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#### PROBABILITIES.

G. N. W. Soeical.  
Toronto, March 18, 10 a. m.—Fair and mild. Tuesday, unsettled, with local falls of sleet or rain.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

J. M. McDonald, of Darrell, was in the city on Saturday.

Geo. Stephens, M. P., spent Sunday in the city.

B. J. Walker, of Windsor, is in the city to-day.

Owen McKay, of Walkerville, civil engineer of the Lake Erie, is in the city.

K. K. Campbell, of Ridgeway, train master of the Lake Erie, is in the city to-day.

W. W. Woollett, of Walkerville, general manager of the Lake Erie Railroad, was in the city to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Shillington, of Blenheim, spent Sunday the guest of Mrs. A. Shillington, Kirk street.

Ed. Donegan is able again to resume his duties C. P. R. freight offices, after being laid up with a gripe.

The 24th Regimental Band will meet for practice to-morrow evening. All members are asked to be present.

Miss Elsie Newcomb, of Detroit, spent Sunday with her mother, Fifth st.

Miss Laurie and Master Burnie Watson, of Leamington, spent Sunday with friends and relatives in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Marshall sang a delightful duet at the morning service in St. Andrew's Church yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McVean, of Dresden, spent Saturday in the Maple City.

Miss Elsie and Mrs. D. Stanley Shaw, of Detroit, sang a pleasing duet in Park St. Methodist Church yesterday.

#### ENGLAND'S CENSUS.

Thousands of Officials Are Ready to Handle the Work.

The night of Sunday, March 31, has been fixed as census night for England and Wales, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

The taking of a census is not merely a matter of handing round schedules and getting them filled in. For more than 12 months 20 clerks have been engaged in preliminary census work at Somerset House.

Geographical counties have been divided into parliamentary constituencies, boroughs and counties; administrative counties have been divided into sanitary areas, urban districts, and their wards and rural districts, and registration counties—how confusing all these are!—into civil parishes and poor law unions; municipal boroughs and metropolitan boroughs have been chopped into wards, and ecclesiastical parishes have had their boundaries defined.

Two thousand and sixty-one registrars, under 635 superintending registrars, have received their instructions in a specially printed little volume, and each registrar has divided his sub-district into enumeration districts and has so planned his division that each enumerator shall as far as local circumstances permit be charged with some 300 separate families or 1,500 persons. Altogether there will be close upon 40,000 enumerators.

Every enumerator will leave a schedule with every occupier of a house or tenement in his district during the week ending March 30, taking a note of every person who receives a schedule and of every house uninhabited or building. On April 1 he will collect the schedules and afterward make a complete return into an enumeration book. This he will forward to the registrar, who will check it and pass it on to the superintending registrar, who, after satisfying himself that the work has been properly done, will forward the returns to the census office before April 27.

In 1901, when the last census was taken, the cost was £919,000. This year this figure will be considerably exceeded, partly on account of the growth of population and partly owing to certain increases of fees.

The staff charged with the work of tabulation will be installed in temporary premises at Millbank, at the rear of the Tate gallery. The strength employed will be close upon 200, consisting exclusively of men and women on the ordinary examinations by the civil service commission as second division clerks, assistant clerks and women clerks. As the census work is concluded the staff will be gradually reduced and transferred to other public departments. The employment of female clerks in census work is a new departure, and it will be observed, no temporary clerks will be employed, as on previous occasions.

The census will be taken under the direction of the registrar general, Mr. Reginald McLeod—London Mail.

#### Wanted By

## F. Marx

A limited amount of Bar-foot Liquidators Banking

House Receipts.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

## CITY SOLDIER WRITES HOME

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25 wounded. Our casualties were only seven wounded and none killed.

We then journeyed on to Johannesburg, and during the rest of the journey were not molested. All the boys were in good spirits and looking forward to another engagement with Mr. Boer. The wounded are doing as well as can be expected. We arrived in this city Jan. 23rd, and have been stationed here ever since, but to-day we have got orders to proceed to Beaufort in the Transvaal to join the main body of the 2nd Regiment of the I. L. Horse.

Referring to the war, there is a great deal of fighting going on yet. The Boers don't believe in civilized warfare, they get in bands of 50 to 6,000 and make their attacks from behind kopjes, and you can hardly ever see them. They are nearly always on the defensive, they break from one kopje to another, but we are chasing them all over the country. They never come out on the plains to fight. I notice that there are a number of foreign assisting them, Russians, Swedes, Germans, Americans, etc. In fact we have not the remotest idea how strong they are.

I think the war will be over in about a year. The Boers are doing a great deal of looting taking everything in sight that they can easily carry away.

The British have taken all their cities and driven them into the mountains, where the fighting is being done.

The 1200 miles of lines of communication are well guarded all the way from Cape Town. We crossed the Tugela and Vaal rivers, the scene of Gen. Buller's fights and bridges which the Boers destroyed being rebuilt.

I must say the country looks beautiful now, and as for cattle, sheep, horses and birds, I never saw anything like the immense herds in my life.

Johannesburg is a fine city although nearly deserted now. Before the war it had a population of 30,000 whites and 25,000 natives. Everywhere in the way of living, vegetables and luxuries are very dear.

On January 13th there was over three miles of cars containing munition of war and provisions for the British destroyed by the Boers in Natal near Durban.

Of course you are aware that it is the mounted troops who are doing the work now, the infantry being too slow to catch the roaming Boers who are all mounted.

The Boers are very foxy, for instance we send scouts out to locate them, they let the scouts pass then wait for the main body of the soldiers and if they can surprise them with their rifles they seldom do now, valleys.

Lord Kitchener issued a proclamation to the Burghers in arms to surrender before the 21st February or suffer the consequences. He had a very narrow escape from being captured a short time ago; if he had been three minutes later he would have been a prisoner and he was travelling in a motor car, except the engine and front coach, and this happened within thirty miles of this city.

With me have enlisted two old friends, Byron B. Cook and Geo. Gasmer; the former was a great friend of poor Dick.

If I come safely out of this campaign I, and several of the I. L. H., intend to go to Old London, where they intend to give us a great reception.

Give mother my best love and tell her that I am not a day passes but her boy thinks of her, and God bless her with health and good luck to enquiring friends. I remain ever

Your affectionate son,

WILLIE H. REED.

#### DRESDEN

March 18.—W. H. Windever spent Saturday in Chatham.

Mr. C. P. Wiley is confined to the house through illness.

Mrs. J. T. Wiley visited the Maple City on Saturday.

Mrs. James Stephens and daughter Mary, of London, are wintering in Chatham, have returned home.

Miss McGlashen, of Sarnia, is the guest of Mrs. Joseph Tassie, North Dresden.

#### TILBURY

March 16.—George Powell has been appointed census enumerator for Tilbury owing to the death of William Campbell.

Pringle Shaw, of Leamington, is visiting his father, F. Shaw.

Reverend Onelle and Clerk Tremblay of Tilbury, expect to leave next Tuesday for Toronto, in the interests of the Tilbury West drainage bill, which is expected to come up in the legislature on Thursday.

A number from the village attended a farewell reception for Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Farquharson, given by the Presbyterians at Valeport, last night.

Peter Husted was in Stratford a couple of days this week, attending a meeting of the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario.

His Lordship, Bishop Baldwin, will conduct confirmation service in the English church here next Tuesday night, at half past seven.

March 15.—Misses Mary Adair and Mabel McKibbin were in Detroit to-day.

George Richardson, of Essex High school, spent Saturday and Sunday under the parental roof.

The flax by-law will be voted on to-day.

George Powell and family leave this week for Essex to take up their residence there.

J. J. Jackson, of Essex, is in town to-day.

The Stratford Beacon, referring to those who took part in the promenade concert there May 24th, says: "The character dancing of little Susie McGill, of London, was much appreciated, and will not soon be forgotten by the people here." Miss McGill will appear at the St. Patrick's Concert on Tuesday evening, 19th, at Grand Opera House.

FROM MRS. NATION, IN JAIL.

They told me, I recall it now, that some day I would catch it. And find to my regret that courts are mightier than the hatchet.

#### THE HEALTH HABIT

Just as Easy to Form as Any Other.

We do not deliberately form our pet habits, but they are unconsciously acquired, and grow as we grow, and by the time we learn they are hurting us, we find them too strong to be easily broken.

Then, why not form a good habit, a habit which will counteract the many bad ones, in other words, contract the unfashionable habit of being always well.

The best health habit to get into is to have and keep a vigorous stomach; if you have a healthy digestion you can drink your beloved coffee, smoke your favorite brand of tobacco, with little or no harm; the mischief begins when these things are forced upon the faithful stomach, without any assistance.

Form the habit of taking after meals some harmless but efficient digestive which will relieve the stomach of so much extra work.

Nature furnishes us with such digestives and when they are combined in such a pleasant preparation as the Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, they give the overworked stomach just the necessary assistance to cure perfect digestion without any of the harmful effects of cathartics and similar drugs.

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#### WARREN MARTIN.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE.

For the purpose of a thorough investigation by the committee of the Board of Works for the City of Chatham as to the qualities of the competency of J. W. Shackleton, whilst acting as a city engineer of the city, any person or persons having any charges of incompetency or complaints to make regarding Mr. Shackleton will please communicate with the chairman of the Board of Works, stating the nature of the complaint, and full particulars regarding the same so that the matter may be thoroughly investigated by the committee, the complaints to be made in writing and to be handed to the committee on or before the evening of the 21st inst.

W. S. MARSHALL,  
Chairman of Board of Works.

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# We Will Extend

the time in which articles in competition for prizes are to reach our store from Monday the 18th, to Wednesday the 20th inst.

The best article gets \$10.00.

The 2nd best article gets \$5.00.

The 3rd best article gets \$2.50.

This should be worth trying for, if you don't get the first prize you might get a second or third. It costs nothing to try. Everybody try.

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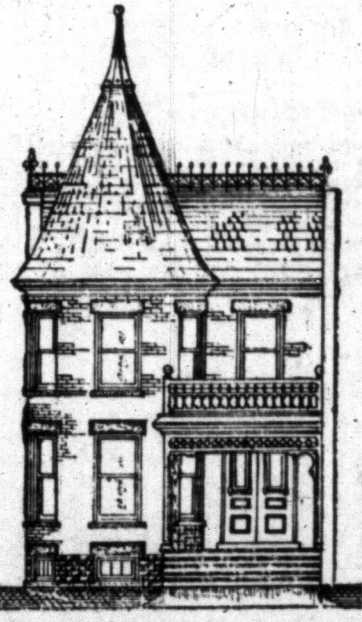
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