

ONCE MORE SPRING SEASON'S WITH US

Lawn Mowers, Clippers and Weather-Beaten Barrows Are Again in Service.

It's spring once again. Dear, old, real spring, with warmth, and sunshine, and blossoms and flowers, and rolling fields of green.

London—a city of homes—is making the best of the bounteous season. Everywhere can be heard the clicking of the lawn mower and the clipping of the shears. Everywhere can be heard the groans and creaks of the weather-beaten wheelbarrow, aged and worn, but still doing service to assist in beautifying the lawn. Once in a while smoke arising from a back yard tells of a belated "clean-up."

The merry tinkling of fountains in the larger grounds and the gleeful hissing of the garden hose in less pretentious places, tells of the fact that warm weather is here, and the dust of summer is being overcome by the cooling nectar from Springbank.

London has no residence streets built up flush with the sidewalk—long canyons of brick and mortar, scintillating sunshine in summer and wind-driven in winter. Almost every house has its lawn, perhaps a chicken, not much larger than a pocket handkerchief, yet still an opportunity for a bit of green sward or a few flowers.

Despite the good work that is being done, there is ample evidence that these opportunities are not employed as they might be, either by rich or poor in some quarters. Many handsome homes are unadorned by shrub or flower, depending upon the severe simplicity of a shaven lawn for their only embellishment. In other cases the floral decorations are not chosen with any thought of their suitability to the style of the house, its color, or harmony of scheme, while other houses that might easily be made pretty, stand barren and neglected.

There is a chance to greatly enhance the beauty of London's streets, to our eyes and in the eyes of the thousands of strangers who visit us during the summer. All that is required is the inclination and a little endeavor.

No one should feel debarred because of lack of means. Beautiful effects may be obtained by use of humble and old-fashioned plants. Lusty growth and generous bloom are more desirable than rarity.

A young married couple, starting housekeeping in a little old-fashioned dwelling, rented at that, set a Japanese hop vine to clamber over one side of the porch, a clematis (particulate) to drape the other, planted nasturtiums under the front windows and a row of cantaloup beans to screen an unsightly wing.

By August the shabbiest house on the street was the prettiest and the most observed. And, good example being as contagious as measles, next year the modestly housed and the planted vines and beauty crept next up and down the street for several blocks. This is merely to show the use that may be made of plants we are apt to regard as common.

BOTH ARE OUT TO WIN

Grapplers in Good Condition for Tonight's Match.

Don McMahon, the wrestler, of Kingston, has arrived in the city, and is in good shape for the go with Adamson, of Chicago, at Bennett's Vaudeville tonight. McMahon has been wrestling in Michigan, and has done some fine work. Adamson, the former Londoner, is also down fine, and one of the greatest wrestling matches ever seen in London can be looked for tonight.

Both men are out to win, and there will be something done every minute. Adamson has won from some clever men, including Beil, of Wisconsin, one of the best in the business.

McMahon also has a reputation as a great mat artist.

Queries Answered.

LUCAN.—A hired to B for seven months, but did not mention holidays, washing, or the Sunday off. A afterward found that B's wife would not do his washing. Can A go home every Sunday to change his clothes (nothing having been said to change him) and still work every Sunday, or can B compel him to work every other Sunday under the circumstances? What holidays can A claim when there was nothing said about it? Ans.—A must do necessary chores on Sundays and other holidays. He is not compelled to do any work on Sundays and holidays other than necessary, such as feeding cattle, etc. He can go home on Sundays or any other holidays to change his clothes. The holidays other than Sundays, such as Christmas, Thanksgiving Day, Dominion Day and Victoria Day.

RACE RIOT NEAR ALBANY

Negroes Take Place of Striking Italians and Bloody Affray Follows.

Albany, N. Y., May 16.—A race riot between Italians and negroes broke out in the brickyard on the west bank of the Hudson River at Coeymans, 12 miles south of here, this morning. Sheriff Pitts and deputies, and Lieut. Col. Davis of the Tenth Regiment went to Coeymans, but all the negroes were officers of the local militia companies have been instructed to be in readiness for orders, though military interference may be unnecessary. One negro had been brought to the Albany Hospital with a bullet in his side. Riots of this character are periodical at Coeymans, but this appears unusually serious, growing out of the importation of southern negroes to take the place of striking Italians.

Only \$2.35—Toronto and Return—Good for Three Days.

Canadian Pacific fast special train, leaves London 7:30 a.m., May 19, returning same night 10:30. Return tickets only \$2.35, good for three days. Call at city office, corner Dundas and Richmond streets, for tickets, etc. 28u

PRICES ARE SKY HIGH

Big Figures Being Asked for North End Property.

Property in the north end of the city is taking balloon ascensions this spring. In February, 80 feet—two lots—on Hellmuth avenue, sold for \$840. In May it was sold for \$1,200—an increase of about \$400 in a few months. "If we were to assess property at that is being asked for it the people would make strong objections," Assessment Commissioner Grant said today.

WORK HAS COMMENCED

Street Railway Company Laying South London Extension.

The street railway company has begun to lay rails on Askin street, South London, for the new Edward street belt line.

The cars must be running on the line by July 1.

A CHICKEN FESTIVAL

Some South End Boys Held and Now There's Trouble.

On Sunday afternoon several boys, who live in the south end of the city, were holding a chicken festival in a banquet hall, near the corner of Adelaide and Simcoe streets, when they were interrupted by a couple of policemen, and as a result, Charles Williamson, Samuel Cook, Henry Street, Tucker Spencer, Wm. Smith, Robert Watt, Henry Morley and Wm. Steele, had to appear at the police court this morning charged with stealing a chicken valued at \$1. For some time past residents of the south end have complained of losing poultry, and it is alleged that the source of the trouble has been found. Some of the boys failed to answer the summons, and so the case was adjourned until tomorrow, to give the boys another chance to appear before warrants are issued for their arrest.

THROWN OUT BY RUNAWAY

Wagon Driver Has a Strenuous Few Minutes on York Street.

A delivery horse belonging to Mr. T. A. Baulds, commission merchant, ran away yesterday afternoon. The horse was frightened near Richmond street, and ran west on York. The driver, whose name is Star, was thrown out in front of Dr. Hogg's office. He was taken in there, but was later removed to his home. He was considerably bruised, but his injuries were not serious.

The horse continued west until it struck the York street bridge. Here he left the rig, and continued west. He was seen here in the last time seen. The rig was badly wrecked.

AN S. A. VETERAN GONE

Alexander McArthur, of Lobo, Passes Away at Regina.

The death of Alexander McArthur occurred at Regina, Saskatchewan, on Monday. Deceased was formerly of Lobo, and had been in the west since last May. He was a South African veteran, having served there with Strathcona's Horse. He is survived by two brothers, Lorne, of Regina, and Bert, of Lobo, and three sisters, Florence, Minnie and Maggie, all of Lobo. The funeral will take place from Lobo, and will be under Masonic direction.

WILL JUST FILE IT

L. and P. S. R. Board Will Not Consider Pere Marquette's Offer.

A meeting of the L. and P. S. R. board will be called for some day this week to formally file the application of the Pere Marquette for extension of the lease of the city's road.

"We can't do business on the terms proposed by the P. M.," Mayor Judd said today.

ASYLUM BURSAR, DR. SIPPI, DEAD

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Dr. Sippi came to Canada in 1865, and settled in Port Stanley, where he practiced medicine for nearly two years. But the practice of medicine was always distasteful to him, and he resolved to take the first opportunity that offered, and return to his first love—music. In the early years of 1867 he was offered and accepted the position of house surgeon and teacher of classics, physiology and English in Hellmuth College, this city, by Bishop Hellmuth, under Dr. Sweatman, the present Bishop of Toronto, who was then head master of the institution. Dr. Sippi remained in connection with the college until 1874, when he retired and accepted the management of the London branch of the firm of A. & S. Nordheimer, which he held for several years. While at Hellmuth College, he had the honorary degree of master of arts conferred on him by Kenyon College, Ohio.

Dr. Sippi was for three years a trustee of the Collegiate Institute, and organizer and chairman of the Memorial Church; president for 1886 of the Ontario Music Teachers' Association; past master of Kilmichael Lodge, No. 64, A. F. and A. M., and past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Canada; and he was an honorary member of Court Pride of the Dominion, Ancient Order of Foresters. Dr. Sippi was also president of the Irish Benevolent in 1887.

In religion Dr. Sippi was a staunch Episcopalian. On Oct. 3, 1864, he was married, in Templemichael Church, to Rosa, daughter of the Rev. James Bagge, R.A., vicar of Templemichael, Diocese of Lismore. In the County of Waterford, Mrs. Sippi still survives. In politics the deceased was a staunch Liberal, and in September, 1888, he was appointed bursar of the London Asylum for the Insane, a position which he filled with only with credit to himself, but with the greatest satisfaction to the Government.

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—The close season for pike ended today.

—Ald. Gilean is fishing at the Dorchester preserves today.

—Miss McKinnon, of this city, is visiting relatives in Port Stanley.

—"A" Squadron, First Hussars, will meet for drill tonight, Major H. R. Abbott, commanding.

—J. S. Welsh has been granted a building permit for a cement cottage on Central avenue.

—Inspector McCallum wants all milkmen to pay their annual license fee of \$1 or they will be summoned forthwith.

—Harold Fraser, of 127 Kent street, left yesterday for the Rocky Mountains to spend the summer with a survey party.

—No. 3 committee of the city council meets tonight. It is understood the row over the junk business in the south end will come up.

—The propeller Cuba, the first steamer of the season from Montreal, arrived at Port Stanley yesterday with 250 tons of general merchandise, mostly for this city.

—The new auto wagonette, which is to be used on the London and Lucan mail service, will make its trial trip this afternoon at 4:30 from the Fraser House on King street.

—At a match game of whist at the Teacup Club rooms Tuesday night, the following made plus scores: Goodwin and Smith, plus 3; McGee and Arthur, plus 2; and McLeod, plus 1, and Richards and Southcott, average.

—City Engineer Graydon says that if certain people who are complaining of the dumping of rubbish in different quarters of the city by teamsters will consent to appear as witnesses against the offenders he will be pleased to lay information against the teamsters causing the alleged nuisance.

—The recital in the First Methodist Church Friday evening should be well attended, as the programme is an excellent one. Miss Bateman is sure to create a sensation, as she is meeting with unbounded success in the east at present. Mr. Parlovitz, the Polish pianist, is well known here in the city. Mr. Jordan and his choir, a good entertainment should be the result. Tickets are for sale at all music stores and with members of the club.

—The London Mothers' Club met in the West London kindergarten yesterday afternoon, and was addressed by Rev. G. B. Sage on "The Attitude of the Mind to Work." A discussion interesting to both mothers and kindergartners, followed the talk, and suggested the power which this organization of mothers, from every district in the city, must wield either for good or ill. The next meeting will be held in the evening, June 19, in St. George's kindergarten, where "Home Occupation for Children" will be considered.

—Nearly a quarter of a million dollars was expended on the park and monument to the centennial of the birth of Sir Isaac Brock. The daughters of the Empire in this city are modestly asking the pupils of London to help them to erect a \$7,000 monument in Victoria Park to the memory of our brave hero here in the city.

The pupils of the schools will shortly give an expression of their loyalty to this cause by contributing their mite toward the amount. The result will be watched with interest.

GOING ALONG RAPIDLY.

The Pere Marquette has completed the laying of the new track, and the prospect is that the line will be opened to St. R. from St. Thomas to this city, and the men are now working between South street and the bridge.

A NEW INDUSTRY.

The manufacturers' committee meets this afternoon. It is understood that the meeting is called for the purpose of considering the offer of the city of a very valuable industry, the name of which is withheld for the present.

MUST PASS EXAM.

City Clerk Baines is holding an examination of the applicants for the vacancy in his office tomorrow evening. They will be compelled to take letters from dictation and to compose the answers, also to copy a page from the assessment rolls.

A SPLENDID DISPLAY.

Parks Commissioner Pearce has a splendid display of bulbs in the parks this spring. The tulip beds in Victoria being especially beautiful. He would like those who believe that the city could purchase all the flowers it needs for a few dollars to visit the park and see how far \$25 would go in buying the hundreds of bulbs he has set out there.

LONDONER WON SCHOLARSHIP.

In connection with the recent examinations at McMaster University, degrees will be conferred and diplomas presented this evening at the convocation in Castle Memorial Hall, Toronto. Mr. A. Stewart Woodburne, of this city, fourth year graduate, is recipient of a Crawford scholarship. He is a son of the late Thomas Woodburne, for many years a principal on the London public schools teaching staff.

SIDDAILL GOES TO SEVENTH.

The City Baseball League held a meeting last night to consider a protest regarding the playing of infielder Siddaill, who covered first base for the Champions last Saturday. The meeting decided that Siddaill should play with the Seventh Regiment after Saturday's game, which he plays with the Champions. The protest was withdrawn by the Rockets on this decision.

NOT THIS YEAR ALONE

Council Dissatisfied With B. of E. Extravagance in the Past.

Dr. English, of the board of education, had an interview with Mayor Judd today in regard to the board's report for the issue of debentures for additions to city schools.

The doctor pointed out that the council appeared to be "sore" because the board had not cut \$100,000 off its estimates in order to save the tax rate, but the mayor remarked that the council is also dissatisfied with what it regards as the extravagance of the board for some years past.

Monday night the trustees will ask the council to issue the debentures, and a denunciation from the educational body will be presented to press the claims for additional school accommodation.

BEGINS HEALING INSTANTLY

Balm Zeln is absorbed so quickly that you'll wonder where it has gone. No trace of grease or stickiness remains to annoy. Just a dainty, elusive odor that tells that it has been applied, and an immediate sense of comfort to show that the healing has begun. Soothes chapped and roughened skin in a magical way, is as harmless as a daisy, and costs but 25 cents.

STRONG'S DRUG STORE

184 DUNDAS STREET.

Strong's Baking Powder leads—others follow.

WHAT'S YOUR CHOICE FOR KING'S PLATE?

All the Favorites Are Moving Fast, But "You Never Can Tell."

Toronto, May 16.—The prospects now look for at least a strong start in King's Plate race at the Woodbine on Saturday, the feature event of the opening day's races of the Ontario Jockey Club. Even with the race so close at hand it is a difficult matter to select any one candidate as the probable winner. Everything points to a very evenly contested race with at least three or four horses in it at the finish. The public choice today is Mr. Eymont's "Courtmarial." His training performances have been done to the satisfaction of his owner and trainer, but as all turfmen know, all race horses are not good work horses, and it is not always the horse that runs the fastest that wins the race that gets the money. Courtmarial has a royal chance to win the rich prize, but he will need to be at his best to beat the field on Saturday.

The Kipling stable has the most promising candidate in Winkfield, the stable connections are very sweet on his chances. He runs well on his own courage, a good sign in a young horse, and in addition to gameness has a fine turn of speed. Mr. Segram must always be reckoned with in the disposition of the plate, as his long list of victories would indicate, and this year is no exception to the rule. The Waterloo breeder holds a strong hand in Slaughter, Winks and Haruko, any one of which has a chance to win.

They have come along steadily in their work always showing gradual improvement, and will be at their best on Saturday, so that the familiar black and yellow is sure to be prominent in the running. Mr. Boyle's Hillhurst, Mr. Brenner's French Hill, Sword Dance, Mr. Hendrie's Lord, change and Mr. Miller's Capers are also probable starters, and their owners all think they have an outside chance to win. It is differences of opinion that make horse races, and this year's plate race cannot be decided until the contestants pass the wire at Woodbine on Saturday. Granted a fine day a new record for the race made on the new track, and the prospects are for the largest attendance in the history of the club.

The increased accommodation for the public will receive its first real test. The beautiful course never looked so prettier, and when the infield is completed there will be no finer race track anywhere in America.

WANTS BUT A SPARK

Russian Peasantry Would Rise in Revolt at Slightest Excuse.

St. Petersburg, May 16.—From the very outset today, in the Russian Parliament, words in favor of moderation were few and far between. Semenov, a social revolutionist from Saratov, declared that the reply to the speech from the throne was too weak. To cries of "Land and freedom," he announced that the people who had sent him to Parliament did not want land, but they did want freedom. The peasants were so revolutionary that "only a spark was required to kindle a conflagration, and anarchy and destruction were certain if their demands were not satisfied immediately."

Zaslavsky, of Podolsk Province, a lawyer elected by the peasants, spoke passionately in favor of the abolition of the death penalty, saying that the country already had too many categories of death. Prof. Kusmin-Karaviev, formerly of the Academy of Military Law, who is one of the Tver delegates, also advocated the abolition of the death penalty.

McMaster Lecturers.

Toronto, May 15.—The senate and board of governors of McMaster University met this morning, when the following appointments were made:

E. A. Hardy, B.A.—Principal of Mount Ladies' College.

Miss Charlotte Thrall—Vice-principal of Mount Ladies' College.

A. L. McCrimmon, M.A., LL.D.—Professor of economics, education and sociology.

J. L. Hogg, Ph.D.—Lecturer in physics.

F. H. Kirkpatrick—Lecturer in public reading and speaking for the session 1906-07.

Miss Harris, B.A., B.D.—Honorary lecturer in English Bible.

Rev. Francis H. Perry, P.A., D.D.—Lecturer in pasteur theology for the session 1906-07.

The following honorary degrees will be conferred at McMaster University tomorrow morning:

D. D. Rev. A. A. Cameron, Ottawa; LL.D. Goldwin Smith, Toronto; and Mr. L. E. Embree, Toronto.

—Mrs. (Rev.) Colin Fletcher, of Thoms Road is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Azur, 181 St. James street.

An engineer declares that 50,000 people now go with machinery the work of 10,000,000 persons a few years ago.



R. J. YOUNG & CO.

Special Showing of Pretty New Parasols

THIS WEEK

Washable Linen Parasols with attractive eyelet insertion, covers easily removed for laundering. New brass-ribbed, silk and gloria Parasols, in plain self colors and dainty floral borders. Japanese Silk Parasols, in cream and colors. Children's fancy satana and frilled silk, priced to sell from:

Children's ... 25c, 50c, 75c up to \$1.50
Ladies' ... \$1.00, \$1.50 up to \$5.00

HOLIDAY SALE OF DAINITY POMPADOUR AND DRESDEN RIBBONS.

These elegant American Ribbons were bought specially for the holiday trade. Suitable widths for fancy collars. In a splendid assortment of fashionable colorings, per yard:

... 12 1-2c, 15c, 18c and 25c

OUR LEADER IN WHITE CAMBRIC SKIRTS.

LACE AND INSERTION TRIMMED CORSET COVERS

Made of splendid quality of English Cambric with wide flounce of Victoria lace lavishly trimmed with torchon lace, front finished with insertion and lace; easily washed \$1.75. Special sale price ... \$1.25

worth 36c each, neck and arms trimmed with torchon lace, front finished with insertion, good quality cambric. Special sale price ... 25c

FIEND WIPES OUT FAMILY OF NINE

Minister, His Wife and Children Brained, and the Bodies Burned.

Pensacola, Fla., May 15.—One of the most horrible crimes in the history of the south was committed in Santa Rosa County, ten miles north of Milton, Sunday night, when a man by the name of Ackerman, an itinerant preacher, his wife and seven children, the oldest between 13 and 14 years of age, were murdered and their bodies cremated in the home, which was fired by the assassins.

The crime was discovered in the morning by parties with whom Ackerman had an appointment. They found the home a mass of ruins, and the charred bodies of Ackerman, his wife and seven small children among the wreckage.

Examination of the bodies by Dr. H. G. Eldridge disclosed the fact that Ackerman and his wife had been struck on the head with some blunt instrument. Their skulls were crushed in. The bodies were scattered about in different parts of the ruins.

Details indicate that the father, mother and each of the seven children were murdered before the building was fired, as the skull of each was crushed. The body of Ackerman was found near the front porch. All of the bodies were badly burned, practically only the trunks and skulls remaining. The bodies of three boys were found where the bed upon which they slept stood previous to the conflagration.

When a party from Milton reached the scene, about 11 o'clock, the stiffs of the building were still burning. This seemed to indicate that the fire had been started several hours after midnight.

The country nearby is sparsely settled, the nearest neighbor residing about one-quarter of a mile away. This neighbor says he knew nothing of the crime until early in the morning, when he saw that the building had been destroyed, and notified other neighbors before trying to ascertain the damage. The feeling throughout the district is one of horror and sympathy for the victims.

Ackerman moved to the settlement, which is known as Allenton, from Opp, Ala., about three years ago, and has always been considered a good and peaceable citizen. While he had no regular church, it was his custom to preach occasionally throughout that section of Santa Rosa County. He was not known to have had any enemies, and the motive for the atrocious crime is a mystery. A coroner's jury is now investigating the matter.

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