

## Guide-Advocate.

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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

A recent arrival from the West reports an alarming increase in the number of patients in the insane asylums in Manitoba. In the Brandon asylum alone it is stated that there are over seven hundred patients. Many of these are from the ranks of recently arrived immigrants, the lonesome life on the prairies, and the absence of the surroundings to which they were accustomed is said to produce such a depressing effect that it unbalances their minds. This particularly applies to the women.

Rainbow reports from the West are not borne out by recent arrivals, from that section. Money is tight enough in Ontario, but a crow bar is required to turn over a dollar in many parts of the West. Lack of transportation for the grain crop and ready money to pay for the same is the cause of general complaint. Merchants are shortening up their credits and order from the wholesalers as they receive remittances from customers. The banks are extremely cautious, and make only small advances on gilt-edged securities. The real estate boom has received a solar plexus blow that will take some time to recover from, and the labor market is flooded. Take it all around Ontario is as favorably situated as any country under the dome, and when we compare conditions here as they exist elsewhere there is a little ground for complaint.

### The Dignity of the Courts.

Since his accession to the Bench, Mr. Justice Riddell has distinguished himself by his evident determination to uphold to the full the dignity which doth hedge the British judiciary. It was he who insisted upon being preceded on his every entrance into the court room, by the sheriff wearing his sword and his cocked hat. He has several times reprimanded barristers for addressing remarks to the court without rising from their chairs. One of his ebullitions was the announcement of his intention to preserve the purity of the well of English undefiled, by discouraging the use of slang in his court, overlooking the fact that the slang of one generation is the accepted idiom of the next. A few weeks ago he rebuked a witness for using the phrase, "throw down." Meanwhile, the lawyers around the courts are chuckling maliciously over the fact that the learned justice himself referred to one of the parties in a case before him as an "easy mark."

It would be interesting to know how Mr. Justice Riddell would have received the evidence given by a tough youth in an Italian shooting case heard last week in a Jersey City police court. Probably he would have sentenced the breezy witness to imprisonment for life for contempt of court. The tale of the Jersey City boy, as told in his native tongue, was as follows:

"I was standin' on Dales avenue rubberin' at a weddin'. I wanted to pipe de bride, 'cause I heard she was a good looker. I see dese two wops chewin' de rag together. I didn't know whether dey were scrappin' er not. I don't savae de wop language. But wot's de odds? I potted a scrap. Suddenly I see Delio pull a gun and pop at Campanio. Campanio dusted into de coop and Delio planked it up de lane. I followed Delio to see if I couldn't get a cop to collar him. After a while he tumbled that I was chasin' him and he pulled his gun on me. I sure thought he was going to drive at me, en I hotfooted it fer ee tall timber."

"Did you see the bride?" inquired Judge McCarthy.

"Sure," was the reply, "En, say, jedger, she was cert'nly a lallapaloosa, too."—Saturday Night.

### CHOP STUFF.

For 35 years John Mallon has attended the Strathroy town council meetings, only missing two during that stretch.

There died in Sarnia on Thursday, Dec. 12th, Miss Jennie Beggs, aged 34 years. The remains were taken to Buffalo for interment.

The trustees of S. S. No. 7, Adelaide, have engaged Miss Teresa Douglas, of Strathroy, to teach for the year 1908, at a salary of \$475.

Mrs. Mary Stevenson, of Caradoc, is suing the township for \$1,000 damages for injuries sustained by her rig upsetting on the roadway.

Among the guests at the Governor General's reception in Ottawa last Friday night, were: Mrs. T. G. VanTuyt, and Mrs. G. S. Pitkin, Petrolia.

On Sunday a farmer from Enniskillen, tp. was arrested for being drunk on the streets and on Monday appeared before

the Petrolia magistrate and was fined \$5 and costs.

Mr. J. McGuigan, of Southwold township, complained of numerous thefts of wool and other articles to the authorities at St. Thomas. An effort will be made to locate the criminals.

About 500 acres on the Strathroy side-road and east on the main road have been leased to an oil company, who intend to prospect thereon soon. Here's that a few gushers may be found?

The Wyoming Bowling Club are negotiating for the purchase of the lot east of the rink with a view of converting the whole into a skating rink during the winter and enlarging the bowling green during the summer.

Last week, R. Prout, Forest, and D. N. Sinclair and Geo. Toole, Sarnia, were in Parry Sound District, and purchased 700 acres of fine timber land near Burk's Falls. The timber is mostly hemlock and birch, and is as good as can be found anywhere.—Forest Free Press.

Game Warden Gibson has a strong case against two parties in Warwick Township who have been trapping muskrats out of season. It is said that many of these fur-bearing animals have been taken. Legal proceedings are expected to be taken against the offenders.

The young ladies of Strathroy have reorganized their hockey club for the season. Challenges will now be received from Glencoe, Parkhill, Alvinston, and other neighboring clubs by Miss Mae Healy, who holds the position of Captain.

Wm. Miller some time ago bought the lease of lot 6, con. 1, Sarnia Township, which is a short distance west of Rainsberry's corners and has recently been operating for oil. Some days ago he finished a daisy well that started off at 80 barrels per day and is even yet reported to be pouring out 50 barrels per day.

### Biggest Railway Station.

According to the Scientific American, writes a correspondent, for the benefit of a recent enquirer, the station of Juvisy, near Paris, France, in the most extensive and the most busy station in the world. The vastness of its tracks and the multitude of its trains and engines can never fail to impress the observer. It has more tracks and more trains than any other railway station in the world, the very spot having been selected to connect six great railway companies, hence its importance.

### On the Job.

Amusing epitaphs are common enough, but it is not often that a tombstone inscription is meant to carry a business advertisement. A West Virginia man tells of a singular one which may be seen in a cemetery of Wheeling. It was the idea of a widow of a man named Perkins, a partner in a commercial house known as "Perkins and Parker." Soon after the decease of her spouse, Mrs. Perkins married Mr. Parker, her late husband's business associate.

The inscription reads:

"Sacred to the memory of James Perkins, for thirty years senior partner of the firm of Perkins and Parker, now Parker and Company."—Harper's Weekly.

### A Small Child's Idea.

Rev. Dr. Crumphy, pastor of Bathurst street Methodist church, Toronto, has a little daughter who keeps eyes and ears wide open all the time—except when she sleeps.

At Sunday School recently she heard the children sing:

"There's a friend like the lowly Jesus, No, not one."

She went home and told her mother that she wanted to telephone to Jesus. "Why, you can't do that," replied Mrs. Crumphy. "He has no number."

"But the little girl had it all thought out. 'Yes, He has,' she answered, 'it's no, not one.' Which, in her youthful imagination, meant 'No, 01.'"

### Responsible Journalism.

No Metropolitan Newspaper on this side of the Atlantic or the other has done more of true public service than the "Montreal Witness." Few indeed are the papers that can show a record of its more than sixty years of fearless championship of moral reform. The "Witness" has ever dared to stand up for what it believed to be right, regardless of its own financial interests. Though published in Canada's greatest manufacturing centre, it has persistently championed the cause of the farmer both east and west.

In the words of one of the ablest men of our day, the principal of one of our own colleges, "Canada owes a debt of obligation to the 'Witness' that it will never be able to repay." In its subscribers' interest, the "Witness" annually foregoes a revenue of many thousands of dollars by the attitude it takes towards pernicious or questionable advertisements.

The "Witness" is an up-to-date newspaper in the best sense of the word. It prints all the news worth while. Its market and stock reports and financial reviews have the confidence of Canada's leading business men. Its various departments such as "The Home," "Literary review," "Letters from Readers," "Boy's Page," "Children's Corner," "Medical," "Legal," "Veterinary," "Numismatic," "Agricultural," "Horticultural," and "Poultry," etc., etc., are all ably conducted by experts at a large expense, the last named being edited by the MacDonald College Poultry Expert.

All these departments in addition to the news and editorial features combine to make a complete, all-round family newspaper.

We can heartily recommend it to our readers. If they want, as most intelligent people do, a metropolitan newspaper in addition to the local newspaper, they will make no mistake in getting the "Witness."

"Daily Witness" \$3.00 a year.  
"Weekly Witness and Canadian Homestead" \$1.00 a year.

Samples may be had on application to the publishers, Messrs. John Dougall & Son, "Witness" Book, Montreal.

## LADIES' FUR LINED COATS

FOR CHRISTMAS

AT SPECIAL PRICES

Very specially styled black cloth coats grey lock, squirrel linings, deep collar and lapels of Jap, Mink, Pearl Buttons, sizes 34, 36, 38.

\$40

SPOT CASH

\$40

## MEN'S FUR LINED COATS.

TWO SPECIAL LINES

Best imported beaver shell, rat linings, Persian lamb collar, price

\$60

SPOT CASH

\$60

BEST COAT IN ONTARIO AT THE PRICE.

Good black beaver marmot linings, German otter collar, a good coat. Price.....\$30.00

It is a stylish, warm coat.

Those \$20.00 beaver coats with black dog skin collars, heavily lined with quilted farmer's satin and interlined with rubber is a storm resister. Only a dozen of these coats to sell. So don't delay.

SWIFT BROS., Direct Importers.

### BORN.

In Sarnia, on Dec. 1st, 1907, to Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Frensis, a son.

In Warwick, on Dec. 10th, the wife of Jos. Steavenson, of a son.

In Inwood, on Sunday, Dec. 1st, 1907, to Mr. and Mrs. Alton Warren, a daughter.

In Warwick, on Dec. 6th, 1907, the wife of Arthur Higgins, of a daughter.

### MARRIED.

At Sykeson, on Wednesday, Dec. 4th, 1907, by the Rev. E. C. Currie, Alexander Kirk and Miss Mary Norwood, both of Moore township.

At the residence of the bride's parents, 6th con. Bosanquet, on Thursday, Nov. 28th, by the Rev. E. W. Edwards, R. A. B. D., of Thorndale, David H. Russell, to Mary McBryan.

### DIED.

In Moore, on Sunday, Nov. 24th, Mr. Samuel DeGurse, aged 72 years.

In Sarnia, on the 23rd Nov. Mrs. Andrew Hicks, formerly of 1st con., Bosanquet.

In Bosanquet, on Thursday, Nov. 28th, Agnes Keith McNis, aged 6 months and 4 days.

At Manitowish, Mich., on Nov. 28th, Isaac McMahan, a native of London Tp., aged 73 years.

In Sarnia, on Friday, Dec. 6th, 1907, James Leo Sharpe, aged 19 years, 5 months.

In Forest, on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, 1907, Ellen Attwood, wife of Mr. Norman Kimball, aged 70 years, 6 months and 6 days.

### Farewell To My Native Home.

My native land, my native land  
I'll never see you more  
No more will I see the heather bloom  
As I have in days of yore.

That dear old place, my dear old home  
Its memory clings to me  
Its hill and dales and lonely vales  
I never more shall see.

That big white house upon the hill  
A sight I would like to see  
The house where I first saw the light  
On the hill in Sionce.

Had I wings soon I would fly  
To see that dear old home  
And the hills I oft played upon  
In the County of Tyrone.

But hope grows faint as here I sit  
And to me it looks quite clear  
That I'll have to die in a foreign land  
A veteran and old pioneer.

But in bidding you a last farewell  
It causes many a sign  
But the heart speaks most when the lips move least,  
My dear old home, Good-Bye.

Never again will I see that dear old home  
While on earth I dwell  
Good-bye to all my dreams of hope,  
Old Ireland, farewell!  
Written by Samuel A. Laughlin, "The Old Pioneer," Watford.

### AN UP TO DATE SCHOOL.

The Central Business College of Stratford which is the leading business training school of Western Ontario, has again advanced a step towards perfection. It has now the Grand Trunk wires running through the class rooms. This gives the telegraphy students actual railway wire practice, they have the privilege of reading the messages passing over Grand Trunk wires. Those wishing to learn telegraphy or obtain a commercial or shorthand training should not overlook this up-to-date school. The winter term opens on Jan 6, and those who are interested should write for their free catalogue.

During the past month many schemes have been put forward for the provision of a skating rink in Alvinston, but unfortunately nothing material has so far been accomplished. We would certainly like to see a rink secured for the enjoyment of the young people. Would it not be wise to secure the old rink if the scheme of building a new one has been dropped. We hope to see some action taken along this line.—Free Press.

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Our store is filled with Christmas goods of every description.

We have an Immense Assortment of Gifts for Men, Women and Children at almost any Price you wish to Pay.

As our stock is much too large to itemize here, it must be seen to be fully appreciated.

If you wish you can select your gifts now and we will lay them aside until you need them.

COME EARLY. Everything is at its best now with nothing whatever to gain by waiting.

WE ARE OPEN EVERY EVENING, and you are always welcome to look through our stock whether you buy or not.

T. B. TAYLOR & SONS.



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JEWELER, Issuer of Marriage Licenses

WATFORD.

### Strathroy Boy Killed.

Strathroy, Dec. 10.—At noon to-day Elean, the ten-year-old son of Mr. James G. Collins, lost his life. The little fellow was returning from school, and had occasion to cross the track, but instead of doing so turned and walked down the track east, which would bring him home a few minutes sooner. A light engine was standing on the north siding, and as the boy came up to the engine he could not hear or see the approach of the fast express, No. 1, which was west bound, on account of exhaust steam from the light engine. As he stepped upon the main line he was instantly struck by the express, and thrown a few feet. When picked up it was found his skull was badly fractured and he was bruised. The train, which was only a few rods from the depot stopped, and conveyed the lad there, where he expired in a few minutes.

### SPECIAL NOTICES.

ALL accounts due J. T. Kersey must be settled by cash or note not later than Dec. 20th. Please give this notice your prompt attention.

TAKE NOTICE—We are now ready to do all kinds of custom sawing. Highest cash price for all kinds of timber.—S. SAUNDERS & SON. d6-2t

ALL accounts due Cameron's livery must be settled not later than Dec. 20th as the business of the year has to be closed up. Don't forget.

HAVING bought John Bros. laundry would request all parties having any claim against said estate to hand same in to said laundry not later than Dec. 21st, 1907.—WONG TONG. d13-2t

WANTED—Subscriptions for Canada's Humorous Weekly only one dollar the year it given this year. Liberal commission to agents.—THE WHITE LYRE, Dineen Bldg., Toronto.

PRIVATE and other money to loan on mortgages. Several farms in this vicinity and a few dwelling house properties in Watford for sale. A dwelling house in Watford to rent.—W. E. FITZGERALD.

MISS NESBITT has a choice line of selections in artistic art work for the holidays, also many pretty little water color paintings, the prices marked down for the holiday trade. I would be pleased to have you call and see them at my studio, Main St., over Fitzgerald's law office. n22-td

ARE you a good guesser? E. A. Dowling is giving a handsome gold filled watch, 25 year guaranteed case, Elgin movement, to the person guessing the nearest to the number of beans contained in a jar now on exhibition in his show window. One guess given with every 50c purchase. Jar to be opened 3 p. m. Dec. 26th. n1-td

After many weeks of strenuous practice the Forest minstrels have selected Tuesday evening, Dec. 17th. Over thirty voices will take part in the performance and as they comprise some of the best talent, the success of the show is assured.

Oil prospectors recently leased a number of farms in Lobo, believing that both oil and gas can be found there. In the 10th and 11th concessions there are evidences to substantiate this belief, oil having been found floating on the surface of water.