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## The Rodney Outrage.

The crime near Rodney is one of unspeakable horror, and all the resources of the Provincial Constabulary should be placed at the disposal of justice. It would be another crime to permit the fiend to escape through any delay in spreading the network of the law. Offenses of this dreadful character are usually traced to tramps, who have a nomadic cunning in concealing their tracks. The present case recalls the atrocious murder of the little girl, Glory Whalen, near Collingwood, two years ago. The country was scoured by local and Provincial police, but scarcely a trace of the wretch could be found. The wonderful craft of the one-legged tramp who killed Policeman Toohy in this city is another reminder of the danger to which the community is exposed from this class of criminals, to say nothing of professional burglars like "Texas" and "Shorty Billy." In recent years the tramp nuisance has been greatly abated by the efforts of the Provincial police. Hundreds of these vagrants from the other side of the line used to invade Ontario every summer. They infested this portion of the Province, which is a highway between the Eastern and Western States. The Provincial police began systematically rounding them up early every summer, and deporting them. The tramp is now a rare species in Ontario, and he avoids the cities, towns and villages, where he is likely to be arrested on sight.

It is suggested that the Rodney criminal may not be a tramp, or even a stranger to the neighborhood, as he pretended to have known the first husband of Mrs. Covell. But it is almost inconceivable that such a brute and devil could be a member of a quiet country community in this Province, and grow to manhood without becoming the scandal of his neighbors and the target of suspicion.

## Is There a Plumbers' Combine?

If a plumbers' combine exists in this city the public should know it. There is circumstantial evidence of an understanding of some kind in the trade. Tuesday The Advertiser published an authentic story of a citizen who bought his plumbers' supplies in Buffalo, paid 30 per cent duty and freight, and the current wages to the journeyman who did his work, and saved \$100 on a job for which the local plumbers asked \$230. In large contracts, involving thousands of dollars there is sometimes a suspiciously small difference in the tenders, which suggests that the master plumbers have put their heads together before putting in their bids. In Toronto a criminal prosecution has been begun against a company dealing in plumbers' supplies. The allegation is that an understanding exists between the plumbers' association and the plumbers' supply houses and the unions, to stifle competition on contracts and unduly raise prices against the public. The three bodies mentioned share in the spoil, so it is alleged, and the money comes out of the pockets of the unfortunate people who have need of their services. The statute under which the charge is laid provides a fine of \$1,000 for each offense.

The complainant is erecting a number of houses and had arranged for the plumbing to be done by non-union labor. He tried to purchase the plumbing supplies from three different firms, offering cash payment, but was refused. He alleges he was informed that he could not get the goods unless he belonged to the Master Plumbers' Association.

Commenting on the working of the alleged combine the Toronto Star says:

"For ways that are remarkable the master plumbers of Toronto are popularly famed. In contracts their methods of operation are more than peculiar. When tenders for plumbing work are called for, the tenders figure out the cost of material and labor, and add 25 per cent profit. These provisional tenders are then taken by officers of the association, and an average is taken. The tenderer nearest the average is selected as the recipient of the contract, and he sends in his bid. The others arrange their tenders at different figures, but all sufficiently high to insure the selected tenderer getting the work. Of his 25 per cent profit, 5 per cent is paid over to the association. The association's organization is so good that it is practically impossible for a member to work any scheme to get a contract over the heads of the others, he is found out, and brought to book."

If the man who is putting up the building objects to the hold-up and makes an effort to get an independent man to do the work, he discovers that he cannot secure supplies for the goods are all in the hands of men who are working hand-and-glove with the master plumbers. As far as the man who is building a house is concerned, there is only one tender in, for all except the lowest are dummy bids.

"The Plumbers' Union is a party to the arrangement, because as long as the ring is complete the master plumbers will not employ non-union men, and the supply house will not sell supplies to a master plumber who does not employ men who carry the 'card' tucked away in their pockets."

"This system of arranging tenders has worked all right for the ordinary run of business, but its result in the case of large jobs has been rather different. In the cases of the plumbing for quite a number of large factories and warehouses recently erected, there has been no calling for tenders. The men or companies who propose to build would go to a

plumber whose business was extensive and say: 'We want this work done; go ahead with it. Buy your material, figure out the cost of labor, and add 15 per cent for your profit.' To prevent the plumber charging an exorbitant price for material he is compelled to furnish the catalogues of supply houses, and the prices of all materials are thus checked with the catalogues and invoices."

"With these big jobs operated in such a way without tenders the association does not concern itself."

It is suggested in a Toronto newspaper that if there is a plumbers' combine as alleged it might be effectively disposed of under the act which provides that whenever the Governor-in-Council has reason to believe that with regard to any article of commerce there exists any trust or combination among manufacturers, a judge may be empowered to make the necessary investigations, and "if the judge reports that such trust, combination, association or agreement exists, it appears to the Governor-in-Council that such disadvantage to the consumers is facilitated by the duties of customs imposed on a like article, when imported, then the Governor-in-Council shall place such article on the free list, or so reduce the customs duty on it as to give to the public the benefit of reasonable competition in such article."

## The License Law Discussed.

The administration of the license law was under discussion in the Legislature yesterday. Mr. Hanna, the Provincial Secretary, admitted that the majority of the license inspectors had been removed, and made no pretense that they were dismissed for cause. His only excuse was that "the appointees of the Government could be held responsible to a greater extent than those not so appointed." The Premier gave expression to the same views, claiming that the Government could not be responsible for the enforcement of the law unless it was responsible for the appointees.

The same arguments might be advanced in favor of the dismissal of every civil servant in the Province. It is reasonable to suppose that license inspectors appointed by the late Government would have an extra incentive to be faithful in their duties, when they came under the eyes of Conservative license commissioners who would show them no indulgence. If the precedent is established that a change of license inspectors must follow a change of government, every license inspector will have a vital interest in keeping his party in power. His means of livelihood will be at stake in every election. Mr. Whitney is not consistent in adopting this policy and declaring, as he did yesterday, that license inspectors should be "removed from the zone of political influence, and required to do their duty without any regard to their value to the party in power."

The inspector will be tempted to become a political agent in self-defense, fearing that if his party is defeated he will lose his position, whether he has been a partisan or not. Mr. Hanna admits that the choice of inspectors has been left to Conservative members or defeated candidates "who would be responsible for naming the best possible men." The party standard-bearer, however, is often controlled by the patronage committee of his riding, and in some cases the appointments have been notoriously offensive to the temperance people. It is noteworthy, too, that the Government has abandoned the contention of the Conservative party when in opposition that the license commissioners should not be party men, but should consist of county judges, county wardens, and mayors, with only one Government representative on each board. Nor is there any intention apparent on the part of the Government to restore all the license fees to the municipalities, from whom the Conservative party used to say the money was stolen.

Parliament has adjourned over Easter to give newspaper readers a well-earned holiday.

France had better not monkey with the Japanese buzz-saw.

Talk of lynching in connection with the Rodney outrage is foolish and mischievous. Mob law has no place in this law-abiding Province.

The Conservative party will not oppose Frank Oliver in Edmonton, but will continue to demonstrate that the west is in rebellion against the Federal Government.

Mr. Whitney still declares that he will make Niagara power as "free as air." Every resident of Ontario may live in expectation of the day when he may press the button and Niagara power will do the rest.

Carnegie's niece has married her poor but honest riding-master, with the approval of the iron king, who says he wants no rich men in the family. The sentiment is entirely praiseworthy. It is time the poor man had a show.

## She Had.

(Pick-Me-Up.)

He—Before proposing, Miss—or—Gertrude, I wish to know if you have anything in the bank.

She—Yes, Mr. Footman, I have a sweetheart there and we are to be married next week.

## Then They Clinched.

(Tip-Bits.)

O'Brien—Shure, it's married I am, an' I've got a fine, healthy bhoey, which the neighbors say is the very picture of me.

Malone—Och, well, what's the harum so long as the child's healthy?

## To Transfer Tom Moore's Body.

(New York Tribune.)

Announcement is made that the remains of Tom Moore are to be transferred from the English churchyard in which they have rested since his death, in 1852, to Glasnevin Cemetery, in Dublin. A memorial committee has been formed in hand, it is said, as well as a plan for the erection of a monument to

the poet. It is earnestly to be wished that this will not be done. Moore's grave is in a peaceful and lovely churchyard, in the village of Bromham, near Devizes, not far from the home in which he lived for 32 years, and in which he died. His wife and two of their children are buried with him. All the associations of the place are harmonious with the poet's gentle memory; whereas the characteristic of Glasnevin is ostentation.

## Sea Food.

(Detroit Tribune.)

"Waiter," called the young man with the epicurean appetite, "bring me a broiled lobster."

"Sorry, sir," said the waiter, "but we haven't any lobsters today."

"No lobsters?" Why, the menu of this hotel states you have all the delicacies of the land."

"Yes, sir," but lobsters are delicacies of the water."

## His Reckless Bravery.

(Washington Star.)

"What I admire about Rojstevsky," said one Russian officer, "is his reckless bravery."

"Yes, in allowing himself to get into the same ocean with the Japanese."

## Still Better for Jack.

(Philadelphia Ledger.)

"I hear Jack Goodfellow is as good as married to Miss Whittless."

"Oh, better than that."

"Oh? How do you mean?"

"I mean the engagement is broken off."

## Cholly's Snub.

(Cleveland Leader.)

Cholly—I was wally seaway with a wude fellow on the street cab today. Dolly—What did you do, Cholly?

Cholly—Well, y'see, the chap kept staring at me horribly. So finally I fixed my monocle upon him and said, 'I say, me man, you must be devilish hard up for something to look at, y'know?' I could see he was awfully cut up, for he said, 'I guess that's right.'

## An Appropriate Weapon.

(Cleveland Leader.)

Police Judge—With what instrument or article did your father inflict these wounds on your face and head?

Michael Mooney—Wild a motty, yer arner.

Police Judge—A what?

Michael Mooney—A motty — wan o' those frames wid "God bless our home" in it.

## Christmas Spirit.

(Yonkers Statesman.)

He—Don't you like to see a man filled with the Christmas spirit?

She—Yes, if he doesn't get it out of a bottle.

## Driven by a Lady.

(Sydney Bulletin.)

Her father dealt in horses.

And she was half a good maid—

Knew quite as much as he did,

This handy little maid.

Could find a fault, unerring.

Saw value in a trice.

Could tell if a horse was sound.

Was strong and free from vice.

And whether it was quiet.

That a lady's hand might guide;

And whether it was young or old.

She'd very soon decide.

Now, this maiden had a lover

(As maidens will) and she was free;

Who wanted her to wed him.

And one day told her so.

Before she gave her answer

(She had caution learnt in trade);

She pondered long and hard.

Then, from force of habit, said:

"Are you sound and free from vices?

Were you ever broken down?

Are you sure you're not a bolter?

Will you stand, untied, in town?"

"Are you quiet in double harness,

And free from halcyon sound?

Will you give a written guarantee

To be driven by a lady?"

## Caution.

(Washington Star.)

"What are you going to do with your enormous accumulation of wealth?"

"Hold on to it," answered Mr. Dustin Stax. "My observation is that a rich man isn't criticised much on his gains looking around to find a way to get rid of his money."

## Mr. Whitney and Mr. Beck.

(Brantford Expositor.)

At the Montclair banquet Hon. A. Beck charged the late Government with having given away Niagara franchises for a song. How funny! Does not Mr. Beck remember that Mr. Whitney considered the terms imposed upon the corporation by the Government as so onerous that he advocated that the power should be made as free as air?

## GOT THREE MONTHS

IN THE CENTRAL

Wesley Boyce Is Convicted On

Charge of Stealing—C. A.

Reid's Case.

In the police court today

two men who had pleaded guilty

to charges of theft were dealt with.

One of them, Wesley Boyce, was

given three months in the Central

Prison. The other, Charles Alexander

Reid, was allowed to go on suspended

sentence, on account of his youth and

previous good character. The three

complaints against Boyce were laid

by livermen. Boyce pleaded not

guilty to two of the charges, but was

convicted on all three. The magis-

trate, after receiving no answer when

he gave Boyce a chance to say some-

thing for himself, went on to point

out that drink had probably caused

Boyce's downfall, as his home ad-

vantage had been the best. He would

not sentence him to a heavy term be-

cause his relatives, who were highly

respectable, had said they were going

to give him a chance to go to the

Northwest. Three months in the Cen-

tral would show him he could not con-

tinue to go as he had been doing and

escape punishment.

Another charge was read against

Reid, making three in all. The last

charge was that he had been at

opera glasses from the home of Rich-

ard Winnett on South street. He

pleaded guilty to the charges and of-

fense was not allowed.

Magistrate Love told Reid that he

understood that he had been living a

double life. While his thieving oper-

ations were going on he had been at-

tending church and Sunday school

regularly, and posed as a "model boy."

His friends had been deceived by his

mean character, and they stamped him

as a sneak-thief. With the advantages

which he had had it was strange how

he had gone wrong. The magistrate

concluded by saying that as he had

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spent some time in jail on remands, he would not send him down again, but would let him off on suspended sentence. He warned him, however, that this sentence would be changed if at any time another charge was brought against him. Reid's father was bound over in \$200 as a guarantee that his son would appear at any time when wanted.

Allen Lindsay, a youthful vagrant, was allowed to go on promising that he would return to his home in Toronto.

Several first-timers were discharged.

## A PERFECT KITCHEN

Interesting Demonstrations in Use of Gas for Cooking.

The Gas Appliance Company of this city are conducting extremely interesting and instructive demonstrations in room 7 of the Duffell block this week. The room is fitted up as a great kitchen and the perfection of its interior arouses the admiration and envy of the housewives who visit the scene. The utensils, which are a marvel of convenience and neatness, are kept as clean as a whistle.

The gentleman who is in charge, Mr. F. A. Smith, is an expert in this line, and under his direction puddings, gelatines, jellies, eggs and other delicacies are made that displays the superior value of gas in the kitchen.

The demonstrations will be held on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings, at 8 o'clock; on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, at 10 o'clock, and on any one of the week at 3:30. The company invites the citizens to attend these demonstrations. A pleasant feature is the serving of refreshments after the proceedings are concluded.

## CEDAR BLOCKS FOR FUEL

Citizen Thinks the Health Officer Should Interfere.

The following letter has been received by The Advertiser regarding the giving away for fuel of the old cedar blocks on Queen's avenue, which are now being torn up:

"I notice by last evening's Advertiser that the blocks now being taken up on Queen's avenue will be given away to those who are willing to pay for the hauling. Surely this is a health officer's job, and the health officer should have something to say in this matter. It would certainly be very doubtful charity to allow such disease-breeding material to be saved on any one's premises to the detriment of their own and their neighbors' health. A much better plan would be to have the filthy things destroyed as quickly as possible. The taking up of the pavement will of itself be a source of danger to the residents of the avenue, without the rotten blocks being allowed to remain."

In speaking of the matter today, City Engineer Graydon said the blocks will be no more dangerous piled in the yard than they are when they are on the Queen's avenue, and he says that as far as he is concerned poor people are welcome to them.

## Thousands of Women

ARE MADE WELL AND STRONG

Success of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable

Compound Rests Upon the Fact that It

Really Does Make Sick Women Well

Thousands upon thousands of Canadian women have been restored to health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Lydia E. Pinkham's office, and prove this statement to be a fact and not a mere boast.

Overshadowing indeed is the success of this great medicine, and compared with it all other medicines and treatments for women are experiments.

Why has Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound accomplished its widespread results for good?

Because it has lived and thrived and done its glorious work for a quarter of a century?

Simply and surely because of its sterling worth. The reason no other medicine has even approached its success is because it is a woman's medicine, and there is no other medicine in the world so good for women's ills.

The wonderful power of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is not because it is a woman's medicine, but because it is the most wonderful tonic and restorative ever discovered to act directly upon the uterine system, positively curing all chronic diseases and restoring health and vigor.

Marvelous cures are reported from all parts of the country by women who have witnessed cures, and physicians who have recognized the virtue in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and are fair enough to give credit where it is due. If physicians dared to be frank and open, hundreds of them would acknowledge that they constantly prescribe Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in severe cases of female ills, as they know by experience that it will effect a cure.

Women who are troubled with painful or irregular menstruation, headache, bloating (or flatulence), leucorrhoea, falling, inflammation or ulceration of the uterus, ovarian troubles, that "bearing-down" feeling, dizziness, faintness, indigestion, nervous prostration or other ailments, should take immediate action to ward off the serious consequences and be restored to health and strength by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Anyway, write to Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass., for advice. It's free and always helpful.

## Dainty Easter Millinery



Exclusive new styles in artistic millinery for ladies and children. Every hat illustrates the newest, most becoming fashions as interpreted by our own thoroughly competent designers. A wide selection for every age, at comparatively low prices.

## Children's New Hats.

They are not simply called Children's Hats, but they are designed for children. The shapes, styles, colors, etc., are adapted to suit the sweet young faces. They are the "Newest of the New"—a style to suit every taste.

## New Parasols and Umbrellas.

BLACK UMBRELLAS—28-inch paragon frames, steel shanks, gloria tops, large assortment of stylish handles, in natural wood, grape-wood, pearl, oxidized silver, and gold-mounted. Prices \$1.00 to \$4.00

COLORFUL UMBRELLAS—In navy blue, and brown, steel shanks, natural wood handles. Prices \$3.00 to \$4.00

FANCY PARASOLS—In black and white, navy and white, figured black, figured navy. Prices \$1.50 to \$3.50

CHILDREN'S PARASOLS—In fancy cotton at 25c; frilled sateen at 50c; frilled silk at \$1.00

LIGHT FANCY PARASOLS—In white, with satin borders, white silk (fancy figured), white and cream with spots, white and cream with colored borders, natural Shantung; all the newest styles at the lowest prices.

BLACK AND WHITE SATEEN PARASOLS—And White and Black Sateen Parasols, at \$1.00

CHILDREN'S UMBRELLAS—21-inch frames, durable covering, natural wood and metal handles. Prices, 50c and 75c

## Wertheimer's Gloves for Easter.

## New Neckwear Novelties.

Our showing of Dainty New Neckwear for the spring season is an exposition of the latest and most stylish Neckwear.

Novelties in Silk and Wash Stocks. Come in and see them.

Linen "Buster Brown" Collars, with ties to match—a beautiful selection.

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Ladies' Two "Surety" Clasp, pique, gusseted, in white, gray, champagne and black. Every pair guaranteed in style, fit and finish. Price ..... \$1.65

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Two-Clasp Kid Gloves, in champagne, tan and white, price ..... 75c

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## New York Excursion for Easter.

April 22 is the date of New York Central excursion to New York City. It is the best excursion of the season for various reasons. One can take advantage of it, and be in New York on Easter Sunday, and it will be good to return as late as Thursday, April 27. Full particulars by writing L. Drago, 69½ Yonge Street, Toronto.

## New York Central Excursion to New York.

The best excursion to New York City will be run on April 22, by New York Central Railroad. Tickets, \$10.25 for the round trip from Suspension Bridge and Buffalo, good five days. Write L. Drago, 69½ Yonge Street, Toronto, for all information. Remember the date, April 22, Easter time.

## Easter Washington Excursion.

Friday, April 21, by Lehigh Valley Railroad. Tickets, only \$10, the round trip from Suspension Bridge or Buffalo, good ten days. Stop-over allowed at Baltimore and Philadelphia on return trip. Tickets good on Black Diamond Express and all regular trains. Just the time to visit Washington. For tickets and further particulars call on or address Robert S. Brown, district passenger agent, New York Central, 69½ Yonge Street, Toronto, for full information.

## New York Central Again to the Front

Arrangements have been made with United States customs authorities to check baggage in bond from steamship dock in Boston to Toronto and Canadian cities as well as in the opposite direction. Same arrangement between Toronto and New York in both directions. European passengers write L. Drago, Canadian passenger agent, New York Central, 69½ Yonge Street, Toronto, for full information.

## Colorado, California, Portland and Yellowstone Park.