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On Monday, a public holiday, the Star will not be issued.

CHILDREN AND PLAYGROUNDS.

Mrs. Humphrey Ward, the accomplished author now visiting in Upper Canada, addressed a large audience in Toronto a day or two ago on the work which is being done in London, England, in the way of establishing supervised playgrounds. Mrs. Ward's address is described as being both humorous and serious. One point which she took care to impress upon her hearers was that in all her experience she has found that children greatly prefer supervised playgrounds to those in which they are under no restrictions. Various reasons are given for this. It would appear that many of the children do not know how to amuse themselves. After being taken off the streets and turned loose to play as children ought to play they scarcely know how to go about it and feel the need of instruction to direct their games. It is also true that in playgrounds not under a system of supervision the little boys and girls are often worried by larger children who molest them and take away their toys, and that they do not receive any good by coming in contact with older boys and girls of low moral nature. Mrs. Ward described at some length the conditions existing among the poorer classes in London. She showed that children of the slums, the poorest of all, are able at times to play about the streets, but children of respectable families are not as well off. They cannot mix with the very lowest classes and unless playgrounds are provided they have absolutely no freedom. They are compelled to spend the greater part of their time at school or in their homes and suffer from lack of fresh air and exercise. Conditions similar to these, Mrs. Ward declared, prevail in all centres of population, and her address was a strong plea to the people of Toronto to do more than is now being done for the little ones.

THE BOOMING WEST.

The present feeling in the Canadian West is the strongest possible proof that where natural resources exist and where the people are of an energetic nature and a buoyant disposition the effect of a slump in business is but a season or two. But scarcely had the winter months passed before the whole country from Winnipeg to Calgary commenced to boom itself again under the influence of the last autumn. The most important and commercial business is already clamoring for better facilities to handle the largely increased business which they announce to come this year. The president of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, Mr. J. B. Perse, in his annual address last week went fully into the transportation question. "The fact," said he, "that a dozen freight cars were lying idle last winter, is no reason why railways should countermand their orders for rolling stock, nor why they should let up on their efforts to handle what will certainly be a record breaking crop this year." He pointed out that transportation and banking were the two great problems in the West and submitted that the bank capital had not grown at all in proportion with the trade of the West. During the past seventeen years he showed that the paid up capital of the banks of the Dominion had increased 60 per cent, that the foreign trade had increased 180 per cent, and that the production of Western grain had increased 50 per cent. The crop increase of past years will continue in the future at an even greater rate, and it is the duty of the business men of the West to ascertain for themselves whether without disturbing general trade conditions the banks will be able to handle the crops of the next few years. He very truly remarked that as the product of the Western harvests increased it had a stimulating effect upon Eastern industries and more money is therefore required at both ends of the Dominion as a result. Mr. Perse estimated the crop for the coming season at 230,000,000 bushels of which not less than 100,000,000 will be wheat.

HELPING HIM.

HE said to himself: "I can never say the words 'Will you marry me.' Though he loved the maid with his heart and soul. In all sincerity. So he sat by her side in a nervous way. And simply muttered: 'A Pleasant Day.' Then SHE said as she gave the coal a poke: 'It's pleasant enough—for married folk.'

THE MAGIC CARPET.

The rocks sailed over the roof with a sound of the sea. With the sound of the sea on the shore in the gathering dark. The west alone pale through the boughs of the sycamore tree. As the rocks sailed home their haunt in the dusky park.

Over the house, and away through dim depths of the air, Chiming with myriad voices the day to its rest, Still they went sailing, sailing and clamoring there, And my heart flew, too, like a wild bird back to the nest.

For, lo, at the sound of their passage no more might I see Dun of the glimmering dusk, or wan skies growing cold— I was back in the green isle of youth, looking down to the quay, And marshland and valley, and cliff through a sunset all gold.

Marshland and valley, and down, and the sea out beyond, There, as in days long done, it was given to me To stand for a moment's span in a dream's frail bond. For the call of the homing rocks was the call of the sea.

PRESENTENCE OF MIND.

"John" whispered his wife, shaking him, "I hear somebody in the basement. John dropped his way, half awake, to the wall, and bawled down the rafter. 'You infernal scoundrel,' he said, 'after you have satisfied yourself that there's nothing worth stealing down there still you please push in the upper damper rod of the furnace. I forgot to do it.' Then he crawled back into bed again.

PERFECTLY OBVIOUS.

Brown—Here's a nice letter for a man to receive! The scoundrel who wrote it calls me a blithering idiot! Smith—What's his name? "That's just what I'd like to find out," Brown said. "Don't you recognize the writing? It must be somebody who knows you."

SATURDAY SERMONETTE.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.

They fill the land. They are like Egypt's locusts for numbers but they are not always as hungry. They outnumber Napoleon's legions, but unlike them they do not leave smoking trails behind them, save a few ruins of smoking cigars.

Only a small minority are good. I think the percentage of "no good" is smaller than in any other profession. If their employers knew how they were they would soon drop them. They fill their order books at first, but they do not make prominent customers for they have not the qualities to make permanent friends.

The majority are better workers than you know, although they are not good work will make itself known after awhile.

I know commercial travellers who are worth far more than their salaries to their employers, for they are not only diligent in business but they know how to be successful. Commercial traveller is born not made.

If I had a concealed knowledge of all that a boy with great, big written I's written all over him, I would get him on the road for a post-graduate course under the eye of some old experienced traveller, and if it would not make a man of him it would be because there was not material enough.

His conceit would begin to drop off after the first week for he would find out that the country trader was no fool even if he lived in the country, and kept store on the cross roads and had parading dry goods along with his cattle and poultry all on the same shelf.

This conceited boy of mine would stop "guying" his customers and not step "guying" him, and he would treat them as politely as he would his employer in the city.

He would learn how to be patient, polite, and good natured even if he did not sell a dollar's worth after driving for miles over bad roads.

He would learn to get up at four in the morning, drink muddy coffee and not grumble. He would not get off after the first trip—any centenary goes the slow train, and would not act as if he owned it, but would learn that the rough looking man in the back seat was watching him out of the corner of his eye beneath the bushy brows, and noting all his nervousness and foolishness, and would say, no, nothing today," when he went into his store the next day.

The good salesman remembers, like the shrewd politician, that the man who does not buy from him this trip, may buy from him next time, and that every man and woman and child he meets may help him to sell goods, or keep him from selling them.

I used to read books on the train, but I rarely read them now. I read commercial travellers, and other people instead, and very interesting books they are. Some are bound in calf, some in donkey and some in morocco. The more I know about them and the more I read them, the better I like them, and the more respect I have for them. They are not the despised men some think them.

The swearing, drinking, coarse drummer will soon take his last trip. The large majority of them are clean men, for they have wives, mothers and sweet-hearts at home, and for their sakes they keep themselves clean.

I would like to whisper into the ear of any suspicious commercial traveller's wife—for I suppose in the great army of wives there is at least one who is suspicious—your husband behaves himself as well away from home as he does at home. I would say to the girl who expects to be Mrs. Commercial Traveller some day, "he" don't flirt any more on the road than he does at home.

The "road" is a good school, for it teaches self-restraint, not self-indulgence. It teaches courtesy, not boorishness. It is only the straight walking traveller who stays on the road, and works his way to higher wages and a better position. He lives too much under the search-light and he knows it, to live the "double life."

OWNERS 10,000 HORSES AND 100,000 CATTLE.

Sidney Kidman, of Australia, Largest Landholder in the Empire, Isn't Happy Yet.

LONDON, May 23.—Sidney Kidman, the Australian cattle king, who arrived in London on his first visit to England, He probably owns more British livestock than any other man. When fourteen he was earning \$2,500 a week; today he owns or is interested in 42,218 square miles of country. He possesses 100,000 head of cattle and 10,000 horses. He has thirty-two cattle ranches and at his home in Kapunda, about fifty miles from Adelaide, take place the largest horse sales in the world.

At one time Mr. Kidman owned a piece of ground where the Broken Hill mine now is. He sold it for \$150,000 six months afterwards it was resold for \$2,500,000.

Mr. Kidman, despite his prosperity, has not yet attained perfect happiness. He is not quite satisfied that his methods of cattle raising cannot be improved upon. He therefore proposes to say a visit to the United States, where he will be eager to learn any lessons the cattle farmers can teach him. In his own words he is "quite willing to study the American system by taking a job there at fifteen shillings a week."

ABOUT ANIMALS.

Wild dogs never bark and so always bite.

A gray horse lives the longest, a black one the shortest.

A blue eyed cat is always deaf, but all deaf cats are not blue eyed.

An Asiatic squirrel climbs a tree like a telegraph pole climber. It has large horny scales on its tail for the purpose.

The flying fox or tropical bat will pass the night drinking from the vessels in which cocoa is distilled and go home intoxicated in the early morning or sleep it off at the foot of the tree.

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Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all medicine dealers or you can get them by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

BRITISH PREMIER WILL INTRODUCE NEW REFORM BILL.

Hope for Suffragettes—Education Bill Passes Its Second Reading.

LONDON, May 22.—Prime Minister Asquith took a long step in the direction of encouraging the claims of women for enfranchisement when he replied to an important delegation of Radical members of the House of Commons who were deputed to obtain his views on this matter. He declared that the government intended before the close of the present Parliament to pass a comprehensive measure of electoral reform. He said he was not himself an advocate of woman suffrage, not yet been convinced of its desirability but he had an open mind, and if an amendment was introduced on the projected reform bill favoring women suffrage on democratic lines, the government would not oppose it.

Mr. Asquith remarked that every moment of the government's time was already pledged to measures which could not be abandoned, and spoke of introducing an electoral reform bill before the close of the present Parliament. The Premier specified three points of reform, viz, the length of the qualifying period, plural voting and the categories in which voters are placed, but there are other electoral reforms long advocated by the Liberals may be embodied, including universal suffrage, shorter parliaments, and the payment of members of the House of Commons.

Lord Ridley charged the government with flouting colonial opinion on the question of the preference. Lord Milner said one or two more arrangements like the Franco-Canadian treaty would destroy all our advantages in the Canadian market.

The Morning Post, apropos of the preference debate in the Lords, opines that the Franco-Canadian convention marks a retrogression from the imperial fiscal policy, whereas the present Dominion Government are the original authors.

THE EDUCATION BILL.

After a debate lasting three days, the Education Bill passed its second reading in the House of Commons by 270 votes to 208. The Nationalists joined the Unionists in voting against the measure, and the debate gave indication of a possibility of compromise during the committee stage.

FISH OUT OF WATER.

It is well known, says Knowledge, that certain kinds of fish are able to live out of water much longer than others, the power being dependent upon the length of their gills. So long as this condition lasts fish are able to obtain the necessary amount of oxygen from the air through the medium brane of the gills. Recently a German has invented an apparatus by means of which the gills of a fish can be kept moist for an indefinite period. This apparatus consists of a wooden box with a number of compartments, each of which with the aid of the fishes. On the floor of each compartment is a layer half an inch deep of cloths saturated with water, by which evaporation keeps the atmosphere moist. The gills of the fishes are thus kept damp, while oxygen is supplied from a receptacle outside the box. Many of the fresh water fish have it said, been kept alive for from three to four days by means of this ingenious invention.

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MARRIAGES.

MASTERS-LAUREN—At the home of the bride's parents, Foley Brook, N. B., on May 20, Harry Masters and Emma Laurens were married by Rev. H. J. Perry, of Grand Falls.

BAKTON-BEAKS—At the Methodist Parsonage, Young's Cove, Grand Lake, N. B., on May 20, Harry Masters and Emma Laurens were married by Rev. H. J. Perry, of Grand Falls.

HAMILTON-DELONG—At St. John, N. B., on May 20th, by Rev. G. Swin, William Hamilton to Dora DeLong, both of this city.

DOW-MILLER—At Carroll Ridge, near Canterbury Station, 18th Inst., by Rev. J. E. Fawcett, pastor of Canterbury, Thomas Dow to Charlotte Elizabeth, daughter of George Miller, both of the parish of Canterbury.

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NOTICE.

The officers and members of **Pease Lodge, No. 19, I. O. O. F.**, are requested to meet in Oddfellows' Hall, Somerset street, at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon for the purpose of attending the funeral of their late brother, **JAMES McAVITY**. Members of sister lodges respectfully invited to attend. Dress—Black suit, silk hat, white tie, white gloves and badge. By order of N. G. **E. N. STOCKFORD, Recording secretary.**

MARRIAGES FREE TO HELP CHURCH FUND.

NEW CUMBERLAND, Pa., May 22.—To raise money at the dedication of the new Methodist church here, the Rev. Dr. John Krantz, of Iowa, announced he would perform the marriage ceremony free for any girl who would give \$5 to the church.

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DOOR—In this city, on Wednesday, May 21st, Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of Richard and Annie E. Doe, aged eleven months and nineteen days. Funeral on Saturday at 2:30 o'clock from 12 Hospital street.

(—St. Stephen papers please copy.)

GILBERT—At the public hospital, May 20th, Mrs. Mary Gilbert, relict of the late William Gilbert, of Dorchester, in her 87th year. Funeral at Chatham.

ELLS—At St. John, on Wednesday, May 20, Lydia Ann, beloved wife of Capt. Alfred Ellis, in the 56th year of her age, leaving three sons and three daughters to mourn their sad loss.

Funeral at 2:30 p. m. Saturday, from her late residence, 24 St. George street, W. E. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

(—Boston and New London papers please copy.)

McAVITY—In this city on the 22nd inst. James McAvity, leaving a wife and two children to mourn their loss. Funeral service commences at 3 p. m. Sunday at his late residence, 72 Elgin Street.

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DE RESZKE DISCOVERS KNOTE.

Vienno Tenor, Disguised as a Pedler, Gets Great Success to Try His Voice.

PARIS, May 22.—When the Viennese tenor Heinrich Reszke was on his way home lately by way of this city after the season in New York at the Metropolitan Opera House he determined to get Jean de Reszke's opinion concerning his voice. In order to insure this opinion being sincere he disguised himself as an itinerant dealer.

He went to De Reszke's house and said: "I am a cloth pedler, but my friends say I have a fine tenor voice. Will the maestro hear me sing?"

De Reszke consented, and was delighted with the voice. He told Herr Reszke that it was pure folly for him to waste his time peddling and that he could get an engagement to sing in opera. He asked his visitor to call again. Herr Reszke pleaded that he was compelled to go to Germany. De Reszke said he would call again.

The other day De Reszke received a Munich newspaper containing an interview with Herr Reszke, in which the latter told the story. De Reszke promptly wrote to him cordially, saying among other things it was an example of modesty very uncommon in a tenor.