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long the Niagara River From Lake Eric to Lake Ontario-An Important An nouncement Made by Chairman Langmuir, of the Niagara Falls Park Commission, on the Occasion of the American Commissioners' Visit.

On the occasion the other day of the visit of the Park and Outdoor Association's visit to Niagara Falls, including the American Park Com-missioners, Chairman Langmuir of the Canadian Niagara Falls Park Commission delivered as innovation Commission delivered an important speech, in which he said in part:

The luncheon over, Mr. Langmuir bade the guests welcome in the name of the commission, and said they

bade the guests welcome in the name of the commission, and said they had done a great deal of good. He welcomed the American commissioners and regretted that they did not see them oftener. He had been set down for a paper before the association, so he would take this opportunity of reviewing the history of the park on the Canadian side of the river, more especially as its the park on the Canadian side of the river, more especially as its financial basis differed from that of any other park in the association. The State of New York had purchased the lands for their reservation and also made an annual appropriation for improvements and general maintenance, thus relieving the commissioners of all financial anxiety. New York's action stimulated public opinion on this side, but, the Dominion refusing to act, it was not until 1885 that three commissioners were appointed by the missioners were appointed by the Province, of whom he regretted he was the only survivor, to select and appraise lands for a Provincial park.

was the only survivor, to select and appraise lands for a Provincial park, The area was consequently limited to the strip lying along the river from the Cläton House, one mile south. Nature had, however, defined a wider area for park purposes, and on the commissioners' recommendation the strip was widened to the bluff and lengthened to two and one half miles, debentures for \$600,000 being issued to pay the cost. The whole expenditure to be met by the commission then reached \$40,000 per annum. To meet this an admission fee was at first proposed, but fortunately abandoned. The alternative chosen was to grant franchises, and against the objections raised he confidently asserted that no violence would be done to the most advanced aesthetic taste. First an electric railway was permitted, at a rental of \$10,000 per annum. This was a vital necessity to enable the public to view the scenic grandeur. Another franchise for a similar amount was granted for supplying meals and taking photographs. The third class was franchises for the generation and transmission of electrical power, which now brought in \$60,000, and which would be increased to about a quarter of a million when the variwhich would be increased to about

quarter of a million when the various plants were completed.

Apart from the question of whethcommissioners could thereby be charged with deserrating the sac-red grounds committed to their care, he admitted they and the Govern-ment of Ontario could not reasonabment of Ontario could not reasonably ignore the imperious demand of
public sentiment throughout the
country, that the waters of the Riagara River should be in part utilized
to develop power for commercial
purposes. The sites granted for
these power plants were distinctly
outside the territory which was originally intended to be expropriated
for park purposes. Had however Had however, park purposes. that property not been expropriated it would long ere this have been conit would long ere this have been converted into a manufacturing district overlooking the park, with all the defacement and other objections incident to such surroundings. Instead of that there would be plans, approved in every detail by the commissioners, for the greatest electrical development in the world, especially designed to do the least possible violence to the environment of the great nce to the environment of the great

"And now, in conclusion," said Mr. Langmuir, "will you permit me to venture to take an outlook into with the hor the future, the near future, I hope, and picture in your mind's eye the completion of all the plans and projects of the Park Commissioners on the Canadian side of the river. It is doubtless known. the Canadian side of the river. It is doubtless known to some of you, at least, that the river bank from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario is vested in the commission. This reserve, now in the process of being made the full width of 66 feet at all points, will be completed, the bank of the river protected from erosion by the construction of an electric railway on the shore line from Fort Erie to the the shore line from Fort Eric to the park, a well-constructed and well-kept road, ornamented with shade trees along the entire bank of the river, forming an avenue to Queen Victoria Park. Within the park the works of construction in connection works of construction in connection with power plants completed, with only two artistically designed power buildings in sight, the river bank along the upper roads, the Dufferin Islands, and the entire grounds above the Falls restored and beautified to correspond with the finished. Islands, and the entire grounds above the Falls restored and beautified to correspond with the finished portion of the park overlooking the cataract. The unsightly buildings overlooking the Falls, in one of which we are now sitting, torn down, and a fine, artistic structure for shelter and refectory purposes erected, and the whole of the grounds, roads and walks in the park brought up to the highest standard of aesthetic taste. Then, passing from the park surrounding the Falls to the lower gorge of the river, with its magnificent grandeur from the base of the cataract until its majestic banks and rushing waters merge into the quiet scenery of the lower river, we come to the Niagara Glen, immediately north of the whirlpool, comprising 100 acres of territory, unique in its unrivalled and primitive wildness, which by the construction of

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be completed and restored, from the historic monument on the summit to the shores of the river below, with the shores of the river below, with the whole river gorge, from the Falls to Queenston, improved and re-stored and its magnificent views and vistas opened up. In fine, the whole shore of the Niagara River, from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario, will be restored and converted into one con-tinued series of avenues and parks for the recreation and enjoyment of the millions of overworked and tired humanity, where they can come for a humanity, where they can come for a time from the turmoil and toil of their busy and wearing lives to this mecca of peace and quietness, to commune with the majesty of nature and the eternal."

SIR EDWARD LAWSON, BART. Commenced Wis Active Jeurnalistic Career in 1857.

Sir Edward Lawson, Bart., whose Peerage is, as The Times says, the reward of The Daily Telegraph's "unswerving fidelity to the Governments of Lord Salisbury and Mr. Balfour," is the sen of the late Mr. J. M. Levy, J.P., one of the founders of the cheap press, and was born in 1833. In 1875 he assumed by royal license the name of his uncle, the late Mr. Lionel Lawson. Commencing his active carrier of journalism—in 1851, he was prominently connected with the repeal of the paper duties, and during the long perfect. connected with the receal of the paper duties, and during the long period of his direction of The Daily Telegraph was responsible for the organization and success of funds in relief of the cotton famine in Lancashire, 1860-65, and of the windows and orphans of our soldiers and sallers in the South African war, the last amounting to over £250,000. Sir Edward sen: the late George Smith on the Asiyrian research expedition of 1875-4, the results of which he presented to the British Museum, and Mr. (now Sir Harry Johnstone to explore the Kilimanjar region of easterr Africa in 1884. In Johnstone to explore the Kilimanjar region of easterr Africa in 1884. In conjunction with the proprietor of The New York Herald, he organized Mr. (now Sir Fenry) Stanley's great journey across Africa, 1874-7, whereby the Congo was discovered. Sir Edward married, in 1862, Harriette Georgians, (who died to 1897) Edward married, in 1862, Harriette Georgiana (who died in 1897), only daughter of Mr. Benjamin Webster, and his elder son is Mr. Harry Lawson, Lieut.—301. commanding the Royal Bucks Hussars, and formerly M.P. for West St. Pancras and East Gloucestershire, who has latterly exchanged a once vigorous Radicalism for politics. or political views more consonant

Miss Thirty-odd-Softleigh had the audacity to propose to me last ing. Miss Twenty-even—Indeed! when is the wedding to take place? -Illustrated Bits.

A Cat's Care of a Squirrel

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A queer case of feline affection was witnessed at Charles Tumelty's last week, says The Madoc Review. A little squirrel, whose mother had been killed, strayed into a box where an old cat had her brood of kittens. Instead of, as is usually the case, being instantly killed by the old cat, the strange little visitor was affectionately adopted into the kitten family, and was fed and protected by the cat for a week until it strayed away and was lost.

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THE HORROR OF CATS

NEW DISEASE OF THE NERVES DIS-COVERED BY S. WEIR MITCHELL.

apoleon I. and Lord Roberts Conspicuous Sufferers From It—General Discussion of Curious Malady Invited-Is There a Racial Similarity of Snakes With Cats?-Horror to Afflicted Is Alike.

Cats?—Horror to Afflicted Is Alike.

The announcement by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, Philadelphia's well known neurologist and novelist, of the discovery of a disease of the nervous system which he somewhat unscientifically terms "cat fear" has been regarded by the majority of laymen in the light of a joke. However, Dr. Mitchell does not so consider it, and he has asked for testimony on the subject of this curious malady from any one who has seen it manifested. He believes that a sober discussion of "cat fear" will develop valuable theories concerning a nervous affection which, while not at all fatal, does cause great unhappiness to those who suffer from it.

The feeling of repulsion which almost every white man experiences when he sees a snake is not more reasonable than the repugnance which a smaller number of persons feel toward cats. That it is not the power to harm which causes this almost universal feeling of repulsion with regard to snakes is shown by the fact that many persons are as deeply affected by the sight of a six-inch grass snake as they would be by that of a boa constrictor. One medical man who has already entered into the discussion of "cat fear"

that of a boa constrictor. One medical man who has already entered into the discussion of "cat fear" has attempted to prove the racial similarity of snakes and cats, and to this alleged similarity he ascribes the newly discovered disease.

Still, if we admit the snakelike characteristics of the cat we are not much nearer an explanation of the cause of "cat fear." The Biblical theory that the serpent brought about the fall of Adam gives as satisfactory a reason as any that has sfactory a reason as any that has been assigned for the common horror of snakes.

Cats have from time immemorial cen the objects of superstitious re-



POLEON AND THE CAT.

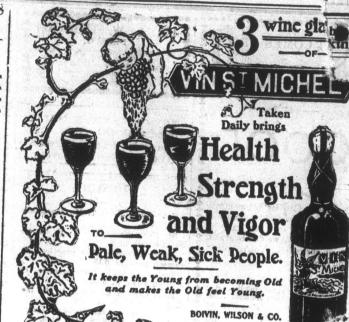
an in the days when witches belived in no witch was auwere belved in no witch was au-thentic whout her black cat. Omens in which ts, both black and of othin which its, both black and of other colors, gure are common among the lower classes of nearly every race. Whylnis should be so is no more to be explained that is the veneration which cats were held by the ancie Egyptians. Their goddess Isis, counterpart of the Greek Dians, was often represented as a cat, and ther own city of Bubastis, on so of the lower arms of the Nile, h been discovered a vast cat cemet where the sacred felines of the these were deposited after death. That place 700,000 Egyptians madennual pilgrimages. There they may and sold bronze images of the caroddess, some of which are now incuseums in this country. er colors country. Women are said suffer particu

Women are said suffer particularly from the hor of cats, and men who have face almly the utmost physical peril ve been known to exhibit signs of reme fear in the presence of a campa persons object to cats on stal principles and do not like around. Others det them and drive them from the he. Still others experience so active feeling of horror as to be unable look at a cat and almost te aint if one brushes against them.

The extreme type of ents with the "cat fear" disease found in those whose nervous orgation is so acutely sensitive as take them feel the presence of a cat he before the cat is actually seen. at Napoleon I, was thus affected the presence of a cat he cat is pretty well attested. Cats is pretty well attested. The consistency of sweat on hore head and he himself almost the verge of syncope. In reply constant's hasty question he sa here was a cat in the tent. No cawas visible to Constant, but a sea revealed the offending animal epbehind a screen.

Lord Roberts, too, is said the details affaid of cats. It is retiof in the same of the feel they are and of his Affactions at a moment when he

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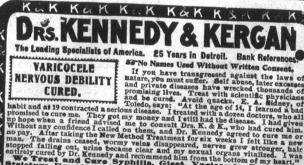
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