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DAILY AND WEEKLY

Chatham, Ont.

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MR. CASEY'S BAD BILL.

West Elgin's member, says the Ridgetown Dominion, is showing his regard for farmers by fathering a bill at Ottawa that has been condemned by the municipal representatives of Essex, Kent and Lambton assembled at Chatham. It was the opinion of all present that the sections of the bill dealing with the running of drains under the tracks, and the protection of the farmers from loss by sparks setting fire to their property, were grossly in favor of the railroad companies.

It was moved by David Fletcher, seconded by Warden Leverton, that Messrs. Wilson, Farquharson, Legatt, Ross, Bouteiller and Chinnick be a committee to draft a petition asking for an amendment to the act governing the building of crossings, and drains across railroad property. The petition will also be submitted to the municipal bodies of the several counties of Ontario.

The Tilbury Times in discussing the matter says: "The railway bill introduced by Geo. E. Casey, M. P., is one of the most iniquitous pieces of class legislation ever introduced, and if passed will be the means of depriving municipalities and individuals of their few remaining rights under the present railway drainage act. The municipal delegates in Chatham on Monday did well to condemn the measure."

The Dominion should find out what railway passes Geo. E. Casey, carries in his pocket. Of course those would not influence him, but the information would be interesting.

IS OUR BY-LAW SIMILARLY DEFECTIVE?

In view of the fact that Chatham possesses a transient traders' by-law a recent decision in Toronto may be of interest. Last year, when Applebe & Co. opened a dry goods business in Windsor, an information was laid against the firm before Magistrate Bartlet, under the by-law dealing with transient traders. The magistrate decided against the firm and a motion was made at Toronto to quash the conviction. The following judgment has been given:

"Held, that the by-law was defective and invalid because directed mainly against persons not entered upon the assessment roll, and who have not resided continuously for three months in the municipality, and is quite silent as to those persons being in the occupation of premises—'occupation' being a main ground of distinction between the transient trader and the peddler or hawker of wares, according to the scheme of the municipal act. Rule absolute quashing conviction without costs."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier found an "unanswerable objection" to the proposal to take the census in 1901 in the fact that it would require an amendment to the British North America Act. He said:—"Canada will do well to refrain from lightly amending the provisions of the B. N. A. Act, except in cases where there is not merely a strong, but an overwhelming case. It was preferable, to his mind, to put up even with inconvenience than tamper with the constitution, which it is the duty of Canadians to retain in its entirety, unless a great wrong would be done by its retention."

The self-effacement of Sir Richard and the McMullen is almost complete. —Toronto Mail.

Cartwright and McMullen were regarded by many, while the Conservatives were in power, as cranks, but at the same time, they were also looked upon as honest critics. Their failure now to protest against the carnival of extravagance that is going on, and the failure of their party to carry out its most solemn pledges would almost go to stamp them as political mountebanks. Anyway they have killed their influence in the country by not proving consistency.

GOOD SENSE IN THIS.

Windsor Record.

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In the local paper,
Make your business fair.
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Taking lots of room
In the local paper,
Make your business boom.

WAR EASILY PROVOKED.

Hamilton Spectator.

And now an American consul has been offending Germany by making a statement that Bismarck, after 1878, was continually scheming to seize Holland. Two years ago an American consul, or admiral, or an American president, for that matter, could say what he pleased in the most off-hand manner, and no effete European nation paid the slightest attention; but since Uncle Sam has gone in for Peace and Liberty, enforced by ironclad war vessels and long range rifles, the "shirt-sleeve" privilege has been removed, and Americans must be diplomatic.

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A QUESTION OF EXAMPLE.

Ottawa Tribune.

Dr. Jas. Parker, the great preacher of London, Eng., finds fault with the Prince of Wales for playing cards and attending race-courses. The doctor should come to Canada and talk to our church members. When leading lights of the Presbyterian church are found running race horses, and leading lights of the Methodist church are known to play cards, surely the unpretentious Prince of Wales can indulge in these little amusements.

MORPETH.

Miss Annie Hughes has returned from Chicago, and will reside with her aunt, Mrs. Henry Stewart, west of of the village, in the future.

J. G. MacPherson, who died recently at Bothwell, was principal of the village school, previous to taking the principalship of the Bothwell school.

John Wilkinson, who was ill for several months during the winter, is able to attend to business again.

Quarterly service in connection with the Methodist church will be held at Palmyra on next Sabbath morning, consequently there will be no service in the church here on that morning.

The Rev. R. Hobbs, of London, gave his lecture "The Triangular Man," in the Methodist church on Tuesday of last week, to a fair sized audience. After the lecture refreshments were served by the ladies of the church.

We understand that Dr. A. J. Stevenson will leave in the near future for New York, where he will spend a month or two in the hospitals of that city.

David Beedle and wife, who have resided with Mrs. Beedle's parents, since their marriage, have moved to their farm opposite Trinity church, Talbot street.

The general store of the Smith Bros. was entered on Friday night and a large quantity of goods stolen. The thieves broke into the blacksmith shop of N. Parker and helped themselves to a crowbar by the use of which they broke into the store. This is the third time Messrs. Smith's store has been entered, and goods stolen. We understand there is not the slightest clue to the guilty parties thus far.

The funeral of the late Mrs. J. D. Conway, who died recently at the family residence near the lake, after an illness of two weeks' duration, at the age of twenty-five years, took place to Trinity church cemetery. The deceased had only been married about two months, and before her marriage was a Miss Bonner, of Ridley.

JEANNETTE'S CREEK.

The C. E. Society give a concert on Thursday evening. A silver collection will be taken up, to be given to missionary work.

There was a very large congregation at the Methodist service on Sunday, and the Rev. Mr. Knight preached a very eloquent sermon.

About thirty men were employed here all last week planting peach and plum trees.

Ed. Hamilton is strong enough to take short drives every day.

The Lockabie dredge left for Detroit on Monday.

Capt. Joyce will leave for Hamilton this week to take charge of the racing yacht Dinah.

W. Meyers left for Buffalo last week.

Stewart Forbes is quite sick.

C. F. Ouellette spent Sunday in Stoney Point.

F. C. Peck was in Dover on Monday and bought a span of fine horses.

W. Shaw has bought the Bartlett farm and will build a handsome residence on it.

Frank Peck returned from Cuba last Friday.

LITERARY NOTES.

OUTING MAGAZINE FOR MAY.

Outing for May is an exceedingly attractive number. Among its many breezy sketches angling naturally occupies a prominent position. The illustration are numerous and beautiful. The contents are: "The Dam Leapers" (trout fishing), by Wm. A. Whitney; "Up to the Hills in India," by P. E. Stevenson; "Angling for Eastern Trout," by Mary Trowbridge Townsend; "Golfing 'Round the Hub," by Geo. H. Sargent; "The Challenge of the Shamrock," by A. J. Kenealy; "Plover and Plover Shooting," by Ed. W. Sandys; "Fool's Gold," by Paul Paetnor; "About Fly-Casting," by G. E. Goodwin; "Through the Yellowstone on Foot," by C. H. Henderson; "A Day with the Longbills," by J. D. Ackerman; "Five Weeks Awheel in France," by Sidney Cross; "Loitering on a Canal," by R. R. Tybout; "A Cruise in the Dark after Duck," by E. W. Chubb; "A Fishing Convert," by Oliver Kemp, and the usual editorials, poems and records.

Rudyard Kipling will have a story in the May McClure's entitled, "The Flag of Their Country," which exhibits very dramatically the difference between a popular orator and a sensitive, high-minded boy in their respective ways of "honoring the flag."

BITTEN BY A SHARK.

EXCITING EXPERIENCE OF A FISHERMAN IN NEW YORK WATERS.

The Moral to Be Drawn From His Adventure Seems to Be, Do Not Catch a Shark by Its Tail; It's a Highly Dangerous Experiment.

Have you ever been bitten by a shark? Of course not, but I have, and I can assure the reader that it is an extremely interesting and entertaining experience. It happened to me at the beginning of last September, when the unbearable heat drove thousands of people from the city. A friend and I sought the cooling breezes of the seashore—Brant's point, in Jamaica bay, being our place of refuge—and we went out on the water as soon as we arrived from the city proper.

We caught a number of porgies before sunset and laid for weakfish in the evening, but were disappointed by strikes from sharks, from whose ravages the ocean trout fled. Angered by the depredations of these hyenas of the sea, we determined to rig up especially for shark fishing the next day, saving our porgies for bait and "chumming." There are two methods of catching sharks in the waters about here. One is with rod and reel, by which specimens up to 6 feet in length and 50 pounds in weight can be landed. The other one is by brute force with a drop line or rope.

Reports have been printed from time to time that monsters weighing 300 to 500 pounds and from 10 to 12 feet long have been taken in the waters of Great South bay, outer New York harbor, Shrewsbury river and the Kills and Newark bay. To kill such a giant fish undoubtedly requires judgment and nerve, but not much skill, for if the line is strong enough the big fish will finally exhaust itself and can then be gradually drawn into the boat.

We started the next morning in a rowboat from Brant's point for the grounds generally frequented by sharks. After coming to anchor we chummed with our porgies and soon had a number of sharks around us who gave unmistakable evidence of their presence by showing their dorsal fins and making a great commotion. We baited our hooks, cast out our lines, and in a few minutes I had a strike, and a battle royal ensued. As soon as the brute felt the sharp hook imbedded in its flesh it made a wild dash for liberty. My companion at once reeled in his line to keep it from becoming entangled with my own. With lightning speed my line played off, and, though click, brake and thumb tried to slow its motion, the wheel turned around with alarming rapidity, making that peculiar plaintive noise so well known to fishermen. Ten, 20, 50, 100 yards were quickly reeled off, and I began to wonder if he should ever stop. He hesitated, and then the reeling in began. But the minute the fish was brought closer to the boat he dashed off again in another direction.

This play continued until the fisherman was almost exhausted, and finally the shark himself tried, through rest, to gain fresh strength for another attempt to break the line and regain his freedom. The last run of the fish was toward the boat, compelling me to wind up the line so quickly as to make my wrist and fingers ache. He then allowed himself to be slowly pulled alongside, and he turned out to be a fine fellow about 4½ feet in length, gracefully built, but ugly and vicious looking.

By a dexterous thrust with his hand my companion caught hold of the shark's tail and landed him in the boat with a bounce. The prey now showed how much vitality he had left by beating the boat with his powerful tail and snatching at everything in sight with his jaws. Our seats were untenable, and we speedily placed ourselves out of his reach, my friend perching on the very bow and I hanging on to the extreme stern, leaving the fish in undisputed control of the space between us, every inch of which he wanted for his mad antics. He lashed rod, reel and fishing basket, seats and oars in his fury, but after awhile we managed to shackle his freedom somewhat by ramming an oar down his throat, which he gnawed in bulldog fashion. The exposure to the air, to the extreme heat and the parching rays of the sun gradually weakened his efforts until his stomach could be gashed so as to make him bleed to death.

An autopsy revealed that he had swallowed four eels, a hermit crab, still alive with shell and all; hard shell clams, a number of toadfish, sea robins, bass, cunners and all sorts of sea food. How he ever expected to digest the shellfish was a mystery to us.

Our sport continued, shark after shark being hooked, but some were lost. When my friend had his seventh strike, in went my line, and I watched developments. After a persistent fight he coaxed the fish alongside, and I grabbed hold of his tail with both hands and slammed him into the boat. This specimen was four feet long and unusually slender, and he turned and turned around until a good deal of line became entangled. I had meanwhile cast out again and held rod and reel in my right hand. In order to help my companion out of his tangle I grabbed the shark with my left hand by his tail and kept him as far from me as I could, but quicker than it can be told he turned completely around, forming a letter O with his body and, snapping at my hand, caught it with his teeth, tearing out pieces of flesh and lacerating it badly. It is needless to say that I made myself heard as I dropped the shark into the boat. From many wounds the blood poured, and I dipped my hand into the water to wash them out. It was soon colored red, and the sudden appearance of sharks at the very side of the boat, attracted by the blood, made me withdraw it in great fright.

Quick surgical assistance seemed imperative, as we feared that an important artery had been severed. My friend weighed anchor and rowed ashore. We had no cloth with which to make a bandage and begged the occupants of a passing sailboat for some linen. Their luncheon was wrapped in a napkin, which was put over my fast swelling hand. A doctor was at last found, but the wounds could not be sewed up on account of the inflammation which had set in.

With my uninjured hand I cut the jaws out of the shark and now discovered for the first time that there were six rows of teeth, sharper than needles, each tooth having at its root two barbed prongs. I then realized what a narrow escape I had had from losing my whole hand and congratulated myself upon having got off with only a dozen wounds and scratches, more or less painful and serious. I have kept the teeth as a memento of my adventure and have also two big scars as souvenirs of the day.

The lesson to be drawn from my experience is, do not catch sharks by the tail; it is dangerous. But with the dexterous use of the gaff there is little risk in this pastime.

Spring Weather Weakness

Try as you may, you cannot escape the weary, worn out, don't-care-to-work feeling that accompanies spring weather. Trouble is, the system is so loaded with impurities that every organ of the body is impaired.

Brain is not as clear as it ought to be; there is languor and listlessness instead of energy and activity.

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It sets the liver, bowels and kidneys acting, whereby all poisons are eliminated from the system; cleans the tongue, improves the appetite, purifies and enriches the blood.

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They cure every form of kidney ill.

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Here's a case in point:

Mr. Peter Morgan, the popular grocer, Market square, Chatham, Ont., has given the following statement for publication: "For five years I have had serious urinary trouble arising from kidney complaint. I also had a great deal of neuralgic pain through my temples, and suffered at the same time from dizziness.

"The pain in the small of my back was often excruciating, and I felt tired and worn out all the time. I have doctored for my troubles but received no relief.

"About two months ago I thought I would try Doan's Kidney Pills, and got a box of them from the Central Drug store. The result is that I am completely cured.

"It is truly wonderful to think of the rapidity with which these pills acted in my case. The urinary troubles are completely cured, the pain in my back is gone, the dizziness has left me and I am feeling remarkably well in other respects. The tired feeling has been removed and I think that no other remedy could have acted so well and so quickly in my case. I have recommended Doan's Kidney Pills to a great many people troubled as I was and trust that many more sufferers will be cured through the use of this remarkable medicine."

Doan's Kidney Pills are sold by all dealers at 50c. a box or 3 boxes for $1.25, or sent by mail on receipt of price. The Doan Kidney Pill Co., Toronto, Ont. Ask for Doan's and refuse all others.

ALMOST IN DESPAIR.

"My wife suffered with pain and distress from an affection of the throat caused by impure blood. She was almost in despair of ever obtaining a cure, but finally procured a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and after taking six bottles of this medicine she was completely cured." John Wecknar, Galt, Ontario.

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—on—

TUESDAY, MAY 30th

A. D., 1899, at the hour of TEN O'CLOCK a. m., to hear and consider any appeal or appeals which may be made against the Assessment Roll, or any part thereof, for the year 1899.

All appeals must be filed with the Clerk of the Municipality at least ten days previous to the meeting of the said Court of Revision.

GEO. M. BAIRD, Tp. Clerk.

Township Clerk's Office, Harwich, April 20th, 1899.

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TO CONTRACTORS.

Bulk or separate tenders, marked "Tenders," will be received up to Friday, 7 p. m., May 12, next.

Addressed to James McNeilage, Eberts P. O., for the erection of a brick school house to be built on the N. W. corner of lot 10, in the 8th con., Chatham township. Plans and specifications to be seen at the office of the architect until May 5th, then at Laird Bros. office, Dresden, until May 12th.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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Architects, Chatham.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed, separate tenders only will be received by the undersigned architects up till 6 p. m., Monday, May 15th, 1899, addressed to O. B. Hulin, Esq., chairman of building committee, for the several trades required in the erection of the proposed new Oddfellows' Temple.

Plans, specifications and forms of tender to be had at the office of the architects on and after Wednesday, April 26th. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

JAMES L. WILSON & SON,
Architects.

Chatham, April 24th, 1899. dwtd

TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed tenders will be received by and addressed to J. S. Richardson, merchant, Tilbury, up till 7 o'clock Wednesday, May 10th, for brick mason work and plastering, carpenter work, painting and tinsmith work required in the erection of a two-storey brick block to be erected in the village of Tilbury. To plans, specifications prepared therefor by James L. Wilson & Son, Carpenter's tender to be with and without materials.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

J. L. WILSON & SON,
Architects.

Plans and specifications to be seen at the store of J. S. Richardson, Tilbury, and at the office of the architects, Chatham, May 2nd, 1899. 1w

IN THE SURROGATE COURT OF THE COUNTY OF KENT.

In the matter of the Guardianship of the infant child of Solomon S. Mifflin, deceased.

Application will be made to the Surrogate Court of the County of Kent, before the Judge in Chambers at Harrison Hall, in the City of Chatham, after the expiration of twenty days from the first publication thereof, on behalf of George Henry Dent, of Thamesville, lumberman, and brother-in-law to Georgina May Mifflin, infant child of Solomon S. Mifflin, late of the township of Tilbury East, Farmer, deceased, for an order appointing the said George Henry Dent guardian of the said Georgina May Mifflin.

Dated at Chatham, this Fourth Day of April, A. D., 1899.

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