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## LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

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### FRIDAY.

MAY 24TH.

### VICTORIA DAY.

STATUTORY holiday.

CELEBRATE it royally.

THIS will probably be the last chance.

A NEW HAT for the 24th.—SWIFT'S.

THE sidewalk in front of the Sterling Bank has been repaired.

THE 3rd of June, the King's birthday, is not a statutory holiday this year.

THE first band concert will be given on the band stand on Friday evening, May 25th.

PANAMA and fancy straws for the holiday, correct styles.—A. BROWN & CO.

THE new two-dollar bill will bear vignettes of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught.

WATFORD Bowling Club will open the season early next week, weather permitting.

STARLEFORD & SON shipped a car of eggs to London this week. There were 440 cases in the shipment.

LADIES, we have a dozen nifty suits left at wholesale price.—SWIFT'S.

NEXT Sunday being Whit Sunday, Holy Communion will be celebrated in Trinity church at 8 o'clock in the morning.

A FLOWER SERVICE will be held in the Baptist church, Watford, on Sunday next at 3 p.m. All are cordially invited to be present.

REFRIGERATORS—We have a nice assortment and priced to suit you, from ten to eighteen dollars.—THE N. B. HOWDEN EST.

THE A. Y. P. A. of Trinity church will give a strawberry and ice cream social on Wednesday, June 19. Particulars later.

THE fashions say that the lean man is "in" this year. The present prices of food stuff will make fashion plates out of most of us this summer.

MAUD—"Miss Oldum thinks that hotel clerk just lovely." Ethel—"Why so?" Maud—"He wrote opposite her name on the hotel register, 'Suite 15'."

SPECIAL shipment of floor rugs, 3 by 4 and 3 1/2 by 4, 4 by 4 1/2, Wilton, Brussels and tapestry. You save 20 percent, on the lot.—SWIFT'S.

MR. H. SCHLEMMER will continue his musical instrument business in the old stand, having obtained shop room from the new owner of the building, Mr. W. C. Browne, furniture dealer.

THE results of the Ontario College of Pharmacy are to hand. Among those who took honors we notice the name of Murton Jack, formerly of Watford. We congratulate him on his success.

LAWN MOWERS, step ladders, wringers, curtain stretchers and all spring goods at lowest prices.—THE N. B. HOWDEN EST.

Vacuum cleaners to rent, 50 cents a day.

PINEAPPLES 15c. each, large size; oranges 20c. to 50c. a dozen; bananas 15c. and 20c. a dozen; also choice confectionery and ice cream at the new Fruit and Confectionery store.—M. A. AZIZ.

THE Canadian Journal of Commerce, May 17th, says:—"As time goes on the prospects of the fall wheat crop in Ontario becomes less encouraging. In fact, it now appears as if the ultimate yield will not exceed 25 per cent. of an average."

MEMBERS of "6" and "10" Cos. 27th Regt. and Boy Scouts will proceed to Tank Park at 8.30 Friday morning when they will have instruction and practice in rifle shooting. Each member will bring his lunch with him. By order.

SPECIAL values in ladies' underwear combination at 50c., 75c., \$1.00 and \$1.25.—SWIFT'S.

THE Sarnia Ministerial Association at a meeting on Monday decided to immediately make public through the medium of the press all marriages solemnized by its members. The move is a good one and should be adopted by all clergymen.

THE merchant who believes in his store to the extent of emphasizing its importance is wiser than the merchant who, by using inadequate space, seeks to arouse an enthusiasm which he does not feel himself.

It is a matter of record that the largest shipment of tobacco that was ever made in the world came from Essex County. This was some time ago and made up a train of thirty-five cars, the shipment totalling 1,211,241 pounds and being valued at \$150,000.

THE Directors of the Lambton Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company met at the Roche House on Saturday and cleaned up a lot of business. Theo. McDermid, of Sombra, was paid \$230 for loss of his barn and a number of small claims were satisfactorily settled.

An exchange well asks:—"Why should pedestrians have to step off the walk to allow boys to go tearing past with their express wagons, propelled by them in such a manner that they have no control over them? This is matter enough for the council to pay attention to before any serious harm is done."

OPEN to-night, special display—SWIFT'S

STAY in good old Ontario.

FURNACES and coal stoves died hard this year.

FLOWER gardens have had several relapses this year.

THERE has been no great demand for ice so far this year.

A 20TH CENTURY suit ready for you to put on.—A. BROWN & CO.

THE Merchants Bank has opened a branch at Walkerville.

ALL places of business will be closed to-day (Friday) being a statutory holiday.

C. B. MATTHEWS & SON shipped a car of their noted flour to London this week.

A FANCY PARASOL for the holiday.—SWIFT'S.

THE Merchants Bank pays its regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/2 per cent. on June 1 next.

THE town of Warton is without a lawyer. Strange how blessings are heaped upon some people.

FIFTY fine young maple trees have been purchased for the Driving Park and are now being planted.

TEN DOZEN roller blinds 25 cents each.—SWIFT'S.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES ANNETT are now comfortably settled in their new home on Huron street.

VICTORIA DAY—Single fare for round trip on G. T. R.—good going May 23 and 24; return limit May 27th.

THE accepting of a Carnegie library building will not in any way interfere with the government grants now received.

THE Department of Militia is authority for the statement that only veterans who went out in 1866-67 will receive the grant of \$100 from the Government.

SHERWIN-WILLIAMS paint, Lacquerette, Elastic, Maresco wall finish and everything you need to refinish your home or furniture at Howden's.

CHURCH GOERS complain that the electric lights are not turned on early enough on Sunday evenings. Mr. Electrician, please turn them on earlier.

THE electric storm on Monday evening put quite a few tungsten lights out of commission and some of the streets were in darkness for the rest of the evening.

MRS. (DR.) ALD will sell her household furniture and other contents by auction on Saturday, June 1st, at 2.30 o'clock, on the premises, Ontario street.

TABLE LINEN SETS, hem stitch, naps and cloths, \$8.50 to \$20.00.—SWIFT'S.

THE Congregational church at Brantford, recently showed their appreciation of the services of Rev. M. Kelly by voting him a substantial advance upon his former stipend.

MAY 24TH, Queen Victoria's birthday. Enjoy it to the utmost, as this year will probably be the last time it will be observed as a public holiday. The old must make way for the new.

"WHAT a wonderful age of invention it is!" said Mrs. Peterson; "I see they are now making wire cloth, and I'll have some this very week to put a seat in Johnnie's every-day trousers."

NEW PERFECTION oil stoves lead. Over eighty-five satisfied purchasers will recommend them. We sell the Detroit gasoline range.—THE HOWDEN EST.

A NEW YORK paper predicts that butter will be selling in that city next winter at from 65 to 70 cents, and that eggs will be higher than ever. There are some advantages in not living in New York.

WE have now had the seven rainy Sundays prognosticated, and the ladies are living in hopes that next Sunday will be fine so that they can duly observe the festival of Whitsuntide by wearing white.

R. DIMOND SWIFT has been appointed Canadian representative for a large Belfast linen house, he has the samples in the store and will show them to our customers for fall delivery.—SWIFT BROS.

THE house and other building on the premises of the late George Howard, Main street, will be sold by auction on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The house is a snap for anyone desiring a small dwelling house.

A LETTER received by the Reeve from Col. Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia, states that the proposed Armory Building at Watford will be of brick and concrete. There will be six rooms in it besides the drill hall. The Minister also says that there appears to be no reason why these rooms cannot be allotted so as to allow accommodation for the Boy Scouts and Cadet Companies.

A REPORT has been published to the effect that the sentence of death imposed on the young Indian, Stephen Kiyoshk, would not be carried out on June 6th, the date set for his execution. Sheriff Flintoft has not received any word from the authorities at Ottawa relative to the Indian's case, and the death penalty, his sentence commuted, or given a new trial, is as yet only a matter of conjecture.

L. M. MCPARLAND, of Sarnia, died on Sunday last. The funeral was held Tuesday morning from his late residence, Front street, to the R. C. church at Corunna, where mass was celebrated. The funeral service at the church was attended by many relatives and the bereaved of the deceased and the bereaved family. The pallbearers were Messrs. E. A. LeBel, Alex. Saunders, Robt. G. Shaw, Robt. Broughman, A. I. McKinley, and John Tobin. Interment took place at the R. C. cemetery at Corunna.

LIVERMEN are notified that it is time to renew their licenses.

COURT LORNE meets next Monday.

EDWARDS shipped a double deck of hogs Tuesday.

PICTURE framing of all kinds done at W. C. BROWN & SON'S.

WHY should the back yard be dirty, even if man is made of dust?

TWO Englishmen, the first of the spring immigrants arrived here Wednesday and will work for Brooke farmers.

BALBRIGGAN underwear for men, elastic knit, special values at 75c to \$1.00 per suit.—A. BROWN & CO.

SEVENTEEN THOUSAND have applied for the \$100 grant to each man who was at the front in 1866 to repel the Fenian invasion. Less than 10,000 bona-fides were in active service in 1866. Seven thousand is some and then some.

THE sale of the lot and brick office of the late Dr. Harvey, on Front street, owned by Mr. E. C. Harvey, of St. Thomas, was offered for sale by Auctioneer Elliot on Saturday afternoon and knocked down to Mr. D. Roche for \$130.

MR. THOS. SHARP went to Ailsa Craig last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Sharp's mother, Mrs. Bowman, aged 80 years, who was buried at Ailsa Craig on Friday. Mrs. Sharp had been in attendance on her mother for some time previous to her death.

HAVE you seen the Art clothes models. They are stylish.—SWIFT'S.

SIXTY sectionmen from Sarnia and points east are at work laying the 100 pound rails from the sand pit east of London, to Sarnia, which will entail an expenditure of more than a million dollars. It is the intention of the company to place the new rails from Woodstock to Sarnia this summer.

THE high cost of living did not trouble people much twenty years ago. These were the prices current in local markets in the corresponding week of May, 1892:—Butter, 13 cents per pound; eggs, 10 cents per dozen; potatoes, 25 cents per bushel; lard, 10 cents per pound.

A STRANGE clergyman preaching in a country church on a recent Sunday, put the church members to a test when the time of beginning the service arrived, rose and remarked:—"I see all the singers are absent this morning. Let the congregation rise and sing 'Praise God from Whom all Blessings flow.'"

REMEMBER that you can help us a lot by writing out any local news you have and putting it in the Guide-Advocate letter-box. We are glad to get news whether you let us have it over the phone, through the mail, in our own letter box or drop in and tell us. Sign your name as a guarantee of good faith.

WE make a specialty of fancy biscuits at 13 cts. a pound. Old cheese 20 cts., fancy bananas 20 cts. a dozen, pineapples 15 and 20 cts. Everything in fancy groceries, fresh and at lowest prices.—THE HOWDEN EST.

WE put style and quality into our clothing.—SWIFT'S.

THE entrance examinations this year begin June 19 and there is no valid reason why the schools should be continued in session after that time. No really helpful or necessary work will or can be done after that time. School, at best, is not particularly attractive place to a child, and it is the part neither of wisdom nor of good sense to add to the agony by continuing the child in school when no useful purpose can possibly be served.

THE man who conducts his business on the theory that it doesn't pay and he can't afford to advertise, sets up his judgment in opposition to that of all the best business men in the world, says an experienced advertising authority. If advertising doesn't pay why is it the most successful merchants of every town, large or small, are the heaviest advertisers? If it doesn't pay why do the largest firms in the world spend millions that way?

TORONTO dispatch says:—"Mrs. Minnie Stevens, of Watford, failed before the divisional court Thursday to have reversed the decision of Justice Sutherland dismissing her action against the G. T. R. for damages for the death of her husband. Stevens was a brakeman, engaged in coupling cars in the Petrolia yard, when he was crushed to death. The jury found that his own negligence caused him to be there at the moment when the engine struck him."

WHILE in Inwood last week Mr. Ben. Richardson attended the inauguration of the new Masonic Lodge started in that town. The new lodge starts with a charter membership of thirty and a number of applications for admission. Masonic brethren from Alvinston, Bridgen and other places were present when the brethren have furnished a handsome lodge room and look forward to a prosperous future. Rev. N. A. Campbell, pastor of the Presbyterian church, is the first master.

THE Lambton Publicity Association is planning an effective campaign for this year. In addition to putting out several thousand pamphlets similar to those distributed with so much success last year, they expect to introduce a new series of pamphlets on special subjects. For instance if a man desires special information regarding facilities for fruit growing in Lambton County a special treatise devoted to statistics and information about fruit raising in different parts of the county will be supplied in addition to the regular pamphlet. In the same way they will take up the growing of sugar beets, seed corn and kindred subjects.

THE annual statement of the Sterling Bank of Canada is published and shows the net profits for the year ending 30th April, 1912, to be \$107,876.47. The reserve fund has been augmented by \$18,383.13, making the total reserve now \$300,000.00. The undivided profits total \$76,536.24, and as a consequence the dividend will be increased from 5 to 6 per cent. \$50,000 has been set aside for bank premises. The statement is a very gratifying one for the shareholders. A detailed statement will be published later.

THE Telegraph of Ballymena, Ireland, of May 4th, gives an extended report of a lecture given in that place by Mr. John Farrell, special representative of the Ontario Government, the subject being "Ontario, Canada's Finest Province."

The lecture was given in the Protestant Hall before a large and representative audience and was followed with keen interest. Mr. Farrell has been appointed to succeed Mr. H. A. McDonald in London as the representative of the Canadian Government to give information to intending settlers in Canada.

THE congregation of Trinity Church, Watford, has purchased from the Rev. R. S. W. Howard, of Chatham, and Rev. O. W. Howard, of Montreal, the premises owned and occupied for forty years by the late Mr. George Howard and his wife, corner of Main and St. Clair streets. The house and out-buildings will be offered for sale by auction next Saturday afternoon, and when removed the building committee appointed at the last vestry meeting will proceed with the erection on the lot of a handsome new church with basement school room. The site is probably the most desirable one in the town for a church building, and when the new edifice is completed the neighborhood will be much improved and property in the vicinity enhanced in value. A large amount of money has already been subscribed, which will be augmented by \$1000 bequeathed by the late Mr. Thos. Woods for Sunday School purposes, and the building committee are receiving many kind promises of financial aid when the building gets under way. The Ladies' Guild of the church will provide \$1000 towards the new structure, \$850 of which they now have on hand.

## PERSONAL.

Mr. Murray Mitchell is home for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Callahan have moved here from Petrolia.

Mrs. E. D. Swift is in Flint and Detroit this week.

Mr. Cal. Johnston, Detroit, spent the week end at his home here.

Dr. Hicks went to Strathroy on Thursday to attend District meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Laughlin have returned to town after spending the winter in London.

Mrs. D. S. Childs, Flint, Mich., is visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Wright, Toronto, are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. R. Prentiss.

Rev. H. E. Currie is in Strathroy this week attending the district meeting of the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Spence moved to Brantford Thursday where Mr. Spence has obtained a good position.

Mr. McDougall, of the firm of Caughlin & Co., stockmen, Toronto, was in town on Monday.

Mr. W. G. Hull and daughter Marguerite, of Owen Sound, are spending a few days with Mrs. Wm. Sedwick.

Mrs. Hillyard will longby and daughter Edythe returned last week after visiting friends in Strathroy and Detroit.

Mr. Malcolm Dunlop, of the King Milling Co., Sarnia, called on relatives and friends here Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. R. Hetherington, Harrisville, Mich., who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Stuart, returned home on Wednesday.

Mrs. (Dr.) Newell and Miss Muriel Taylor left Thursday morning for Port Huron where they will spend a few days with relatives.

Mr. Murton Jack, Stratford, was here this week receiving the congratulations of his friends on his honor passing at the College of Pharmacy.

Mrs. W. D. Wiley, who has been in attendance with her mother-in-law, Mrs. John Wiley, returned to her home in Brantford on Thursday.

Miss Lois Wiley, who has been spending the past week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wiley, returned to her home in Brantford on Monday.

Mr. Fisher, of the Sterling Bank staff here, has been appointed teller at the Kerwood branch. Mr. W. G. McDonald, of Auburn, fills the vacancy made by Mr. Fisher's removal.

## On a Fly Drinking out of his Cup.

Busy, Curious, thirsty fly!

Drink with me and drink as I;

Freely welcome to my cup,

Couldst thou sip and sip it up;

Make the most of life you may,

Life is short and wears away.

Both alike are mine and thine

Hasting quick to their decline;

Thine's a summer, mine's no more,

Though repeated to threescore,

Threescore summers, when they're gone,

Will appear as short as one!

## What Watford Wants.

More houses.

More industries.

More population.

Clean back yards.

A new fire engine.

A canning factory.

Fewer dogs and cats.

More farmers' trade.

More flower gardens.

Weeds cut when young.

Fewer cigarette smokers.

A sidewalk to the cemetery.

Fewer hens running at large.

Less money sent out of town.

A stand pipe for fire purposes.

Sidewalks for pedestrians only.

More interest taken in the fall fair.

Fewer knockers and more hustlers.

The approaches to crossings looked after.

More patronizing of home business houses.

The school and town flags floated on holidays.

Less selfishness and more unity of citizens.

The cemetery paths kept clear of weeds and grass.

## CHOP STUFF.

Burglars are at work in Alvinston.

Tilbury council has decided to prohibit tie posts on the main street of that town.

Glencoe will hold a horse show and a celebration on June 3rd, the King's birthday.

Glencoe is endeavoring to get a branch of the British or Dominion Cannery established there.

Miss Mattie Daubs, of Parkhill, and Mr. O. McCallum, of London, were married at Parkhill on May 14th.

The Crown Lumber Co., of Woodstock, manufacturers of wagon stock, will open a branch factory at Petrolia.

The position of Bounty Officer held by Mr. W. J. Harvey, of Petrolia, has been transferred to Mr. J. C. Waddell.

The Wallacetown and Lake Shore Telephone Company is constructing a trunk line between Wallacetown and Fingal.

It is proposed to hold an orchard competition in West Elgin, and the various councils will be asked to give a grant towards same.

The Tecumseh House, Petrolia, has changed hands, Mr. Frank Marshall, of Lucan, having purchased the business from Mr. Bedard.

Wyoming bowlers reorganized last week with Dr. W. Reid president and Geo. Dale secretary. Improvement will be made on the lighting of the lawn.

Ailsa Craig streets will be oiled again this spring. The oiling proved so satisfactory last year to the merchants that there was no trouble in passing the grant this year again.

Peach growers around Leamington state there is after all quite a promise of a peach crop. Of course the blossom may bloom and not have vitality enough for fruit, but there is going to be quite a show.

The death of Mrs. Jas. Clark, of Saskatoon, formerly of Bosanquet, occurred recently. Deceased was a daughter of ex-Reeve Caleb Kennedy, of Bosanquet. She is survived by her husband and a small family.

Acting on legal advice, Mrs. H. Georgii has partly closed the road running through her property near Port Frank. Some time ago the municipal council cut out the proper roadway, but have not, as yet, put it in proper shape for vehicles.

Fred Elnor, aged 4, only child of Mr. and Mrs. George Elnor, was drowned at Sarnia on Sunday. It is supposed that the little fellow wandered down to the docks, and while playing about, missed his footing and fell in the bay. He was missed, and as soon as possible a search was instituted. When it was learned that the child had been seen near the docks it was decided to drag the bay, and after some time the body was recovered.

## Flood at Parkhill Caused Heavy Loss.

Parkhill, May 21.—A very severe electrical storm raged here yesterday afternoon and evening. So heavy was the rainfall that between 12 and 3 o'clock a.m. the creek became so full that it rose about six feet, blocking the drains, and as a result many cellars were flooded. A loss of about \$300 was sustained by Mr. Thomas Munro, who lost a large quantity of oils, paints and glass from the water getting into the cellar, which is only a short distance from the creek.

The chicken coops of Mr. Munro and Mr. R. Stookes were also flooded, the former losing 26 hens, and the latter 56. Large timbers, boxes and other debris, along with a large pile of wood, were carried down stream. Most of it was deposited at the foundry doors. The moulding room of the foundry was still flooded to-day, and the moulders were unable to work.

About 9 o'clock in the evening the Bank of Commerce was struck by lightning, but the blaze was extinguished without the aid of the fire brigade.