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BRANTFORD BANKS.

As will be noticed in this issue, Brantford is to have another new bank building.

It is not so many years ago that there were only three such institutions in this city, as compared with the twelve now existing.

And the managers of the three in those old days used to meet daily and compare notes so that if an applicant got turned down by one of them it was a sheer waste of time to go to the other two. Moreover there was no word "Welcome" on the door mat of the managerial offices, and to keep open on Saturday nights would have knocked all the best traditions into smithereens.

The Standard was the first to add to the triumvirate, and the others followed at more or less frequent intervals since.

In the matter of up-to-date quarters the Bank of Hamilton was the first to make a move, and likewise to put up a sign outside the first building occupied by them, which showed the nature of the business carried on inside. That incident put some excellent old time bank men into such a ferment that cold compresses had to be phoned for.

However this is a period of progressiveness and Brantford now possesses as up-to-date and obliging a set of bank managers and staffs as can be found anywhere in Ontario.

AN OLD TIME COMPANY

The Hudsons Bay Company has just had a record good year with a \$2,500,000 bonus and dividend, or at the rate of fifty per cent.

This is the oldest company in existence, and had its inception in 1670 when Charles II. granted a charter to Prince Rupert and seventeen other "noblemen and gentlemen," incorporating them as the "Governor and Company of Adventurers of England, trading into Hudsons Bay," and securing to them "the sole trade of and commerce of all those seas, straits, bays, rivers, lakes, creeks and sands in whatever latitude they shall be, that lie within the entrance of the straits commonly called Hudson Bay straits, together with all the lands and territories, upon the coasts, bays," etc.

For countless years the sole business of the concern was to barter with the Indians for furs and skins, and from the commencement huge profits were made. Now the main receipts are derived from stores and land sales.

It was in 1869 that the Dominion Government practically forced the Company to lay off its territorial monopoly on payment of one and a half million dollars.

NAPOLION BONAPARTE

A writer in the *Forum* raises the question as to whether Napoleon was a friend or an enemy to progress.

There is no man about whom so much has been written, and who probably is less understood.

His complex nature greets and baffles the student at almost every turn. For instance, in the memoirs of his Secretary—the most completely intimate record of his life—he is shown at times as the great man who undoubtedly was, and at others as a peevish, petulant child. Here is one contradiction. His enormous energy even under the great stress under which he lived, was always seeking some new outlet, and one of his decisions was to study anatomy. To this end the Secretary relates, he had made models prepared of the inner organs, but the mere contemplation of them brought on such fits of nausea that after a determined effort, he had to give up the pursuit. Yet this was the world-famous general, who, on countless battlefields was absolutely unmoved amid disembowelled men and horses, in connection with the greatest scenes of carnage the universe has ever seen.

Still another marked contradiction is that, with all his war lust, he was also a great admirer and cultivator of the arts of peace, and that although he was absolutely deficient in many educational respects, he was a great administrator and his Napoleonic code is practically to-day the law of France.

In many respects he was a marvel of intuitiveness and discernment, and at other times he made senseless blunders, such as his disastrous descent upon Moscow, and marrying off Josephine, and marrying off Marie Louise, daughter of Emperor Francis of Austria.

One of his delights was to humble those of high power. He demonstrated this fact in a great many instances, especially when he got the Pope to come from Rome to crown him in 1804, and then just at the moment of that investiture, he seized the crown and put it on his head, afterwards performing a like ceremony in connection with the new Empress.

One thing seems to be assured, that in all that he did, he thought of nothing so much as Napoleon, and that the wholesale sacrifice of human life, or anything else that he deemed to stand in his way, was done with a callousness and oftentimes brutality, such as no one man has ever perpetrated.

Yet with it all, he had the touch of a wizard over his compatriots, and as a general he takes proper rank among the great figures of history.

THE HOT WEATHER.

The continued heat is certainly hard upon everybody, and everything, and the death roll and prostrations, have been large, especially across the border.

This was the record up to June 30th in one section of the States:

Table with columns: State, Deaths, Prostrations. Rows include Chicago, Peoria, Ill., Grand Rapids, Mich., Lacrosse, Wis., Milwaukee, Racine, Wis., Rockford, Ill., Cleveland, Ohio, St. Louis, Mo., Sterling, Ill., Belvidere, Ill., Gary, Ind., East Chicago, Ind., Joliet, Ill., Janesville, Wis., Beloit, Wis.

Since then these figures have been greatly increased and in Toronto and Montreal there has also been a sad record.

Of course in the larger centres; with high buildings and crowded tenements matters are very much more oppressive than in the smaller places, but these also will be heartily glad when relief comes.

The only way to meet the situation is to be as little energetic as possible, to drink plenty of water and to eat sparingly of solid foods for the reason that the body under existing atmospheric conditions is not in need of so much fuel to keep up the necessary heat.

What the Other Fellow Thinks.

More Deadly Than the Male. Cobalt Nugget: The humiliating feature of being bitten by a mosquito is that it is she which does the biting.

She Gives Proof. Hamilton Herald: Our Lady of the Snows appears to make a point, on the day devoted to her honor, of proving that she's not a lady of that sort at all.

Laurier Out of It. Toronto Telegram: Liberals after 1911 talk about what they are going to do in Ontario at the next election, just as the Conservatives talked about what they were going to do in Quebec after 1896.

About ten seats was the limit of Conservative doings in Quebec for three general elections, and fifteen seats will be the limit of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's doings in Ontario for the remainder of his days.

Bourassa. Belleville Intelligencer: This firebrand is still at his unholy work of fomenting race, creed and anti-English strife in Canada. He seems to revel in his war of condemnation of every public man in Canada who refuses to fall down and worship at his foot stool, and creed agitation.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier comes in for his share of abuse, but has no just reason to complain of the conduct of his erstwhile pupil, for it was in his school of race prejudices that Bourassa first learned his political creed, and though Sir Wilfrid may not relish the castigations he is receiving from his old bosom companion, he is realizing the truth of the old Spanish proverb that "curses are like young chickens—sure to come home to roost." So Sir Wilfrid is now reaping the results of his early teachings—a lesson that many of his political creed should take to heart and profit thereby.

Scottish Settlers. Ottawa Journal: During the first few months of the present year there was an increase of 10,000 in the number of immigrants coming to Canada from Scotland. Commenting on the situation, The London Daily Mail says:

"The gravity of the situation lies in this: That it is the alert, able-bodied, vigorous and enterprising who go. The weak, the old, the women and children are largely left behind. Canada and the dominions may gain, but Scotland loses. Her population is now known to be falling, and the chances for the helpless and the unfit are an ever-increasing handicap on those who remain. It is not the overspill of some inexhaustible reservoir that is flowing to Great Britain; the reser-

voir is being actually drained. The dullness of the country-side has been blamed. But the most significant feature of this Scottish exodus is that it has affected the towns no less than the fields and the glens."

MUSICAL MOUNTAINS.

Deep Gullies That Enact the Role of Organ Pipes. Rather uncanny it would be to walk unsuspectingly along some quiet valley path and suddenly hear, from some mountain or cliff overhead, weird, strange sounds that resemble both the tone of a human voice and the note of a stringed instrument. Yet there are certain parts of the world which boast mountains and hills and cliffs that make these queer noises. In the Pyrenees, for instance, there are points which seem to throw out wild musical notes when the wind is blowing from certain directions. The natives, of course, are terribly superstitious regarding these noises, and they imagine they possess superhuman powers and that they are listening to the voices of the gods when they hear them.

The scientific explanation of the phenomenon is simple enough. If it is a cliff from which noises emerge the face can be seen to be crossed with deep gullies. These might be compared, in the purpose they serve, to the pipes of an organ. On certain occasions a layer of air seems to get caught between the cliff and the trees which border it, closing up the opening so that when the wind blows into the gullies music comes forth. So pronounced and continued are the sounds in some of the parts that two of the cliffs have been named "snores." It is interesting to note from this how man makes use of the principles adopted through the ages by nature in the creating of his musical instruments.—San Francisco Chronicle.

CHARMS AS CURES.

Curious Remedies That Were Once Popular in England. Many and varied are the charms that man has used for the cure of diseases. In Northamptonshire, England, a few hairs from a sick child's head are rolled in a piece of meat and given to a dog in the belief that the disease becomes thereby transferred to the animal. In Cornwall the child is fed with the bread and butter of a family whose heads bear the names of John and Joan. Gypsies swear by roast dormouse as a cure for whooping cough, and in Lancashire it is believed that no child will contract that disease who has ridden upon a cat.

OUR TOUGHEST WOOD.

Osgae Orange is Stronger Than Hickory or Honey Locust. The toughest American wood is that of the Osgae orange, which is not an orange at all, but belongs to the nettle family. This has been proved by a series of tests made by the United States forest service, but the Indians knew it before the coming of the white man, and it was known to them as the "hog tree," because they used it for making their finest bows.

Some idea of its strength may be had from a report made by the forest service, which shows that a block 30 inches long and 2 by 2 inches in cross section when bent breaks under a stress of 15,000 pounds, its nearest rival being a variety of the hickory called mockernut. When bent by the impact of a hundred pound hammer it stands a stress of 15,520 pounds, certain sugar maples and the honey locust being its nearest rivals. It exceeds the hickories, and its only rival in hardness, tested by the force required to nail a 4x4 inch nail to one-half its diameter, is the honey locust—New York World.

Good Map Engravers Scarce. No finer maps are made than the engraved topographic atlas sheets of the United States geological survey. In accuracy of detail and in the quality of printing the survey assets, with little fear of contradiction, that its maps lead all others, wherever printed. Great advances have been made in recent years in various phases of the printing art, but for fine map work, progress has not been so rapid.

Two ducks were hastily disposed of, one of them being a first offender, was let go, while the other an old offender, was given ten days in jail. A theft of cattle on the reserve was reported to High Constable Kerr, a few days ago. He investigated, and the cattle were recovered yesterday. The affair is a very mixed one, the people who appropriated the animals claiming them as their own. A search warrant was issued, however, and they were found to have more cattle than they should. Police court proceedings will likely ensue.

Time Is Sometimes Kind. Father Time is not always a hard parent and, though he tariffs for none of his children, often lays his hand lightly upon those who have used him well, making them old men and women inexorably enough, but leaving their hearts and spirits young and in full vigor. With such people the gray head is but the impression of the old fellow's hand in giving them his blessing, and every wrinkle but a notch in the quiet calendar of a well spent life.—Barnaby Rudge.

A Roland For an Oliver. Although no saying is in more common use than "Roland for an Oliver," few are acquainted with its origin. The expression signifies the giving of an equivalent. Roland and Oliver were two comrades who were famous knights in romance known in early French history for their valor. The wonderful achievements of the one can only be equaled by those of the other, and so we have the phrase, "Roland for an Oliver."

Making It Hard to Be Happy. "Why should you be complaining? Think of all the blessings you've got." "Oh, it's all right as you say that, but how can I be happy with my blessings when the neighbors are always taking the trouble to flaunt theirs before me?"—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Picture of Life. A colored philosopher is reported to have said, "Life, my brethren, am mostly made up of prayin' for rain and then wishin' it would 'ar o'k."—Presbyterian.

Financial. A woman carries a purse in her hand so that other women will see it. A man carries his in his inside pocket so that his wife will not see it.—New Orleans Picayune.

Got the Whole Life. "I know all his wife's faults." "Acquainted with her?" "No; just been introduced to his mother."—Detroit Free Press.

HIRING A SERVANT.

It Was Different Four Centuries Ago From What It Is Now. A contract entered into in 1543 between a Professor Eicholz and a servant girl, Hilja von Eitzingen, is recorded in a history of civilization by Herman Keussen. Eicholz, who was a wealthy man, expressly declares that the engagement was entered into in the presence of a female witness. She answered for it that Hilja would prove to be an honorable and dutiful servant. Hilja herself promised to be a good and true servant to her future lord and master.

He demands first and foremost that in spinning, marketing, and so forth, she shall do her very best and look after his interests, so that they do not suffer and she herself will be pleased by the shopkeepers and marketwomen. He cannot permit her wearing silks and satins. She must take great care of his house in his absence and not permit her gossips and other good friends to run in or out, nor must she herself run off to other houses to gossip. If she is visited by a serious illness, "which may God in his great mercy prevent," she must leave the house and stay with friends. In that case she is not to receive a penny more wages than she has been getting.

The professor allows her so many kitchen aprons, but they remain his property. She must pay for her breakages when they are at all serious, if she refuses to agree to any of these conditions her master has a right to discharge her on a fortnight's notice. She hires herself out for a year from March 1 to March 1. Her wages are to be \$2 a year, but in addition to this she is to receive a Christmas present of 50 cents, a dress as an inducement to ply her spinning wheel diligently, and a pair of shoes.

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With the City Police

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Military Notes

The regular monthly meeting of the 28th Regiment, Rifle Committee was held at the Armouries last evening when several matters of interest to the riflemen were discussed. It was unanimously decided to send a five man team to compete in the Dominion matches at Ottawa in August, and in order to determine who shall comprise the team, four shoots will be held on July 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, respectively, the three highest of four scores to count. The first two will be fired in conjunction with the Canadian Military Rifle League and in order to determine who shall compete among the members of the association.

Cadet Note. The R.C.I. cadets while at camp will be supplied with summer jerseys to be worn while drilling instead of the uniforms.

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Battle is on in C This Afternoon— Fine Shape.

SAN FRANCISCO, Ca Willie Ritchie of San Francisco first California fighter lightweight championship into the ring this afternoon. He will defend his title against Joe Los Angeles, also a native of the odds 10 to 7 in favor of him. Both fighters declare that they are in the pink of condition and that the fight will be a close one.

Issue of Marriage Licenses.

NEW MARRIAGES