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MINERAL WEALTH.

The announcements made by Premier Whitney of the new Department of Mines, with a Minister for it, and the probable extension of Ontario's boundaries northwards into rich mineral lands, naturally turn men's minds to the question of mineral wealth. It will, therefore, be interesting to give some figures showing what mining companies of the better class in the United States have to their record. The Cambria Steel Company is credited with having paid \$2,475,000 in dividends on its \$45,000,000 of issued capital stock. The record of the American Smelting and Refining Company is a total of \$19,891,553 in dividends on capital stock, common and preferred, aggregating \$100,000,000.

Foremost among these is the Calmet and Hecla Company, which has won enormous wealth from the copper mines of Lake Superior. Its capital stock amounts to only \$2,500,000, par value, while the corporation has paid dividends aggregating no less than \$88,850,000. The Boston and Montana, another copper mining company, has paid over \$4,000,000 in dividends on a capital of \$3,750,000. The Anaconda Copper Company, which has its mines in Montana, has distributed \$24,450,000 to the owners of stock of the par value of \$30,000,000, and the big Amalgamated Company, also a producer of Montana Copper, has paid \$27,343,000 on capital stock to the amount of \$155,000,000. Other remarkably successful copper companies are the Tamarack, a Michigan concern, which has paid \$8,580,000 on stock to the par value of \$1,500,000; the Osameola, also mining Michigan copper, which has paid \$4,632,000 on \$2,500,000 of stock; the Quincy, another Michigan mining corporation, which has distributed \$14,920,000 to the owners of stock to the amount of \$2,500,000; and the Arizona Company, still another copper mining concern, has paid \$6,180,000 on a capital of \$3,775,000.

These copper mining companies have paid a total of about \$231,000,000 in dividends on stock of the par value of which cannot be approached by companies which have mined the precious metals. Only the wonderful success of the Standard Oil Company makes the showing of the manufacturing group corporations better than that of the leading copper companies. Gold and silver mining companies tell a different story. Among the best of them are the Alaska Treadwell Company, which has paid \$6,300,000 in dividends earned in gold mining to the owners of stock having the face value of \$5,000,000; the famous Homestake Company, of South Dakota, which has paid \$13,132,000 in dividends on stock of par value of \$21,840,000; the Portland, a gold mining company of Colorado, which has paid \$5,537,000 on stock to the amount of \$3,000,000; and the Standard Consolidated, of California, mining gold and silver, which has a record of \$4,160,000 in dividends on stock to the amount of \$2,000,000. The Silver King, a Utah corporation, mines gold, silver and lead, and has paid \$8,850,000 to the owners of \$3,000,000 in capital stock.

Mr. Borden's arguments on the schools question are weakened by the extreme care he took to see, before he spoke, exactly where the government was going to stand on the question.—Toronto Star.

Possibly. But we think his arguments would be weakened a thousand times more if Mr. Borden had jumped in and attacked a position which the government did not occupy.

ONE FOLLY LEFT.
Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.
Death ends all but the folly epitaph on the tombstone.

FREIGHT RATES

County Commissioner James Ross passed through the city to-day. He is shipping four cars of cattle to the Old Country. He is paying from \$4.50 to \$4.60 for prime beef. Mr. Ross says that they are paying as much for stockers as for export cattle. Mr. Ross calls attention to the discrimination that is made against Merin in the matter of freight rates. The rate on a car of cattle to Toronto is 14 cents per cwt. from Merin, 13 cents from Tilbury, and 13 cents from Fletcher. Tilbury is farther west than Merin, yet the rate is cheaper. A difference of a cent a pound means a difference of \$2.50 in a car of cattle at the very least. Mr. Ross is anxious that David Gordon, M. P., will take this matter up in the anti-freight rate discrimination campaign he is waging.

Abbey's Effervescent Salt

contains all the tonic laxative principles of fresh, ripe fruits. Children, as well as grown folk, may get its mild, gentle action on stomach, liver and bowels, without fear of ill-effects resulting.

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THE LOCAL BUDGET

R. L. Gosnell, of Blenheim, was in the city to-day.

Mrs. T. J. Doyle is spending a few days at her old home at Charing Cross.

Fred. Corey, of Toronto, spent yesterday the guest of his daughter, Mrs. O. L. Lewis.

Mr. Foster, G. T. R. solicitor, was in the city yesterday in connection with the suit of Elliott vs the G. T. R.

The Brooklyn merchants in business on St. Clair street are complaining that boys playing ball annoy them.

Neuralgia may not be dangerous, but it hurts. It seems to tear the face with red-hot pinners. Stay indoors and use Perry Davis' Pain-killer. The blessed freedom from pain which follows cannot be told.

The April sittings of the County Court opens next Tuesday. The case of Kerver vs. Morrison, R. M. Thompson for plaintiff and R. L. Gosnell contra, is the only one so far entered for trial.

Yes, it is humiliating to have a skin covered with foul eruptions. It is painful, too, for the burning and itching give you no peace. Why not end the trouble and restore your skin to its natural fairness with Weav's Cerate.

Major Coonan has a notion he would like to buy that well dressed piece of feminine statuary in the Northway Co. window and place the pretty painted face in Harrison Hall to please the men who spend the hours of the day there.

The greatest death rate in the Hospital for Insane is Consumption, so says that great expert, Dr. Burgess, of Montreal. "For over ten years I have prescribed 'The D & L' Emulsion with most satisfactory results."

A resolution was unanimously carried at the last meeting of the Windy Council, expressing disapproval of a story in the Detroit News-Tribune on asphalt block and discrediting the story copied in eastern papers that the block was wearing in that city.

Bill Needham, the King St. merchant, has received a letter from F.

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Very small and as easy to take as sugar.
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FOR HEADACHE.
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Your money in the till of the man who gives you the best value for it.

Pickled Salmon Trout 7c per lb.
Three cans Blueberries 25c.
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Five cents per lb. off all package Teas Saturday only.
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Seven lbs. best Rolled Oats 25c.
Broken Soda Biscuits 5c lb.
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Maple Syrup 25c quart.

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“NO. ONE!”

The Splendid Harwich Literary and Debating Society Holds Its Second Annual Banquet

The second annual banquet of the No. 1, Harwich, Literary and Debating Society was held last evening at the home of W. W. Everett, and proved an unqualified success. The banquet table, which was some 40 feet in length, stretched through the arch of the two large rooms and was charmingly festooned and decorated, and, moreover, laden with good things and delicacies, while a corps of busy waiters—young ladies and gentlemen—contributed materially to the enjoyment and comfort of the guests.

President Lindsay Parrott occupied the chair, and Wm. A. McGeehy the vice-chair, and both gentlemen proved themselves admirable toastmasters, and with bright anecdote and ready repartee enlivened the progress of the program.

The addresses in response of the various toasts were much enjoyed. Particularly happy was the thought of a toast to "the Gentlemen," which brought forth three gracious and delightful addresses from Misses D. Holmes, B. Wilson and T. Houston. The young ladies spoke particularly well.

The society is closing one of its most successful years. It has grown strong and waxed eloquent and has the loyal support of the whole section. The officers are as follows:—

President—Lindsay Parrott.
Vice-President—M. J. Smith.
Sec.-Treas.—John Cameron.
Executive Committee—Miss Nellie Field, J. McGeehy, H. English.

Program Committee—Miss T. Houston, Geo. Garon, Miss L. Cameron, Heat and Light—H. Cameron. The toast list last evening was as follows:—

PART I.
Chairman—Lindsay Parrott.
The King—God Save the King!
Canada and the Empire—M. J. Wilson.
W. D. A. Ross.

Our Society's Success—Alex. Everett, John McGeehy.
Dramatic Development—Jno. Houston, W. W. Everett.

The Farm—R. M. Smith, H. English, John Cameron, W. E. Parrott.

PART II.
Vice-Chairman—Geo. Garon.
Auld Lang Syne—A. E. Field, N. A. McGeehy, A. Cameron.
No. One Section—H. Cameron, M. J. Smith.

Sister Societies—A. R. Everett, Mr. Sterling, H. W. Anderson.
The Ladies—P. Parrott, C. Wilson.
The Gentlemen—Misses D. Holmes, B. Wilson, T. Houston.

Host and Hostess—W. W. Everett.

District Doings

BLenheim

March 23.—Several young men arrived from the Emerald Isle last evening and are staying at Rev. G. Gilmore's. They were on the Steamship Parisian that met with an accident in Halifax harbor. All have found positions.

Miss Mary Carmichael left this morning for Philadelphia to visit relatives.

Freeman Warner has bought 12 acres of land adjoining Peter Mc-

took an active part in cricket, football, hockey and lacrosse. His friends wish him every success in his new western home.

pedestrians and motorists. It would be a good idea for the Board of Works to get the city apothecary at work again.

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THURSDAY SPECIALS
—IN—
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<p>TABLE LINEN SPECIALS— Heavy half bleached tabling, 54 in. wide, good firm make, in choice designs, extra value at a yard 25c.</p> <p>TABLE LINENS AT 50c— Warranted pure linen, fine heavy soft finish, half bleached, full 62 in. wide, good range of patterns, special a yard 50c.</p> <p>BLEACHED TABLE LINENS— 70 inches wide, pure grass bleach, fine even firm weave, choice designs, regular 65c value, special at 48c.</p> <p>\$1.00 TABLE LINEN AT 75c YARD Full two yards wide, guaranteed pure linen, double damask, rich satin finish, grass bleached, no better linen sold in Chatham at \$1.00 yard, our special price 75c.</p> <p>NEW WASH DRESS GOODS— 30 new patterns in English dainty muslins, white grounds, in wide range of new designs and colorings, guaranteed fast dyes, regular value up to 15c yard, special at 10c.</p> <p>NEW PRINTED SWISS MUSLINS— 18 choice new designs, cream and white grounds, embroidered, and printed spots and new figured designs, guaranteed colors, matchless styles, and values at a yard 15c.</p>	<p>DRESS DUCKS— Indigo blue, black, cadet and light grounds, over 40, choice new designs in spots, stripes and natty figures, fast colors, the best duck, made at a yard 12 1/2-20.</p> <p>NEW COMPLETE SUITINGS— Rich, soft crepe effects, colors green, linen and brown, guaranteed fast in wash; special a yard 20c.</p> <p>KNICKER SUITINGS— Dainty linen ground, sheer quality, with colored embroidery, coin spots, special a yard 25c.</p> <p>NEW VOILE SUITINGS— A rich, crisp, wash fabric in voile weave, wide range of fashionable shades, looks like wool, fast wash colors, special a yard 15c.</p> <p>PURE LINEN TOWELS 15c EACH— Size 18x36 in., fine, heavy, pure Linen Huck Towels, bleached with hemmed and colored ends, special each 15c.</p>	<p>AMERICAN QUILTS AT \$1.50— 2 dozen extra quality pure white American Crochet Quilts, extra large size, choice designs, the best value we have seen, at each \$1.50.</p> <p>900 Yards heavy Canadian prints full yard wide, in splendid range of designs, fast colors, light and dark, special a yard 8 1/2-20.</p> <p>TWO YARD WIDE SHEETING 18c YARD— Heavy even round thread half bleached sheeting, full two yards wide, clean finish, special a yard 18c.</p> <p>40 INCH PILLOW COTTON 12 1/2-20 YARD— Good firm quality, pure bleached pillow cotton, 40 inches wide, special a yard 12 1/2-20.</p> <p>PILLOW COTTON— Heavy English circular pillow ton, 45 inches wide, pure bleach, regular 20c value, special at 15c.</p> <p>TOWELLING BARGAINS— Irish and Scotch crashes, medium and heavy makes, bleached or brown finish, wide widths, the best values in the city at a yard 5c, 7c, 8c, 10c, 12 1/2-20 and 15c.</p>
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Wednesday, March 24, Arlington Hotel, Ridgeway.
Thursday, March 25, Sheldon Hotel, Blenheim.
Saturday, April 1st—McGavin Stables, Chatham.

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