

WESTERN ONTARIO.

BRANT.

Brantford's exports in 1893 were \$371,000. G. K. Siverstone, while at work on the dam at Brantford, fell into the Grand River. He managed to climb on an ice floe and saved his life.

ELGIN.

W. E. Murray, banker, Aylmer, celebrated his 84th birthday on Friday evening last by entertaining a large number of his friends. A very enjoyable time was spent. The first annual convention of the Elgin Baptist Young People's Union was held in the Center Street Baptist Church, St. Thomas, on Tuesday. Over 100 delegates were present. These officers were elected: J. L. Hogg, St. Thomas, president; David Lewis, New Sarum, vice-president; E. Cloes, Aylmer, secretary-treasurer; James McRae, Dutton, corresponding secretary.

ESSEX.

Rev. Father Beaudoin, of the Church of Our Lady of St. Clair, east of Walkerville, desires to erect a separate school in the township, and is meeting with some opposition. The case may come into the courts. On the 4th of last August Maggie, the year-old daughter of John Sherman, of Walkerville, while crossing the Grand Trunk Railway tracks at Second street, Walkerville, was run over by a Grand Trunk Railroad train, and her legs were mangled in such a manner that both had to be amputated. It was claimed that the gates were not down at the time, and Sherman has instituted a claim for \$10,000 damages from the railway company.

KENT.

The City Council of Chatham has decided to appeal against the award of the arbitrators in re Kent County vs. Chatham, and instructed the city solicitor to act accordingly.

LAMBTON.

The East Lambton Farmers' Institute will hold three meetings to discuss fruit. They will be held at Arkona on March 14, Thedford on the 15th, and Camlachie on the 16th.

MIDDLESEX.

The annual entertainment of the Masonville Union Sunday school was held in the school house Friday, Feb. 25. It was attended with its usual success. The chair was occupied by Mr. Boke, and an interesting programme rendered, which afforded great satisfaction to those who listened to the renowned Sim. Fax and others who kindly gave their assistance for the evening. Among them were Misses Allen, Boke, Baines, Jeffery, Smith, Graham, Barter and McLeod, and Messrs. Dr. Ziegler, Barter and V. Jenkins. After the lengthy programme was brought to a close, those taking part and friends resorted to Mr. Young's residence, Proof Line road, where refreshments were served.

D. McKellar & Son, general merchants, of Belmont, have made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors.

OXFORD.

At a special meeting of the Ingersoll council, Tuesday evening, two petitions of over 400 names each were presented, one praying for a reduction in the number of liquor licenses in the town, and the other that there be no reduction. A bylaw making the number of hotel licenses six, a reduction of three from last year, and two shop licenses, same as last year, was introduced and passed the first and second readings.

O. E. Twiss and Mrs. John Simmons, of Ticonderoga, have been handsomely remembered in the will of a grand aunt in Ireland, who died in county Cork recently.

There is talk in Woodstock of moving for a reduction of licenses. A runaway occurred at Ingersoll Wednesday about 6 o'clock. As Mr. Skinner and another gentleman were coming out of Skinner's livery stables, their horse, taking fright at something, ran down the C. P. R., and as the rig struck the switch it upset, throwing out the occupants, badly cutting Mr. Skinner's face. The other man escaped with a few bruises.

PERTE.

The Liberals have added 106 and the Conservatives 36 to the Ontario voters' lists at Stratford, Liberal gain, 70.

WELLINGTON.

Walter Laing, of Eden Mills, has been committed to Milton jail on the charge of writing obscene letters to a widow who refused to marry him. The remains of Mrs. Griffin, wife of Gilbert W. Griffin, mail clerk between London and Toronto, and daughter of the late Frank Smith, grainbuyer, Guelph, were buried in the latter place Tuesday.

WATERLOO.

The vital statistics for 1893, in Berlin, are: Births registered, 200; deaths, 95; marriages, 85.

The Baden brewery is a total loss through the recent fire. The insurance was \$2,200. Lorenz Dastner was the owner.

THERE WAS NO QUORUM.

Six Members Attend the Special Meeting of the City Council Called to Act on Proposed License Reduction.

When Mayor Essery returned home from the week and one day trip with the water commissioners, he straightway instructed City Clerk Kingston to call a special meeting of the council to act on the bylaw embodying the proposed license reduction.

At 8 o'clock in the evening, the time called for the session, Mayor Essery mounted his chair and looked around him. Before his eyes stood twelve empty leather upholstered chairs, while six other leather upholstered chairs were filled with aldermen. Outside the railing about a score of onlookers were gathered. The mayor looked at the chairs, then at the aldermen and then at the clock, while silence reigned supreme.

The aldermen present were J. W. Jones, John Heaman, S. O'Meara, Wm. Heaman, John Nutkins and M. Scarrow.

Ald. Wm. Heaman was the first to break a hole in the silence. "It's a kind of a slim meeting and it's very quiet," said he.

Mayor Essery—Yes; I guess, gentlemen, there is no quorum.

Ald. J. W. Jones—It's a mutual admiration society.

Then Mr. Wm. Heaman began to tell the mayor how glad he was to see him back again, and the mayor said that he had come a long way to attend the meeting.

The gathering lapsed into silence again and waited for the members that did not come. When the long hand of the clock had moved on its course to the extent of five minutes the mayor said, "Well, I declare, no quorum," and retired, while five of the six aldermen present went to attend the meeting of No. 3 committee, of which they were members.

Demonstrated.

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HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE.

HENRY H. FAXON, a millionaire citizen of Quincy, Mass., serves the town as policeman without pay under a special appointment of the mayor. He is an active prohibitionist.

The curious and possibly important fact, says London Electricity, has been noticed that when the eyes are illuminated from behind by a glow lamp in the mouth, the pupils, seen as blood-red apertures, do not contract.

COLONEL ENOCH NOYES, of Cecil county, Maryland, has just felled on his farm, near Port Deposit, a walnut tree eighteen feet in circumference, 86 feet high, and believed to be 300 years old. He expects to get \$400 for the lumber.

A TRANSLUCENT waterproof pliable material called duraline is being used in some parts of Europe and Australia as a substitute for glass for roofing large buildings. It is easily bent, can be cut with strong scissors and it is said to be weather and heat proof.

PERSONS who sew a great deal often suffer from soreness of the thumb finger. Silver or plated thimbles are the best and next to these a lightly burnished steel thimble should be used. Swelling of the finger and very serious inflammation are often caused by cheap thimbles.

THE manufacture of brick from blast furnace slag has recently been commenced in Germany. One set of furnaces alone turned out over 5,000,000 bricks last year. The bricks are weak at first and have to be handled carefully, but they become sufficiently strong for building purposes after the lapse of six months.

AS TO THE speed with which the migration flights of birds are accomplished, Canon Tristram, in the British Association, quoted Herr Gatke as maintaining that godwits and plovers can fly at the rate of 240 miles an hour. Dr. Jordan had stated that the spine-tailed swift, roosting in Ceylon, would reach the Himalayas, 1,000 miles, before sunset. In their ordinary flight the swift was the only bird the author ever knew to outstrip an express train on the Great Northern Railway.

REV. GEORGE GLENN, of Hughesville, Pa., has earned the title of "Fighting Parson." One night recently two young men, much the worse for liquor, insulted the minister as he walked along the street. He gently chided them, when one seized a buggy whip and struck Mr. Glenn a blow, cutting a gash on his cheek. In an instant the ministerial coat was off and in less than three minutes both young men were lying in the street. Rev. Mr. Glenn then repaired to the office of a magistrate and swore out warrants for their arrest.

ACCORDING to the Paris Gaulois Mr. Gladstone is a relative of Queen Victoria. Here is the pedigree: John of Beaufort, legitimate son of John of Gaunt, "time honored Lancaster," was the progenitor of two great Scotch lines of dukes—Sutherland and Athol. Jane Gordon, of the house of Sutherland married Hughes Mackay, ancestor five generations back of Anne Robertson, mother of Mr. Gladstone. On the other side Elizabeth Stuart, of the house of Athol, married Colin Mackenzie, ancestor six generations back of Anne Mackenzie, grandmother of Mr. Gladstone.

THE caprice of the moment in Paris is Chinese soup. In this sharks' fins are the chief ingredient. Only the high class grocers have them, and put up as they are, beaded on pink wool, in little glass boxes, they look at first glance like some goodie from the confectioner's. Another dish seen now at fashionable dinners in the French capital is young roast peacock, served with truffles, and the most affected ice for the same feasts is flavored with hazel nuts and called "Bombe Avelane"—a souvenir of the recently visiting Russians, who, though lost to sight, are still evidently to memory dear.

THERE are many ways of eating oranges, but the Floridian has probably the most common-sense way of disposing of the fruit. He uses a sharp knife and pares the orange much the same as one would peel an apple, taking care not to cut through the white rind that protects the pulp. Then holding the orange at the poles and cutting through the center the seed pods are removed. The rest is easy. As a colored boy in Jacksonville said: "Put your face in it and eat till you come to the rind." The white rind forms a natural cup for the juice, and any one who ever tries this method will never think of removing the skin in the old way and quattering the fruit.

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