

ZOO WILL BE OPEN TO-DAY BE SURE AND SEE THE CUBS

Interesting Triplets Saw the Sun for the First Time Saturday—All Ready for Visitors.

To-day the annual spring opening of the Riverdale zoo takes place, under the auspices of the parks and gardens committee, with Manager Carter as master of ceremonies. Everything has been made in readiness for the reappearance of the inhabitants of Toronto's favorite resort to the admiring gaze of a wondering populace. The birds have had their pin feathers removed, the polar bear has had a bath, which makes him look like a snowbank, while the wolves and other animals have taken on fresh coats, which, while not specially this year's fashion, are the only conceits which suit them. The Siberian bear has come out of his winter's sleep, looking as brown as a berry, but evidently disheartened at the mishaps of his Russian brothers in Manchuria, adjacent to his old stamping grounds, bordering on Siberia. The monkeys, while not overpowering in size, will make their presence felt by chattering, which sounds like music to the ear of many a lonely traveler in the wilds and solitudes of the African forests. The humps of the camels have grown larger, and perhaps will hold more kiddies in their capacious environs than ever. The buffaloes look better than usual, and the whistles of the water fowl will resound thru the air louder than ever at the approach of the good old summer time. The elephant, the only living creature in the city which the Toronto street railway fenders cannot scoop up, has grown considerably, and will take up his usual position, attended by his aides-camp, the flies, which are in many cases unnecessary attendants in the zoo. The eagles will squat on their perches, facing the south, and will scream to their brothers in Yankee-land, while the peacocks will unfold the colors of the rainbow to the delighted eyes of the thousands of young women arrayed in the gorgeous creations of Easter-tide. The piece de resistance of the show will be the introduction to the public of the lion family, which has been increased by three whelps, two healthy and playful and the other sickly and retiring in his habits. The cubs at noon yesterday for the first time saw the sun as he crossed the world, and gazed in blushing fashion at all, who were greatly smused at their antics, while they played with their huge mother, who kissed, snuggled and bit them harmlessly as they waddled around in their enclosure. The father, the king of beasts, was in "splendid isolation" in an adjoining cage. He was monarch of only a small part of what he surveyed—the environs of his improvement. He seemed to be sulking at the thought of not being allowed to join in the family festivities next door. He is kept apart from his wife and triplets for fear of his making a meal of the cubs when wife is asleep. To-day will be a gala one at Riverdale, where thousands will no doubt wend their way to Toronto's favorite resort.

G.M. Hendrie at Detroit.
Detroit, May 13.—George M. Hendrie, president of the Highland Park Club, who was injured in an automobile accident at Nashville, Tenn., a few weeks ago, as a result of which blood-poisoning set in, endangering his life, arrived in Detroit last night. He will remain here a few days and then go to Hamilton.

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Kaiser Didn't Say It.
Berlin, May 13.—The semi-official North German Gazette says it is authorized to deny the words attributed to Emperor William in his remarks to the higher officers at Strassburg, as published in the home and foreign newspapers.

Dayton Gets Them Next.
Holyoke, Mass., May 13.—The annual convention of the International Brotherhood of Papermakers was adjourned to-day. The next convention will be held at Dayton, Ohio, in May, 1906.

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WOODBINE vs. "POOLROOM"

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sue is carried from court to court and the costs are large. The legal question which had been before the courts before was still unsettled, but the attorney-general had granted a fiat by the cancellation of the charter.

"A different course is being taken by the present attorney-general," continued Mr. Johnston. "He is fighting from the beginning, 'we will attack you the same as we would anything else we believe to be wrong.' With this position we are content, as we are not being led along under a false impression as to an action. The last time we were prepared to contest the action, but we are not in that position to-day. We therefore take a different attitude from that we assumed before."

"These defendants here to-day do not occupy a high position in society, but they are men who thought they had rights. They felt that what they were doing was no greater offence than what takes place at the Woodbine race track, that it was no worse because it happened in the west end than in the east end. The officers did their duty, but these men think they have been discriminated against, in favor of those in higher authority."

The Similarity.
The men from the west had a brilliant example set by the wise men from the east. In a case against the president of the Woodbine Club, it was found that betting existed at that club. It has not been alleged against those defendants that a man's wife or his daughter ever went to this room to bet. I am not a censor of morals, I am simply pointing out the distinction that the statutory law makes regarding these people.

"Men, women, young girls and even children, make pools at the Woodbine race track. There is betting at the Woodbine by all classes. An information is laid against President Hendrie of the Woodbine, a stated case given, and while the case is pending, the statute law is amended so that there is no opportunity for prosecution. The men who have been going to the Junction are capable of discrimination, who, if they do bet, it is only a dollar or two, and then only for amusement. It is not like the Woodbine, where hundreds and thousands are wagered. No man's wife nor no man's daughter has been found gambling at the Junction, but the statute law says these people must not gather there."

Lack Influence.
"These people must suffer under the common betting-house clause of the act, because they have not influence, wealth nor ability. I point out these differences because I think the court should take them into consideration in dealing with the case. If this club is against the morals, the law and the sentiments of the people, how much more so should be the open and notorious actions of leading men at the Woodbine? I am under favor to no man, neither to the Woodbine nor the government. The crown has put up a strong fight against us. If we were able we would take up the fight, but we have not the money. I'm not defending gentlemen bettors from the Woodbine but poor men from the Junction. It would be an injustice to impose a heavy fine. "It may be said there are others who will come to their rescue. This is not true. It is not when a man is in difficulties that people rush to them with open purses, and now my duty is done. I have not said whether it was wrong or right to bet. I simply say if it is wrong in one place it is wrong in another."

Mr. Drayton, after consulting Inspector Genet, decided to accept Mr. Johnston's plea of guilty for the eight men.

BUFFALO TRADE IN CANADIAN DIVORCE!

Buffalo, May 13.—Do Canadians frequently come to Buffalo to obtain divorces? This question was raised yesterday when the case of Alex. Presho of Niagara Falls, N. Y., formerly of Toronto, against Emma Presho, came before Justice Kenedick. The case was thrown out on learning that Presho had taken up his residence at Niagara Falls mainly with a view to getting a divorce.

The fact that Canadian divorces cost about \$500 and are obtained thru the assistance of parliament, is held to account for the number of divorces in this country of persons married across the national border.

27 WERE KILLED BODIES MUTILATED

St. Petersburg, May 13.—The Novosti says it has received private information to the effect that during the recent rioting 16 persons were killed at Zhitomir, 10 at Trojenoff and one at Soungara, and that about 100 were wounded.

The bodies of the killed, according to these advices, were terribly mutilated, in many cases being unrecognizable.

Was Not on the Preferred List.

"Anything in the river and harbor bill for me?" Representative Biedler, asked Chairman Burton. "Not a dollar," Mr. Barton answered. "You're almost as candid as two friends of mine in Cincinnati. One of them went to a friend and borrowed \$1000. The next day he failed, with a long list of preferred creditors."

"You're a fine friend," said the lender to the borrower. "Here you have my \$1000 and I am not even in the list of preferred creditors."

"Oh, that's all right, old man," answered the borrower. "You know that you won't get anything and the others won't know it for two years."—Minneapolis Journal.

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TULIP-MAD.

When Bulbs Were Quoted on the Stock Exchange.

The prices paid for a new variety of rose recently in Paris, when single buds sold for thousands of francs, recall the high figures which tulips once fetched. In Holland in one year the sales aggregated 10,000,000 florins. Holland went tulip-mad, says The New York Herald. The bulbs were quoted on the stock exchange. Ownership in them was divided into shares. Speculators sold them short. At one time more tulips were sold than existed. At Lille

a brewer sold his trade and good-will in exchange for a bulb. In Amsterdam a father gave one by way of dower with his child. Thereafter the variety was known as the marriage-of-my-daughter. At Rotterdam, a hungry sailor, happening on a few, mistook them for onions, and ate them up. The repeat became as famous as Cleopatra's pearls, and probably exceeded them in cost. At The Hague a poor fellow managed to raise a black tulip. The rumor of that vegetable marvel spread. Presently he was visited by a deputation from a syndicate. For that ewe lamb of his the deputation offered 1000 florins, which he refused. He was offered 10,000 florins. Still he refused. Cascades of gold were poured before his resisting eyes. Finally, tormented and tempted, he succumbed. There and

then the deputation tramped that tulip under its feet. Afterwards it appeared that the syndicate had already grown a gem precisely similar, and, unable to bear the idea that a rival existed, had authorized the deputation, if needful, to offer ten times the amount which it paid.

Yonge Street Arcade Restaurant and Lunch Counter, now open. Regular Dinner in Dining Room 35 cents, other meals a la carte.

A Presentation.
At noon on Saturday, in the work department of A. Welch & Son, 302 West Queen-street, the firm and employees presented their retiring manager, H. J. Jamieson, with a roll-top desk.