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Ontario Government finally mustered

up sufficient courage to fill the vacant

of Ridgetown. The news was well re-ceived in East Kent, and in view of the

ceived in East Kent, and in view of the many Chatham appointments every-body apparently took it for granted that the quistion was settled. Every week the official notice of Mr. Mills appointment was leoked for and many plausible reasons were found for the delay. All this time, however, Mr. Holmes and his Chatham friends, some of them openly favorable to Mr. Mills.

of them openly favorable to Mr. Mills, were secretly bringing pressure to bear at Toronto. They reasoned the

So reasoned the Chatham workers,

with whom West Kent always means Chathem. Premier Ross in his extremity, constantly haunted with fear of defeat, listened and tremblingly de-

of defeat, listened and tremblingly decided. East Kent, the faithful pack-horse of Liberalism, was sacrificed, Mr. Ross' own personal feelings crushed, and old and staunch Robert Ferguson, ill and absent from the riding in search of health, was thrown down. Mr. Ferguson was humiliated by being asked to withdraw his recommendation and informed that if he didn't it would be disregarded.

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rs. Warren Martin le a Collison in Which Seven People Were Killed.

Mrs. Warren Martin returned yesterday from visiting her daughters, Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Short, of Sault St. Marie. Mrs. Mar-Mrs. Short, of Sault St Marie. Mrs. mar-tin had a very undesirable experience on her homeward trip and as a result she was con-siderably upset. The train, on which Mrs. Martin was, crashed into another express about a mile and a half north of Pierson, Michigan and seven persons were killed and seven wounded. The accident was due to a despatch mistake.

despatch mistake
The story of the accident is best told in
Mrs Martin's own words:—"I left the
Sault Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock on
the Grand Rapids and Indianna R R. The
train on which I was, was half an hour late train on which I was, was half an hour late and it was hastening along to make up lost time. The coaches were filled and, the passengers were nearly all sleeping. Between four and five o'clock in the morning I was awakened by the train giving three little quick jerks and then stopping amid the crash of splintering timbers. The coach didn't jolt as much as the cars do when being taken onto the ferry at Detroit. The ladies in our coach became frightened and a general uproar was on the

rightened and a general uproar was on the verge of breaking out when some gentleman "Oh keep quiet. We stopped so there is

"Oh keep quiet. We stopped so there is no danger."

"The tone of the voice as much as the words soothed the passengers and they all became calm. None of us wers hurt so we got out to look around but we could see very little as there was a very dense fog and you could scarcely see ten feet away. We weren't long, however, in discovering what was the matter. The sight was an awful one, and the fog lifting as the sun rose revealed an awful picture of wreck and ruin. Our train had collided with another passenger train north bound, and the trainmen and uninjured passengers were busy removing the dead and wounded from the debris. The two engines were piled up, a shapeless mass of scrap iron. You couldn't tell what they were. Both engineers and both firemen were beneath the ruins. The baggage cars on both trains was smashed and the smoking car of the north bound train was also smashed. The next coach, however, full of passengers was lifted right on top of the ruins of the baggage car and the smoking car. The windows were broken but outside of few scratches not one of the people ing car. The windows were broken but outside of a few scratches not one of the people in the car was hurt. Could you have seen thought a miracle the car you would have thought a miracle had been wrought. The conductor on this train was going into the baggage car at the time of the collision and he was instantly

"On our train we fared better. The engineer and firemen were buried be-neath the wreck of the two engines. up sufficient courage to fill the vacant county court clerkship, and on Saturday the appointment of Mr. Holmes, of Chatham, was officially announced.

At the start there were many applicants from both East and West Kent, and a battle royal raged between Mr. Pardo and Mr. Ferguson for the patronage. Naturally the Government hesitated and waited for the two local members to unite upon a man, although it was an apen secret that Premier Rass favored one of the gentlemen from East Kent. Finally, when Mr. Rankin, of Chatham, was appointed Drainage Referee, and as the office of sheriff had lately gone to a Chatham mon, it was generally conceded that Chatham, if not West Kent, was out of the race, and by every process of fair reasoning an East Kent man was entitled to the clerkship. In fact, Mr. Pardo looked on the matter in that light and gave way to Mr. Ferguson, who recommended Mr. Walter Mills, of Ridgetown. The news was well received in East Kent, and in view of the neath the wreck of the two engines. A freight car carrying the extra baggage and a corpse, was completely wrecked, and the baggage car was smashed in at one end. The baggageman was writing at one end of the car and escaped uninjured, but his little son, who had been visiting at the Soo, and was returning home, steeping on a cot in the smashed end of the car, was buried beneath the wreek and smothered before the agonized father with the eager assistance of the passengers, could extricate the child. The little boy had wanted to stay another day at the Sault, but the father had brought him home against his will. The father took this terribly to heart, The father took this terribly to heart, and was frantic in his grief.

and was trantic in his grief.

"Outside of the baggageman, the passengers were all quiet, and it was surprising how calmuly all of them, especially the ladies, took the catastrophe. Probably the dearm for had trophe. Probably the des something to do with it, but the rising sun certainly lit up a grewsome pic-ture. On either side were fields of corn, through which the early morning breeze mournfully rustled. On the breeze mournfully rustled. On the track, were the broken and battered remnants of two express trains. Stretched on the ground and covered by sheets were the bodies of the seven py sheets people who had suddenly and without warning been hurled into eternity. Nearby were the wounded propped up and made as comfortable as possible with the cushions and upholstered seats torn from the cars. Both boilers had exploded, so there was no sound from the wrecked engines and "What does East Kent amount to, anyway? Ahybody can carry East Kent. It is sure to elect a Liberal no matter which way the office goes. East Kent Liberals will stand anything. But, here in West Kent, we must have everything to win. True, we have the only noise was the subdued tones of the passengers' voices and the moanings of the wounded. The horror of the whole scene was such as to But, here in West Kent, we must have everything to win. True, we have had everything going so far, but we must keep up the clip to win. Holmes has been pretty well greased in a small way, but he has always contributed to the funds and his bookstore for years has been a Liberal club room. Then, if he gets the clerkship, he will resign his numerous petty offices and we shall have more patronage to distribute. Some one will get his license commissionership, another can be made stamp vendor, another issuer of marriage licenses, and so on. We shall have lots of good things to offer the boys. West Kent must have this plum for Holmes if we are to hold West Kent."

So reasoned the Chatham workers, strike a chill to the stoutest heart, and cause each of the uninjured to offer up a prayer for his of her

narvellous escape.

Nurses and doctors were telegraphed for to Pierson, and they quickly responded, bringing drays, and the dead and injured were removed to the town. The people from the country around also began to assemble and to assist the trainmen in their work of rescue. There were many narrow escapes. The mail clerk in our train was writing at a table and the concussion threw him beneath the table and the wreck of the baggage car piled on the table. He

paggage car piled on the table. He was taken out with only slight bruisses on his arms and legs.

"It was the greatest wonder in the world that our train wasn't smashed up worse, and it would have been had not the freight car been attached to work the extra begage. It would be a second to be a small the care to be a second to be a small the care to be a small the c not the freight car been attached to carry the extra baggage. It caught the force of the collision and protected the coaches laden with passengers, Be-neath the wreck of this car was a corpse which was being taken to Grand Rapids for interment.

"The trouble was all caused by: a telegraph operator steeping on duty."

telegraph operator sleeping on duty. Both trains were a half hour late and our train should have been held, but the operator was asleep, didn't get the message, and when awakened by the conductor on our train said there was good and hard.

In one sense it is no funeral of ours, but we most heartily sympathize with the Liberals of East Kent, and incidentally with the Liberals of West Kent, barring Chatham. There is nothing for them. The powers at Toronto and Ottawa only recognize Chatham when there is anything to give. East Kent and rural West Kent exist only to give Liberal majorities at elections so as to keep in power governments to provide offices for the favorites among the Liberal minority of the good Conservative city of Chatham. no message, so we went on to destruc-

"I am glad I am safe home in Chat ham, and I hope I shall never have such another experience," said Mrs Martin, as she looked around her com fortable home and gave expression to sigh of relief.

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las a Great Future and is Prospering Wonderfully-The Prohibition Outlook.

Principal D. McLachlan, of the C. B. C, has returned with Mrs. McLachlan from a trip to Winmipeg and the west, where he went to overlook the west, where he went to overlook—the work of his string of fast thorough-breds, which he sent up, there last spring, to show the pioneers what kind of horses Western Ontario can produce. Mr. McLachhan's victories at the various race meetings have been recorded from time to time. In addition to these he won the special prize at the Winnipeg exhibition of fared by ex-Premier Greenway for the fered by ex-Premier Greenway for the best span of roadsters, mares or geld-ings, with Jean C. and College Girl. With College Maid Mr. McLachian also took first for the best three year old grandland bred filly and with Lannia took first for the best three year old standard bred filly, and with Jeannie Mac second for the best three year old roadster filly. He sold two of the fillies and also Attar, to a stock breeder in the west, and a fourth animal to a resident of Dakota, realizing good prices for all. The fillies he brought back with him, however, to try and lower their records of 2.11 and 2.17, and thus greatly increase their value and thus greatly increase their value for breeding purposes.

"Manitoba is prospering and going ahead wonderfully," said Mr. McLachlan in talking about his trip, to The Planet. "The people up there make and spend a great deal of money, both citizens and farmers being equalboth citizens and farmers being equal-ly liberal with it. They think nothing of paying out dollars where we would look at dimes. This year, however, money will not be so plentiful, as the crop is only about half the average, Still, I think it will pay them for their work. As a result of this poor crop outlook many of the merchants are cancelling their orders for large supplies.

A HINT TO FARMERS "Taiking about small crops, it came across one man who has 40 bushels of wheat to the acre, and the way he got it may give a hint to the farmrs ground here. He set his seede yely deep. Weeds were bothering him and he wanted to give them a chance to spring up before the grain so he could harrow them down. Now, whether it was this deep sowing or no I cannot say, but anyway that man got 40 bushels to the acre, while his neighbors, who surface planted, go a miserable yield.

"I tell you," said Mr. McLachlan changing the subject, "Western Canada has a great future before it. It is going to be a wonderful country and will support many millions of ' said Mr. McLachlan people.

THE DOUKS. "What kind of settlers do thos Doukhobors and Galicians make?" "As far as I could learn, and I got my information from the government inspector, who knows all about them, very good ones. They are as clean and thrifty as their circumstances will permit and the standard or and the standard ces will permit, and all are anxious to learn our Canadian methods, customs and language. They apparently re-alize that the sooner they assimilate themselves with the ways of the country the better it will be for them-selves. I think about two generations will wipe out all that is foreign among

"What about prohibition?" "Well, some people up there seem to to think it will never come into force to think it will nevel come into force even though the measure has passed the legislature. They seem to think, too, that Macdonald has injuted himself politically by carrying out his prohibition program. Of course, these people whom I talked to may have been prejudiced. I could not in a short time learn the real feeling of the people."

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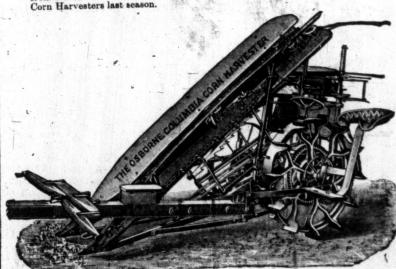
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