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PROBABILITIES

Special per G. N. W.

Toronto, March 26.—10 a. m.—South-
west to south winds; fine and mild.
Friday, fair to cloudy and mild.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Remember Park St. S. S. Concert,
Monday next.

Wanted! A first class baker. Ap-
ply to Thos. Martin & Sons.

For Sale! Three delivery wagons—
one open and two covered. Apply to
E. Putnam, butcher, Queen St.

See H. McDonald & Co.'s display of
handsome Carpets and Rugs, import-
ed by that firm direct from Scotland.
There will be a tableau by ninety
scholars at the Park St. Anniversary,
Monday next.

Miss Isabella Forbes, of the Gener-
al Hospital nursing staff, was mar-
ried yesterday at Jeannette's Creek,
to Alex. F. Stewart, of Detroit. A
number from Chatham attended.

The Ladies of the Macabees will
give a social in their hall over Gor-
don's Store on Monday evening, Mar.
30th. All are welcome. Admission
ten cents.

"The Disobedient Chickens" by 75
children, is a chorus that you can
hear at Park St. Anniversary, Mon-
day next.

The case of Patterson vs. James
Bradshaw and Thomas Knox, adjourned
from Monday, came up before
Judge Houston yesterday morning.
Knox was committed for trial on the
charge of stealing cartridges and was
released on his own recognizances.
The trial of Bradshaw, on the charge
of stealing a winder from the firm
was proceeded with yesterday after-
noon. Crown Attorney H. D. Smith
prosecuted and O. L. Lewis defended.

PIANO TUNING.—All parties desir-
ous of having their pianos put in first
class condition should leave their or-
ders with Jas. Brackin, Third street,
right away, as a tuner from the Kern
Piano Factory will be here next week.
All work guaranteed by the Kern
Piano Co.

MERRY WAR WAGED

It is not very often that scraps
and differences begin in the police
court. That is generally considered
the place to end them. It looked yes-
terday afternoon for a few minutes
as if there was going to be a real
fight right in the court room. The
case of James Bradshaw, charged with
stealing tools from A. H. Patterson,
was in progress. The Crown Attorney
was prosecuting and O. L. Lewis was
defending the prisoner. Suddenly
sparks began to fly and they didn't
all emanate from the glittering dia-
mond on the hand of Chatham's fa-
mous criminal lawyer as he waved his
arm majestically.

The Crown Attorney entered an ob-
jection to a point taken by Mr.
Lewis. The judge gave his ruling,
but Mr. Smith didn't hear it.
"If the Court won't protect me, I
can protect myself," remarked the
Crown Attorney and added something
about scrapping it out.

Mr. Lewis objected to this and there
was some talk of an adjournment
to the outside to settle up a few
points in dispute.

When leaving the court room, after
the case was finished, Mr. Lewis was
overheard telling the Crown Attorney
that he could lick the boots off of
him (the Crown Attorney). Mr. Smith
stated after it was all over, that
Mr. Lewis had misunderstood him
when he spoke about scrapping it
out. He had only spoken in reference
to contesting the case, but Mr. Lewis
had taken him literally.

After this little episode the judge
reserved his decision as to Bradshaw's
guilt on the charge of stealing tools
and reserved judgment on the prisoner
till next Monday. Bail was re-
fused.

HOUSES FOR SALE

One story, Joseph St., \$850.
Two story, Joseph St., \$1,100.
One story, Wellington St., \$1,500.
Two story, Lorne Ave., \$1,100.
One story, Murray St., \$550.
Two story, Lacroix St., \$2,600.
One story, Elizabeth St., \$1,100.

BOARD OF WORKS

A meeting of the Board of Works
was held yesterday afternoon, at
which it was decided to recommend to
the Council the acceptance of the ten-
der of John Flook for the new dock to
be built at the foot of Fourth street.
It was also decided to take the initia-
tive in the matter of a sewer from
Rev. Robt. McCosh's residence to Col-
borne St., as the sewer has to be put
down before the new pavement can
be laid.

OIL NOTES

The Chatham Oil Co. will soon be
shippers of oil. They have secured a
tank wagon and the first load of oil
was hauled this morning to Richard-
son's crossing, where the 300 barrel
receiving tank is placed. The Chatham
Co. has about 260 barrels of oil
already pumped at the well. The
Suttor place, between Hall's Big Hit
and Steven's Strike, have been unfor-
tunate enough to lose their tools in
the hole through the breaking of their
jars, and they have been all week
trying to get them out.

The Caldwell drilling rig is pro-
gressing favorably with the Chatham
Oil Co.'s new well which they are put-
ting down on the farm of Stephen
Brown. The Smith outfit, who are
drilling for the same company on the
Suttor place, between Hall's Big Hit
and Steven's Strike, have been unfor-
tunate enough to lose their tools in
the hole through the breaking of their
jars, and they have been all week
trying to get them out.

The Gordon drilling rig has arrived
in this city from Wallaceburg and is
being unloaded. It will be moved to
the farm of Mr. Newkirk, Chatham
Twp. This farm is better known as
the Sicklesteel place. A well was
put down on this farm forty years
ago, with some success. Drilling op-
erations will be commenced on this
well at once.

OFFICIAL VISIT

Grand Master of I. O. O. F. for
Ontario, R. K. Cowan, of London,
paid an official visit to the local I.
O. O. F. Temple last evening and was
given quite an ovation, over 300 local
Oddfellows being present.

A. M. Lafferty read an address to
the Grand Master, and J. W. Webb
and Wm. Potter as secretary and
chairman respectively, made the pre-
sentation.

Mr. Cowan made a very suitable
reply, expressing great pleasure at
being present, and also spoke in the
highest terms of the work of the
Order in the Province.

The initiatory degree was conferred
by Chatham Encampment, No. 29, and
very creditably done, as was also the
exemplification of the first degree by
Western City Lodge, No. 93.

A banquet was held in the Audi-
torium and addresses delivered.

Fifty thousand dollars to promote
an exhibition of Canadian live stock at
the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904 was
the modest request of a party of live
stock breeders who interviewed
Hon. John Dryden yesterday.

The Liberal Council of Manitoba
has formulated a platform for the
Provincial elections, and re-elected
Hon. Thomas Greenway as leader.
Mr. Greenway was presented with a
gold watch, at Balduf, in honor of
his sixty-fifth birthday, and re-nomi-
nated for Mountain.

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FLOODS IN QUEBEC.**MANY MILES OF COUNTRY
INUNDATED.**

**Buildings Demolished—Three Rivers
Suffers Severely From the Ice—
Ice Jam Causes the Trouble.**

Montreal, Mar. 26.—A considerable
portion of the Town of St. Lambert,
on the south shore of the St. Law-
rence, opposite Montreal, was inun-
dated by the overflowing river last
night. Not since the memorable flood
of 1886 has the water risen so high, and
people residing in that part of the
town near the river bank had to use
boats to get to and from their houses.
The breaking-up of the ice above
Montreal and the firmness below
caused a jam at St. Helen's Island,
which sent the water up. Many miles
of farm lands on the south shore are
flooded, causing considerable inconve-
nience. Buildings on the river bank
have in many cases been demolished by
the ice.

Three Rivers, Que. March 26.—The
ice on the St. Lawrence River com-
menced to move away at 5.30 last eve-
ning piling 30 feet high on the wharves
and into the street along the river
front, carrying away the offices of J.
Marchand and the Three Rivers Coal
Company, and breaking in the doors
and windows of Mr. Thomas Maloney's
office, resting against DuFresne's
hotel, but so far the Richelieu Com-
pany's offices and shed are safe, as is
also the elevator.

APPEAL TO CHAMBERLAIN.

**Suggested Removal of Governor of
Trinidad.**

Port of Spain, Island of Trinidad,
Mar. 26.—The Chamber of Commerce
has adopted a resolution providing that
a cable despatch be sent to Colonial
Secretary Chamberlain urging the im-
mediate removal of the Governor of
this Island (Sir Cornelius Maloney)
and the principal officials, "in whom
the public has entirely lost confidence,"
and asking for the appointment of a
Royal Commission of inquiry. The
population is quieter. The bodies of
twelve of the men killed during the
rioting were buried to-day.

THE PRICE OF CONSOLS.

**A Further Break in London Yester-
day.**

London, March 26.—The pre-
sent unsatisfactory condition of British
credit is without a parallel since the
days of the Franco-German war. There
was a further break in the price of
consols yesterday morning, but a firmer
tone was noticeable during the after-
noon, although there was not much im-
provement to pick up the stock at the
lower level. At the opening yesterday
further selling forced the price down to
89.7-8, but covering by bears strength-
ened the market, and the final quota-
tion of 90.7-16 was somewhat hopeful.
A substantial recovery is not, however,
expected until after the flotation of the
Transvaal loan.

WINNIPEG LADY DEAD.

**Spilled Lye on Her Arm and Was
Seized With Convulsions.**

Winnipeg, Mar. 26.—Miss Emma Howell,
aged 22, eldest daughter of Mr. H. M.
Howell, K.C., died suddenly to-night of
convulsions. The young lady accidentally
spilled a quantity of lye on her arm on
Monday, burning it badly, and was under
medical treatment. Deceased was one of
the leading figures in Winnipeg society
circles.

SMOTHERED IN SAND.

**Death of a Young Assiniboine Far-
mer.**

Winnipeg, March 26.—A sad accident oc-
curred on the Taylor farm at Yellow
Grass, resulting in the death of young
Alvin Taylor, aged 24 years. A deep well
had been sunk on the farm, but without
result. A vein of sand had been struck
at about fifteen feet, and this had been
cribbed for twelve feet. While re-
moving the crib young Taylor was caught
and entombed in the fine sand. Imme-
diately steps were taken for rescue, but
despite tremendous exertions, it was four
hours before he could be extricated. The
body filled in almost as rapidly as it
could be removed, and it took the united
efforts of nine men to draw the body
from his position. Mr. Taylor removed,
with his father, from Calgary four years
ago.

THE POLICEMAN COLLAPSED.

**Taken to the Hospital After Killing
an Escaping Prisoner.**

Washington, March 26.—William Wheel-
er, a negro, who attempted to escape
from the police, was shot and instantly
killed to-day. Wheeler, with two other
prisoners, was being transferred from the
Georgetown Station to a van, when the
negro broke away. The policeman, who
shot down the fleeing prisoner, immedi-
ately collapsed and was taken to a hos-
pital.

Williams Near the End.

Williams, who was stabbed while
walking home along Saville
street on Monday night, is not ex-
pected to live many hours. Shortly
Curry was notified by the authorities
at St. Michael's Hospital that Wil-
liams was dying. Court Stenographer
Alexander Downey was summoned to
the hospital and took down the
ante-mortem statement of
the victim of the stabbing af-
fray in the presence of Crown At-
torney Curry and Dr. Crawford. Wil-
liams was very weak and could scarcely
speak above a whisper. It was with
extreme difficulty that he told his story
of the stabbing, and then in but very
few words, which will not be made
public until the preliminary investiga-
tion in the Police Court.

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J. L. Scott & Son**THEATRE GONE IN SMOKE.**

**Toronto Opera House Destroyed by
Fire.**

Toronto, March 26.—The To-
ronto Opera House, which in
its time was the scene of probably the
best performances of grand opera
ever given in this country, and which
in its later days had been the home
of lurid melodrama, passed out of
existence yesterday morning. Fire
completely destroyed the theatre, and
all but caused the sacrifice of six lives,
the escape of those who were caught
in the building being in its way quite
as thrilling as any of the most sensa-
tional scenes that had been depicted
on the theatre's stage.

Defective insulation of an electric
light wire somewhere under the bal-
cony caused the wood to smoulder
shortly after the audience left the the-
atre last night. The members of "The
King of Detectives" company, which
had given the performance, had
scarcely left the theatre when the
janitor, George Champion, caught a
faint smell of smoke. He made a
search of the auditorium and stage,
and called in Night Watchman George
Bell and the policeman on the beat.
The three men broke into the bil-
liard room, but could find no trace of fire,
and, the smoke having vanished, the
watchman and the constable went on
their rounds and the caretaker went to
bed.

Champion's rooms were on the third
or top story of the building, the win-
dows looking out on Adelaide street.
With him were his wife and three chil-
dren, aged respectively six, four and
one, and his assistant janitor, a young
man named James Burton. Mrs.
Champion was awakened shortly be-
fore 4 o'clock and found her room fill-
ing with smoke. She aroused her hus-
band, and he, without waiting to dress,
pulled open the door opening on the
balcony to the theatre. As he did so
the smoke poured into the room in
heavy suffocating clouds and through
the flames in the theatre were visible.
Burton had opened a window
and was shouting for assistance and
the policeman, Brown, who by this
time had noticed the smoke, turned in
an alarm. This was at 3.55 o'clock,
and at 4.14 o'clock the district fire
chief followed it with a general alarm.

Imprisoned in their rooms, the
Champion family could not wait
for outside help. The two men drag-
ged the furniture together until it was
piled under the skylight. Burton then
climbed to the roof, and Champion
passed his wife and three children up
to him, finally climbing through the
aperture himself. The flames had by
this time gained the floor, and were
sweeping through the rooms. Once
on the roof, Mr. and Mrs. Champion
and Burton each took one child and
made their way across to the next
building. There is a difference of six
feet between the heights of the build-
ings, and, as before, Burton went
ahead and received the woman and
children as Champion lowered them to
him. It was bitterly cold for the scan-
tily-clad party on the roof, and Cham-
pion, finding a skylight, forced it open,
and the party finally secured an exit
from the building. They were cheered
by the crowd as they reached the
street, and the woman and children
were picked up and carried to the Bay
street fire hall and put to bed.

CHICAGO MARKETS

Reported by L. J. Atwater, Broker, North
wood Block, Chatham, Mar. 26, 1903

	OPEN	HIGHEST	CLOSE	LOWEST
May	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2
Wheat, July	70	70 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2
May	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
May	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
May	32 1/2	33 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Oats, July	30 1/2	31	30 1/2	30 1/2
May	1780	1810	1780	1810
Pork, July	1702	1727	1702	1727
May	1010	1015	1007	1015
Lard, July	982	990	982	990
May	982	990	982	990
July	960	967	947	960

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Fine French Broadcloth for tailored
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black and full range of colors, at per
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Of pure Mohair, perfect dye and fin-
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