm. Faubert and Mrs. Lizzie Faubert, of this city; Mrs. Harry James, Detroit; Fred, of Detroit; Emmanuel, of Forest, and Montili, of this city.

The funeral will take place from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Arthur Gee, Low St., to-morrow afternoon at half-past two o'clock. Interment in Maple Leaf Cemetery.

The bereaved family have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

THE DOMINION BANK

The Dominion Bank will in future pay interest on Savings Deposits four times a year, namely, March 31st, June 30th, Sept. 30th and Dec. 31st, at Highest Current Rates.

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LAWNS ON METRE SYSTEM

Change Of Rules Does Not Meet With General Approval

A CITIZEN SPEAKS UP

Some time ago the Water Commissioners decided to put all local lawn services which are used with house services, on the metre system hereafter, instead of giving flat rates for lawn services, as in the past. The Commissioners did this on account of the carelessness of some people who are alleged to have wasted city water, knowing that they did not have to pay for it under metre rates.

It was also claimed that many persons did not live up to the regulations in the matter of turning off the lawn services when there was a fire in the city. When a large number of lawn services are running, the water pressure is greatly decreased, and should a big fire break out on such an occasion the firemen would be handicapped for pressure.

The change in the rules governing the lawn services, however, has been the cause of a great deal of dissatisfaction among the users of city water. One prominent citizen in speaking to The Planet about the matter recently, said:

"Why should the Water Commissioners place a hardship on all of our citizens because a few do not live up to regulations? In this matter I am reminded of an editorial appearing in the columns of the Great Home Journal about a year ago in which your paper encouraged the citizens to beautify their lawns and boulevards. The article struck the popular chord, for every loyal citizen wants to see his little city looking as beautiful as it is possible to make it.

"Now what I am trying to get at is this: If the Water Commissioners place all the lawn services on the metre system, it will certainly do a great deal to discourage the beautifying of city lawns and boulevards. This will mean that this city's general appearance will not be as pleasing as it has been in the past.

"It is claimed that a great number do not live up to the regulations, and that this is the reason the metre system has been adopted. I don't see why the rest of us who endeavor to live up to regulations should be made to suffer on this account. Wouldn't it be much better in the interests of the community at large that the Water Works department should have the services watched, and make examples of those who exhibit carelessness in using the city water? This, I think, would be a much fairer plan than inflicting a hardship on everyone.

"I would like to see The Planet express itself on this matter, as it is one of great public interest at the present time."

SUICIDES TO ESCAPE WOMAN.

Englishman Hears His Brother's Wife Is Coming to Him.

Montreal, March 22.—Jack Freebody, a well connected Englishman, committed suicide yesterday because the girl who had killed him in England and married his elder brother had changed her mind and was on her way to Canada to seek him.

He killed himself in the boarding house of H. Waugh, 167 St. Antoine street. He was about 25 years of age, and had been employed by the C.P.R. Mr. Waugh went to No. 6 police court and informed Capt. Bourgeois that a man had just cut his throat. Capt. Bourgeois went back with Mr. Waugh and found Freebody dead on the floor of one of the bedrooms. At the left side was a knife and a razor. In the pockets were \$24.25, a gold watch and ring, and in his grip were letters from his mother and sister in England.

BIG BLAZE IN MONTREAL.

Firms on Notre Dame Street Lose \$100,000—Fireman Injured.

Montreal, March 22.—Fire which caused \$100,000 damage broke out on Notre Dame street at five o'clock yesterday morning. The firms interested in the Canada Tag and Label Co., D. Morrice, Sons & Co., wholesale wools and cottons, and the Hudson Bay Knitting Co.

Joseph Bernier, a fireman, fell 70 feet, from the top floor to the cellar, the man escaping with but a few scratches.

The loss to the Canada Tag and Label Co. will amount to \$50,000; to the Hudson Bay Knitting Co., \$30,000; to D. Morrice, Sons & Co., \$10,000, and to the buildings, \$15,000.

British Steamer Beached.

Hakodate, Japan, March 22.—The British steamer Farnley, from Tacoma, Feb. 10, for Taku, has been beached near here after having sustained extensive damage. It is supposed that she struck a floating mine in the Strait of Tsugaru. Divers are examining the vessel which must discharge her cargo before proceeding.

Famine Riot Menaces China.

London, March 22.—A special despatch from Shanghai says: Viceroy of Ningbo predicts a general uprising in the famine stricken districts unless prompt relief is provided. The viceroy, it is added, has memorialized the throne for \$1,000,000 to purchase rice in Siam and Annam.

A vote cast for principle is never lost even though it be the only one in the ballot-box.

RUSSIAN ASSASSINS ARE PAID.

Slayers Got From \$2 to \$2,000 For Each Murder.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—Sensational testimony to the effect that the Reactionary League of the Russian people hired men to murder Ivan Petrunkevitch, the noted Liberal member of the first Parliament, and also contemplated the assassination of M. Ramischwill and M. Dzhaparidze, former members of Parliament, to terrorize that body, was given at the trial of the murderers of Professor Hertzenstein, the member of the Lower House, who was killed near Terieki, Finland, on July 31, which was resumed this week in Finland.

The prosecution placed on the stand a soldier named Kriks, who had been a member of the fighting organization of the reactionary party, and who testified to receiving various sums of money from M. Yushkevitch, a leader of the league of the Russian people, in order to induce him to kill M. Petrunkevitch.

Kriks gave details of various crimes committed by the group and furnished a mass of hearsay evidence, detailing the murder of Professor Hertzenstein and the plot to assassinate M. Ramischwill and Dzhaparidze. He said the prices paid for assassinations ranged from a couple of dollars for minor murders to \$15,000 for killing Professor Hertzenstein.

The testimony was admitted by the court, and the trial of the defendants was adjourned until April 16.

CHANNEL TUNNEL BILL.

British Parliament Gives the Project Its Death Blow.

London, March 22.—The revived project of tunneling the English Channel received its death blow, at least for a long time to come, by the announcement of the Government's decision against the enterprise in Parliament yesterday.

Premier Campbell-Bannerman, in the House of Commons, and the Earl of Grey, lord president of the council in the House of Lords, made identical announcements to this effect, which were echoed and approved by Mr. Balfour, the Opposition leader in the Lower House. It is understood the bill will be withdrawn.

Even if the military dangers could be guarded against," said the Premier, "there would be a feeling of insecurity, leading to constant demands for increased naval and military expenditure and creating a feeling of alarm, which would not be compensated for by the advantages of the tunnel."

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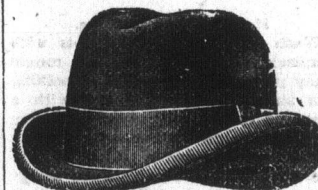
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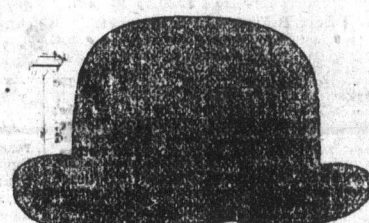
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