

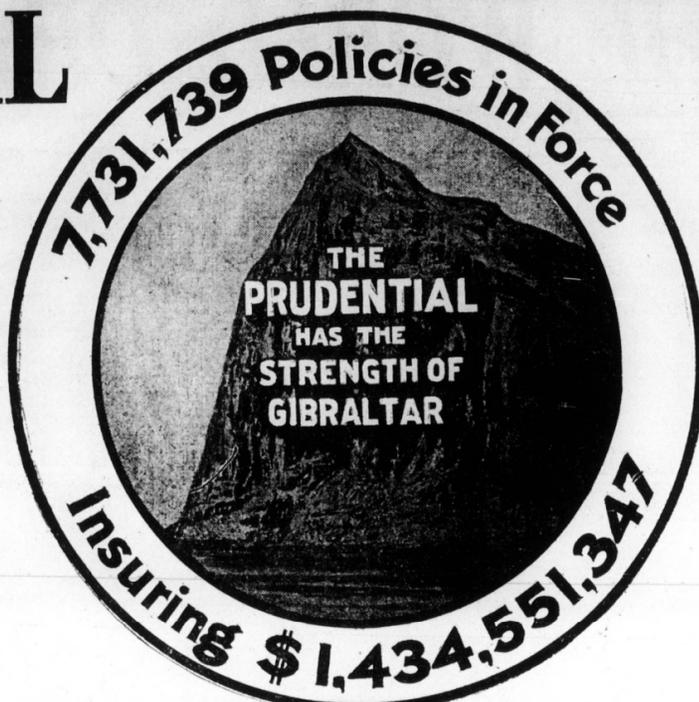
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TOMATO MEN ARE ANXIOUS.

Factories Said to be Determined to Reduce Prices.

Social and Personal News of Niagara Fruit District.

Beamsville School Board Increases the Teachers' Salaries.

Grimsby, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Misses Amber and Ruby Pettit gave a large number of their girl friends a pleasant euchre party on Tuesday afternoon. Miss Lister, of Hamilton, won the lone hand prize, and Miss Manson, the prize for the largest number of games won.

Rev. R. G. McBeth, M.A., Paris, will preach anniversary services in St. John's Presbyterian Church tomorrow. Anniversary tea and entertainment on Monday evening.

The funeral of Mrs. Wm. Finch, a former well-known Grimsby resident, who died at her home in Niagara Falls, took place here on Saturday afternoon last at Queen's Lawn cemetery.

Harrigan's hockey club defeated Lake Lodge School on Monday by 7 to 4.

The Public School had on the roll for the month of January 216 pupils, with an average attendance of 176. Miss Grace Monsinger has been engaged as teacher for the junior department. Mr. Wm. Montgomery has been appointed a trustee for a three-years term.

Tomato growers are getting apprehensive last the companies lower the price to the old figure, twenty-five cents per bushel. After a strenuous kick the companies, last season, gave 27 cents. There was a good crop of the red, juicy article in 1908, and the canneries got well stocked and a goodly number have a large pack still in the store-houses.

Tomato growing is a profitable business for the average farmer in the Niagara peninsula, so much so that each passing year sees the acreage largely increased. The canneries up-to-date have dealt pretty generously with the growers, taking all the product offered, even though no contract was made. The canners claim that this, with the raising of prices, resulted in no profits for the factories, and it is not improbable that this season will see the price back to the old mark.

A well-known fruit grower of North Grimsby township got a genuine surprise on Wednesday morning, when on opening his stable door, he was greeted by a tiny wail from a very small roll of blankets, laid carefully on a pile of hay in one corner. The canny farmer, however, had his suspicion, so the story goes, and the affair has been very quietly conducted with the result that this winter morning arrival has found his titled place of abode.

The last dance before Lent, to be given by the managers of Winona Institute, ought to be quite chic. The officers of the 77th, 91st, 44th and 15th regiments have been invited to attend in uniform. Lomas' full orchestra will be present for this occasion, and the patronesses and secretary are the same who have officiated in these capacities at a number of pleasant affairs earlier in the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Boice Nelles entertained a large party of friends last night. Dancing and cards formed the larger portion of the evening's enjoyment. Superintendent Russ, of the Queenston and Grimsby road, has been re-appointed for another year by the County Council. Mr. Russ has been one of the most able and painstaking officials in the employ of the county, and his retention by it is justly deserved.

Miss Edna Smith, Hamilton, spent the week end with Miss M. Pipett. H. H. Anderson has been in Dunnville for several days on a business trip. The guardians of the children of the late victims of the G. T. R. crossing fatality are getting their case ready for the courts.

Geo. A. Oliver, teacher of S. S. No. 1, North Grimsby, gives the following standing of his pupils for the previous month.

Fourth Class—Honors—Etheiya Wake, Ralford Park, Clarence Ryckman, Olive Kitcher, Walter Johnson. Pass—Gertrude Armstrong.

Third Class—Pass—Constance Kendall, Lloyd Bowlsough, Clara Graisley, Lloyd Crowe.

Second Class—Honors—Millie Tucker, Pass—Alma Walker, Roy Hogan.

First Class—Pass—Malcolm Nelles, Cecil Johnson, Charlie Kemp, Fred Henry.

The following merchants have agreed to close their stores at six o'clock p.m. each evening during the week except Saturday, and before holidays: John C. Farrell, A. F. Hawke, J. H. Wells, Henry Bull, E. S. Johnson, Jas. Aitchison, A. R. Henry, P. H. Gamble.

At Dunnville on Thursday night the local septette played a tie game of hockey with the town at the Grand River, the score being 10-10.

Citizens are feeling quite elated with the decision of the Railway Commission on Friday morning regarding the protection of the Depot street crossing.

Much of the success that has resulted from the visit of the Commission here was obtained by the hard work of Reeve Mitchell and J. A. Livingston. The town and township owe them both a deep debt of gratitude.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church entertained the men of the congregation last night, giving a programme and refreshments.

BEAMSVILLE. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Cameron are visiting in Detroit.

Miss Elma Kelley was in Hamilton for a couple of days over the week end. Miss Viola Henderson goes to Toronto next week to be present at the spring millinery openings.

Garnet Gibson, Harry Grout, and L. Hoxow went to Brantford on Tuesday night to see the hockey game between Toronto and Brantford.

Miss Bala, Darling, Toronto, is a guest at "Inverurie."

The Cosy Corner Club's dance last night was a magnificent success in every particular. The floor was in fine shape, so that very few members on the programme were missed. The dingy old hall was tastefully decorated with flags and paper hearts, and a real St. Valentine air pervaded the whole assembly.

To Miss Jean Gibson, the secretary, Miss Greaves, Miss Florence Beatty, Miss Sinclair, Miss Russell, Miss Kelly, Miss Trevelyan, Miss Hewitt, Miss G. Conso, Miss Holden, Miss Smith, Miss Mackie, Miss Henderson, and a number of other young ladies, congratulations are due for a pleasant evening well spent.

Mr. Thomas Beatty has disposed of his new residence on Hixon street east, to his mother, Mrs. Geo. Beatty.

the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Wismer during the week. Miss Colville's condition is now more hopeful, and those in attendance feel that she is on the mend.

Mrs. W. J. Halliday, Toronto, is visiting her sister, Mrs. James Hobden.

Miss Wilson, who has been spending some time with her brother, W. R. Wilson, has returned to Toronto. Bessie, daughter of Mr. Philip Wardell, a former resident here, died in Rochester, N. Y., on Tuesday and the remains were sent here for burial on Thursday afternoon. The casket was entirely covered with large masses of floral tributes. She was in her 35th year. The present generation will not remember the above family very distinctly, they having left Beamsville over thirty-five years ago. The deceased lady's mother was formerly Miss Maria Merle her stepfather being Mr. Teller, and the home was the present Smith estate, opposite Hon. Wm. Gibson's residence.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Thomas and Miss Ferguson were the jolly hosts for about twenty young people, who were at their home in the township on Friday evening. The large rooms were thrown open to the invaders, who certainly spent one of the nights of their lives.

To-morrow morning the pastor's subject in the Baptist Church will be "Love the Great Dynamic of God and Evil." Evening, "The Journey of a Woman on a Life and Death Errand."

Methodist Church, morning, "The Opening of the Six Seals." Evening, "A Call to Decision."

A programme for the two days' Fruit Institute meetings, to take place in the town hall, under the auspices of the Farmers' Institute Branch of the Agricultural Department, next Tuesday and Wednesday, will be: Tuesday morning, H. S. Peart, Orchard Management and Cover Crops; 2 p.m., W. C. McCalla, St. Catharines; "Spraying." Evening, M. Caesar, O. A. C., "Diseases and Fungus Pests."

Wednesday morning, A. W. Peart, Burlington, "Pruning and Grafting." Evening, J. P. Carey, Toronto, and Robert Thompson, St. Catharines, "Packages and Packing." These meetings will be of interest to the whole fruit district, and should be largely attended.

Mrs. John MacIntyre, and Miss Hazel, former residents here, are quite ill, in the hospital at Toronto.

Miss Ethel Hewitt spent a couple of days this week with friends in Hamilton.

Friends of the Baptist Church here presented the congregation with a fine, up-to-date individual communion service, consisting of four trays, holding thirty-six glasses each.

Miss Jennie Zimmerman has returned to town for a short visit.

Mrs. G. S. Karr's afternoon at euchre, on Thursday, proved a welcome diversion from the ordinary hum-drum of life. The games were all warmly contested, and as always, at this hostess's home, all put in a merry afternoon. The prize went to Mrs. Wm. Gibson, and the consolation to Miss Robinson.

Architect Peene, of Hamilton, thinks that another storey on the High School will give all the additional accommodation necessary. In company with the School Board, he made an inspection of the building last Friday afternoon.

The newly-elected Board of Directors of the Niagara District Independent Telephone Company are: Mr. Alonzo Culp, President; M. A. Ball, Vice-President; M. Banks, Secretary-Treasurer; and E. Fisher, Managing Director and Superintendent of Construction.

The meeting of Farmers' and Women's Institutes on Thursday afternoon and evening brought out a fair attendance. In the afternoon, Miss Shuttlesworth gave the ladies a talk on "Health as a Basis of Womanly Beauty." A first-

rate musical programme was also put on, after which all those who had assembled at the men's meeting were asked to partake of a varied bill of fare, that was much to the credit of the women's department. Both Institutes fraternized for the evening gathering, which consisted of an unusually good number of vocal and instrumental numbers, besides instructive addresses by J. W. Hyatt, of West Lake, and C. W. Nash, Toronto.

Mr. J. M. Moyer, Camden, is greatly improved at this date, after being confined to his home for the past three weeks.

H. E. Price, of Hamilton, is visiting friends at the lake.

John and Mrs. Amiss have returned home, after spending a week with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dobson, Hamilton.

An Englishman, named Sturgiss, was seized with an epileptic fit in the Conservative Club rooms last Saturday morning. Dr. Fairfield revived the man after a little work. We have often wondered what the Con. Club's initiation was like. That first grade must be awfully hard.

Misses Margaret and Gertrude McIntosh, of Hamilton, were the guests of Miss Russell this week.

Wm. Smith has moved his family to a farm on the Fly road.

The Board of Education has raised the schedule of teachers' salaries for the Public School. Hereafter, assistant teachers in the first, second and third forms will receive a minimum \$300 per year, and a maximum of \$400. An increase of \$25 per annum until the maximum is reached. To receive the latter salary, a Normal professional certificate is necessary.

The Principal of the school will receive a minimum \$500, and a maximum of \$700, with an annual increase of \$50 until the latter is reached.

A grant will be asked from Louth township, as there are seven pupils from there in attendance at the High School.

67 LIVES LOST.

New Zealand Coasting Steamer Lost With Passengers and Crew.

Wellington, N. Z., Feb. 12.—The steamer Penguin, engaged in the coasting trade, was wrecked to-night on Cape Terawhiti. A number of those on board were rescued, but 67 of the passengers and crew are missing, and grave fears are entertained that they have been lost.

KING TO VISIT ALFONSO. Political Importance Attached to Meeting of Two Sovereigns.

Madrid, Feb. 12.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra will arrive at Villagarcia shortly for the purpose of returning the visit paid them by the King and Queen of Spain.

Orders have been received at Ferrol to prepare the Spanish Royal yacht, which will convey King Alfonso and Queen Victoria Eugenie to Villagarcia.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra will make the voyage in the Victoria and Albert, escorted by a naval squadron. Considerable political importance is attached to the meeting here.

The programme of the royal visit will include a banquet in honor of King Edward and Queen Alexandra at Villagarcia, and several excursions in the neighborhood of the town, including a visit to the Island of Cortegada, where King Alfonso is having a palace erected.

On the conclusion of their visit King Edward will proceed to Biarritz.

SAVED FROM SHAME

FOUND A HOME IN TORONTO FOR ERRING WOMEN.

Toronto Evangelist's Kindness to Wayward Girl in Chicago Leads to Handsome Memorial Bequest.

Because he went, Bible in hand, into a "dive" in Chicago and rescued a beautiful young Australian woman from the life of shame which she was leading, David S. Kidd, of 17 Lennox avenue, this city, is to receive a fortune, and the city of Toronto a home for fallen women, to be called the Burn Memorial.

It was two years ago that he fell upon the adventure which has made his fortune and given Toronto a notable benefaction. Kidd had gone to Chicago to visit his brother, Arthur S. Kidd, and after spending a few days in the city he started down town to see the sights. As he was roaming about the city, it occurred to him to look up the Chicago headquarters of the Order of Chosen Friends. He is a member of the Canadian section. He started for a directory, and first sought out Siegel Cooper's departmental store. After an exasperating quarter of an hour seeking the office where he might find the desired book, he turned to the street door determined to look elsewhere. Just across Congress street, in the corner of State street, stood a fine looking building, for all the world like a real estate broker's office. Taking it for something of the sort, he crossed the street and went in. It proved to be Bowes & Manning's saloon, still a somewhat notorious resort in Chicago. The barkeeper directed him to an inner room where he would find the book he wanted. Entering, Kidd found himself in the palm garden of the saloon.

At a table sat a girl of twenty-two or thereabouts dressed in all the glaring finery of her class. She turned to him wearily.

"Are you going to buy a drink?" she asked.

Kidd looked at her for a moment; then he quoted the words of Christ to the woman of Samaria:

"Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again; but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him, shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

Drawing from his pocket the testament which he always carries wherever he goes, Kidd sat down at the table and read to the girl the 24th chapter of Luke.

In the hour that followed she told him something of her life, while Kidd read and talked to her. Finally they went away together to a restaurant, where he bought her a dinner.

"My dear girl," he said, when they had finished, "where is your mother?"

She started to cry, and bit by bit he succeeded in piecing out her story. Her name was Lucy Burn and her parents lived in Australia, where her father was quite wealthy. She had an aunt in Pittsburg, and there she promised to go

that very night. The mission-gave her his card and said good-bye, never expecting to hear from her again.

FAVORED BY MILLIONAIRE'S WILL. That was in the summer of 1907. That fall he heard from her. Her father had come to America on business and found his daughter in Pittsburg, dying of consumption. He made a fruitless trip with the girl to Florida in the hope of saving her life, but she died last July. The father went back to Australia a few weeks later, and in September he died.

He was three a millionaire, and in his will was the sum of a quarter of a million dollars for the founding and support of a home for women and a handsome bequest to David S. Kidd.

Letters have come telling of the last hours of Lucy Burn, and the gratitude had resented her to the man who had saved her. The mother and brother are living in Australia at the present time and they are continually writing to Kidd. The will is to be probated in a few weeks, and full financial arrangements made for the building of the memorial home.

In the meantime Architect Rattray has prepared plans for the building, which is to cost \$75,000. The exact location of the structure has not been determined. There will be a big auditorium for evangelistic services, a series of dormitories for the women, a completely equipped hospital and small lecture rooms. A pastor will be installed to take charge of an active gospel propaganda in the poorer sections of the city. A feature on which Mr. Burn laid particular stress is a fine organ and a set of chimes. For these last the sum of five thousand dollars has been set aside.

NOT COMMUNICATIVE. David Kidd, the founder of the home, is very reticent in the matter of details regarding his plans, and has little to say until everything is settled. At that time the story will be given out to the papers.

"There was a work for me to do that day in Chicago," he says, "and I was guided to the spot."

GOD'S NECESSITIES. To the Editor of the Times—

Sir—As I indicated in my last letter to you, I am out of the field as a teacher but am back again as a student. As per implied invitations, seemingly contained in certain announcements, I have been paying considerable attention to Mr. Sedgewick's discourse on "The Problem of Human Life," and find that he has given utterance to some rather remarkable statements. Some of these puzzle me greatly, and I would thank him kindly if he would further elucidate the same.

After giving his conception of God, whom he defined as being a personality and not a person, stating that His sovereignty consisted in His being the "I Am and I Will," he proceeded to explain why God said, "Let Us Make Man." He remarked that the answer was to be found in the "inherent necessities of God's personality," the "demand for expression and for fellowship," as well as to "express himself most fully in man."

He also emphasized very fully, by illustration, that "life abiding by itself, whether in God or man, was a chilly loneliness and sadly incomplete," stating that "man is God's complete and perfect revelation," and that God required and needed man. Now to an ordinary or untrained mind, like my own, such statements are somewhat confusing or "supra ordinary," if I be permitted a simple unadorned expression, self-existing, the first cause, the supreme "I am," inexhaustible, and complete within Himself, lacking nothing and embodying all the transcendental attributes in their perfection, such as truth, goodness, beauty, love, etc.

Now, if the foregoing is the correct conception of the great Eternal One, how about Mr. Sedgewick's hypothesis, that God has necessities, demand, desires and needs, or

how could He be "chilly and lonely, and sadly incomplete"? Can it be possible that God was less perfect before he determined within Himself to become a little more complete by seeking out men as companions, or, was this only an experiment that He was about to try when He said "let us make man." Or, did He just determine within Himself to violate, the inviolable principles of causality? If it be as Mr. Sedgewick says, that God was sadly incomplete in His loneliness, then, He undoubtedly did show a little wisdom in seeking out the fellowship and companionship of men. But on the other hand, if God is, as I have tried to picture him, how could he possibly enter into fellowship with man, seeing man is dependent, and consequently infinitely beneath Him? Take the case of man alone, how could a highly educated man, a profound student, versed in all literature, art and science, one who is a deep thinker and close reasoner, find fellowship and hold communion with an unlettered, untrained and thoughtless plebeian? To make a fellow or companion of anyone, we must know that he is at least our equal, but, to say that God seeks to drown His loneliness in the companionship of man, is but to say that God, the first cause, was less perfect before he determined Himself, than he became after His determination. Such reasoning, as far as I can see, is too unthinkable, and too absurd to be entertained for a moment, and as I said before, violates the inviolable. God is complete within Himself, and therefore, needs no one to entertain Him. He is the embodiment of His own expression, and cannot express Himself any "more fully in man."

Then, how does Mr. Sedgewick make out, that "man is God's complete and perfect revelation"? He did not tell us who God was trying to reveal himself to when he made this perfect and complete revelation in man. Was it to the angels? What then, did they think of the effort, when they saw the imperfections of the production? Or, did God really make man for the sake of revealing Himself to man? If God, is a perfect personality, how could he have need of anything? Such metaphysics, to me, seem somewhat absurd, and, if you, Mr. Editor, or Mr. Sedgewick, would kindly help me out of my difficulty, I would be forever obliged.

Yours respectfully,
A. H. BENNETT,
Hamilton, February 12, 1909.

G. T. R. DIVIDEND.

Two Per Cent. is Declared on First Preference Shares for Half Year.

London, Feb. 12.—The Grand Trunk Railway half-year report shows gross receipts, \$3,382,800; working expenses, \$2,422,400; net receipts, \$960,400; net revenue charges less credits, \$478,700. After deducting for a deficiency in Canada Atlantic, Grand Haven and Milwaukee, there is a surplus of \$443,000 available for dividend, which will admit the payment of a dividend for the half year of 4 per cent. on guaranteed stock, and full 5 per cent. for year on first preference shares.

A dividend for the year 1908 of 2 1/2 per cent. on second preferred is declared, carrying forward \$12,000. The market was expecting a full declaration, consequently stocks have fallen heavily.

BABY SCALDED TO DEATH.

Bellefonte, Feb. 12.—Mabel Blanche Bates, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. Edward Bates, who resides in the village of Roslin, yesterday met with a horrible death. The little one's mother had placed upon the floor a pail containing boiling water, and whilst her attention was diverted for a minute or two the baby accidentally fell into the pail and was terribly scalded. A few hours after the child died.