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## METEOROLOGICAL

TORONTO, Aug. 28—8 p.m.—A few scattered showers have occurred today, chiefly confined to the Maritime Provinces and the Northwest Territories, but on the whole fine weather has prevailed in Canada. Fine weather is generally indicated from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces and more moderate temperatures are likely to prevail. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 52-66; Kamloops, 54-72; Calgary, 42-60; Qu'Appelle, 38-62; Minnedosa, 32-64; Winnipeg, 48-68; Port Arthur, 48-70; Parry Sound, 60-82; Toronto, 64-81; Ottawa, 66-84; Montreal, 64-78; Quebec, 54-74; Halifax, 64-80. Local temperatures—Highest, 84 degrees; lowest, 65 degrees.

Today (Wednesday) the sun rose at 5:37 a.m. and sets at 7 p.m. The moon rose at 10:05 a.m. and sets at 8:38 p.m.

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A LOCAL BUDGET

—Today is the last of the Wednesday half holidays.

—Miss Eva McGuigan, of Brantford, is visiting friends in this city.

—Miss Rice, of this city, is the guest of the Misses McQueen, Catharine Street, St. Thomas.

—Miss Grace M. Bowly, of Goderich, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. Harris, Colborne Street.

—Miss Gertrude Moyes, of St. Marys, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Ethel Robinson, of Dufferin Avenue.

—W. R. Gould, of Beachville, is spending a few days with his son, E. W. Gould, of 62 Euclid Avenue.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. Read, of this city, are in Peterborough on a visit to their former sister, Mrs. A. R. Plummer.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. Pitt, of Piccadilly Street, have gone on a holiday trip to Montreal and other points of interest.

—Mr. J. R. Harris, of this city, left this afternoon for Toronto, where he intends to stay for two or three weeks.

—Mrs. L. L. Hannah, of this city, left yesterday for Toronto, en route to Vancouver, B. C., where she will join her husband.

—Matthew J. A. Gilmour, of Ypsilanti, Mich., is spending the week with his mother, Mrs. Wm. Gilmour, 765 Talbot Street.

—The model school will open at Aberdeen school next Tuesday. Principal Kirk will receive applications from intending pupils.

—Miss Dana Kent, of this city, who has been summering at Muskoka, is the guest of Mrs. Robert Shannon, 94 Queen Street, Brantford.

—Mrs. J. H. Colling, of Toronto, has returned home after spending a few weeks with relatives and friends here and other western points.

—Mrs. Burgess, wife of Professor Burgess, of Huron College, gave the old ladies of the Aged People's Home a tea yesterday afternoon at the college.

—Mrs. John Lintott and Miss Elsie Lintott, of Chateaufort, have returned home, after a pleasant visit of two weeks with friends in East London.

—Mrs. John Ingram and son Alfred, of Clarence Street, have returned home after spending a few pleasant days with friends and relatives in Delaware, Ont.

—The propeller Melbourne (Capt. Arthur Lefebvre) arrived at Port Stanley from Montreal yesterday with 50 tons of general merchandise and passengers. She cleared again for Cleveland.

—Woodstock Sentinel-Review: Pte. Chapman, of London, made many friends while a resident of Woodstock, and judging from his reception Monday night, they have not forgotten him.

—The final band concert of the season in Victoria Park last night was largely attended. The collection in aid of the furnishing of the maternity ward at Victoria Hospital realized the sum of \$110.

—Miss L. A. Gould, after a brief vacation at home, has left for the millinery openings at Toronto, after which she intends spending a week at Gravenhurst before resuming her position as head milliner for O. Aubin, Sturgeon Falls.

—In a recent issue of the Winnipeg Free Press occurs the following reference to a former Londoner, W. H. Culver, who studied law in the office of Macmahon, Gibbons & McNab, of this city: "W. H. Culver, the barrister, this week suffered a severe relapse in his long-continued illness. His trip to

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Japan failed to do him the amount of good which was hoped it would. His recovery to usual health is still a matter of doubt.

The tug Kate Wilson, of Erie Pa., owned and commanded by Capt. J. Wilson, which was seized by the Dominion government steamer Petrel on Thursday last, is 10.45 registered tonnage, and 1800 H.P. She has a compound 8 by 8 engine. The hull is two years old, and about the same size as the tug Snowstorm. The captain and crew returned to Erie per steamer Sheenago, via Connecticut. Her engine is disabled, and she now awaits the action of the government.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING.

Miss Wolpert and Miss Charles, of Cleveland, who have been visiting Port Stanley, decided to go for a row. Miss Charles secured a boat and pulled alongside the tug Snowstorm to take in Miss Wolpert. The latter stepped on the edge of the boat and upset it, throwing both into the water. Fortunately Mrs. Hurley was on the tug, and seized Miss Charles by the hand, while Miss Wolpert held on to Miss Charles. Their cries for help brought some of the crew of the Petrel, who rescued them. The two ducked ladies, who have been boarding at Mrs. McKenzie's, Woodlawn, left for their home at Cleveland on the steamer Urania.

APPRECIATED HIS SERVICES

Ald. Plant Honored by the Trades and Labor Council.

At a meeting of the Trades and Labor Council last night, the following resolution was unanimously passed on a standing vote:

"That this council desires to place on record its hearty appreciation of the services rendered by Ald. Plant in this city for many years in the interests of this council and organized labor, and gives its unqualified indorsement to his selection to the position he is about to assume, and wishes him the highest measure of success in his new field of operation."

It was ordered that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the city papers for publication. On motion, Bro. Plant was made an honorary member of the Trades Council. Several speeches were made by members, who paid warm tribute to Ald. Plant's worth and his untiring efforts to advance the cause of labor.

LABOR DAY

Big Demonstration at Queen's Park—Sports, Special Attractions and a Monster Procession.

The ninth annual Labor Day demonstration to be held in Queen's Park on Monday next promises to eclipse all its predecessors. The committee in charge have arranged an excellent programme of sports, and have secured an unusually large number of special attractions. The parade will leave the Market Square at 12 o'clock (noon) and will have many attractive features. Three bands will be in line. The programme of sports will be opened at 1:30 in the afternoon, and in the evening a grand entertainment will be given. Hot water will be supplied free to those who picnic on the grounds. The only charge made is a small entrance fee to the grand stand.

HELD UP BY HIGHWAYMEN.

Quebec, Aug. 29.—Dr. G. Larocque, sergeant-at-arms of the Quebec Legislative Assembly, and Rev. E. Valliquette, of the Seminary of Ste. Therese, Quebec, while two miles from St. Romola, Sunday evening, were held up by highwaymen. Dr. Larocque and his companion succeeded in getting away from the men, who, however, followed them for nearly a mile, firing at them many times.

TORONTO'S GROWING POPULATION.

Toronto, Aug. 29.—The assessment of the fourth ward shows a population of 45,356, or an increase of 1,054 over that of last year. The total increase in the population of the four wards already assessed is 4,542. On this basis the increase in the whole city will be slightly over 7,000, and will bring the assessment department's figures of population up to 200,000. Careful inquiry shows that 8 per cent added covers the tendency of careful householders to lessen the number of inmates, because of the law that provides for the levying of water rates according to the number of inmates. The actual city population is therefore about 210,000.

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## GRAPHIC STORY

Of Scenes on the Battlefields of South Africa.

Private Edward Taylor Has Some Interesting Experiences.

Was at the Paardeberg Fight and Saw His Chum Killed.

Pte. Taylor Had the Honor of Shaking Hands With the Queen—Was Sentenced to Seven Days Imprisonment for Eating Emergency Rations—Pte. Archie McMurphy Also Home.

Ptes. Edward Taylor and Archie McMurphy arrived here yesterday afternoon. Unfortunately neither the time of their trains nor the railroad upon which they would come was known, so that they passed from the station almost unnoticed. Both men were forced to return home by several attacks of fever. They were accompanied by Pte. Archie Paddon, of Windsor, who was wounded six times at Paardeberg. Two bullets are still somewhere in his body, but they do not trouble him.

Pte. Taylor suffered more from the fever than from the Boer bullets, but he had very exciting experiences with both these South African dangers. It was not until the regiment neared Kroonstad, after having fought at Paardeberg, that Taylor had to drop from the lines. He was with Pte. Bob Smith, of this city, when he was shot. The two men had chummed together during the campaign. They had marched 25 miles before the day of the battle, and Smith was ill. They had been on short rations, and his stomach troubled him. Although urged to go sick, he would not do so, and engaged in the battle after wading the river. Smith was one of the first to cross. He was a very brave fellow. He believed that he would never leave South Africa alive. "We got into the range of the Boer fire," said Pte. Taylor, when speaking of Smith's death, "and the bullets began to whistle all about us, yet every one of us was laughing; you'd have laughed, too. We're up against the real thing now," the boys said to one another. Nobody cared a bit. We were the wonder of the imperial troops, the way we behaved. But I don't know. Not one of us felt we were doing anything in particular. That Sunday we rushed trench after trench, until we were within eight hundred yards of the Boers. We were lying down taking what shots we could at the Boers when Smith was shot. He was close by me. It was pretty tough. You know, he was just nibbling at a piece of hard tack when it happened. He was resting his head on the other hand, with the fingers on his cheek. The bullet went through one of his fingers and struck him on the cheek close to his mouth. He never spoke. Just gasped once or twice and fell over dead. I was cut up over that. You know, we used to talk about home. Smith and I, and about the people we knew, and we wondered what they would be doing and thinking at home. Poor Bob."

While the battle was in progress a private of the Shropshires, with whom Taylor was friendly, was shot through the stomach and killed, while lying close beside him. The two men were chatting together and firing at every opportunity. Suddenly he jumped. "I'm shot, Canadian," he said, and died instantly.

On several occasions Taylor had the dust thrown up in his face by the bullets. "When Sergt. Sippl was shot in the foot," he said, "we were watching the spatter of bullets in the dust. And see that one, somebody would say. 'There's another,' came from

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someone else. "See this one," shouted Sippl, just as he was hit."

Pte. Taylor once had his handkerchief shot away by a Mauser bullet, another shot a hole in his trousers at the knee, and one struck his rifle, glancing off from it. What he considers to be his closest call was during the heat of Paardeberg. The sun was so hot that men were fainting all around him. Smith was immediately shot while in the trenches at Paardeberg a dying man lying some distance ahead pleaded for a drink. Taylor longed to give it to him, but to do so was certain death. Every head that appeared above the trench was immediately a target for all the Boer marksmen.

Taylor relates some incidents showing the dread of the Boers for the British bayonet. An imperial soldier told him one instance of this at Gras Pan. When the British, with a yell, rushed upon the Boers, the enemy tore the shirts off their backs to use as white flags. But there was to be no quarter. An old Boer with a long beard grabbed a man's bayonet with both hands, and held on, pleading for mercy. He was pushed back in the struggle, and fell over a stone; then the Britisher ran him through. When he pulled his bayonet away he found the old fellow's hands were cut to the bone where he had been holding the bayonet. Pte. Taylor says the jealousy of the British regulars was excited when the Boers marched out of their laager and gave themselves up to the Canadians. The Boers were a varied crowd. One boy of 17 years came toward Taylor, trying to stop a gaping wound in his thigh by plugging grass into it. There were men of all ages among the prisoners. A field corner who had been a lawyer in Bloemfontein and was well educated, saw by Taylor's badge that he was a Canadian. "Why," he asked, "did you Canadians come out to fight us? What did we ever do to you?" Taylor's reply was that Canadians were helping the Boers. He could not avoid feeling deeply sorry for the Boers. He saw men crying like children; all of them seemed to believe nothing else but that the British had come out to take away their homes.

Pte. Taylor was at the taking of

Bloemfontein and all the other engagements up to Kroonstad. Though glad to reach home, it was a keen disappointment to him that he was not able to go ahead with the regiment to the finish. He has no words of complaint upon any score.

After the battle of Paardeberg, Lord Roberts told the Canadians he never had braver, better soldiers in his command. "Talk about imperial troops," the field marshal said, when addressing the Canadians, "they are no better." Lord Roberts told the Canadians he had walked the whole night through, because he knew that on the morrow (when Cronje surrendered), many a brave man would fall. Taylor speaks in the highest terms of Father O'Leary. The bravery and devotion of the old priest touched the hearts of all the Canadians. He was always with the regiment, and insisted on being at the front the whole time. He would say he might not last long, but he would stay to the end. Taylor was the only man in B Company to get a box of good things from home at the time the whole shipment should have arrived from this city. A bottle of brandy the box contained kept the fever from him while it lasted; more of it, he believes, would have saved much suffering.

Pte. Taylor was once asked up for seven days because his keen appetite led him to consume his emergency rations. Another incident he recalls was a dance with a Kaffir girl, whose hand was "like a paw."

QUEEN SHOOK HIS HAND.

Pte. Taylor experienced the great honor of a handshake by the Queen while at Netley Hospital. Her majesty shook each of the Canadian invalids by the hand, and to the very ill she gave flowers. She ordered a screen placed about the bed of a dying soldier to be removed, and her majesty was wheeled up to his bedside. "My poor man," she said, "I can do nothing for you. But Christ can."

Taylor also saw the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Cambridge.

After all his experiences in South Africa and England, where the Canadians were given a splendid time, Pte. Taylor says that Canada is the only place for him.

BOSTON AND 'FRISCO.

Washington, Aug. 29.—The census of San Francisco, as announced by the census bureau, is 242,762, against 238,957 in 1890. The census of Boston is 360,892, against 448,477 in 1890. This is an increase of 112,415, or 26.07 per cent.

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