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## THE LOCAL BUDGET

Mrs. Kenneth Urquhart, of Dover, is taking a course of baths in the Mineral Bath House.

Dick Lowe is rejoicing over the birth of a son. After six daughters, no wonder Dick smiles.

Probate of the will of the late Martin Eagan, Township of Raleigh, has been granted to Wm. Langworthy.

James H. Bogart, the Queen street grocer, picked a dandelion on his front lawn on Saturday last. This is another sign that spring is here.

Assessors Gonne and French have nearly completed the field work. They are just finishing No. 3 ward. Afterwards there will be only the office work to do.

County Commissioner Grant was in the city to-day. He stated that Baldwin street was very good and he was able to trot nearly all the way in, but that the townline between Chatham and Dover was in very bad shape. The wheat and clover in Dover are looking well. The fall wheat never looked better.

## TERMS ACCEPTED

Lieut.-Col. J. B. Rankin announced at the Bugle Band entertainment last evening that the terms submitted by the officers of the 24th to go to St. Thomas had been accepted and the 24th would go to that city on May 25th.

There will be company and regimental drills in the meantime in preparation for the visit to the railroad city.

## WANTED REGIMENT

The Rev. Mr. Henderson, pastor of the A. M. E. Chapel, King St. East, called on Colonel J. B. Rankin, K. C., this morning. The Rev. Mr. Henderson desired to have the Regiment parade to his church some Sunday. Colonel Rankin told Mr. Henderson that owing to his having already announced that, after attending Holy Trinity Church on April 19, the Regiment would thereafter be divided into denominational sections and each section would attend the church to which its members belonged. The Colonel, however, promised to hold the A. M. E. Church and Mr. Henderson in remembrance when the next regimental church parade were being organized.

## BRADSHAW GUILTY

James Bradshaw was yesterday convicted of stealing cartridges from A. H. Patterson. Judgment was reserved in the case of Thos. Knox, employee of the firm who boarded with Bradshaw. Mr. Patterson had long suspected that goods were being taken from the store. He laid information against Bradshaw and Knox. P. C. Dezels visited the place where they lived, with a search warrant, and found several boxes of shot gun cartridges. He also secured a number of boxes from Andrew Thomson, which the prisoner had given him to sell by auction on the market. The case occupied the attention of Judge Houston all day yesterday. He found Bradshaw guilty and reserved judgment in Knox's case until tomorrow. There is also another charge against Bradshaw, namely, stealing tools from Mr. Patterson. The Crown Attorney prosecuted, J. B. Rankin appeared for Mr. Patterson, O. L. Lewis for Bradshaw, and W. F. Smith for Knox.

## HOUSES FOR SALE

One story, Joseph St., \$850.	Two story, Baxter St., \$1,600.
Two story, Joseph St., \$1,100.	One story, Delaware Ave., \$850.
One story, Wellington St., \$1,500.	Two story, Victoria Ave., \$6,000.
Two story, Lorne Ave., \$1,100.	One story, Joseph St., \$1,000.
One story, Murray St., \$550.	Two story, Park St., \$750.
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## CURIOSITY SATISFIED

Last night a 13-year-old lad turned out the gas in the vestibule at the Park St. Methodist Church. Caretaker Broad saw the lad do the deed, and gathered him in. Arrived at the police station the boy said he saw the Epworth League was dismissing and he wanted to hear the young ladies "squel" when the light went out and darkness came. The lad was allowed to go home on his promising to return in the morning. This morning the boy was dismissed after he had promised to pay \$1.50, the cost of his arrest.

Judge Houston stated that he was determined to make an example of every person arrested on the charge of creating disturbances in city sanctuaries. The statute bearing on this matter is very severe. Talking in church loud enough to disturb people sitting near, or rude behaviour, renders the offender liable to a fine of \$50 and costs, or, in default, one month in jail.

Mr. Broad is determined to put a stop to this annoyance and offers a reward of one dollar to anyone who gives the name of any culprit who turns out the gas in future.

## DARKNESS AND TERROR.

**Soufriere's Activity Causes Widespread Alarm.**

Kingstown, Island of St. Vincent, March 24.—The eruption of the Soufriere continues. The volcano has been cannonading all day, and the quantity of ejecta is apparently greater than at the time of either of the previous eruptions, but stormy winds are driving the clouds northward. There has been a heavy fall of stones and black sand in the northern districts, which caused a few casualties. To-night the inhabitants are moving southwards in great excitement. Barbados reports that darkness spread over that island at 11 o'clock in the morning. The obscurity was accompanied by a fall of red dust.

Roseau, Island of Dominica, March 24.—Frequent, muffled detonations were heard during the afternoon of Saturday and Sunday morning from the southeast, and the clouds travelling westward were laden with dust.

Bridgetown, Island of Barbados, March 24.—Sudden darkness spread over this island yesterday from 9 to 11.15 a.m. Dust fell, and the lamps were lighted in the churches and other buildings.

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He will be at Garner House, Chatham, Wednesday, March 25th.

It is dangerous to awaken the imagination without a heavy ballast of principle.

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## TRAINING THE MILITIA.

**Lord Dundonald's Views on Work at Camps.**

Ottawa, March 24.—The annual report of the Militia Department which has been issued contains what Lord Dundonald styles "a narrative of events connected with the Canadian militia for the year ending December 31, 1902." With this report the General says: "I have the honor also to forward another special report to which I have given a great deal of thought and which contains a broad scheme for the improvement of the militia. If the proposals contained in it are carried out they will, in my opinion, contribute to the greater efficiency of the militia."

"I have proposed that in future the regimental establishments of the active militia shall be at war strength, each unit containing in addition within itself the germ of a reserve. These proposals have met with your (the Ministers') general approval, and I am now drawing up the establishments which when complete I will submit to you."

The General offers some comments upon the camps of instruction which were held last year at Sussex, N.B., Three Rivers and Niagara-on-the-Lake for the officers and non-commissioned officers of the rural militia in battalions. He says: "Observation at these camps has shown me that the Canadian soldier takes the greatest interest in anything which his intelligence proves to him is of real practical benefit. Therefore, I propose to leave our marches past and ceremonial movements, and instead to convert the camps practically into schools of instruction for fitting the soldier to take the field, with not one item in the programme that does not make for fighting efficiency."

"Though the rural militia contains a large proportion of earnest, self-sacrificing officers and men, it does not satisfy the requirements of national defence force. Normally it is a body of men who engage to serve for a period of three years. As a matter of fact, it consists and always has consisted of a number of regiments which are almost recruited afresh every time they are called out for training. Large numbers of entirely raw men enlist before the particular affairs, and are perhaps never seen afterwards, no real effort being made to compel them to fulfil their engagements, owing to powers of compulsion being quite inadequate for the purpose. Consequently it is impossible to carry instruction beyond the most elementary stages. Such a system is unduly expensive and ineffective from a military point of view. So small is the rate of pay, and so unsatisfactory have been the conditions of training, that the best men do not enter the militia as they might. From this it follows that the non-commissioned officers also are to a large extent insufficiently qualified for their posts, nor can they command ready obedience from the soldier, when, as in many cases, they are quite ignorant of the very rudiments of their duties. Numbers of men go out to camp as non-commissioned officers without any previous training whatever, and the proportion of these men who are new to the rank on such occasions shows clearly that there is a want of continuity in the personnel of the units. For example, at Niagara-on-the-Lake this year, out of 1,054 non-commissioned officers, there were no less than 440 who put on the stripes for the first time."

It is hard to determine just when a man has passed over the middle-age line.

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## WOODSTOCK.

**By-law Carried—Bigamists Sentenced—Charge Against Chief Zeats.**

Woodstock, March 24.—A by-law to expend \$20,000 for the construction of a trunk sewer for the southern portion of the city and for the installing of the septic tank system of sewage disposal was carried by 320 to 43.

William D. Burgess and Agnes Hall Padfield, charged with bigamy, were yesterday sentenced by Judge Finkle, the former to six months in the Central Prison and the latter to five months in the reformatory.

A charge of violating the liquor act has been laid by the license inspector at Chatham, in Bruce County, against Chief Zeats of this city. Chief Zeats, in company with C. P. R. Detective McKay, recently arrested a man named McLeod near Chesley. They had to stay in that town over Sunday. While staying in the hotel there, Chief Zeats says, Detective McKay ordered up ale to their room. He denies that they were near the bar of the hotel.

## To Contractors

Bulk and separate tenders will be received at the offices of the undersigned architects, up till one o'clock p.m. Saturday, April 4th next, for all trades required in the erection of a new brick school house, to be erected in School Section No. 9, Chatham Township.

Tenders to be addressed to John T. Holmes, Esq., Secretary.  
Plans and specifications to be seen at the office of the Secretary, near the office of the architect, near the office of the architect, King street, Chatham, Ont., on and after 12 o'clock March 25th.  
Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

**J. L. WILSON & SON,** Architects.  
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