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THE INVESTIGATION DEBATE.

It must be admitted that a good deal of the debate on the Gamey charges in the legislature has contributed little to the advantage of the province or the parties, points out the Ottawa Citizen, with considerable force. Mr. Clark, of Centre Bruce, elicited a statement of principle from Hon. Mr. Latchford, which for cynical bravado has seldom been equalled on the part of a Canadian minister; Mr. Hanna, of West Lambton, forced Premier Ross to practically admit that the lawyers for Mr. Stratton had been allowed to censor the instructions to the judges; and Mr. Foy's amendment forced Attorney-General Gibson to bring in a bill to tinker up the same instructions. These advantages, however, could scarcely be credited to oratorical effect. On the other hand Dr. Pyne, M. P. P., did the opposition no good in his apparently exaggerated statement on Thursday that five or six members had been offered the speakership, when on being pinned down to names he could only mention one, Dr. Reaume. The statement may have been correct, but if he was prevented from supporting it with names when challenged it was a mistake to make it. The whole matter before the House is too important to have the public attention distracted by debate which does not contribute direct and vital interest to the astounding disclosures for the proof of which the whole country is waiting with keen expectancy. To have members of the opposition indulge in an apparent exaggeration on a side issue which enables an accused government, that is silent before the grave charges against its members, to deny with unctuous emphasis the allegation insensibly affects public sentiment if only by creating an impression that time is being wasted on minor matters when the gravest charges ever alleged against the personnel of a Canadian cabinet and affecting the honor of a ministry remain undisposed of.

A NEWSPAPER VINDICATED.

The Guelph Mercury is to be congratulated on having won the action for damages for an alleged libel, in which a Guelph hotelkeeper was the plaintiff. The Mercury had published an ample apology for the statements which it made concerning the plaintiff's hotel, but this the plaintiff refused to accept as sufficient, because, it is said, the newspaper proprietors refused to divulge the source of their information. Now the plaintiff will have to pay all costs.

There are so many people ready and willing to pick faults in newspaper comment that journals all over the country feel like throwing up their metaphorical hats when a newspaper is vindicated by the courts in an affair of this kind. No one outside of a newspaper office can appreciate the fact that the required in referring to every-day occurrences, let alone the more difficult problems which ever and anon confront the man in the editorial chair. If slander were as easy to prove as libel, and a man's voice as far-reaching as a newspaper, half the good people on the continent would be jailed by the other half; but while the spoken word may be easily palliated or even denied (its apparent severity being put down to the exaggeration of mouth-to-mouth repeating), "what is writ is writ, would it were worthier." There it stands, open to no contradiction as far as the fact of its appearance is concerned.

The wonder is that papers do not err oftener than they do. It seems impossible sometimes to get information first-hand, and there are always those who are unthinkingly willing to get a journal of good repute into trouble by misinforming it. Then there are communications, chronicles of some event that seem to be perfectly reliable, signed by the sender, but sometimes with a fictitious name. The editor must be a walking directory of his neighborhood, as well as a handwriting expert, if he would hope never to be fooled in some such way as this. Fortunately the law provides a heavy penalty for people who thus try to impose on the credulity of newspapers. Forgery is so often committed that some people are apt to think lightly of it. Wives sign their husbands' names without hesitation. Bank clerks will tell you about that. In fact forgery is often harmless, but it is a dangerous tool to meddle with and the law regards it as such.

The Mercury has won its case, and proved its right to make, in good faith, comment on what it believes to be a public wrong, so long as it apologizes when it finds itself in error. The public is ever ready to characterize as spineless and inert a journal which forbears to comment on

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certain public issues, whether local or general. If comment is made and the paper gets into trouble, the very same people condemn what they are pleased to consider its officiousness. The editor is left in the pleasant position of being called a weak and nerveless creature devoid of principle and opinion, or an impertinent meddler, whose pertinacity in wrongdoing is properly rewarded when he is licked by a public-spirited citizen, or defeated in the courts. But the Mercury has won, and it is a hero consequently. It will have the handshakes of some who would have laughed with the victors if it had lost.—Stratford Herald.

DRESDEN

March 30.—Miss Rosalie Kaake left on Saturday to visit friends in London.
Will Rubble was in Chatham last Saturday.
Mrs. Robert Eastlake and Miss Lily Stewart were in the Maple City last Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Ryeveart arrived in Dresden on Saturday evening from Ridgeway. Mr. Ryeveart returned home this morning, but Mrs. Ryeveart will spend two weeks with her mother, Mrs. W. H. Switzer.
Miss Eva Blackburn spent Sunday with friends in Chatham.
Among the Dresdenites who visited Chatham on Saturday were the following, Misses Nora Smith, Leah Jones, McKay, Irwin and John Watson.
Messrs. S. Sturgis and Jas. Blackburn have returned from Ottawa, where they have been in the interests of the Dresden Sugar Co. endeavoring to induce the Government to place a higher protective tariff on sugar.

BLENHEIM

March 27.—Mr. Dainty, St. Catharines, was in town yesterday.
Miss Lizzie Russell left to-day for Brandon, Man., where she has accepted a position as book-keeper.
Mrs. Millington, son and daughter, arrived to-day from England. They will visit Mr. Green, Cedar Springs, for a few weeks.
Lou Lott had three fingers injured so badly to-day that two will have to be amputated. He was cutting wood for Mr. Peter Morrison when the saw slipped, causing the accident.
Married, Wednesday evening, Mar. 25th, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Townsend, William McGregor, Jr., to Miss Mary Townsend. Rev. Geo. Gilmere performed the ceremony, which was a very quiet affair, only the immediate relatives being present.
Mr. John McCortie, concession 10, who is suffering from cancer in the throat, has returned from Hamilton hospital. He is in a precarious condition.
Last evening a crowded house greeted the Wilson-Frye Co., who played the fifth and last number of the Lyceum Course here. The two most applauded numbers of the evening were "The Horse Deal" from "David Harum" and "The Little Tin Soldier," both of these being recited in a splendid manner by Mr. Frye.
Miss Edna English, Ridgeway, is spending Sunday with her parents, Communication Road South.

LOOKED LONG. FOUND AT LAST.

A. W. Holman Used Dodd's Kidney Pills for Diabetes.

And The Dreaded Kidney Disease Speedily Vanished—His Statement to the Public.

Toronto, March 30.—(Special).—One of the most dreaded and dangerous forms of Kidney Disease is Diabetes. With its sense of weight and acute pain in the loins, bleeding of the gums, swelling of the feet and ankles, emaciation and weakness, and its other painful and disagreeable accompaniments, it is held almost in horror by those who have been unfortunate enough to make its acquaintance, and every evidence of a complete and reliable cure is hailed with delight by all classes of society.

For this season the statement of A. W. Holman, of 193 1-2 Mutual Street, Toronto, is of peculiar interest. Mr. Holman says:

"I have been troubled with Diabetes for years and I have tried all kinds of medicines, but it was of no use. My attention was called to an advertisement of Dodd's Kidney Pills and I determined to try them. From the first box I got relief, and after using six boxes I am in a position to say that I am completely cured. I highly recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills to all who may suffer as I have done."

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Tom—Oh! Did she come out with any honor?

Jack—Well, she didn't come out with any too much on her.

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Unappreciated. The shrewdness of one of the founders of a famous estate in Maine gave rise to many amusing stories, one of which has recently been retold.

One day the man, who was a large lumber operator, was superintending a crew which was breaking up a log jam in the river. Suddenly the spruce on which he was standing slipped. The lumberman dropped out of sight in the water, and the logs closed over him.

The nearest Frenchman saw the accident. Hopping briskly over the slippery logs, he helped the "boss" to land.

Nothing was said about the accident. After an hour or so the Frenchman began to get anxious because the reward which he considered due was not forthcoming. He approached the lumberman and, pulling clumsily at his cap, stammered:

"I see you fall in, m'sieur, an' I run quick to pull you out 'fore you drown."

"Pro'ly," snapped the lumberman, "pro'ly if you'd been 'tending to business as you'd oughter you wouldn't have seen me fall in!"

Manx Cats.

The peculiar breed of cats found in the Isle of Man differs from others only in that they have no tails, and the lack thereof is the insoluble puzzle to naturalists. Since it has become the fashion to explain everything by the principles of evolution, two theories have been offered—one that, owing to the limited range and lack of dense forests, the original cats had no use for tails, and consequently they (the tails, not the cats) gradually atrophied for lack of use and became rudimentary; another that the primitive Manx cut off all their cats' tails and in the course of time developed a tailless breed. One thing is certain—the cats are there, and they have no tails.

An Old Legacy.

A Wednesday (England) resident in the sixteenth century left \$1,000 to provide annually on St. Thomas' day three gowns and three coats to indigent persons of the parish. Following the custom of the times, the money was invested in land (in this case in minerals), and the original legacy has increased in value to \$30,000. Instead of the three gowns and three coats the charity commissioners who administer the funds are able to present 200 gowns and sixty coats.

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Stylish tailored suits, a generous assortment of new spring styles, in cheviots, homespun, serges, coronation cloths, tweeds, covert and broadcloths, smart perfect fitting garments, the top notch of style and workmanship and quality, in black and fashionable spring shades, full range of sizes, at a suit \$10.00, \$12.50, \$14.00, \$15.00, \$16.50 and \$18.50.

Ladies' tailored skirts, correct styles, workmanship, and the best materials combined to make garments we can confidently guarantee. See these—

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Skirts at \$5.00 Each—The best styles and best values ever placed within your reach, fine Cheviots, Serges, Homespun, Friezes, etc., all thoroughly sponged and shrunken, beautifully made and trimmed, perfect fitting,

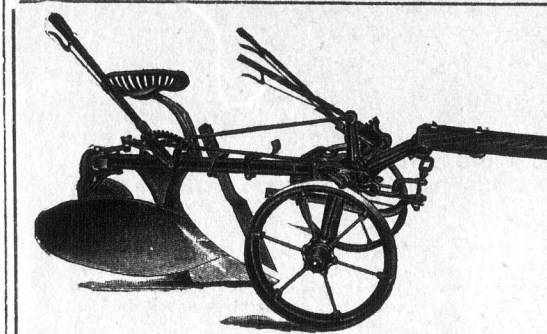
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Arrest of the Intercolonial Station Agent at Dartmouth.

Halifax, March 30.—William Stephens, the station master of the Intercolonial at Dartmouth, was arrested on warrant on Saturday night charging him with being \$5,000 short in his accounts. The discrepancy was discovered by the Intercolonial auditors at Moncton. Detective Skeffington of the Intercolonial made the arrest.

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From Chicago and St. Louis proportionately low rates are in effect by lines connecting with the Union Pacific.

The Union Pacific has also extended territory to which round trip Homeseekers' excursion tickets will be sold as follows:

From Missouri river terminals to many points in Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado;

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For the Easter Holidays the Canadian Pacific will issue round trip tickets as follows:

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Single first class fare going April 9th to 13th, inclusive; returning up to and including April 14th, 1903.

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Tenders to be addressed to John T. Holmes, Esq., Secretary.

Plans and specifications to be seen at the office of the Secretary, near Tupperville, lot No. 12, 14th concession, Chatham Township, and at the offices of the architects, King street, Chatham, Ont., on and after 12 o'clock March 25th.

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