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## LONDON A SUMMER RESORT.

The mercury hovered in the neigh-  
borhood of one hundred degrees Fahr-  
enheit in the city yesterday. Yet not  
a single prostration is recorded.

London is a good place in which to  
spend the summer. It affords the  
pleasures of the far-famed, fortune-  
costing "summer resort" without the  
attending inconveniences.

Lake breezes blow across the whole  
western peninsula, lying as it does in  
the very lap of the great lakes. There  
is always a cooling zephyr stealing  
around somewhere. It gets in at the  
back window and tip-toes along the  
hallway, lifting the "dead air" as it  
goes. It chases about the verandah  
and escapes through the vines.

So that those of us, who are com-  
pelled to spend the summer in com-  
fortable houses, set down in tasteful  
lawns and gardens, need not to worry  
ourselves hot over the fact. We are  
not dependent upon clap boards for  
shelter, nor are we beholden to potted  
veal for sustenance.

## WEAK KNEES.

That was not the most dignified  
position imaginable. Minister Fielding  
found himself in at the House yester-  
day when he introduced a bill with-  
drawing an Act, the principle of which  
he contended was sound.

If the Pension Bill was honest and  
fair legislation, why withdraw it?

What more apt and pitiable illustra-  
tion than this of the vacillation, the  
opportunism, that obtains with our  
rulers at Ottawa?

Why wonder that in the hands of  
the grafter these men appear to be  
molded and guided at will?

The Pension Bill, as framed by the  
Government, justly deserved the criti-  
cism of the people, who pay, and it is  
weak-kneed politics that, while con-  
tending it should live, proceeds to kill  
the thing.

Hon. W. S. Fielding's courage has  
been notably undermined—no doubt a  
natural consequence of the storms  
that blow incessant at the capital.

## PRICE EXPERTS, FORSOOTH!

The Dominion Government  
needs a price expert, such as big  
corporations employ. Such a  
man would have stopped Mr.  
Merwin's operations in about  
ten minutes.—Toronto Globe.

Rot! For what purpose are the  
heads of departments with their  
corps of clerks?

Will anyone say they would have  
paid the Merwin figures if they had  
been executing a private deal?

Lacking honesty in the public ser-  
vice, a whole regiment of expert buyers  
would not avail.

Fancy The Globe talking of a Gov-  
ernment engaging price experts that  
does not even resort to the business  
practice of buying by tender!

What the people of Canada are de-  
manding at Ottawa is honest govern-  
ment and the banishment of graft.

There is being carried on in To-  
ronto a persistent and ably-man-  
aged campaign to influence opinion  
against the public ownership and  
operation of such services as the  
supplying of gas, electricity, and  
transportation.—Toronto Star.

Some Toronto folk are evidently fol-  
lowing the London Advertiser's bad ex-  
ample.

## ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE

Prize Winners and Commissioners in  
Imperial Army.

Kington, June 29.—There were  
twenty-two graduates from the Royal  
Military college to-day. The closing  
exercises began at 10.30 o'clock. The  
Governor-General's medals were  
awarded thus:

Gold medal, C. S. M. Gemmell; silver  
medal, C. S. M. Macrae; bronze medal,  
S. Powell.

Sword of honor, prize for conduct,  
drills and exercises, C. S. M. Budden.

Class prizes for highest number of  
marks in class during the year—First  
class, C. S. M. Gemmell; second class,  
Sergeant Rhodes; third class, Cadet  
Carson.

The Dundonald mounted patrol com-  
petition was won by "A" Co.—Sergeant  
Henderson, C. S. M. Budden, Corp.  
Kirkpatrick and Sergeant Billan.

The Ontario Government rifle shield  
was won by "D" Co.

Sir F. W. Borden shield for re-  
volver practice by Cadet Campbell.

Commissions were obtained as fol-  
lows: Royal Engineers, C. S. M. Gem-  
mell; Royal Artillery, C. S. M. Macrae;  
Royal Artillery or Infantry, C. S. M.  
Budden; Indian army, Sergeant Hen-  
derson; Royal Canadian Engineers, Ser-  
geant Billan and Sergeant Haggerty; Royal  
Canadian Artillery, Cadet Coristine;  
Infantry, Corp. Spread.



LORD DEDBROKE—"There is one great trouble in your country in my  
opinion. Blood don't count, you know."

CHICAGO HEIRS—"Now, don't you make any mistake. Why, we  
just use that and horns, hoofs, bristles, and—well, you can bet nothing's  
wasted in Poppa's business!"

## QUEBEC BOASTS HER DAIRYING INTERESTS

Deputy Minister Gigot Tells  
Wherein Lower Province  
Excels Ontario

(Special Staff Correspondence).

Ottawa, June 29.—The Free Press  
correspondent fell in with an in-  
teresting old Parliamentary hand  
today in the person of Mr. Gigot,  
Deputy Minister of Agriculture in  
Quebec province. It is with no little  
evident pride that he boasts of the pro-  
gress of Quebec over Ontario in dairying.

The increase of 341 per cent. in  
the production of butter and cheese  
in the last ten years, while Ontario  
increased only 100 per cent. Mr. Gigot  
regards as an answer to the allegation  
that Quebec is behind the age in farm-  
ing. He says they have now some 600  
farmers clubs in operation, maintain  
two good schools of agriculture and  
send out lecturers.

Mr. Gigot speaks with authority on  
these matters, having moved while a  
member of Parliament in the eighties  
for the special committee which en-  
quired into the question of establish-  
ing the experimental farm at Ottawa.

The Hon. (now Sir) John Carling was  
the Minister of Agriculture at the time.  
He was most desirous to carry on for  
the Dominion the experimental system  
which he had begun as Minister of  
Agriculture in Ontario. And Mr. Gigot  
was so far in sympathy that he moved  
for and obtained the committee in or-  
der to get the movement forward as a  
Government measure. The history of  
the experimental farm, as advanced by  
Sir John Carling, often under the re-  
monstrance of colleagues who feared  
the growth of expense, is known to all.

The result was to justify the promise  
of approval of the whole people. It is  
now acknowledged that nothing ever  
done for the producing interest of  
Canada was better designed or more  
intelligently carried out than the ex-  
perimental farm at Ottawa, with its  
several branches.

It may be remarked that the record  
of Ontario dairying in the light of Mr.  
Gigot's figures, has not kept the pace  
it ought to have done, and some may  
instance the stuffing of chickens at a  
cost more than they are worth, as evi-  
dence of faulty administration at  
Ottawa. However, that may be, the  
Quebeckers have certainly cause for  
gloriation over the fact that their dairying  
in results so far surpass the premier  
province of Ontario.

## WILL REPORT SHORTLY

Additional Evidence of Graft in  
Ontario Civic Affairs.

Toronto, June 29.—Judge Winchester  
adjourned the civic inquiry this morn-  
ing after the examination of several  
witnesses. He had sufficient matter  
now, he said, to go before the city  
council for action by this body. He  
expected to have a report by the middle  
or end of next week.

Cyrus Dolph was examined on the  
connection of the Preston Shingle and  
Skiing Company with the firms in To-  
ronto, and the alleged conspiracy to  
inflate prices on city contracts. He  
admitted there was a verbal arrange-  
ment previous to the agreement at a  
meeting in Toronto which resulted in  
the firm's letter undertaking to pay  
\$3,500 to the Roofers Supply Company.

Ex-Ald. Fame told how he supported  
Architect Siddall in council over the  
St. Lawrence market contract. After-  
ward he said he got Siddall to plan a  
house for him.

"What we want," said the practi-  
cal politician, "is a safe man." "And  
what is your idea of a safe man?"  
"One who won't give up anything ex-  
cept in response to our combination."  
"Which is it—'Nigger fingers in the  
lap of spring' or 'Spring fingers in the  
lap of spring'?" "Don't remember;  
but of late years I should say it had  
been lap and lap."

## THE SENTIMENT OF WESTERN ONTARIO

Commissioners Would Pay.

Chatham News: This journal is  
among the few that would prefer to  
have municipalities run by boards of  
commissioners, with the assistance of  
clerks and solicitors. A short time  
ago it declared that four commis-  
sioners, a clerk and a city solicitor,  
assisted by an engineer, could run  
Chatham with advantage. The en-  
gineer indeed, might be one of the  
commissioners, who would hold office  
during their good behavior, as do the  
judiciary, and such a municipal gov-  
ernment would, in the long run, more  
than pay their way.

Canadian Broad-Mindedness.

Paris Star-Transcript: The Toronto  
World is in deep grief because citi-  
zens of the United States have cap-  
tured nearly all the prize mineral lo-  
cations in the Cobalt region. If  
Messrs. Whitney & Co. were to at-  
tempt to take up gold or silver claims  
in Colorado or Montana they would  
find that before doing so they would  
have to take the oath of allegiance  
to the stars and stripes and become  
citizens of the republic. But Cana-  
dian mineral claims can be taken up  
by everybody who comes along. How's  
that?

Metric System a Matter of Time.

Woodstock Express: The coming of  
the metric system to this continent is  
merely a matter of time. Its advan-  
tages have been shown by Europe to  
be many, and these advantages will  
be greater when a general adoption of  
the system makes dealings between the  
people of different lands more simple.

AN ENGINEERING MARVEL.

Detroit, June 29.—A Chicago despatch  
says:—Plans have been perfected by  
the Canadian Pacific to construct a bridge  
near Lethbridge, Alberta, which will be  
ranked as one of the world's wonders.  
The plans call for a structure slightly  
more than a mile long and 300 feet  
above the water level. The Canadian Pacific  
bridge will span the Belly River, and is  
to be built for the purpose of shortening  
the route between Lethbridge and Mac-  
Leod.

The grade of the new line will be much  
easier, and heavy loads can be carried  
at least. The work will be commenced  
at once.

## OPEN PUBLICITY THE BEST

GUARANTEE MERIT.

When the maker of a medicine, sold  
through druggists for family use, takes  
his patients fully into his confidence by  
frankly and fearlessly publishing broad-  
cast as well as on his bottle wrappers,  
a full list of all its ingredients in plain  
English, this action on his part is the  
best possible evidence that he is not  
afraid to have the search light of in-  
vestigation turned full upon his formula  
and that it will bear the scrutiny of all  
the most thorough investigation.  
Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription for the  
cure of the weaknesses, periodical pains  
and functional derangements of the or-  
gans distinctly feminine, is the only medi-  
cine put up for sale through druggists for  
woman's special use, the maker of which  
is not afraid to take his patients into his  
full confidence by such open and  
honest publicity.

A glance at the published ingredients  
on each bottle wrapper, will show that it  
is made wholly from native, American,  
medicinal roots, that it contains no poi-  
sonous or habit-forming drugs, no nar-  
cotics and no alcohol—pure, triple-refined  
glycerine, of proper strength being used  
instead of the commonly employed alcohol,  
both for extracting and preserving the  
active medicinal properties found in  
the roots of the American forest plants  
employed. It is the only medicine for  
woman's peculiar diseases, sold by druggists,  
that does not contain a large per-  
centage of alcohol, which is in the long  
run so harmful to woman's delicate, nerv-  
ous system. Now, glycerine is perfectly  
harmless, and serves a valuable purpose  
by possessing intrinsic value all its own.  
And besides it enhances the curative  
effect of the other ingredients entering  
into the Favorite Prescription.

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teachers endorse these views and praise  
all the several ingredients of which "Fa-  
vorite Prescription" is composed, recom-  
mending them for the cure of the very  
same diseases for which this world-fa-  
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eminent medical writers and teachers,  
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telling just what Dr. Pierce's medicines  
are made of. It's free for the asking.

## GREAT IS MERWIN GREAT HIS RAKE-OFF

Being Recital of How a Young  
American Sells at 52 Per  
Cent. Profit

Special Correspondence of the Free Press.  
Ottawa, June 29.—It will be some  
years before the name of George D.  
Merwin is forgotten in Canada. This  
gentleman, who comes from the United  
States and is still in his early prime,  
had figured somewhat extensively in  
the public accounts and in parlia-  
mentary discussion. In the marine  
department accounts one easily and  
often finds Mr. Merwin's name. Also  
the name of F. L. Brooks, who is a  
Merwin firm. It is said that Mer-  
win is the chief business partner in  
other contracting firms which have  
received a good deal of money from  
the Canadian treasury, always with-  
out tender.

The Auditor Enquires.  
In the auditor-general's report of  
last year there is a letter from the  
auditor to the Deputy Minister of  
Marine wanting to know why large  
purchases made from certain firms  
had been made without any evidence  
of public competition. Among the  
items in this criticism was one of  
\$9,930, paid to F. L. Brooks; one of  
\$124,005, paid to George D. Merwin,  
and one of \$428,298 to the Canadian  
Fog-Signal Company. (A. G. Report  
E, page 208, 1905.)

Replying to Mr. Northrup on May  
16, the Minister of Marine stated that  
from the first of July, 1905, that is,  
after the date of the auditor-general's  
report, his department had paid Mr.  
Merwin \$104,521, and had one account  
of \$362 to settle. Also the depart-  
ment had paid to F. F. Brooks & Co.,  
which is also Mr. Merwin, \$69,833, and  
had still to pay him \$32,062. Hansard,  
1906, page 3411.)

We have something over \$350,000  
paid to Mr. Merwin in less than two  
years. But this is only a portion of  
his receipts under the various firm  
names and agencies in which he ap-  
pears.

A General Dealer.

There is a great variety in the  
goods bought from Mr. Merwin. He  
supplies gas buoys, cement, pumps,  
lathes, derricks, chains, pintle gas  
equipment, capstans, engines, boilers,  
cranes, and much of the ordinary  
merchandise of commerce. For some  
reason which ought to be discovered  
before the case is closed, the Depart-  
ment of Marine has chosen to buy from  
Merwin at second or third or fourth  
hand the ordinary machinery made in  
this country or elsewhere which could  
be bought first hand at from one-third  
to two-thirds of the price. There was  
a perfect infatuation for Merwin. If  
a boiler made in Galt was wanted the  
department scrupulously avoided the  
manufacturer, who was ready to sell  
it for, say, \$600, and purchased from  
Merwin the same article from the  
same shop for \$975.

Merwin Accounts in Parliament.

All through March, April and May  
after the accounts were down mem-  
bers of Parliament were insisting  
that these prices were outrageous.  
Over and over again George Taylor,  
M. P.; Dr. Reid, M. P.; and Mr.  
Northrup, M. P., who had a very  
good idea of what was going on  
about the government's purchases at  
Fredericton, brought up the matter in  
the House. They produced offers from  
manufacturers showing the correct  
prices. They offered to submit evi-  
dence to show that there must have  
been a rake-off of somewhere about  
fifty per cent. in engines, boilers,  
pumps and other apparatus.

All these charges and statements  
were practically contradicted by the  
Minister and his supporters. Dozens  
of members supporting the Govern-  
ment protested against these criti-  
cisms. They argued that the prices  
mentioned by the critics were impos-  
sible. They found fault with their in-  
quisitiveness. They defended every-  
thing.

In the Committee.

In spite of all, the Opposition mem-  
bers of the public accounts commit-  
tee pressed the enquiry. Mr. North-  
rup had Mr. Merwin on the witness  
stand and examined him closely up to  
a certain point. Then Mr. Merwin  
failed. He refused to tell what the  
machinery cost him, and was supported  
by the Minister of Finance and  
the Minister of Marine in his refusal.  
It was contended that the committee  
ought not to know the business se-  
crets of business men.

Meanwhile it was discovered where  
Mr. Merwin bought some of his goods.  
It was shown by correspondents where  
the boilers were made and at what  
price two of them were sold by the  
manufacturers. Finally Mr. Merwin,  
whose refusal to testify and make re-  
ply was to be brought up in the House,  
announced that he would appear and  
make reply. Finally Mr. Merwin did  
appear, but a change had come over  
him. He absolutely refused to give  
the original price of anything sold by  
him to the Government. For himself,  
he said, he had no objection, but the  
New York partner would not hear of  
it. There are many doubts about the  
existence of the New York partner,  
but Mr. Merwin insisted that he was  
alive and that he was kicking.

Another Witness Suppressed.

Meanwhile Mr. Wilson, of Montreal,  
from whom Mr. Merwin had made  
considerable purchases, had been sum-  
moned, and arrived at Ottawa with  
the accounts of these sales. But be-  
fore he reached the witness stand Mr.  
Merwin had seen him and convinced  
him of the impropriety of disclosing  
his business. Whereupon Mr. Wil-  
son declined to produce the accounts  
or to give the statements required un-  
less the consent of Merwin should be  
obtained.

So the matter stood until Mr. North-  
rup and Mr. Foster announced their  
intention of carrying the case to the

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your splendid co-operation, and trust that this store  
will always merit the title of the

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your neighbor—  
a reasonable price, too.

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return goods  
and get your  
money back.

House, where a record would be made  
of the whole proceedings, and where  
members would have to stand up and  
vote for investigation or suppression.  
Mr. Northrup stated that he would  
also move in the House a resolution  
declaring that no more money be paid  
Mr. Merwin while he refused to testify.

Brought to the Point.

The matter became so awkward that  
Mr. Brodeur concluded that the ques-  
tion should be answered. It took a  
long time to get Mr. Brodeur to this  
point, for it was a good many weeks  
since Merwin's first refusal. When he  
did reach it the Minister suggested  
that Merwin try to get his partner's  
consent to have the facts revealed, so  
far as they related to the few pur-  
chases from the Wilson firm of Mont-  
real. In the suspiciously short time  
of an hour Mr. Merwin returned to  
the room, announcing that he had ob-  
tained by telephone the consent of the  
obdurate partner. There was nothing  
then in the way of Mr. Wilson making  
his statement.

Some Facts Disclosed.

Fifteen articles, costing the country  
\$18,012, or about one-twentieth part  
of the purchases from Merwin by the  
Government, were mentioned in Wil-  
son's testimony. He began with the  
boiler bought in Galt by Wilson and  
shipped thence to Prescott, where it  
was delivered to the Government. The  
Wilson took their profit and sold the  
article to Merwin for \$660, and Mer-  
win sent in his bill to the Government  
for \$975. In August the Wilsons sold  
a Sturtevant engine to Merwin for  
\$550, a little more than double the price.  
And so it went on through the list,  
which is here presented in convenient  
tabular form with the product and  
percentages of profit.

Product	Merwin paid Wilson.	Government paid Merwin.	Merwin's profit.	Per cent.
One Hendy Nor-	\$905	\$1,350	\$355	27
One underwriters'	1,024	1,536	512	51
T. W. O. underfeed	1,890	2,550	670	36
One tubular boil-	690	975	315	45
One Sturtevant	335	500	165	157
One Beatty hoist-	770	1,100	330	43
One Hendy pil-	505	800	295	58
One steel derrick	750	1,250	500	66
One McG. & G.	660	975	315	48
One cast-iron	390	550	160	67
One Sturtevant	262.50	550	287.50	107
One O. & S. boil-	575	852.50	277.50	48
One O. & S. trav-	1,640	2,500	860	52
One bitumastic sol-	1,120	1,500	380	34
Total	\$11,828.70	\$18,012	\$6,173.30	62

Only a Fragment.

It will be noticed that these are for  
the most part articles of common sale  
and use, largely of Canadian produc-  
tion. They could have been bought  
by the Government at the price that  
Merwin paid. Better than that, they  
could have been bought at the price  
that was paid by the firm who sold  
him the goods. The favored con-  
tractor got his 52 per cent. not only  
on the manufacturer's price, but on  
the profits of the wholesale firm, al-  
lowing the Montreal dealer the modest

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profit of ten per cent. We have \$10,-  
523 as the price for which the de-  
partment could have bought the ma-  
chinery instead of \$18,012. This is  
\$7,227, or 67 per cent. excess in the  
fifteen items. The Government bought  
twenty-five times as much and prob-  
ably a great deal more from Mr. Mer-  
win. On the other classes of goods  
he had much larger opportunities.

Merwin's Great Chance.

For the above is only gathering peb-  
bles on the shore. A great ocean of  
adventure and exploitation lies beyond.  
Hundreds of thousands have been paid  
to Merwin for articles of which he  
claims to be the sole local agent. He  
makes a pretence that these appliances  
could not be got in any other way.  
If this were true Merwin will have a  
much better chance to deplete the  
Treasury than in plain common en-  
gines and boilers. For the purposes  
of making money the statement is  
true, since the Department of Marine  
has chosen to buy gas buoys, spar  
buoys, lighthouse lanterns, signaling  
apparatus, and various pintle gas  
apparatus from Merwin at his own  
prices.

Magnificent Prices.

And astounding prices they are. For  
instance, there is one bill amounting to  
over \$23,260 (A. G. Report B. 57). It  
includes twelve spar buoys at \$1,500  
each, ten lanterns at \$300. Then on  
page B. 98 there is an order of \$65,465  
including 25 lanterns at \$265 each, 1  
gas buoy at \$2,700, 180 gas receivers at  
\$36 each, 18 spar buoys at \$1,600 each,  
29 store holders at \$875 each. In ad-  
dition to the large sums mentioned  
above \$25,000 had been paid to Merwin  
as an advance the year before.

Again, on page 101, there are 20 more  
spar buoys at \$1,500 each, 2 bell buoys  
at \$2,500, 5 lightships at \$500 each,  
30,105 feet of cable at \$10,070, 5 submarine  
signal shore stations at \$3,000 each.  
The bill on that page reaching \$85,540.  
This catalogue might go on much  
longer before giving a complete idea  
of the opportunities of a Government  
contractor in the favored class who is  
equal to the task of claiming 187 per  
cent. profit on a common engine. How  
many hundred per cent. he claims on  
these spar buoys will not be known.  
He tells the committee that much of

this apparatus is made in Germany.  
We may well imagine that, when one-  
half to two-thirds of the whole pay-  
ment revealed in the blue books finds  
its way to the pocket of Mr. Merwin.  
So far as known Merwin has no  
private claim. What then? Is there a  
division of these profits, or does the  
department finance its affairs in this  
extravagant and unreasonable fashion  
merely for love of Merwin?

If your Stomach is Weak,  
If your Food distresses you,  
If you are Weak and Nervous  
Use Dr. Shoop's Restorative one  
month and see what it does for you.  
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