Romps in Wells' Field in the Early Sixties.

Beautiful Flowers and Botanical Specimens Gathered There.

Happy Memories of a London Boy Now Living in the East.

To the Editor of the "Advertiser":

Though winter lingers long past his usual time, and patience, not alone of him who loves to be afield, but even of the city man whose chief enjoyment is his desk and ledgers, is severely tried by the all too frequent postponement of the vernal season, there is that in the human composition, quite summer will be done under contractthe same as it is found in nature wild, the same as in years past. which is prophetic of spring, which, The street railway company wanted notwithstanding its many delays, is to do a portion of it at \$200 a mile, for now upon our threshold. As I write three sprinklings a day, if seven miles this I feel the spirit animating me, and or over of their lines were included in not the recollection that the ground the area. was fast bound with frost this morning, nor the memory that yesterday can remove the all-absorbing impres- the old plan of letting the work out sion with which I am possessed, that by tender. it is in reality spring. The buds on the elms that border the streets have not yet burst into their russet fluorescence, nor have the willows by the margin of the pool advanced their cat-tract for the balance. The third was kins to the stage where they take a yellow tint to replace the silky white that they first show. But by the edge have the city hire teams by the day of the bog that has been tempered by the warm spring that wells up from while the fourth was for the city to do the soil, the skunk cabbage has been all the watering by the day. in flower for a full month, and though the "peepers" in the pools have twice been silenced by Jack Frost, the robin and the ground-bird and the purple grackle that are to be seen every day now, lend their testimony to the spirit that dominates me at this time, and prove that, in spite of blasts and snow withstanding the coal bill is still run-ning up, it is indeed spring; and it is only a little time now when the season will assert itself.

And with another advent of the sea-son of buds and blossoms again there comes to me the almost overpowering by the day had its good features about desire to seek once more the spot from it, and was rather favorably reviewed which I used to gather the first floral by Mr. Graydon. The aldermen, howevidences of spring. I wonder if anyone in London remembers it as I do, an experiment, and they awarded conbecause it can now be but a memory. Long ago its botanical glory departed. But what a glory it was! I do not remember ever to have seen another like 4t. And it was at my very door. We used to know it as Well's field.

That was about 35 years ago, and there have been great changes in London since. Wells' field is not what it was, I am told. But I don't expect this in the fullest sense. I like to remember it as I knew it, and, now that the spring added to their total-\$2,170-was \$2,500 season is again knocking at the door, for water, \$200 for repairs to carts, I love to think of spring as I looked \$280 for an inspector, and \$450 for four out upon it in those days of childhood, new carts, a total of \$5,600. over there in Wells' field. I can see Under proposition No. 2 it was estiflirting his wings and tail, giving exwould amount to \$1,569. The street railpression to his delight in laughter that
way company was to get \$1,400 for its
oughly up-to-date practical man would is not to be seen; on one of the little water, making a total of \$5,940 67. knolls there is a ground-bird singing By proposal No. 3, six teams were his brief but sweet lay. And there, in counted to be in use every day at eminent. It was a wild garden. and all the Latin and Greek with which tor-in all \$5,451 66. they have subsequently been embelparticle of attractiveness to them that they did not already possess. I did not know that the delicate beauty I was satisfied to call May lily should suming to supply a name. I was like and inspector \$280, a total of \$6,070. the Ephesians, for I was worshiping exact spot where the spring beauties, this year. One hundred and ninetythe trilliums, the dog's-tooth violets, the meadow rue, and all the others

while ago.

But, really, that was a remarkably prollific piece of ground. Where was prollific piece of grounded on the 5,860 feet included in the original area prolific piece of ground. Where was it? It was the square bounded on the north by Grosvenor street—then it was the gravel pit from which the London Lime Company obtained the raw mate-Lime Com rial for their product-on the east by Waterloo street, on the south by James street, and on the west by Weilington street intersections; 5,280 feet street, and on the west by Wellington street. It was a wide field, but had a schools, broken fronts and double good-sized garden fenced from its frontages, leaving a total of 82,265 runsouthern portion, in the center of southern portion, in the center of ning feet upon which rates would be which stood a substantial farm resito the rear; and between the granary, the house and the barn there was an In the seasons there were many of the gay flowers that the oldfashioned gardens afforded, and the Wells place was always rated as a and Central avenue it was 6 2-3 miles. most attractive one. But to me the margin of the big field, that was in A Dollar Went Further in Those Days. the summer to be covered with the growing wheat, was far more attractive than any artificial garden could For there was more of the spirit of genuine spring-of the always developing season-in those wild things than the exotic beauties of the finest garden could ever possess.

I remember the first of them. It was the spring beauty. It was a Claytonia -whether the Virginian one or the Carolinian I cannot say, but it was a Claytonia. Then, upon its heels came the trilliums and the erithroniumsthere were two species of the former, the white and the red, and one of the latter. Along with these there were two species of violets, the common blue and the yellow that is known in the notanies as the species pubescens. The early meadow rue, with its multitude of beautiful tassels of corollaless flowers and foliage that resembled that of a maiden hair fern, was also an early comer in the same borders, and the mitrewort and its imitatermitella and tiarella-and the mouseear everlasting, and the dandelion, were all in the ranks of the earliest that bloomed in the angles of that old worm fence. Following closely upon their heels were the Canadian violet, the Canadian columbine, the cranesbill, the water-leaf—and these brought season along to the end of May, and it was then about time for summer

to begin. Just now I am not in the humor to wish for the cranesbills, nor even for the mandrakes or May apples that birthday, but the longing that is on great variety. See our whist table, Grand gist has none in me is for the spring beauties and the Rapid designs, for \$2 50, 95 and 97 King.

molete of Wells' field, and for the song of the peewee on the granary chimney and the ground-bird on the little thorn bush near the corner where I used to turn into the gravel pit. I cannot realize my desire, in fact, but in spirit I can, as I used to, again wander along the margin of that field and greet the loves of my boyhood.

JOHN MILLER, JUN.

Providence, R. I., April 8, 1896.

Not This Year.

Street Railway Company Cannot Water London Streets.

Work Will All Be Done Under the Old System-Tenders Accepted-The En. gineer's Propositions-Estimated Cost of the Watering Under Each.

The watering of London streets this

But No. 3 committee of the council last night gave the question a thorough thrashing cut, and decided to stick to

There were four propositions before the committee. The first was to give all the watering out by tender, the second was to let the street railway company water seven miles, and conto allow the railway seven miles and

The idea of giving the street railway company the work of covering seven miles was disapproved of by the committeemen, who considered that the only redeeming feature of it was to be found in the fact that it would save to a great extent the city supply at Springbank, which it is expected

propositions, the first was adopted. The proposal of the city doing the watering with teams and men hired ever, thought it would be too much of

tracts at the following prices: Section 1-Henry Griffin, \$275. Section 2-M. Baldwin, \$304. Section 3-H. Griffin, \$290. Section 4-E. Morkin, \$172. Section 5-E. Morkin, \$220 20. Section 6-C. Beckett. \$320. Section 7-C. Beckett, \$294 50. Section 8-M. Baldwin, \$294.

These were the tenders recommended for acceptance by the engineer, and

the robin perched on the topmost rail, mated the tenders in the six sections is contagious. On the chimney of the seven miles; repairs to carts would granary there is a peewee; somewhere cost \$125, and an inspector \$280. The in the azure dome above there is a engineer estimated a reduction of bluebird, for his soft, but all-pervading \$833 33 on the city water bill by the querulous note reaches us, though he street railway furnishing its own

the corners of the snake fence, are the \$2 75 each, a total of \$16 50 per day. earliest of the spring blossoms—it is one hundred and twenty days water in this respect that Wells' field was ing were estimated, making \$1,980 for teams alone. To this has to be added I did not then know the flowers by \$1,400 for the railway company, \$1,their names. But I loved them even 666 66 for the waterworks, \$125 for reif I had not been formally introduced, pairs to carts, and \$280 for the inspe-

Proposition No. 4 was to hire teams lished by the books has not added one for the total area. Eight teams were considered necessary, which, at \$2 75 per day for each team, and 120 days in the season, would cost \$2,640. By this plan the water commissioners be called Claytonia, while many an would have to be paid \$2,500; repairs other I worshiped without even pre- would cost \$200, two new carts \$450, The engineer showed that twenty an unknown god. But I never forgot miles (including Victoria Park and the their lovely forms, and to this day I their lovely forms, and to this day I feel just as though I could go to the feel just as th

the meadow rue, and all the others estimate, of which 71—or 36 per cent—grew, and find them still growing as were traversed by the street railway. they grew in that time now a long It was estimated that 16,560,000 galfeet. From this was to be taken 2,189 feet petitioned against, 15,970 feet of

which stood a substantial farm resistance of brick. There was a granary to collected. The total taxable frontage dence of brick. There was a granary to would be 164,530 feet, which at 4 cents per foot makes \$6,581 20 to be collected. The mileage of streets on the railway in the specifications was 6 22-100 miles not including Wellington street and Central avenue. With Wellington street

> A wag, when told that George Washington threw a dollar over the natural bridge of Virginia, replied that a dol- and formulate plans. lar went further in those days than now. The wag, though witty, was Wrong; for a dollar never went so far as now, if it be invested in Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, which is universally acknowledged to be a specific for consumption, bronchitis, and all wasting diseases. The nutritive properties of Cod liver oil are trifling when compared with the results that follow the use of the

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Horticulturalists Are Not Satisfied With City Park Management,

And Will Make a Strong Effort to Institute a Change.

Florists Speak Their Mind Freely—Park Beauty Made Subservient to Public Convenience-A Committee Formed.

The present park management was very severely criticised at a meeting of the Forest City Horticultural Association, held in Duffield block last night. Among those present were: J. S. Pearce, president; R. W. Rennie, secretary; I. Bond, J. Balkwill, W. E. Saunders, F. Hessel, C. Gilbert, W. Gammage, J. Ward, L. Gibson, and Rev. Thomas W. Charlesworth.

President Pearce opened the discus-

sion. They had one park in particular -Victoria-and one or two others. Queen's Park was in part a park, and soon they hoped to have a good one down at Springbank. Parks were a his party so zealously advocate, it may good thing to have in a city, and while with reason be assumed that in his the present parks were very good, as case the wish is father to the thought. far as they went, he thought they could be greatly improved. He pointed out the value of parks as regards health, and as an education they also had a refining and ennobling influence, such as music also had. They were not there to find fault or blame anyone, or make any severe criticism with reference to the present state of the parks. There had been many civic improve-ments lately, and if the city was going to go ahead evenly the improvement in the parks should keep pace with the others. He referred to the unnecessary straight gravel walks running through the park. Citizens should have enough civic pride to be content to follow the winding paths, and for the council to make straight walks through the park for the convenience of the public was a very foolish thing to do. There should be a greater variety of flowers and trees and shrubs, and all should be labeled as a means of education. The school yards, as they are conducted at present, were a disgrace. It was a want of foresight on the part of the School Beard in not laying out the school yards into shrubberies, and flower beds. This would have an influence upon the neatness and order of the pupils. A park, if kept nicely, was one of the best advertising mediums and most attractive features of the city of London.

Mr. Gammage said that for some time he had noticed that the parks of London were behind in commercial horti-Persons who visited large culture. cities on the other side and did not visit the parks, missed one of the sights of the city. The original design of Victoria Park had been obliterated. This was a great deal the fault of the caretaker, who, in turn, suffered under a disadvantage in having to be accountable to a different man every year under the present conditions. He have made Victoria Park so beautiful, so attractive, that people would not have wantonly destroyed it as they have. The park should be governed as it was in other cities, by a com-

In 1894 the city parks cost \$3,020 55 and in 1895, \$2,360 60. Three hundred and fifty dollars was spent last year at Queen's Park. The labor at toria Park cost \$1,300. This caused the president to remark

that there was a "screw loose" somewhere, and Mr. Rennie thought it was Mr. Pearce said that the labor at Woodland Cemetery did not exceed

\$1,000, and there was more work to do there than at Victoria Park. Mr. Gammage explained that \$500 expended was for band concerts, and concluded by saying, with due respect to the City Council and Mr. Grant, the park was not up to date. wages the caretaker was getting they could get a much better man. Mr. Gammage spoke shortly about the Springbank park, and dealt with

the natural beauty of the place. In the hands of a competent landscape artist, that place could be made the prettiest park in America. The members had a joke or two about Mr. Grant's antipathy for dogs, and his supposition, according to Mr. Saunders, that there was no use in

planting anything good, as it would only be stolen. Mr. Gammage pointed out that the park would not be at all attractive under the present circumstances until

string months. Mr. Rennie thought that the mainenance of a greenhouse all winter large profits. through was unnecessary. By buying | Diamond Dyes are from two to three stock plants in February they could in times as strong as any of the imitation three months propagate all the plants dyes. The best materials that science necessary. In the fall a commercial can produce are used in the manufacgreen house would be willing, for a ture of Diamond Dyes, and you can

plants. Mr. Pearce said that the Board of Trade would no doubt be willing to assist the society in their efforts. Finally President Pearce, Secretary Rennie and Mr. Gammage were appointed a committee to report on the matter

The annual spring flower show was discussed. Owing to the fickleness of the weather and its effect on horticul-ture, no stated time can be set. But it was decided to hold the usual show this spring. No admission fee will be charged, and an effort will be made to secure the upper story of the Free Lidrary building. Messrs. Balkwill, Bond, Saunders, Rennie and Gilbert were appointed a committee to make

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IMPERIAL FEDERATION AND THE HIGH TAX POLICY. To the Editor of the "Advertiser":

During the coming general election appeals for support will be made by the "protectionists" in virtue of their claim of being supporters, if not the originators, of so-called Imperial Federation.

So much nonsense would not be writ and eloquence wasted on this subject Were the people to realize the fact that a federation of the British Empire exists today in so far as the corrupting and consequently disintegrating influence of "protection" in some of its vital parts will permit it to exist. In so far as Canada is concerned, the

evidences of corruption and disinte-gration since protection was introduced here in 1879 are many. For instance Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper a short time ago aserted (and his statement has been repeated by hosts of orators and writers in this and other countries, where it is sought to perpetuate protection) that "Great Britain is being driven out of the civilized markets of the world, and is now obliged to use her army and navy to force her goods on defenseless savages.

As Great Britain is supposed to be thus injuriously affected by the very protective measures Sir Hibbert and This is but one of the many mean and petty, not to say false, assertions against the honor and dignity of the United Kingdom, that are being industriously circulated in this and other countries by the advocates of protec tion, and account in a measure for the hatred against "the tight little isle which is such a noticeable feature of our times.

As the strongest tie that binds the Empire together must always be mu-tual respect and love, such assertions by public men like Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper must weaken the very foundation on which the unity of the Empire rests.

A list of the known cases of corruption in high places since protection was introduced in Canada would fill pages, and they necessarily bear a small proportion to the whole, involving a los to the people of many millions of dollars.

Many postoffices fit to accommodate the business of large cities have been built in small towns to influence the vote of the electors.

Custom houses have been opened all over the country to provide places for political supporters; but the greatest steal is that by which hundreds of millions of dollars have been taken out of the pockets of the people by the tariff and put into the pockets of the combines and certain favored manufacturers. It is no wonder that, during this car-

nival of unblushing plunder farm lands have fallen in value 40 per cent, and wages (cost of living considered) in proportion, for the best authorities, and common sense, teach that all such extravagance is ultimately paid for by the farmers and laborers of the community. The time is opportune, in so far as

Canada is concerned, for loyal citizens year under the present conditions. He considered that the present system of the Empire to destroy the influence of the blustering boomsters who boast park mangement was not up to the of their power to corrupt the whole times. He also asserted that a thoras a cure for the poverty and disintegration they have already created in some of its parts by the successful advocacy of similar measures. New South Wales leads the way. She

is now shoulder to shoulder with the nother land in her trade policy. Surely Canada, the brightest and largest gem in the ring of British nations that girdles the world, will sweep from her path the band of boodlers that now bars her way to Imperial unity. H. WASHINGTON.

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