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Births, Marriages, Deaths

BORN.

BEERS—At Winnifield Farm, Oil City, Ont., on Sunday, Sept. 16, 1900, to Mr. and Mrs. George Meers, a daughter.

McKELLAR—At 252 Oxford street, Sept. 19, 1900, to Mr. and Mrs. D. A. McKellar, a son.

DIED.

BROWN—In Caradoc, on Sept. 19, at the family residence, con. 1, lot 21, Wm. Brown, aged 71.

Funeral from his late residence, on Saturday, Sept. 22, at 2 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances will kindly accept this intimation.

McKENNA—At his late residence, London Junction, on Sept. 20, 1900, John McKenna, late of the Asylum staff, aged 73 years.

Funeral will leave above address on Saturday, 22nd, at 10 a.m., to G. T. R. depot. Interment at Strathroy. Friends and acquaintances kindly accept this intimation.

ADAMS—At the family residence, Trafalgar street (east of Egerton street), on Sept. 20, 1900, Margaret Jane, beloved wife of Isaac Adams, aged 75 years.

Funeral from above address, on Sunday, 23rd, at 2:30; services at 2 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances kindly accept this intimation.

GLEESON—In this city, on Thursday, Sept. 20, 1900, Trosea E. Gleeson, daughter of the late James Gleeson.

Funeral from the family residence, 603 Bathurst street, Saturday, 9:30 a.m., to St. Peter's Cathedral.

Amusements and Lectures

10c per line, or 2c per word, each insertion.

LONDON OPERA HOUSE—A NOTABLE engagement. Saturday, Sept. 22, matinee and night. First appearance in London, Canada's foremost artist, Andrew Robson, presenting Chas. Coghlan's masterpiece, "The Royal Box." Brilliant caste, gorgeous costumes. Prices—25c, 50c, 75c and $1. Matinee 25c, 50c and 75c. Seats now on sale. 67c

10:25 A.M. TRAIN, G. T. R., ARRIVES New York 5:30 a.m., Wednesday. St. Paul, American Line, sails New York to Southampton, Wednesday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m. Very low rates. F. B. Clarke, Richmond street, next Advertiser.

SULPHUR SPRINGS BATHS OPEN for the season daily from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. also swimming pond. Cole & Edmonds. zxvt

$2.65 LONDON TO DETROIT AND return, Saturday, Sept. 22, boat. F. B. Clarke, Richmond street, next Advertiser. zxv

PRIVATE DANCING PAVILION—Springbank—Dates can be secured for any evening during September or October. Terms moderate. Beginners' classes will open at City Academy week of October first. Dayton & McCormick.

Meetings.

S. O. E.—CHELSEA LODGE MEETS THIS (Friday) evening. Visiting brethren welcome. W. J. Garfat, Pres. b

Domestics Wanted.

1c per word first insertion, and ½c per word each subsequent insertion. No advt. less than 10 words.

WANTED—NURSE GIRL. APPLY 505 Adelaide street. 68c

WANTED — YOUNG GIRL — LIGHT work. Apply 472 Park avenue. 68c

WANTED—GENERAL SERVANT. APPLY with references to Mrs. E. J. MacRobert, 507 Queen's avenue. 68c

WANTED—COOK AND HOUSEMAID. References required. Apply Mrs. Niven, 423 Colborne street. 68c

WANTED—GOOD GENERAL SERVANT. Apply at 417 Dufferin avenue. 68c

WANTED—GOOD GENERAL SERVANT —Apply Mrs. John Fried, 468 Queen's avenue. 68tf

WANTED — FIRST-CLASS GENERAL servant for family of three; also nurse girl; highest wages. Apply, with references, Mrs. Nicholson, 520 Dundas. 68c

WANTED—ONE LAUNDRESS AND ONE scrub woman. Apply housekeeper, Tecumseh House. 67c

WANTED—GOOD GENERAL SERVANT —References required. Apply Mrs. J. P. Cook, 628 Wellington street. 67c

WANTED—GENERAL SERVANT—IN family of three; good wages. Apply Mrs. C. McCallum, corner Kent and Ridout streets. 67c

WANTED—GENERAL SERVANT—FOR small family, by Sept. 20. Apply Mrs. John Green, 526 Ridout street. 67c

WANTED—GENERAL SERVANT—APPLY 653 Queen's avenue. 67c

WANTED—GENERAL SERVANT—REFERENCES required. Mrs. Chisholm, 478 Park avenue 66tf

WANTED—GENERAL SERVANT—FAMILY of three. Apply 782 Richmond street, London. 64tf

WANTED—GOOD GENERAL SERVANT, references required. Apply 571 Dundas street. 63i

WANTED—TODAY—50 COOKS, HOUSEmaids and generals, big wages to neat workers. Mrs. Lockhart, 362 Dundas. Phone 984.

WANTED—EXPERIENCED COOK—APPLY at once. Address Box 76, this office. 60tf

Female Help Wanted

1c per word first insertion, and ½c per word each subsequent insertion. No advt. less than 10 words.

WANTED — YOUNG GIRL TO HELP with children. Apply 100 Cheapside street. 68c

WANTED—GIRLS—M'CORMICK MANUFACTURING CO. 64n

FIFTY GIRLS WANTED AT ONCE.—D. S. Perrin & Co. 53tf

Situations Wanted

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WANTED — SITUATION BY STEADY man who understands care of horses and garden; willing to make himself generally useful. Address Box 6, Advertiser. 69c

YOUNG LADY WISHES POSITION AS stenographer or bookkeeper. Address Box 5, Advertiser. 68c

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is a pleasing operation when we make your suit. It isn't an experiment —the fit is certain to be all right; and the style, the workmanship, and the fabric are beyond question.

Jos. Dambra,

Opposite Free Press Office.

HAVEN'T you ever wished for a pair of shoes that would look new all the time but never make you think of your feet with a grunt? Most people have.

Tell you how you can come pretty near it: Buy a pair of

ASTORIA

Boots—they are $4—the leather is simply superb—they fit in every spot—and are the most stylish American Shoes agoing. Men's and Women's cost alike. Sold exclusively by—

J. P. COOK

167 Dundas Street.

Male Help Wanted.

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WANTED—SMART BOY—MUST WRITE good hand. The Watson-Johnston Company, 239 Dundas street. 69u

WANTED—BOY TO LEARN GROCERY business and make himself generally useful. Address Box 7, Advertiser. b

WANTED — STEAMFITTER AND steamfitter's helper. Apply London Heating and Ventilating Company, 382 Richmond street. 68c

WANTED—TINSMITH. APPLY L. H. and V. Company, 382 Richmond street. 68tf

WANTED—GOOD CAPABLE MAN TO take charge of furnace for his board. Apply Mrs. McCallum, Aged People's Home, Richmond street north. 66n

WANTED—YOUNG MAN WITH SOME knowledge of the business, as junior clerk in general store. Apply with references to W. S. Duggan, Oil Springs. 65g

WANTED—MEN TO LEARN BARBER trade. We teach the work in two months, present graduates with complete outfit of tools and pay $12 weekly when competent. Make application by mail. Moler Barber College, Chicago, Ill. 64n

STRONG BOYS WANTED IMMEDIATELY —D. S. Perrin & Co. 53tf

Agents Wanted.

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WANTED — ACTIVE, INDUSTRIOUS young man with a few hundred dollars to take an interest in an established woodworking business. Good wages, good profits. No great skill required. Apply immediately, Box 2, Advertiser. 65tf zxv

WE START YOU IN BUSINESS SELLING Dr. Roberts' remedies. No money needed. A postal will bring the goods. We trust you. Write today. Address The Dr. Roberts' Medicine Company, drawer 531, London.

AGENTS—$3.00 to $5.00 DAILY—THE Farmers' Hunter Toothless Gurry Comb (patented) and other specialties; sell at sight; send for sample curry comb, 25c, and full particulars at once. The London Specialty Manufacturing Company, 59 Dundas street, London, Ont. d&w

Wanted.

1c per word first insertion, and ½c per word each subsequent insertion. No advt. less than 10 words.

WANTED—GOOD HORSE, SUITABLE for delivery wagon. B. F. Brighton, Emery street, South London. 68u

WANTED—FIVE THOUSAND PEOPLE to use Wa-Hoo herbs for stomach, liver and kidney trouble. A 50c package (for trial), 25c. Wa-Hoo Remedy Co., 403 Richmond street, London.

Articles For Sale.

1c per word first insertion, and ½c per word each subsequent insertion. No advt. less than 10 words.

F. S. COX, STALL 4, MARKET—FRESH and smoked fish of all kinds. Orders called for and delivered promptly. zwv

FOR SALE — SECOND-HAND HIGH school books. Apply 520 Pall Mall. 68u

FOR SALE — SMALL GLADSTONE buggy, with or without canopy top; cheap. Phone 1311. 68c

FOR SALE—VERY NICE MARE—ADDRESS Box 81, this office. 64n

WM. TAYLOR & SON—580 ADELAIDE street—Cement walks, cellar floors, etc., at reasonable prices. 66n

NEW AND SECOND-HAND BICYCLES, guns, revolvers, cartridges, pocket knives. All kinds of repairing at lowest prices. D. McKenzie & Co., 298 Richmond street, one door south of G. T. R. station.

100 BRUSSELS AND VELVET RUGS from one to three yards square, to tear at 65c on the dollar. Keene Bros., 127 King street. 45cc

ROMAN CHAIRS, $5 EACH—THE PRETTIEST thing ever offered in London for the money. Keene Bros., 127 King street, opposite Market House.

BELL PIANOS—THE COMPANY'S GUARANTEE for ten years with each instrument. Call at 183 Dundas street and hear tone and get prices and terms. Sanborn & Trebilcock.

CHEAP COAL AND WOOD—THE UNDERSIGNED has on hand a good supply of the best quality of all kinds of coal and the best quality of hard and soft wood in blocks or cut and split at the lowest cash price. Yard, William street and G. T. R. Green & Co. Phone, 1,201.

FOR SALE FANCY CARVED BURL walnut piano, 7⅓ octaves, 2 years old, cheap and on easy terms. Heintzman & Co., 217 Dundas street, corner Clarence.

AT A.P. PARISH'S—EARLY BREAKFAST stove, No. 9, at a bargain, as the party is leaving city; few bedroom sets cheap for cash; old stoves and furniture exchanged; few cushion seats for sale. 357 Talbot street, south market square.

DANIELS' NEW CENTURY MAGIC Salve is unequaled for piles, burns, chilblains, scalds, etc. For sale at McCallum's Drug Store. W. H. Daniels.

TENTS FOR SALE AT T. KEENE'S Furniture and Stove Store, 141 King street.

APPLE PICKING WILL SOON BE HERE. A Waggoner Extension Ladder saves its cost twice over first year. Good for every purpose. Write for catalogue. The Waggoner Ladder Company, Limited, London, Ont.

BEST HARD WOOD—

Long blocks or split.
Send in your order for prompt delivery.
R. J. WEBSTER.
Phone 1383 713 Richmond street.

ALL KINDS OF HORSES BOUGHT, SOLD or exchanged at Henderson's sale stables, 143½ King street.

SUMMER WOOD—NOW THAT SUMMER is gone why not try a load of Gillies' wood, just the thing for hot weather? Phone 1412.

Values

that pass all precedent. We have them in imported goods for the fall season. It is a wise policy to make an inspection early.

DEEKS & MUNSON
Merchant Tailors.
393 Richmond Street.

Lost and Found.

1c per word first insertion, and ½c per word each subsequent insertion. No advt. less than 10 words.

LOST—POINTER PUPPY, LIVER AND white color, six months old; strange in city. Send information to W. S. Smith, of A. M. Smith & Co. 65tf

TO LET—BRICK HOUSE, NO. 559 CENTRAL avenue, $8 per month. Apply A. N. Udy, 421 Richmond street.

LOST—ON SATURDAY LAST—SEVERAL pieces of music. Finder rewarded on returning to this office. 67c

Houses, Etc., To Let.

1c per word first insertion, and ½c per word each subsequent insertion. No advt. less than 10 words.

TO LET—BRICK HOUSE—GOOD LOCALITY; modern improvements; moderate rent. Apply 666 Talbot street. 69neod

TO LET—BY FIRST OF NOVEMBER, store, 415 Richmond street (next McCallum's drug store), at present occupied by Massey-Harris Bicycle Company; one of the best locations in London. Rental moderate. Apply Cronyn & Betts. 55bu xyz

TO RENT—ONE LARGE FRONT ROOM, also room adjoining if required. Apply 649 Richmond street. 67c

TO LET—810 TALBOT STREET—IMMEDIATE possession. Alex. Harvey. 38tf

TO RENT—494 PARK AVENUE. ALL modern conveniences. Immediate possession. Apply to J. C. Trebilcock, 235 Dundas street. 22tf

TO LET—OFFICE IN ODDFELLOWS Hall. Apply to R. K. Cowan, Barrister, County Buildings. 14tf

TO LET—UNION FURNITURE VAN—Furniture carefully handled. John Biggs, Cathcart and Bruce, South London, late of London Furniture Co. Phone 310.

TO LET—THE MOST SATISFACTORY and best vans in the city. Good storage for pianos and furniture. Office and storage, 97 Carling street. Phone 1162; night phone 1167. Book your orders as early as possible. No connection with any other vans.

Real Estate.

FOR SALE—TWO-STORY BRICK HOUSE, No. 790 Queen's avenue; all modern conveniences; excellent location; good reasons for selling. Apply on premises. 66n

FREE GRANT LAND IN LONDON EAST —Buy a cottage and we will give you a deed of four large lots. London Soap Co. 61tf

FOR SALE—134 SYDENHAM STREET—Comfortable 1½-story brick house, in good repair; lot 33x165. A bargain. Inspect at once. 58bu

VALUABLE VILLAGE PROPERTY FOR sale.—A good store, dwelling house and barn; all necessary accommodations for business; well situated; best locality. For further particulars apply to R. B. Thomas, Appin, Ont. 36tf

CITY OF LONDON

Tax Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE second installment of taxes of the city of London for the year 1900 is now due and payable

On or Before 30th September.

All unpaid after that date will be subject to the 5 per cent added for non-payment. Come early and avoid the crush.

GEO. W. HAYES,
68h Collector.

JUDICIAL SALE

OF THE ASSETS OF THE

Chatham Banner Printing Co., Limited.

TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED FOR the assets of the above named company by the master-in-ordinary, up to 11 o'clock, on Tuesday, the 25th day of September, A.D., 1900, when such tenders will be opened and considered. The person either tendering or interested in such tenders are to attend at the Chambers of the said master-in-ordinary at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, at the aforesaid time.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

The said assets consist of printing plant, type, presses and stock of paper, etc., and book debts of the company, and the subscription lists of the Evening Banner and the Weekly Banner, both being newspapers published at the city of Chatham, in the county of Kent, which assets are set out with particulars on a schedule, which may be inspected on application to the liquidator, Mr. A. C. Neff, at his address, room 500 McKinnon building, corner Jordan and Melinda streets, Toronto, Ont.

The purchaser shall pay a deposit of 20 per cent of his purchase money to the liquidator, and shall pay the balance within ten days thereafter to the liquidator without interest. No allowance shall be made for deficiency nor shall any guarantee be given. Other conditions are the standing conditions of the court as far as applicable. Dated at Toronto this 14th September, A. D. 1900. NEIL McLEAN,
Chief clerk of the master-in-ordinary.
65czxv

Steamship Arrivals.

Sept. 20.	At	From
Kaiser Wilhelm II.	New York	Naples
Alcides	Father Point	Glasgow
Rydalholme	Tyne	Ship Harbor
Cunaxa	Liverpool	St. John
Brayhead	Dublin	Montreal
Yola	London	Montreal
Manigara	Glasgow	Chatham, N.B.
Andoni	London	Montreal
St Germain	New York	Havre
New England	Liverpool	Boston
Augusta Victoria	Plymouth	New York
Lahn	Bremen	New York
Switzerland	Philadelphia	Antwerp
Peruvian	Boston	Glasgow

A citizens' municipal league has been formed at Toronto to promote the reform of the city's municipal machinery.

Two British ships, each over a century old, were still sailing the seas last year.

Cut This Out

And take it to your druggist, W. T. Strong & Co., who will present you with a trial bottle of the wonderful New Medicine they have secured the exclusive agency for, Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung affections. Its cures are simply marvelous, absolutely curing where all else fail, and has saved thousands from an early grave; even physicians are astonished at this marvelous cure. It costs nothing and is always convincing. A guaranteed cure goes with large bottles

Massacre

All the People of a Chinese Town Put to Death

Under Direct Orders of Russian Authorities.

Some 5,000 Thrown Into a River—Estimated That 50,000 Native Christians Have Been Butchered.

London, Sept. 21.—Authentic accounts have been received here, says the Moscow correspondent of the Standard, of a horrible massacre at Blagovestchensk, which was undoubtedly carried out under direct orders from the Russian authorities, and which then let loose the tide of slaughter through Amur. The entire Chinese population of 5,000 souls was escorted out of town to a point five miles up the Amur, and then, being led in batches of a few hundreds to the river bank, was ordered to cross over to the Chinese side. No boats were provided and the river is a mile wide. The Chinese were flung alive into the stream and were stabbed or shot at the least resistance, while Russian volunteers, who lined the bank, clubbed or shot any who attempted to land. Not one escaped alive. The river bank for miles was strewn with corpses.

50,000 CHRISTIANS BUTCHERED.

Shanghai, Sept. 18. — Mr. Goodnew, the American consul, estimated today that between forty and fifty thousand native Christians have been murdered for refusing to recant.

Washington, Sept. 30.—The war department has received the following dispatch: "Taku (no date), Pekin, Sept. 17.—Following accepted here as reliable: Two daughters of Atwater and 26 others murdered at Tayuan, July 9. Clapp and wife, four others, murdered Taiku, July 31. Atwater, wife, two children, six others murdered by their escort near Pen Chow Fu, Aug. 15. All in Shan Si province. Same message reports six persons, Dixon and wife, Occurren and wife, single gentleman and single lady, as having escaped into the mountains from a mission thirty miles north of Takuan. They escaped on horseback and possibly may have evaded their pursuers. Chaffee."

SOME OF THE VICTIMS.

The state department has received the following telegram from the consul-general at Shanghai, China: "Shanghai, Sept. 20, 1900.—Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.—Killed to date, Rev. and Mrs. Simcox, three children; Dr. and Mrs. Hodge, Dr. Taylor, Rev. Pilkin, Misses Gould, Morrill at Pao Ting Fu; Miss Desmond, Manchester, at Ku Chau; Misses Rice, Huston, at Lu Cheng; Rev. and Mrs. Clapp, Rev. C. L. William, Rev. Davis, Miss Bird Partridge at Taku; Rev. and Mrs. Atridge at Taku; Rev. and Mrs. Atwater, four children, Rev and Mrs. Price, one child at Fenchow Fu. Have mailed report. Goodnow."

LI AT TAKU.

Tong Ku, Sept. 19.—Via Shanghai, Sept. 20.—Li Hung Chang arrived on Tuesday at the Taku anchorage, where he was visited by Rear Admiral Remey, and the Russian flag captain. He proceeded to Tong Ku today. He was received with no special honors and his presence attracted little attention.

EXTERMINATION OF BOXERS.

London, Sept. 20.—The Chinese minister here, Sir Chih Chen Lo Feng Luh, has received an imperial edict, which orders the Boxers to be exterminated, and says the missionaries at Pao Ting Fu are to be escorted by the troops of the acting viceroy and delivered to the commanders of the allied forces at Chang Sing Tien and Lu Kon Chiao.

RUSSIA'S ATTITUDE.

London, Friday, Sept. 21, 4 a.m.—Such Pekin dispatches as appear this morning tend to confirm the suspicions regarding the attitude of Russia already expressed by Dr. Morrison, the correspondent of the Times at the Chinese capital. The Daily News prints a telegram almost identical with the advices to the Daily Express from Pekin, but adding that in the opinion of the correspondent the Russians only desire to induce the other powers to withdraw. The Morning Post's Pekin representative, wiring Sept. 13, expresses the same opinion. He declares that M. De Giers will not go unless the other ministers go also.

BRITAIN'S STAND.

It was explained today at the British foreign office that "it was found inexpedient for the powers to accept the Russian withdrawal proposal," as they had reliable information that "the Boxers were ready to reoccupy Pekin as soon as the allies retired."

BOXER STRONGHOLDS TAKEN.

London, Sept. 20.—The secretary of state for India has received the following dispatch from Gen. Dorward in command of the British troops at Tien Tsin, dated Wednesday, Sept. 12: "Occupied the headquarters of the Boxers at Tei Li, 25 miles from Tien Tsin, Sept. 10. The enemy fled to Sheng Fang. Ti Liu was destroyed, but the large neighboring city of Ching Hai was spared on condition that Mr. Green, a missionary, and two ladies and two children who were known to be in hiding at Hai Nan Hsien, would be brought in safety to Tien Tsin. The mandarin accepted the conditions. Sheng Fang, 30 miles distant, is the last of the Boxers' strongholds near Tien Tsin."

ALLIES VICTORIOUS.

Berlin, Sept. 20.—The Lokal Anzeiger's Shanghai correspondent cables that the allies today captured the Pei Tang and La Tai forts with great losses.

BRITISH FIRST.

Details of the capture of Llang Siang on Sept. 11 give the British credit for climbing the walls of the city and planting their flag ten minutes ahead of the Germans. The British force consisted of 50 men, with Maxim gun, under Capt. Griffin, and the German force of 1,700 men, under Gen. Von Hoffen. During the street fighting Capt. Griffin was assaulted by six Chinese. Bugler Ali Sher Khan rescued him after killing two of his assailants. The British say 200 Chinese were killed.

LOOT FROM TIEN TSIN.

San Francisco, Sept. 20.—Revenue officers have brought down from the Mare Island navy yard on a government tug 154 cases of rare Oriental goods, which had been brought into this country on the hospital ship Solace. The articles seized would net a small fortune. The duty is nearly 60 per cent. On this account most of the stuff, which includes loot from Tien Tsin, probably will be abandoned to the government. The cases of silks and curios are addressed to persons all over the United States.

ANOTHER IMPERIAL DECREE.

New York, Sept. 21.—An imperial decree has been received here, the Pekin correspondent of the Herald cables in announcing the arrival of the emperor and empress dowager at Tai Yuen Fu. The decree also commands the governor of Shan Si province to raise money to build a palace at Hsian Fu, as the new intended capital.

Advance!

In Philadelphia and Reading Miners' Wages.

The Company Increases Their Pay 10 Per Cent.

Far-Reaching Effect Upon the Strike Situation Anticipated — Reports From Other Points.

New York, Sept. 21.—The Philadelphia and Reading Coal Company has decided to raise the wages of its employes 10 per cent. It is understood from advices received from Philadelphia that the advance will begin immediately—from this morning, in fact. The effect of it upon the strike situation will be far reaching. It is believed now that when the increase of wages is made known, all the company's miners will return to work, and the five mines now closed will resume. What this will mean in the matter of coal supply is apparent from the capacity of the Philadelphia and Reading mines which it is estimated can easily supply 50 per cent of the coal necessary for the requirements of eastern cities.

THE SLIDING SCALE.

In making the 10 per cent advance in wages the officials of the Reading Company do not take the ground that it is a submission to the demands of the workers. The employes of this company are paid on what is known as the sliding scale.

THE HAZELTON REGION.

Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 21.—There were no developments in the strike situation hereabouts this morning.

The whole Hazleton region was reported extremely quiet. The strikers reported at headquarters success in persuading a considerable number of workmen from going into the mines.

Several mine superintendents reported an increasing number of men at work.

PRESIDENT MITCHELL MISSING.

President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers', is still among the missing. If he has gone to New York to confer with the large operators on a question of a settlement of the strike, it is not possible to learn that such is the case here. All his lieutenants deny knowledge of his whereabouts.

PROTECTING CLAUSE.

New York, Sept. 21.—Grove D. Curtis, of the firm of Curtis & Blaisdell, one of the largest retailing coal firms in the country, said yesterday that 95 per cent of the firms who made contracts with large consumers were protected by a clause invariably insisted upon that all agreements should be void in case of a strike. The other 5 per cent, Mr. Curtis added, would probably be upheld by the courts in pleading "usages of the trade."

MANY MINES IDLE.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 21.—There is very little change in the strike situation in the Wyoming Valley this morning. The colliery of the West End Coal Company at Mercanaqua suffered another reduction in its force today, but the mines are still in operation.

All the other mines in the district are idle.

Philadelphia, Sept. 20.—According to advices from Hazleton the strikers are gaining ground in that region, although the operators dispute this, and insist that more men are at work today than there were yesterday.

Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 20.—Reports received at strike headquarters and elsewhere from various parts of the Hazleton region this morning brought nothing but good news to the striking anthracite coal miners.

POLITICAL POINTS

The Premier Honored by an Immense Gathering at Montreal—Notes of the Campaign.

SIR WILFRID AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Sept. 20. — Sohmer Park was packed by an immense gathering of six or seven thousand persons tonight on the occasion of the mass meeting in honor of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The prime minister was escorted from the Windsor Hotel by a torchlight procession, miles long, and there were thousands of people on the streets, which were illuminated by fireworks. Besides the premier, Mr. Fielding and Mr. Tarte made addresses. A detailed account of the meeting will appear later.

NIPISSING LIBERALS.

North Bay, Ont., Sept. 21.—A Liberal convention was held here yesterday for the purpose of nominating a candidate in Nipissing for the coming general election. C. A. McCool was unanimously chosen as the candidate. The meeting was addressed by Mr Fraser, M.P., of Guysboro, and Isadore Proulx, M.P., Russell.

SIR CHARLES AT WIARTON.

Sir Charles Tupper and colleagues, who reached Wiarton at 6 o'clock last (Thursday) evening, were received at the station by a brass band and cheers. A torchlight procession escorted the leaders to the skating rink, where a meeting was held. Dr. Fisher, president of the North Bruce Conservative Association, occupied the chair, and James Symon, mayor of Wiarton, welcomed the visitors on behalf of the corporation. The address of welcome was read by the town clerk. Sir Charles Tupper, in replying, thanked the electors of North Bruce for sending Mr. McNeill to parliament. The principal speeches were made by Sir Charles Tupper, Hon. Hugh John Macdonald and Hon. Geo. E. Foster.

NOTES.

Mr. Pridham, ex-M.P., was nominated by the South Perth Conservatives.

Hon. Mr. Fisher, minister of agriculture, arrived in Cayuga on Thursday. Accompanied by Mayor Thompson, he was driven to Rainham Center to speak at Rainham and South Cayuga Fair. Owing to it raining most of the afternoon, he spoke for only a few minutes. He was followed by Hon. Dr. Montague, both speeches being entirely non-political.

It is expected that James B. Klock, the present member for Nipissing, will be nominated to oppose Mr. McCool.

Mr. F. T Frost, M.P., was nominated by the Liberals of North Leeds and Grenville for the commons.

The pupils of the Strathroy Collegiate Institute are to be given a half-holiday today (Friday), the occasion of the visit of Sir Charles Tupper and party.

"PURITY" Baking Powder

IS THE BEST.

It is renowned for making finest cake, hot biscuits and rolls.

Made fresh daily, and guaranteed absolutely pure—20c lb.

CAIRNCROSS & LAWRENCE,
Chemists and Druggists.
216 Dundas Street, London, Ont.

New Ontario.

[Monetary Times.]

Remarkable testimony to the character of "New Ontario" as an agricultural district is borne by the exhibit of field products under the charge of Mr. Robt. Burriss, Ontario government agent at Port Arthur. This enormous western end—too long considered the fag end—of the province, is adaptable for dairying, stock-raising and mixed farming to a degree which this exhibit proves. Extending from Nipissing to the Rainy River Valley, north of Lake Superior, 140 million acres are embraced. This is the territory, if we remember rightly, into which the provincial government is now sending ten exploration parties, for which the legislature made a grant last session. The specimens we now notice are all or nearly all from the Thunder Bay district, one of six, and they are sufficiently instructive. There are said to be 148 varieties of native grasses identified. These grow with surprising rapidity by reason of the long days of that region, where it is light from 4 a.m. till 8 p.m. Millet planted on July 1 is cut before end of August; cucumbers and pumpkins and celery attain great growth; a head of cabbage, brought by express 1,000 miles, weighs 20 pounds, unripe as it is, but would weigh 45, Mr. Burriss says, if ripe. We have seen maize grown at the 50th parallel, and flax 14 feet long pulled near Port Arthur. Of clover, two crops can be grown in one season, and timothy hay is of very fine quality. We hear of oats 7 feet tall and barley 6, both these grains being admirably suited for this district. The potatoes and onions are of an astonishing size, reminding one of Manitoba; raspberries, apples, tobacco and garlic are the final items among our notes of this territory, in which the department of crown lands, Toronto, offers farms for actual settlers, either as free grants or at a nominal sum per acre on easy terms.

An old bachelor says the bride is foolish because she doesn't marry the best man at the wedding.

The Spanish import duties paid during the first six months of the current year exceed by 55,000,000 pesetas those for the corresponding period of 1899.

A GOOD TIME=

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