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**VERY GRIM HUMOR**

Some of the details of the N. T. R. expenditure reveal an improvidence so grotesque as to be grimly humorous, says the Hamilton Herald (Ind.). For instance, there is the item of \$24,317 for the enlargement of a culvert on a farm to enable the farmer to drive his cattle through. The farmer had offered the whole of his farm to the commission for \$3,500, and his offer was refused.

It is items such as these which explain why it took the Hon. G. P. Graham over seven hours to justify the spending of \$161,000,000 on his \$61,415,000 national railroad. With a report so crammed full of specific charges of either bungled-headed incompetence or deliberate squandering of many millions of public cash, it is no wonder that the Hon. G. P. preferred to skate around the edge of the report for seven hours rather than to go boldly into it.

**THAT MEXICAN INCIDENT.**

Huerta and Villa may be barbarians, but both have shown much fighting ability and strategy, and the first-named has shown on more than one occasion exceptional powers of diplomacy.

The arrest of U. S. marines and subsequent incidents constitutes another illustration of this fact. After Wilson's demand that in reparation of the insult offered to the national dignity, the Mexican President must have a public salute fired to the stars and stripes, Huerta tried to temporize by suggesting a reference to The Hague tribunal. Failing in this, he agreed to the salute, providing there was a simultaneous salute on the part of the Americans. This proposal has very naturally been rejected at Washington. Even W. S. Gilbert in his palmiest days could not have conceived a more ludicrous way in which to wipe out an insult. Huerta will have to do as he is told or stand the consequences, but even then he comes out best. Uncle Sam, of all the powers, has from the first refused to recognize him as the President, and yet when there is an affront to his national honor, Huerta is the man upon whom he calls for reparation. If that isn't recognition of him as head of the nation, what else can it be?

**CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.**

The London Free Press is one of the Canadian papers which does not believe in capital punishment. In an editorial with reference to the escape from what should have been the gallows for a man in Middlesex, it says in part:

"What is the effect of the verdict and the sentence of 15 years of incarceration in a prison? Will the result be an increase in this kind of crime? Will the fact that Thomas Riley is to spend the prime of his life in the company of criminals and under lock and key and guard be an inducement to others to regard lightly the crime of which he has been convicted? We do not think so.

"Upon the other hand, the public mind is spared the horror of the legal infliction of death upon a fellow-being. Life itself is not cheapened by its needless exaction."

The real fact of the matter is that life is cheapened in those countries or states in which capital punishment has been abolished, or the law of a life for a life is loosely enforced. All the statistics tend to confirm this statement. Look at the difference between the number of murders in London, England, and New York. Why? For the simple reason that a maudlin sentiment is not allowed in the Old Land to prevent the execution under due process of law of those who have come to that pass because they did some executing on their own account without regard to the law. Last year of the few in the British metropolis charged and found guilty of slaying, all were hanged with the exception of two who managed to commit suicide. In Gotham, where there is loose enforcement and the possibility of many quibbles, especially where there is money, as in the case of Thaw, the homicides constitute an appalling list which is growing each year. There is no need to give other illustrations, for they are well known to anybody who has taken the trouble to observe, or enquire.

It is not a pleasant thing to see anybody go to their death, while as a

rule in full health, but the safety of individual members of any community should not be needlessly endangered as it is in those places where sentimentalism with regard to this matter takes the place of common sense.

As a witty Frenchman, once remarked: "If capital punishment is undesirable, let the murderers themselves first carry out that precept."

**NOTES AND COMMENTS.**

This is the time of year when many men have to beat it—that is the family carpet.

The latest cult in Chicago is termed the "Cosmic urge." If it leads Miranda to help mother with the house work, it should be a good thing.

A contemporary is apprehensive because it fears a "gasoline famine." Tut, tut, man, don't you know that the Dominion House is still in session?

A Bracebridge paper suggests that it would be a great convenience for all farmers to put their names on the gates leading to their houses. Not a bad idea that.

Hon. Dr. Roche, Minister of the Interior, announced in the Dominion House that four hundred Hindus on their way to Vancouver will not be allowed to land. They are said to be under the leadership of one Gurdit Singh, who will have to gird up his loins for back home again.

**Sums Voted Toward O.I.B.**

Contained in Supplementary Estimates of the Ont. Government

The following items are contained in the supplementary estimates of the Ontario Government:

Installation of Hydro-Electric lighting, the Ontario School for the Blind, Brantford \$3000.

Alterations including wiring and heating to Bursar's residence. The Ontario School for the Blind, Brantford, \$1100.

Retiring allowance to Mrs. Mary Stewart, The Ontario School for the Blind \$325.

To increase salaries of Bursar and Storekeeper \$100; matron \$50; Teacher \$30; musical director \$100; supervisor of Boys \$50; assistant engineer \$50; nurse (boys) \$50. The Ontario School for the Blind—\$430.

For repairing exchanging and adjusting pianos in the Ontario School for the Blind \$400.

**City News Items**

**To Erect Poles**  
The Bell Telephone Company has asked permission to erect poles on Albion street from Palace to Henrietta streets, and on Gray streets from Charlotte to Clarence streets.

**Applying Early**  
E. C. Powers for the Canadian Seismic Co., Limited, Toronto, asks to have permission to tender for the installation of a ventilating system in the new market building.

**Paid for Privilege**  
Ringling Bros. Circus has posted their \$100 for the privilege of showing in this city. The date of the show has been changed from June 25th to June 12th.

**Bellview Wants Hydro-Electric.**  
The ratepayers of Bellevue want an adequate system of lighting and are considering the advisability of having Hydro-Electric installed. To this end a meeting has been called for Tuesday night when all interested are asked to attend at the Bellevue school. As it is of vital importance in view of the present darkness of the district, a night good attendance is anticipated.

**Board of Health.**  
The Board of Health held their regular meeting in the city hall last night. A number of accounts were passed and ordered paid and the following sewer connections were ordered: On Elizabeth street from Lawrence to Terrace Hill street; on Mt. Pleasant St. from Oxford to T. H. and B. Ry.; on Usher street from Sydenham to Bond Sts.; on Bond from Usher to Pearl Sts.; on Young street from Niagara to Bond St.; on Foster St. from Eagle Ave. to Cayuga St.; on Durham St. from Market to Charlotte St. The latter sewer is to be at the city's expense. The chairman J. W. Patte, occupied the chair and a goodly number of members were present.

**Watchman's Death.**  
Four young men named Robert Taylor, Albert Fletcher, William Bowles, and James Freer, were sent for trial by the Manchester stipendiary on Tuesday on a charge of causing the death of a night watchman named Partington aged sixty-five.

It is alleged that the accused overturned Partington's street-cabin, with the result that he was thrown on to his fire and fatally burned. At the coroner's inquest a verdict of "man-

**Laid at Rest**

**Late Mrs. G. M. Hall.**  
The funeral of the late Mrs. G. M. Hall, who died in Cobourg, took place yesterday to Greenwood cemetery upon the arrival of the remains from that town. The Rev. R. D. Hamilton conducted the last services, which were well attended by sorrowing friends. The pallbearers were Messrs. Ball, Blain, Thorburn, Osborne, Waterbrooks and Jex.

**Late Michael Fitzgerald.**  
The remains of the late Michael Fitzgerald were quietly laid to rest yesterday in St. Joseph's cemetery. Services were conducted at St. Basil's church by the Rev. Father Clohery and at the grave by Rev. Dean Brady. The pallbearers were John Haffery, L. Rice, J. Hays, T. O'Kief, P. Power and F. Fitzpatrick. Many expressions of sympathy were heard.

**Old Home Week**

The Fraternal Committee of Old Home Week held a largely attended meeting last night in the City Hall, when a programme for Fraternal day was discussed. The sports sub-committee presented their programme, which includes a burlesque baseball game between the Red Sox, if they are available and a picked team. In this game no ball will be used, but a lot of comedy will be supplied. The committee have engaged a troop of Scotch dances and also an acrobatic troupe for their day.

The prizes for the drill competition were increased and are now, 1st, \$100; 2nd, \$75; 3rd \$50.

A football game between the pick of the Brantford and Paris League, and some outside amateur team is proposed for the morning, at 10.30.

**Scout Notes**

Last night the Brantford Scoutmasters attended the Hamilton Scoutcraft exhibition.

All city troops with the possible addition of Paris patrols will be reviewed by the Governor General on his visit to Brantford on May 7th.

The Executive Council held a meeting early next week to discuss plans for a Scoutcraft display and Garden Party to be held during Old Home Week.

Last Tuesday the District Patrol played a Y. M. C. A. team and defeated it 23 to 2.

Commissioner MacFarlane attended the officers' banquet at the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, where His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught was pleased to make a few remarks calculated to inspire the assembly in their work. He expressed regret that misconceptions were so rife against this splendid movement and commended them that King George, who is Patron of British Scouts, is known as "The defender of the faith" and the maintenance of faith is best assured on the ideals of Boy Scouting.

The toast was given to the Chief Scout of Canada by Deputy Commissioner Bliss and responded to by the Duke.

Provincial Secretary H. G. Hammond, responded to the toast of the Provincial Council. Commissioner MacFarlane gave an address on "Our share in the Scout Movement."

Spring work is progressing and anticipations for many successful field outings are being felt.

Material for this column will be gratefully received—patrol masters and boys are invited to send in local news, cuttings, and any matter of interest to the movement.

We want every Scout to feel this weekly feature his own—"Ex."

**Swimming Bath Fatal.**  
Julius Simms, thirteen, son of a Sheffield Scripture reader, James Henry Simms, went on Tuesday with a number of Upperthorpe Council school boys and a teacher for his first swimming lesson of the season. Later one of the lads discovered the body of young Simms at the bottom of the bath at the shallow end. Collapse through heart failure is believed to have caused his inability to give an alarm.

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**Local Golfers Will Have Splendid Year**

Committees Are Hard at Work to Provide Lots Doing for Devotees of the Game—The Fixtures.

With the advent of another season it will be interesting for Brantford golfers to know that the various committees of the Brantford Golf and Country Club are going to make strenuous efforts to give the enthusiast the most enjoyable season, from a golfing standpoint, that has been.

The course is being cleared for action, and no expense will be spared to provide the best greens possible.

The match committee have arranged the following matches and competitions, particulars of which follow:

- May 9, Saturday—Monthly Cup, Brantford.
- May 25, Monday—London Hunt Club, London.
- June 3, Wednesday—Galt Golf Club, Galt.
- June 6, Saturday—Fitton Cup, Brantford.
- June 18, Thursday—Galt Golf Club, Brantford.
- June 20, Saturday—Monthly Cup, Brantford.
- July 1—Park Club (Buffalo), Buffalo.
- July 4, Saturday—Monthly Cup, Brantford.
- July 11, Saturday—Park Club, Brantford.
- July 18, Saturday—Cockshutt Cup, Brantford.
- July 24, Friday—Oakville Club of Rochester at Brantford.
- Aug. 5, Wednesday—Yates Cup, Brantford.
- Sept. 5, Saturday—Monthly Cup, Brantford.
- Sept. 7, Monday—London Hunt Club, Brantford.
- Sept. 16, Wednesday—Galt Golf at Galt.
- Sept. 30, Wednesday—Galt Golf Club at Brantford.

**HOMESEEKERS' AND SETTLERS EXCURSIONS.**  
To Western Canada.

The Grand Trunk Railway System issue round trip Homeseekers' tickets at very low fares from stations in Canada to points in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta and are in effect each Tuesday until October 27th inclusive, via Chicago, St. Paul or Duluth and will also be on sale on certain dates via Sarnia and Northern Navigation company. Through Pullman Tourist Sleepers are operated to Winnipeg each Tuesday, leaving Toronto 11.00 p.m. No change of cars. Reservations in Tourist Sleepers may be obtained at a nominal charge on request to any Grand Trunk ticket agent. Homeseekers' tickets are valid returning two months from date of issue.

Settlers' one-way second-class tickets are on sale each Tuesday during April from stations in Ontario, Kingston, Renfrew and west to points in Alberta and Saskatchewan at low fares.

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway is the shortest and quickest route between Winnipeg-Saskatoon - Edmonton, with excellent through service to Regina. Trains now running into

**Milk Test Shows Fairly Good Quality Here**

Medical Health Officer Pearson Secured Samples From Local Vendors Yesterday.

Medical Health Officer Dr. Pearson yesterday made a test of the milk from all the vendors of the city. The test he found to be a fairly good one, only two vendors going below the specific gravity of 10.30 which is required. Butter fat percentage of 3.50 is required. The results:

| Vendor           | Source of Supply   | Spe. Grav. | B. Fat |
|------------------|--------------------|------------|--------|
| Calbeck, R. M.   | Brittain, F.       | 10.30      | 3.60   |
| Cusden, R.       | Kilgour, T.        | 10.30      | 3.50   |
| Forteous, R. C.  | Craig, T.          | 10.30      | 3.20   |
| James, W. R. C.  | Wilbee, H.         | 10.31      | 3.50   |
| Alexander, T. J. | McIntyre, H.       | 10.25      | 3.40   |
| James, W. R. C.  | Rodgers, M. S.     | 10.30      | 3.50   |
| Young, W. H.     | Chapin, F.         | 10.30      | 3.60   |
| Loda, Geo.       | Shaver, R. H.      | 10.30      | 3.00   |
| Arnold, J.       | Greenfield, F.     | 10.30      | 3.60   |
| Brittain, Wm.    | Brittain, W.       | 10.30      | 3.50   |
| Hygienic Dairy   | Mixed              | 10.30      | 3.10   |
| Hamilton, R.     | Agnew, E.          | 10.30      | 3.50   |
| Reed, Wm.        | Wood, T.           | 10.30      | 3.00   |
| Meggatt, Geo.    | Reed, Wm.          | 10.30      | 3.50   |
| Milburn, T. W.   | Morningstar, W.    | 10.30      | 3.00   |
| Hamilton, R.     | Kenney, W.         | 10.30      | 3.60   |
| Whitcup, G. H.   | Merkle, G.         | 10.30      | 3.50   |
| Courtenage, W.   | Masters, H.        | 10.30      | 3.20   |
| Young, W. H.     | Henry, R.          | 10.30      | 3.60   |
| Chalmers, D.     | Loody, G.          | 10.31      | 3.50   |
| Mentosh, N.      | Tottle, N.         | 10.30      | 3.60   |
| Chalmers, D.     | Tottle, W.         | 10.31      | 3.50   |
| James, Wm.       | Wilson, B.         | 10.30      | 3.60   |
| Hygienic Dairy   | Reeder, D.         | 10.30      | 3.50   |
| Wade, O. J.      | Edmondson, N.      | 10.30      | 3.50   |
| James, H.        | Edwards, A.        | 10.31      | 3.50   |
| Whitham, J.      | Greenwood & Brooks | 10.28      | 3.30   |

**Fishing in the Parks.**

The Parks Committee of the Manchester City Council have taken a popular step by offering greater facilities for anglers to ply the waters of the various parks. The artificial lake in Alexandra Park is to be available in future for coarse fishing sixpence per day being charged for each rod. Carp, roach, perch, and dace are said to be plentiful.

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**Park Baptist Choir Entert**

The usual weekly practice of the most able conductorship musical director, Mr. J. R. was held last night, after very enjoyable social hour.

The ladies of the choir, dainty repast in honor of members, Mrs. Margaret late secretary, who is leaving Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. who go to Edmonton departure was regretted and hearty good wishes of ent follow them to their n

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