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BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES.

The report upon births, marriages and deaths for the year 1910 in the Province of Ontario is just to hand. During the year 55,871 births were registered, and of that number Toronto claims nearly one-fifth, or 10,532. A ratio of 21.9 per 1,000 population was maintained throughout the province, which is an increase of .6 over the ratio of the preceding year. The report says that "although this ratio is not as great as it might or should be, there are one or two reasons for this." The explanation is given as follows:

"In the first place there continues to be a great deal of ignorance displayed by the parents in regard to the importance of registering births. This may be due to their not knowing the law, and also, to illiteracy. Another reason which contributes materially to the birth ratio being smaller than it should be, is the fact that there is, and has been for years, a steady emigration of the young men of marriageable age to our western provinces. These men settle in the new provinces, marry, and bring to their families there, while the older generation, past child-bearing age, are left in Ontario."

"To every man" is proved to be happily fallacious, so far as births are concerned. The returns show that for every 100 girls, 124 boys were born, the ratio having increased over the previous years.

Windsor continues to be a thriving matrimonial mart. During the year 2,223 marriages were performed at the Gretna Green of the province, an increase of 1,100 since 1908. The population of Windsor has not been noticeably swelled by this nuptial activity. The report states that most of the marriages are those of Americans, and recommends that "all licenses to marry should be advertised in a local newspaper." This would have the effect of checking clandestine marriages.

"We learn," the report goes on, "that 178 Roman Catholic men married as many Anglican women; 126 Roman Catholic grooms took Presbyterian brides; 157, Methodists; 68, Baptists; 10, Congregationalists; 85, Lutherans; 5, took women of the Evangelical Association; and 2 married Jewesses. The brides of 23 gave other connections than those mentioned, and 11 brides made no claim of church membership at all. On the other hand, 269 Roman Catholic brides married Anglican grooms; 164 married Presbyterians; 202 became wives to as many Methodists; 52 took Baptists; 11 went with Congregationalists; 79 married in their lot with Lutherans; 3 married members claiming connection with the Evangelical Association; 5 married Jews; the husbands of 27 claimed to belong to other sects than those classified in the table; and 21 of the men who took Roman Catholic brides did not lay claim to any particular faith."

"On the whole, there were 655 men and 844 women of the Roman Catholic Church who married others than members of their own faith."

The total number of deaths from all causes in the province was 33,539, divided among groups of municipalities as follows:

Towns, over 5,000 population 1,990
Cities 12,303
Counties, including small towns and villages 19,246

There were 2,291 deaths from tuberculosis during the year, but the steady diminution shows that the anti-consumption campaign is making headway. Altogether there were 1,626 deaths in the province due to external causes. Deaths from railroads, motor-cars, street cars, landslides, and other methods where life was crushed were 209. There were 219 due to fractures of different kinds, 43 were burned to death, and 112 died from burns received. Of these latter, 43 were children under 5 years of age. Two hundred and sixty-six were accidentally drowned, and 64 shot to death, or died from gun-shot wounds, received by accident, while 17 were killed homicidally. Thirteen were frozen to death and 8 were killed by sunstroke, or effects of heat. Eighty-two, weary of life, took various methods to end it, 27 hanging themselves, and 17 taking poison; the rest other means.

UNMARRIED WOMEN.

In many countries today the unmarried woman, no longer young, is becoming conspicuous, not merely because of growing numbers, but because she is no longer kept in the background. Economic pressure may be postponing the time of marriage, and in some countries, or in parts of most countries, women are in a numerical superiority. But nowadays work, the great relief or rather the main fare of life, is found for the bachelor woman in a hundred ways not formerly available.

The opinions of men and the servility of women used to render pitiful the lot of the unmarried woman past the "marriageable age," a time of life

which a previous generation fixed much earlier than it is fixed today. Sex prejudice shut her out of business and professional life; this prejudice has been largely broken down. When women are admitted to the full privileges and duties of citizenship, those who have no pressing home duties to engage them will be more free to serve the community in works of social value without incurring the stigma of being mere pariahs in such labor. The common man still sneers at the club woman, or even at those older and younger spinsters who enlist in the armies of church and charity. "Stay at home and mind your business" is his illogical advice.

But woman is freeing herself from the bondage and from the fetters of Egypt. Whether Pharaoh will let her go or not she will no longer be a pampered pet or a broken toy. She cultivates herself, she forges ahead and challenges man, she demands work, and caring less and less for the special recognition of men, she looks to her sisters for approval. Women, like men, must have work, as Olive Schreiner expounds in a recent thoughtful book that ought to be in every library, although not the kind of labor that saps her physical strength and menaces the vitality of the race.

The old maid sensitively consuming her soul in a neglected corner, lonely and insignificant, not wanted by anybody or for anything, becomes a rarity. "The bigots of an iron time" may have called her fate "a crime," but a gentler age finds work and honor for such women. As the Chicago Tribune says in a fine article on this subject, "Moreover, though men may be indifferent to the gray-haired and quiet spinster, she finds herself appreciated by the women, for there has been growing up a cult of womanhood among the women. They have an understanding of certain beautiful qualities which all save the most discerning and sympathetic men fail to discover. As these women meet each other in church and benevolent work, in the literary clubs, in child welfare or good roads convention, they perceive those qualities of valor, those powers of construction, that shy yet sure efficiency, based on a poetic or religious idea of service, which impel even retiring women to take an aggressive part in certain fine activities."

THE POWERS OF THE SENATE.

"The London Advertiser, discussing the Senate and its wrecking of three Government measures, extends the plea that it should be conceded the same power as the House of Commons in Great Britain; at the same time it admits that the Senate is co-equal with the House of Commons, in the whole field of legislation, excepting money bills."

"Then why should the Advertiser defend the Senate's interference with two money bills—the T. and N. O. subsidy and the national highways bill? The tariff commission bill also comes practically within the category of money bills, since it has to do with the fixing of the customs tariff, or ways and means, to use a parliamentary term."—Stratford Herald.

The Advertiser, in speaking of money bills, was, of course, referring to the historic limitation put upon the power of the British House of Lords and the Canadian Senate. It is defined for the Canadian Senate in the Confederation Resolutions, as follows: "All bills for appropriating any part of the public revenue, or for imposing any new tax or impost, shall originate in the House of Commons or House of Assembly, as the case may be."

The Advertiser had no notion of suggesting that the Senate had not the power to veto the bills mentioned by the Herald. These are not money bills in the parliamentary sense of the word, and the constitutional right of the House of Lords to throw out such measures has never been challenged. The veto power of the House of Lords was denied only in the case of the budget, and British precedents apply to the Canadian Parliament. The Senate did not reject the Government's bills, but merely proposed amendments, upon which the Government refused to even confer with the upper chamber. We are not contending for the exercise of the absolute veto power by the Senate any more than in the case of the House of Lords, but the Senate is entitled to respectful treatment as a co-ordinate branch of government. It is denied even ordinary courtesy by the party which prides itself on being a stickler for constitutional usage.

Joe Martin, M. P., wishes Rudyard Kipling prosecuted for the seditious tone of his poem on Ulster. Rudyard's self-inflicted damage on his own reputation is punishment enough.

Of course, Sir Robert Perks denounces the home rule bill. He calls himself a Liberal, but when the Lloyd George budget touched his millionaire's pocket he revolted. But it was scarcely fair of him to pretend that it was his Nonconformist conscience that was hurt.

Last year 441,000 adults died in Great Britain leaving property valued at £270,000,000, of which half belonged to only 970 persons. There were only 7,000 persons who left estates higher than £500. Great Britain is a rich country, but the riches are not well diffused.

The Globe pays a deserved tribute to Mr. J. C. Elliott, M. P. of West Middlesex. He has made himself an excellent debater, and his work in the public accounts committee has been keen and persistent, too much so to please the Seven Sleepers. No member of the House has been more assiduous and painstaking in his public duties.

President Van Koughnet, of the Centre and South Toronto Conservative Association, says Mr. Rowell's banish-

the-bar policy will "make drunkards of many who have never previously tasted liquor." Mr. Van Koughnet is in his right mind, and it's just the sort of mind looked for in the president of a Conservative association in Toronto.

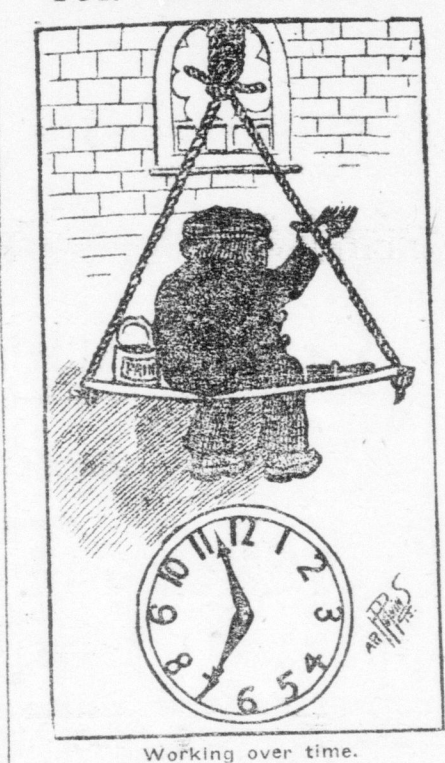
The British Attorney-General has set an uncomfortable precedent by prosecuting a Syndicalist for advising soldiers not to shoot strikers. Equally seditious language is being used every day by prominent Ulster Unionists, and the law is accused of respecting persons and classes. If any of these politicians are brought before the courts, the sentencing of the Syndicalist to a year in prison will be an equally uncomfortable precedent for the defendants.

The Ontario liquor license act reported for 1911 gives disquieting statistics on drunkenness. London is not above reproach. The commitments in the city for drunkenness for the past decade have been:

Year	Number
1901	137
1902	150
1903	157
1904	262
1905	248
1906	248
1907	218
1908	328
1909	424
1910	325
1911	395

A Few Lines of Most Anything

OUR PRECISE ARTIST.



Working over time.

Oh, you pancakes and maple syrup! Uncle Anson writes that his wife has started housecleaning and that the family are living on the porch.

Beatrice Nesbitt has been captured! And he had a flowing beard when discovered in Chicago. Perhaps he was in training to succeed old Doc Dowle at Zion City.

The joint buildings scheme seems to be constantly getting out of joint.

That April shower is a night-havener that belongs to last Friday.

No matter how out-of-date a man's clothes are, if he wears them long enough the fashions will come around to him again.

Father's Lullaby. "Whoop her up, darlings, proceed with thy thundering tears. Wallop the silence with gobs of woe leaping like a great tempest that tortures the ears. Next door the Joneses play piano as evening draws nigh; drown them out, darling, and howl till you slaughter their frail opposition—and you shall have pie."

Do your Chris—er—spring cleaning early.

Even Editor Bowyer, of the Ridgeway Dominion, cries out: "Poor Kipling! Poor Kipling!" after reading the last outburst of Rudyard's.

Watford asked for a postoffice and got an armory. We must always be ready for war.

A young man writes to Miss Grey proclaiming his affection for a St. Thomas girl. Now why—but there may be one or two attractive ones there after all.

Many made a guess that Dr. Nesbitt was in Detroit, which was remarkably close in view of the fact that most fugitives manage to get thousands of miles away from the place in which they are reported to be.

Wanted—A husky shipping clerk to send back spring poems and other contributions. One who has had experience handling baled hay preferred.

Last Sunday may have been Easter Sunday, but tomorrow promises to be Easter bonnet Sunday.

It's a good thing for the bride that these granite showers aren't literally showered upon her.

Of course these East End Progressives don't object to the court house.

Home-seekers and Settlers' Special Trains to Western Canada. Via Chicago and St. Paul, April 13, 23 and 30, and every second Tuesday thereafter until Sept. 17, inclusive. Tickets will also be on sale on certain dates via Sarnia and Northern. Next departure Toronto 10:30 p.m. on above dates for Edmonton and points in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, stopping at all points on Grand Trunk Pacific Railway west of Winnipeg. Through coaches and Pullman tourist sleepers will be carried, fully equipped with bedding and porter in charge. Berths may be secured in sleepers at a low rate. This is an exceptional opportunity for those wishing to take advantage of the remarkably low one-way settlers' rates or round-trip home-seekers' excursions through the American cities. No change of cars. Secure tickets and berth reservations from any Grand Trunk agent, or write A. E. Duff, district passenger agent, Union Station, Toronto. 751c

site simply because they happen to live a mile away from it.

Has your boy asked you to show him how to make a life yet? Neither has ours.

An American eagle has been placed in the Toronto Zoo. Won't that make The Hawk furious?

Eternal Fires. Soon will Vesuvius belch forth her fire. Soon will the fan choke and cough at the game. Soon will the council get many a bump. Soon will be blazing the West London Dump.

"The Worst Flood in Local History" has subsided generally—until next year.

Another Kind of Fishpoles. (Ridgeway Dominion.) A carload of tamarac poles, to be used as pound-net stakes in Lake Erie, arrived here Monday for Neil Rose & Son.

After the Flood. (Thamesville Herald.) It is rumored that some snapshots of the rubber-boat suffragettes are fetching as high as \$4.00 each.

The Home of the Hat Beautiful was inundated, but all the beautiful hats were stored away in safety. Everything that looked or did not look like a hat was brought into use and at times one needed but the musical calls and songs of the gondoliers to imagine themselves in Venice. (At least that is what those who have been there claim.)

Sparring Feet and Fish. (Ridgeway Dominion.) "Sparring pike has been a popular sport the past few days in all the creeks running into Rideau. These creeks early in the morning when the ice thaws out, and the creeks are visited by throngs night and day. A peculiar accident happened the other day. When which Reeve James B. Clark, of Harwich, goes around with a lame foot. While he was enjoying a pike-fishing trip one of his companions accidentally cast his spear clean through Mr. Clark's foot, inflicting a nasty wound."

Must Think It Good Fun. (Aylmer Express.) We were at Wilsons McCreddie, we would leave buzz saws severely alone. Some time ago he lost three fingers from his right hand, and the other day he lost the third finger on his left hand. "Don't monkey with the buzz saw" is good advice evidently.

\$234,118.90 FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

Finance Committee Jolted When Demand Was Put In On Friday Afternoon.

A BOOST OF \$28,500

Overdraft For Last Year—Increases in Salaries and Cost of Industrial Education Claimed for the Jump.

The aldermen received quite a shock on Friday night when the estimate of the board of education for the year were presented. A special meeting of the latter body was held in the afternoon, when the finances of the board were considered. It was estimated that the board would require \$234,118.90 to manage the business for the year. This is an increase of \$28,500 over the preceding year, when it was estimated that \$205,589 would be sufficient to run the board.

The increase is caused partially by the establishment of an industrial school in the city, and also because of certain unlooked-for expenditures. The board also claims that the cost of the city \$12,441.61 for the year. Last year no provision had been made for this work, but this year the board intended expending this sum of money in this department.

There was an item of \$2,500 insurance, coming due in 1912 also, while the overdraft from 1911 amounted to \$3,202. The salary increases for the public school teachers amounted to more than \$7,000.

The Collegiate Institute estimates are practically the same as in 1911, a few dollars lower in fact. The public school expenses have increased from \$123,952.10 to \$150,948.38, a difference of over \$26,000.

The estimates of the board of education are a mill higher than in 1911, and consume practically all the money raised from the growth of the assessment.

The estimates presented to the council in detail are:

Industrial Education. Industrial and commercial advisory committee, \$12,441.61.

Receipts—Government grant \$1,850.00
Domestic science 150.00
Examinations 800.00
Nidbury and laboratory 1,000.00
Printing 200.00
Stationery 300.00
Salaries—Teachers 7,000.00
Proportion other salaries 425.00
Fuel 1,100.00
Repairs and improvements 2,000.00
Water, gas and electricity 450.00
Manual training equipment 500.00
Insurance 2,500.00
Night classes 450.00
Total \$53,885.00
Sinking fund and interest 1,590.00
Less receipts \$55,475.00
Total for Col. giate Institute, \$41,628.91

Public Schools. Receipts—Non-resident fees \$300.00
Government grant 4,900.00
Government grant, special 1,200.00
Government grant, inspector 755.00
Government grant 1,000.00
Normal Training School 2,000.00
Government grant, kindergarten 430.00
Government grant, domestic science 700.00
Interest, school 25.00
Rent from industrial committee for use of Alexandra school 1,500.00
Total \$12,170.00
Expenditure—Art supplies \$600.00
Domestic science 300.00
Kindergarten supplies 500.00
Printing 500.00
Stationery 2,000.00
Salaries—Teachers and officers 123,700.00
Substitute teachers 2,000.00

Normal Training School, 1,950.00
Maps, appliances and books, 1,000.00
Robb medal 25.00
Repairs and improvements 10,000.00
Janitors' salaries 9,500.00
Cleaning closets 50.00
Fuel, gas and electricity 1,500.00
Manual training 800.00
New seating 800.00
Domestic science 500.00
Insurance with city council 450.00
Unforeseen 1,500.00
Total \$175,485.00
Sinking fund and interest 13,539.62
Less receipts \$189,024.62
Total for public schools, \$175,845.62
Overdraft, 1911 3,202.75
Total \$189,048.38

Pay One-Quarter. The board also confirmed the recommendation of the audit committee that the salary of the City Treasurer, Bell and his assistant, amounting to \$775; the salary of the City Engineer, amounting to \$75; and \$450 rent for the hall.

Those present at the meeting were: John Dunn, chairman; Trustees W. T. Strong, Rev. J. Gibson Inkster, Dr. Teasdale, W. W. Gammon, E. J. Dennis, A. M. Hunt, and Secretary McElharran.

ARCHITECT OUT OF JOB

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Joint Salaries. Ald. Richter reported that he and Mayor Graham had interviewed the board of education relative to the proportion of the salaries of City Treasurer Bell and his assistant, and had made arrangements for that body to pay 25 per cent of the joint salaries.

He recommended that Mr. Bell's salary this year be \$2,100, and a year's increase of \$100 until the maximum of \$2,500 was reached. When the salary committee met, Mr. Bell was prohibited from receiving certain fees, but the finance committee decided that he was entitled to the fees allowed him by the assessment act, and he will collect these as usual.

Mr. William McNeil and Dr. J. S. Niven, of the London Poultry and Pigeon Stock Association, were present and made a request for a grant of \$200 for the Thanksgiving poultry exhibition. Both explained the advantages of the show. Ald. Richter explained that the matter would be taken up in due course. A number of applications for grants were laid over until the estimates were considered.

City Treasurer Bell submitted a rough draft of the estimates of the finance committee for the year. The amount needed for ordinary purposes amounted to \$50,264. Last year, a sum of \$56,242.22 was estimated, but of this \$7,000 was for incidentals. This is a balancing account, and may be more or less this year.

Those present were Ald. Richter, chairman, Ald. Johnston, Ald. Bell, Ald. Eglar, Mayor Graham, City Treasurer Bell, and Secretary S. Baker.

Sale By Tender

JEFFERY ESTATE

Residence and Stores

Tenders in writing will be received up to and inclusive of 25th April, A. D. 1912, at the office of the auctioneer, the purchase of the following properties:

Residence, No. 83 Central avenue, 128 feet frontage, 155 feet on Ridout street. Excellent view.

Store, No. 172 King street, occupied by St. Thomas & Co. (Wholesale) and Raymond Bros., near Richmond street.

Store, No. 384 Richmond street, occupied by Wray & Co. and William Atkins & Co., opposite City Hall.

Store, No. 388 Richmond street, occupied by Thomas Petrick and William Atkins & Co., opposite City Hall.

Store, No. 390 Richmond street, occupied by Callard & McLachlan, opposite City Hall.

Detailed descriptions, particulars of leases and other information can be obtained from

ALBERT O. JEFFERY, Solicitors for Vendors.

Notice to Creditors and Claimants.

In the Matter of the Estate of Bridget Elizabeth Ryan, late of the City of London, in the County of Middlesex, spinster, deceased:

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Statute 1, George V., Cap. 26, Sec. 55, that all persons having claims against the estate of the said Bridget Elizabeth Ryan, who died on or about the 28th day of February, A. D. 1912, at the City of London, whether as creditors or as claimants, are to be entitled to any share or interest therein, or claim thereon, are hereby required on or before the 30th day of April, A. D. 1912, to send by post prepaid or to deliver to the undersigned, Messrs. McKillop & Murphy, Barristers, London, Ontario, 50, Belford street, a statement of the said estate, their names, addresses and descriptions, and a full statement of the particulars of their claims and the nature of the security (if any), held by them, duly verified.

And that after the said date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and the said executors will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim or claims they shall not then have notice.

PATRICK AUGUSTINE RYAN, JOHN J. MULLIN, Executors of the estate of the said Bridget Elizabeth Ryan.

By their solicitors, McKillop & Murphy, 156 1/2 Dundas street, London, Ontario, at London this 24th day of March, 1912.

NOTICE.

Parties intending to sell their furniture, and not having enough for a house sale, consign it to my auction room, where you can realize the best prices. House sales a specialty. Phone or write the auctioneer with the experience in selling goods. Neil Cooper, auctioneer, 241 Dundas street, b

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Tenders

Sealed tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned up to 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, for the several works required in the erection of addition to power house for the London Street Railway Company, Thames street, London, Ont.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

MOORE & MUNRO, Architects, Carling Building, London, Ont. 77-13,12.

CITY OF LONDON, ONTARIO

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Applications are invited by the City Council for the position of Assistant City Engineer of London.

To be enclosed in plain envelope, and marked "Assistant City Engineer," and filed with the City Clerk not later than 3 o'clock on Thursday, April 25, 1912. A full statement of qualifications and references must accompany each application.

GEO. W. WRIGHT, City Engineer.

Apri.17,20,24

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of the estate of Isabella McDonald, late of the city of London, in the County of Middlesex, widow, deceased. Notice is hereby given pursuant to Statute 1, George V., Cap. 26, Section 55, that all persons having claims against the said estate of the said Isabella McDonald, who died on or about the 1st day of March, 1912, are required to post, prepaid, or deliver to F. H. Greenleaves, 43 1/2 Richmond street, London, Ontario, for the administrator, on or before the 1st day of May, 1912, their full names, addresses, and a full statement of the particulars of their claims and the nature of the security, if any, held by them, duly verified.

And that after the said day the administrator shall proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and the administrator will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim or claims they shall not then have notice.

F. H. GREENLEAVES, Administrator.

Apri.17,20,24

Auction Sale

of household furniture, etc., at 435 Ridout street, on Thursday, April 18, at 10.30 a.m. J. W. Jones has been instructed by the executor of the late Mrs. Mackay to sell the household effects, comprising mantle mirror, military clock, cosy corner, mahogany and walnut sofas and chairs (antique), hand-carved mahogany sofas, bookcase and books, pictures, carpets, oriental rugs, antique stands, screens, dining-table, breakfast-table, English iron, coal box, model, cabinet, hand-painted tea set, English tea and breakfast sets, two dozen dessert plates, antique ornaments and vases, fine china, bedstead, chest of drawers, bedding, whatnot, Venetian rugs, coal range, gas stove, etc. J. W. Jones, auctioneer, 88 Bank of Toronto.

Auction Sale

Beautiful residence, 367 King street, to be sold on the premises, Tuesday, April 23, at 3 o'clock. This is a two-story solid brick residence, with slate roof; nine rooms and bathroom; everything good. Lot 40 feet frontage by 150 feet deep. Back stairs, bath, and kitchen. See this property before the sale. Apply to the proprietor for key. G. G. Steele, proprietor, 141 Macdonald street, A. D. 1912. F. H. Greenleaves, auctioneer, 43 1/2 Richmond street, London, Ontario. 79c-twt

Auction Sale of Furniture

Thursday, April 18, at 2 p.m., at 18 Emery street. Take Ridout or Tracton street. Parlor in odd pieces, organ (deceased), sewing machine, dresser, chest of drawers, extension table, sideboard, chairs, linoleum, iron beds, mattresses and springs, chamber, heater with coal carriage and cart, card tables, dishes, tools, etc. Terms, cash. Joseph Brown.