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Peculiarities

HON. G. P. GRAHAM, the new Minister of Railways and Canals, has started on a trip of inspection over the Intercolonial. What is the use of envying successful politicians? They have their own bitter trials.

The St. Thomas "Times" has the limerick fever in a rash form and is dispensing cheques with neatness and despatch to those who are lucky enough to send a fetching fifth line. Even the opera house in St. Thomas has the limerick malady and is appropriating prize seats to the winning bards.

There is a rumour to the effect that, in the event of the retirement of Sir Frederick Borden, the portfolio of Minister of Militia would be offered to Hon. J. M. Gibson of Hamilton. Wouldn't the City of the Hill be happy with a Colonel in the Dominion Government and another in the Ontario Cabinet?

The murderer Capelli has been reprieved. It is really hard for a man to commit a crime in Canada for which he will be hanged, although to most people this Italian desperado seems to have tried very hard for the place of star criminal.

The Fenelon Falls "Gazette," which advocates socialism, says that every child will be able to travel and see the world when socialism comes and will thus "know more of life and its surroundings at twelve years of age than the full-grown man knows now." This will prove a horrible state of affairs and one sympathises with the Orillia editor who protests against such omnipresent and omniscient juvenile freaks. The twelve-year-old boy is in more places in less time than can be regarded as comfortable for the community.

The Ingersoll Caledonia Society made a curious announcement some time ago, stating that it was compelled to cancel a Scottish celebration, because the hotels had refused to cater. Is it possible that haggis presented a culinary problem too disturbing to local ability?

Mr. Hamar Greenwood, Member for the ancient city of York in the British House of Commons, is a Canadian who finds the Dominion a-calling as soon as the session is over, when he slips across to Whitby and then finds his way to the West. His latest photograph shows the stalwart M. P. as a mere accessory to a forty-one pound salmon, which he caught in Campbell River, Vancouver Island, and of which the worthy sport-statesman looks prouder than of a Liberal majority.

There will be a candidate in the field at the next Regina municipal election who will be endorsed by all members of the Sons of England, although he will not be announced as the official candidate of that order. Here is a good idea for Toronto and other partisan-ridden towns. Instead of having political clubs pull the wires, why not have the Sons of England, the Brethren of Scotland and the Offspring of Ireland put up suitable candidates. It would be far more picturesque, seeing that the Caledonians could do the Highland Fling on the eve of election, while the good old days of Donnybrook might be revived with Erin in the fray.

The Windsor "Record" says that the election of Major Beattie in London, Ontario, shows that London is still "wedded to its wallow!" Just listen to that! The editor of the journal which brightens the county of Essex is a positive peach for apt alliteration.

Three young deserters from the Lebreton industrial school were rounded up by the police and taken back, but managed to give their captors the slip before the institution was reached. That is what comes of having Poet Kipling in the country. The wan-

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