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#### FORECASTING THE WEATHER

TORONTO'S "OLD PROBS" DESCRIBES HOW IT IS DONE.

Mr. Hugh Payne Shows How the Cour of Wind and Rain Sterms Is Traced-About 85 Per Cent. of Predictions,

Is Claimed, Hit the Mark.

The "forecast official" for the Dominion Government at Toronto, Mr. Hugh Payne, known as "Old Probs," was asked the other day, "What is your system?" In reply he said:

Look, there before me lies a large map of the whole North American continent. Two of those maps have to be filled in twice a day, at 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Do you see those little circles spread at intervals of 140 miles throughout the United States and Canada? See, it makes a regular net work. Here is New York, there New Orleans, here is St. Louis, there New Orleans, here is St. Louis, there New Orleans, here is St. Louis, there Sait Lake Gity, far to the Northwest is Victoris, B.C., Calgary, Edmonton and Winnipeg. Then, here agains Port Arthur, Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, Sydney, Halifax and further said post of the Northwest of St. Calgary, Edmonton and Winnipeg. Then, here again to Port Arthur, Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, Sydney, Halifax and further see pour a few. Well, these numerous circles represent observing stations, at which it is the duty of the observer to take a set of observations at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., each day at the same absolute moment of time (75th meridian time). The barrent, each day at the same absolute moment of time (75th meridian time). The barrent per the same absolute moment of time (75th meridian time). The barrent per the per the attention and velocity of the wind, the state of the weather and the amount of the rain or snow fall if any.

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"Now, there are our sentries at the outposts faithfully informing ans at the headquarters of what is taking place in their locality. There are two head centres—for the United States, Washington and for Gamda, Toronto, Directly the observations are taken, they are despatched by telegraph to these heads. Toronto collecting all Canadian reports and Washington all United States reports. Then by a kindly international understanding Toronto's budget is telegraphed to Washington and Washington's budget to Toronto. There you see, we have reports from the greater part of the continent to hand twice a



TRACING WINDS AND STORMS.

pressure is least or wars and the most want of atmospheric air. Oh! hought so Here it is this morning or Texas, Well. I will draw a little cle round that station, which is most want of air, and now I will join all waitings with a line, which give a stations with a line, which give a

the temperature is high. In the Nursemi-circle it is cool and the weather fine.
"Now, then, I have got my low pressure area complete, and here comes the most interesting part of our work. That low area as a body is going to move somewhere and bring sits attendant conditions with it. Here, you see, is a map 12 hours later, and the low area is now over the Upper Mississippi Valley, having taken a northeast path. Well, at that rate it will be over Toronto to-morsow if it keeps on in that path; and, as it is increasing in energy, it is about time to warry all lake ports for a gale."
"And the probs," ventured the reporter. "Oh, yes; they will be strong winds and gales for the lakes, with higher temperature and occasional rain, followed to-morrow (as the storm passes as on its way to Montreal) by high northwesterly winds and cooler, clearing weather. And you see by the next two days' maps that is what actually occurred."
"But," said the reporter, "if that is

"But." said the reporter, "if that is all why is it you sometimes fail in your predictions?"

"Ah." said the prophet, "but that is not all; sometimes these depressions disperse entirely just before reaching a certain locality; sometimes these depressions disperse entirely just before reaching a certain locality; sometimes they are absoluted by others or breed new ones which may be more intense than themselves, and they have many peculiarities of shifting their areas of rain, etc. For the overland journey a railway was successed and understand. Our greatest diffusion in this direction of movement, some will come sailing along beautifully in a NE, E, or SE, direction with an average velocity of, say, 160 miles a day, and predictions are made accordingly for places that lie in their apparent path. But here the meteorolosist sometimes the call at start. Here is another with similar redications, but, look, it came direct to Lake Erie and then suddenly took a SE, twist and went off to the middle Atlantic const, and the weather remained beautifully fine in Ontardo, where rain was predicted.

"We cannot account for this. It is an unknown law, the law that governs the absolute path of an area of depression, but when discovered, and it will be some day, a great stride will be made in weather prediction. We have not to feel only with areas of low pressure, of high pressure. In these there is too mach aft, and from them the air is flowing to fill up a farm of the man, are generally attended by the man, "are generally attended by the man," are generally attended by the man, "are generally attended by the man, are generally attended by the man, ar

but are not as a rule so liable to erratit; movements as the low areas."

"You have numerous stations?" akch.

"Yes; our telegraph observing stations stretch from Cape Breton to Vancouve Island. Resides these we have a network of stations reporting by mail. Our storm signal stations cover the shores of the great lakes, the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and Atlantic and Bay of Fundy coasts. Our daily predictions are published by numerous papers, and are posted at every telegraph office in the Dominion, as far, west as Assimbioat, and we are kept busy answering the ever-increasing number of private endutives as to coming weather by telegraph and telephone."

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PRINCE HENRY OF ORLEANS.

msulting letters about the Italian soldiers in Abyssimia, in the eldest son of Robert of Orleans, the Duke of Chartes. Henry is just 30 years old. He is a native of Ham, in England, where his father had retired during the impecial regime in France. He was educated by for soldiery, but as he was forbidden by law to enter the Saint Cyr school the Frince took to travel. He explored the Prince took to travel. He explored for soldiery, but as he was forbidden by law to enter the Saint Cyr school the Frince took to travel. He explored for the Parisian press on French colonianton. He then went from China to India through the passes of Thibet-s most desperate journey—and for his meritorious services to science the Geographical Society of Paris awarded him its haghest honor—the gold medal. The Republican Government of France made him a rare distinction for a member of the royal family. His acceptance of this honor brought out a rebute from the of the royalist party's affairs. Frince by the young Duke of Orleans. Prince Henry, as may be imagnied, is very popular in France, at least as popular is interested in this affair. PRINCE HENRY OF ORLEANS.

ing Menelik's New Governor

Abysainis.

M. De Leontieff, who was recently appointed Governor-General of the equatorial province of Abysainia by King Menelik, was the bearer of the Czar's embassies to the black king last year. In 1895 Leontieff was made Russian envoy to the court of the Negus, and in February of last year he went upon a mission to the Abyssainian court. Atthough this last mission was not an official one, it is said that the Russian Government gave the diplomat the most substantial support. Leontieff bore to the Kang and the Queen rich gifts from the Czar. The Czar gave him a decoration, which enhanced in the most substantial to the new year has addition the envoy was given a large grant of money by the direct order of Russia's Emperor. Leontieff has thus not only won place and fortuine by his services to the Czar, but is now made the lucky vehicle whereby Menelik has taken occasion to express his appreciation of the Czar's interest. The appointment is practically an acceptance of Russian



KING MENELIK'S NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

protection, and so ong as the Muscovite prince remains an officer of the Abys-sinian Government King Menelik need-have small fear of invasion from Europe.

Lord Dufferin bad a congenial task at Bristol in laying the foundation stone of a Cabot Memorial Tower and speaking upon Gabot and his work. An interesting episod at the ceremony was the exhibition of a document from the British Museum that had just been brought to light, in which two years later than 1497, in which year Cabot is usually supposed to have disappeared from history, in the account of the Collection of Customs. a payment is made to John Cabot of the 200 pension granted him by Henry VII. This document is or high importance, and it is hoped will kad to further discoveries helping to elucidate the enigma Mall Gazette.

The Greatest Canal. A New Cabot Document

The Greatest Canal.

The canal which is projected between the Baltic and the Black sea will be 950 miles long, 200 feet wide and 20 feet deep. It will start from Riga, the important scaport of Russia on the Baltic, and follow the courses of the rivers Duna, Beresina and Dneiper, entering the Black sea, near Chorson. The canal will thus be formed chiefly by adapting river courses, and only for a distance of seventy miles, between Dunaberg and Pepel, will an artifical canal be constructed. The whole canal will be lighted by electricity. The cost is estimated at \$100,000,000. It will be completed by 1902.

Big Block of Granite.

The pedestal for the new statue of Peter the Great, which has recently been erected in St. Peterburg, consists of a block of granite which weighs about 1,217 tons. In order to get to its destination it had to be carried four miles overland and thirteen miles by water. For the overland journey a railway was used consisting of two lines of timber furnished with hard-metal grooves. Spheres of hard brass about ix inches in diameter were placed between these grooves, and on the spheres, the framework containing the block was moved by means of sixty men.

A Healthy Place.



PIONEERS.

y mouth is minus three front teeth, by arm is in a sling; have two bilsters underseath My cost tails. Slow they stine! Perhaps you think I'm talking through My hat. Nay, these are real. To prove it I'll explain to you. I've lately bought a wheel.

RESULTING CIRCUMSTANCES

THIS PHOTOGRAPHER KNEW.

There is a south side girl who until



Pa-My dear, do you know where I put the proofs of my "Home Management?"

A Benevolent Judge.

There is a wenerable and benevolent judge in Paris, who, at the moment of passing sentence on a prisoner, consults his assessors on each side of thin as to the penalty proper to be inflicted.

"What ought we so give this rascal, brother?" he says, bending over to the assessor on the right.

"I should say three years."

"What is your opinion, brother?" to the assessor on the left.

"I should give him about four years."

The judge, with benevolence: "Prisoner, not desiring to give you a long and severe term of simprisonment, as I should have done if left to myself, I have consulted my learned brothers and shall take their advice. Seven years."

New York Tribime.

"Then, proud beauty, you refuse my love?" said he. "Well," said the summer girl, thoughtfully, "I don't know but that I might be able to take an option on it."—Indianapolis Journal.

Bridget—Sure, ma'am, I would call your attenshun to the beautiful sunset out av the kitchen winder. Mistress—That's nothing, Bridget. You ought to see it rise some morning.—Life. "It seems to me," said the Thought-ful Guy, "that the weather man is rath-er spreading himself of late." "Yes,"

"They say people in this country spend more money on bicycles than on bread." "That's queer; bicycles can't be eaten." "I know; but then, people can't show off with a loaf of bread."—Ghicago Record. Chicago Record.

Mrs. Meeker," observed a friend of the family, "is a very superior woman She can converse intelligently, I believe, on a thousand different topics," "Yes," sighed Mr. Meeker, and she does,"—Chicago Tribune.

Englishman—Some of our English girls are quite expert with the gun, don't you know. Lady Eva Wyndham Linn shot six man-eating tigers in India." American girl—If they were eating nice men she did just right.—New York Weekly. Beggar—Can you help a poor man to— Pedestrian—I think you have touch-ed me before. Beggar—Possibly, sir; possibly. You see I'm a stranded pho-tographer, and the old habit of retouch-ing clings, sir.—Philadelphia Record.

How to Be Happy Though Hot.

Very few understand the art of being comfortable in the torrid season. There would be less comfort and fewer fatalities if the human family would apply a few very simple rules.

Avoid undue excitement. Murder, mayhem and bigarny should be practiced sparingly, if at all.

Diet is all important. Anyone in the habit of eating should not give it up while the warm season is on.

Clothing. If prompted to wear two suits at the same time, when the thermometer is over 90, take no action until you cousult a physician.

Use. care in handling firearms. If necessary to discharge a revolver while there is much humidity in the air, see that the barrel is turned from you.

Do not allow any accounts to run during the oppressive season. Do your dreaming when asleep.

Shus suicide as you would the bubonic plague. Self-destruction is always fatal in midsummer.

Post these maxims where you can read them every day. They will do you no good when it is too late.—Detroit Free Press. How to Be Happy Though Hot.

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Sure He Would Suit.

A merchant being in want of a clerk advertised for one who, among other qualifications, the advertisement said, "must be able to bear confinement."

He soon received an answer which terminated thus:

"I am certain I should suit, as I can bear confinement, having been in jail seven years, from which I am but just liberated."—Spare Moments.

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Hopeful were men who cast their lot In the heart of a wilderness, And-homesick-in their toil forgot An old home's blessedness. Great faith and those of an endless Who marched till the years were of Then litted their eyes to the golden And died in the setting sun.

CHURCHGOING IN ICELAND.

untry Folk Who Travel Man

Miles to Divine Worship.

Jessie Ackerman, in the fourth of her articles on "Three Women in Iceland," in The Woman's Home Companion, tells how she attended a country church in the northern part of the island.

"The Sabhath day was full of interest, for we had not attended service in the rural districts. In the early morning we betook ourselves to the front of the house to watch the country folk assembles. In the distrance we saw them fording the river in a long line, and in the other direction men, women and children rods slowly over the mountains down to the farm.

"Whalf the Sabbath day means to these people few can realize. Some of them members of the family from one church day until the other. What wonder, then, that they began to assemble fully two hours before church time! A peculiar form of salutation prevails outside of the cities. With this we had not yet been made familiar, and our astonishment can well be imagined when we saw the men dismount, embrace and kiss each other. I learned later that this is the only form of salutation among men in the inland districts.

"The hour of service arrived, and, in company with the preacher, who were a high hat, a loose, flowing gown buttoned from chin to heas, and a great white Elizabeth ruff around his neck, we entered the church. From the back seat we had full view of the congregation, and, not being familiar with the language, the time was passed in meditation on the situation. From the back seat we had full view of the congregation, and, not being familiar with the language, the time was passed in meditation on the situation. The pulpit the pastor was assisted into a long, white robe, which fell over the black one, and down his back hung a large surplice of bright velvet, upon which a golden cross was wrought. On the altar, two great enables thick shed a dim light. These were the especial charge of an official who gave out the hymns and between times snuffed the candles with an old of the worth, per side the homes until night."

persed and many of them did not reach their homes until night."

Oideat Bank in the World.

It would probably surprise a good many people to learn that the oldest bank in eristence is the Bank of Naples, which has lately been passing through such troublous time. The British Consul at Naples, in his report for isst year, funnishes some details of the foundation of the bank in the sixteenth century, which The Manchester (England) Guardian mentions, and points out that the earlier banks, the Monte Vecchio of Vensice and the Bank of San Glorgio in Genue, established in the twelfth century, and the Bank of Barcelona, established in the fourteenth century, have all ceased to exist. The report fixes the foundation of the Bank of Naples at 1639, and the institution is therefore, far older than the Bank of England, which was established in 1694. It is in the unique position of having coays any claim. For the explasation of this curious state of affairs one has to go siderable capital to which no one last the pomp and magnificence, obtained vnst beledges. The diffusitions of repayment were solved in right royal fassion by the King banishing the Jews but the Jews contrived before leaving to dispose the pledges. The diffusitions of repayment were solved in right royal fassion by the King banishing the Jews, but the Jews contrived before leaving to dispose the pledges of the original owners at a reasonable profit on the transaction unlass of ferred further loans without in also offered further loans without in

are so precious of Black and White.

"My wife is a very peculiar woman,"

said Somerly.
"Most wives are," replied Henry Peck,
with a shudder.—Philadelphia North American.

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reasonable profit on the transection the also offered further loans without interest on the old security. Philanthropic gifts were then made to the institution on condition that it advanced loans without interest, and in this way the bank started practically as a charitable pawnbroker. Gradussly, however, it developed into a bank, doing ordinary commercial business, and up to nearly the end of the seventeenth century pros-

The Paragraphers Strike Taw This Week



On pleasure bent.-New York Journal. "Pretty Polly!" said the lady. "Can Polly talk?" "Polly," replied the Bos ton parrot, "can converse."—Indianapolis Journal.

Cora-College men seem very much inclined to take life easy. Dora-Yes; even when they graduate they do it by degrees.—Brooklyn Life.

Not Really Living Then.—Ella—Bella says that she has seen but twenty summers. Stella—She isn't counting the years before she had a wheel.—Judge.

Aid (charging furiously up)—General, the enemy has captured our left wing. What shall we do? The Commander—Fly with the other.—Philadelphia inquirer.

"Cheer up, old fellow," said Gaswell to Gasbill, who was complaining of the heat, "a cool wave is coming." "So is Christmas," replied Gasbill.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Mr. Kissam—What sort of fireworks do you like best. Miss Sears? Miss Sears—Oh. the torpedo. Mr. Kissam—Why? Miss Sears—Torpedoes pop so delightfully.—Judge. "What caused the estrangement be-tween Billsaps and his wife, do you know?" "I think their becoming stran-gers was the result of becoming too well acquainted."—Indianapolis Journal. She—You never pump my tires for me any more, though you did before we were married. "No, I don't; but I raise the wind to keep you going in other ways."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

In summer take Scott's Emulsion now. Don't wait till fall or winter before beginning.

For sale at 900. and \$01.00 by all druggists.

"We've got to revise our old idea about burgiars" and the Journalist, "and that's a fact. The clumy violence of the Bill Sykes type has gone out, and we have the scientific burgiar instead, who has a drill of the finest steel and works it by electricity."

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"And then," asid the Eminent Ferson, despondently, "we think we make ourselves safe by fixing up a three-and-six-penny electric alarm. How these burgiars must smalle as they cut the wire before opening the window!"

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asked the Mere Boy. "It may have been there that he read it."

"The Town Councilors of Inverness," said the Ordinary Man, "have been troubled about the garb of the town officer. The question—the international, fas-reaching question—was whether the man should wear' the kilt or wear something else. It hardly seems credible, but objections were raised to the kilt. It was said that he could not clean windows in a kilt."

"If you can play cricket in a tall hat—"the Emsinent Person began.
"If's better played in the ordinary field," interrupted the Mere Boy.
"If' the Emsinent Person repeated, "you can play cricket while wearing a tall hat as our forefathers did, you can certainly clean windows in a kilt."
"You confuse between the possible and the expedient. However, the national dress has triumphed, and the town officer will have his kilt in spite of all objectors. One of them suggested that the climate was unsuitable."
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"The Toenge Saerte says that the proposal of Germany for European control of Germany for

is the thought that would naturally occur. It did occur. Hence the kilted town officer."

"I'm glad they decided on it. I like to please everybody, but this is not a case where compromise would have been possible. He wouldn't have lo ked so national or so nice in a combination of tweet trousers and the sporran."

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"Many a poor man has had six months' hard labor for less than that," the Journalist replied severely.

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"It sounds very sad," said some sympathetic person.

"It is sad, of course. But the consideration which occurs to me is that such coincidences are bad for literature. When you find a novelist over-using cheap sentimental coincidences, he can turn on you and say that such thinks happen in real life. And he will be live that that amounts to justification." "Well," said the Journalist, "it is at any rate very seldom that real life takes that sham literary form. Pick up any plain newspaper and read any plain report of anything which actually happened; there is always something which the novelist could flot or, would not have similarly imaginative work. I know scores of novels which carry conviction and have, a marvelous resemblance to real life, but I only know one authorities of the same impression as real life." Not all authors are making the attempt," said the Poet, "and it would be a pity if they were—even if the attempt was successful."

"Ook here!" said the More Boy. "Ook the same of precious dull."—Barry Pain, in Black and White. rial circles.

Premier Hardy has arrived at Cache Lake. Algonouin Park, and settled the location of the new buildings to be the official headquarters. He will remain a couple of days inspecting the beauties of the great provincial park.

The King of Siam has arrived at Portsmouth, where he was received by the Prince of Wales. He had luncheon with the Queen at Osborne house, and ten with the Prince and Princess of Wales on board the royal yacht Osborne.

law was carried in Wamfleet Township.
Welland County.
The tamery of Mr. Frenk Moseley at St. Hyacinthe was destroyed by fire; loss \$100.00 that a site has been selected in Killarney for a Royal residence in Ireland.
A fire inquest into the circumstances attending the John Eaton Co. fire at Toronto has been begun.
The partial sets of Jubilee stamps from half a cent to 50 and from half a cent to 51 are now on sale.
The steamer Bejeic, with the South Pole exploring expedition on board, will knye Antwerp on Aug. Hordites admit that beyond any possible doubt the Klondike gold fields are in British territory. tory.
Dr. Fred. W. Evelyn of San Francis-co, claims that he has discovered a per-fect drink cure in injections of horses'

USING OUR DRY DOCK.

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 7.—The United tates battleship Indiana, which is to be epaired in the Halifax dry dock, arrived repaired in the Halifax dry dock, arrived here from Newport, R. I., at 70 colock this evening. Great interest was manifested along the waterside in her arrival, the wharves being crowded with people and the surface of the along the manifestically into the surface of the city. As she moved up the harbor she was greeted by the citadel with the usual salute to a foreign warship, to which the Indiana replied as she passed George's Island. Then salutes accepted the surface of the city of the city of the city of the city. The appearance of the big American battleship was much commented on by the people who watched ser enter the harbor, and her arrival was the chief subject of conversation in the streets to night. The Indiana is scheduled of gluid will remain there about six days. De Bangs—I bought a shirt at this store—can I change it at this counter? Saleslady isomewhat embarrassed)—Well, er, don't you—you think you had better go where you can have more privacy?

Before the invention of pins, articles of dress were fastened together by means of strings, ribbons, hooks and eyes, buckles, clarps and the like. Skewers of wood, brass, silver ano gold were also in use, but were inconvenient and ill-looking. Pins were first made in England in 1543, but for a long time were so costly as to be beyond the means of any but wentithy persons. A tax, indeed, was laid for the purpose of providing the queen with pins, and hardly any present was so acceptable to a kaly as a few of these useful little implements, or of money to buy them with. Hence the origin of the term "pin money," which by degrees took on the wider sense of money allowed a woman for her private expenses. It is not synonymous with pocket-money or spending-money, because it is limited in its application—and these words are not—to weense alone. main there about six days.

The Common Failing.

Mr. Meekton had been out several minutes later than usual the night before, and there was a decided chillines at the breakfast table. The silence was suddenly broken by his wife's remark:

"Look at these Senators and Iberresentatives! See how they have lingered and talked over the tariff!"

"Now, Henrietta, you surely can't think of holding me responsible for that."

"Not personally. But it shows a tralt common to your kind. It shows how a man will grasp at anything as an excuse for not going home when he ought to."

—Washington Star.

Business Rivalry in Kentucky.

Drummer (at Moonshineville, Ky.)—
Good morring, Mr. Crossroads; how's
business?

Storckeeper (disconsolately)—Mighty
poor; mighty poor. You see, a new store
arred up in opposition to me, and of
course I couldn't stand that, so I jest
gave my frien's the wink, and they commenced killin' off, his customers: but he
had more trade than I kalkerlated on,
an' when his customers began to shoot
back it made a purty even fight, an'
hot sides killed each other off so fast
that now there ain't either of us got
any customers,—New York Weekly.

A Busy Judge. Business Rivalry in Kentucky.

the summer and running down is so easy. You get a little weaker each day without hardly noticing it. There is loss of appetite, headache, weakness of the muscles, disturbed sleep, weakness of memory, and these are the beginning of nervous prostration. Iron and tonics and bitters may afford some

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