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THE PROBABILITIES.

Toronto, May 1, 10 a. m.—Winds shifting to west and south, fine. Wednesday, fresh south-west to west winds, fair and warmer.

G. W. Cornell

Dentist

Cor. 6th and King Sts.,
Over Geo. E. Young's Grocery.

LOCAL BRIEFS

This is May day.
Bicycle repairs at Brisco's.
Great tonic—Turkish Bath.
The Windsor City council last night voted \$500 to the fire sufferers.
For rheumatism, the Mineral Baths on Sixth St. are unequalled.
Wanted—Old pipe or tea lead, at this office.
Dr. T. A. Bertram, Dundas, is the guest of C. C. Greening, Wellington Place.
The Legislature of Trinidad has definitely rejected the offer of free trade made by Canada.
See our Spray Motors for all kinds of spraying. John A. Morton.
Mrs. (Dr.) Randall, of Dryden, Mich., and Miss Rose Weldon, of Detroit, are visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Street.
J. W. Carter, of Toronto, Supreme Grand Secretary of the S. O. E., paid an official visit to the local lodge last evening.
Thomas Fuller, private banker, of Leamington, is dead. He formerly had a bank in Blenheim. He was a director of the Lake Erie Railway.
M. Gibson, who has been in the employ of Dr. Holmes for a number of years, left to-day for Detroit, where he will permanently reside. Miss McDonald will take Mr. Gibson's place.
Wanted—A boy to make himself generally useful. Apply at this office.
Rev. Gustave Munro, of Ridgeway, was elected Moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of Hamilton and London, which was convened in annual session in London last night.
If you are going to travel, see that you have some of the 2 Ts \$1 Faultless Shirts in your valise. They have a wide reputation and are worn by gentlemen in every part of the country. The 2 Ts Sole Agents.
Mrs. John Cooper left this afternoon on a visit to friends in London.
Arthur Bedford, Chas. McEwen and Wm. Finlay will leave to-morrow for the Manitoba racing circuit. The string of horses which they will take with them will include Altar, Jean G. College Boy, College Girl, Jennie Mae, College Maid, Joe Milton, and a number of other local fast horses.
Wear The 2 Ts \$10 New Method Suits.
The concert in Christ Church Hall on Thursday, May 10, promises to be one of the finest successes of the season. The Ladies' quartette of the First Presbyterian Church, under the direction of Mrs. Cooper, Miss Mount, Miss Cosh, Miss Eva Barrain, eleventhists; Mr. Henry McCaw, violinist; Messrs. J. W. Wilson, H. Rutheven, McDonald, Miss Nellie Ridd, and E. J. Forsythe are the artists for the occasion. Admission, 15 cents.
Many do not see as well as they should. Others see well but their eyes soon become tired. Still others suffer with constant headache, which medicine does not relieve because the headache comes from eye strain and the only remedy is a pair of good glasses properly fitted. If for any reason your sight is not good call on me. I have the appliances, skill and experience to fit any eye that glasses will help. Examination free. E. J. MacIntyre, leading optician, opposite Grand Opera House, Chatham.
DIED IN ORILLIA.
Vital Goudreau this afternoon received a telegram from Orillia announcing the death at noon to-day of Elizabeth Babl, wife of J. Hurlbise. Mrs. Hurlbise is a sister of Mrs. V. R. Goudreau, Cross street, and sister-in-law of Louis Hurlbise, G. N. W. line man here. She formerly resided in this city. The remains will be brought to Chatham for interment.
TO REMODEL THE BARRACKS.
Adjutant and Mrs. Coombs, who have been in charge of the Chatham district for the past year, have received orders from the Commissioner to remove to head-quarters this summer and undertake the alterations of the barracks. They expect the plans here shortly and will then get things in shape to start work. The alterations will cost in the neighborhood of \$2,000.

Eat
Richards'
Bread

J. P. Cairns has secured control of the Grand Opera House and entered into possession to-day. He will manage the theatre next season, and is making arrangements to have it included in Whitney's Canadian circuit.
The preliminary examination of the dynamite began at Welland yesterday. The evidence against them was very strong. Nolan and Walsh were positively identified as the men who placed the dynamite in the lock.
Lost.—A pair of hobbles, two pair of quarter boots, pair of bandages and a Raymond bit, between race track and Rutley House, in a bag. A reward will be given by leaving them at the Rutley House or Planet office.
The Canadian Bank of Commerce directs attention to the value of their Letters of Credit, which are payable at 400 important places throughout the world, without trouble or identification. The Bank's correspondents at Paris, France, will have offices upon the Exposition Grounds, where reading and storage rooms, Post Office Department, etc., with a special staff to look after visitors and supply information will be provided. Holders of Letters of Credit supplied by the Canadian Bank of Commerce, at the World's Fair, will be entitled to the benefit of these arrangements without extra charge.
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Road Commissioner Campbell has written as follows to the city engineer regarding crude oil and tar macadam roads:—
Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of your communication of 30th inst., and am very glad to hear that your council is keeping in touch with this exceedingly important question.
Crude oil has been used to a considerable extent in Southern California, and in one or two other parts of the United States. The roads there are apt to be sandy, however, and on that class of roads where dust rather than mud is the objectionable feature, we may expect success from its use.
Railway companies have, in some instances, derived much benefit from sprinkling their track with oil, but wholly for the purpose of subduing dust. With such a clay as you have in Chatham I would not, from my personal observation, hope for much benefit, but as no experiments have been made in Ontario, I would certainly like to see your council undertake something of the kind.
There can be no doubt that crude oil applied to roads will be of some benefit. Oil and water will not mix, and when absorbed into the dry surface of a road it will form a waterproof coating. It is further to be observed that petroleum is very closely related to asphalt, from which certain favorable inferences may be drawn. It would be useless, however, to form a hard crust over the roads if underneath that crust, the ground would remain soft and wet. A crust formed by the use of oil could have no real supporting strength, and it is almost a certainty that it would, under even exceptionally favorable circumstances, with good drainage, break down and traffic during spring and fall. Alternate conditions of frost, rain and slush, would certainly be very trying to such a road. But we have had no experience with it as yet. Several companies have, in some instances, derived much benefit from sprinkling their track with oil, but wholly for the purpose of subduing dust. With such a clay as you have in Chatham I would not, from my personal observation, hope for much benefit, but as no experiments have been made in Ontario, I would certainly like to see your council undertake something of the kind.
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ARE FACE TO FACE

British and Boers in Strong Positions at Thabanchu.

The Enemy Persistent in Their Attacks, and Remarkably Aggressive.

London, May 1. — The following has been sent by Lord Roberts to the War Office:—
"Bloemfontein, April 30.—The Boers made very persistent attacks round Thabanchu Saturday and Sunday. But the position which the eighth (Rundie's) division holds is very strong and he had the assistance of Gordon's and Dickson's brigades, the cavalry under French and Smith-Dorrien's infantry brigade and a body of mounted infantry under Ian Hamilton. Pole-Carew's division returned from Dewetsdorp yesterday.
Neither the commander-in-chief nor the correspondents' despatches throw any light on the plans being adopted to oust the Boers from the neighborhood of Thabanchu and how long before a determined effort will be made to reassert British superiority is only a matter of surmise.
In the meantime the Boers are remarkably aggressive, especially in view of the large forces opposing them. A special despatch from Thabanchu dated yesterday says they made a diving attempt to cut off a British convoy which got into broken ground between Thabanchu and Dewetsdorp, opening fire from the adjacent hills. In the nick of time Gen. Brabant, with a strong force of yeomanry, turning from Wepener, arrived on the scene and extricated the convoy.
The same special correspondent describes the dispositions of the forces at Thabanchu as follows:—
"Gen. Rundle is covering the advanced camp facing the Boer position to the east, where they are strongly entrenched. Gen. Ian Hamilton and Gen. Smith-Dorrien occupied strong positions on the road to the north."
All accounts tell of much artillery firing, with scarcely any casualties. It is hardly likely that two such forces can much longer patiently face each other without more stirring occurrences.

TWO CANADIANS KILLED.
Ottawa, May 1.—The Militia Department yesterday received a cablegram from Col. Otter, recording the death of Pte. Purcell, of Peterborough, J. Defoe, Halifax, was killed; Col. Otter, wounded; Pte. Burns, Ottawa, wounded; another wounded man could not be identified.

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that if you have yours tested you are under an obligation to buy glasses. If you require glasses we will tell you so, and if you don't we will tell you so. Our Optician is up-to-date and a graduate of the best Optical College in Canada.

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Burt the Druggist's Old Stand.

ESSEX CENTRE STILL DRY.
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THE PLANET FUND

For the Relief of the Hull Fire Sufferers

Will be Closed on Saturday—Anyone Wishing to Contribute Must do so at Once.

No further subscriptions have been received for the Ottawa-Hull relief fund since yesterday. Anyone wishing to contribute will have to do so by Saturday, as the fund will be closed on that day. The Planet fund so far comprises:

A friend	\$2.00
S. Mather, Tilbury	1.00
The Planet	5.00
King Street merchant	10.00
Christ Church, S. S., per Dr. R.	
V. Bray,	10.00
Total to date.	\$28.00

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While oil applied to roads will, in many cases, be beneficial, it is only a temporary measure, and cannot be expected to take the place of stone and gravel although it will no doubt prolong the life and increase the use of the road. A coating of oil and gravel roads. It will largely prevent dust, and will probably prevent mud. But to expect that it will materially improve the road, the street or "mud" roads in spring and fall, is a hope which experience and theory do not teach.

TAR MACADAM.
With regard to tar macadam, it has been used in England with much success, but Hamilton is the only Ontario city which has, to my knowledge, made use of the idea, which I believe to be a good one. In constructing this class of pavement, the street is first excavated, graded, underdrained and poled. On this, four inches of crushed stone is spread and thoroughly rolled. Then a coating is put on of crushed stone and tar, both stone and tar being heated and mixed while hot, then rolled down into a solid mass. Some pitch is rolled on the tar. The road is surfaced with an inch of mixed tar and gravel rolled down smoothly. This paving material has been in use in Hamilton for about 20 years. Several sections have been laid for 10 and 15 years. The cost of maintenance is said to be small and the pavement gives good satisfaction so far as service is concerned.
The cost of a piece of finished road in Hamilton of about 308 square yards was 76 cents a yard, made up as follows:—
Labor, mixing and heating stone, \$32.64.
Removing cedar blocks, grading, \$95.37.
Rolling, \$7.33.
Stone for bottom, \$22.50.
Broken stone, \$55.
Screenings, \$10.
Gravel, \$3.
Wood for heater \$5.
Tar, \$49.00.
Total, \$279.84.
This, it will be seen, was for a short section of street, which had been block paved. The cost of grading was therefore not so much as for a street which had not been previously graded. But in a greater area, the cost per yard could not be reduced. The cost of the tar pavement, according to circumstances will range between 15 and 20 cents a yard more than for ordinary macadam.
I trust this information will be of service to yourself and council, and will be glad to correspond with you further regarding any details you may wish to discuss.
J. A. CAMPBELL.
Prov. Road Com.

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CHURCH VESTRIES.

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The following officers were chosen:—
Wardens—Reverend, W. R. Baxter; People's, W. J. Moore.
Vestry Clerk—Messrs. Messon.
Sidesmen—Wm. Side, Fred. Ward, C. Mercer, C. D. Williamson and J. E. Johnston.
Auditors—Thomas Scullard and Fred. Skeel.
Advisory Board—Messrs. Skeel, Beeson, Johnston, Scullard and Williamson.
Synod delegate—Wm. Ball.
Vates of thanks were passed to the retiring officers, the Christ Sunday school, Mite Society, Christian Endeavor and Ladies' Auxiliary.
Dr. Musson suggested the introduction of the choral service and some discussion took place on the matter. It was finally referred to the advisory board.

THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING OF Christ Church, was held in the S. S. Hall last evening, Rev. R. McCosh, rector, occupied the chair. There was a very fair attendance. The financial report was presented by the wardens and showed that the receipts from all sources amounted to \$4,078.00. The expenses were \$3,150.00, leaving a balance of \$928.00. The rector, Mr. McCosh, reported that the church was in a very healthy condition. The financial report was presented by the wardens and showed that the receipts from all sources amounted to \$4,078.00. The expenses were \$3,150.00, leaving a balance of \$928.00. The rector, Mr. McCosh, reported that the church was in a very healthy condition.

THE DIVISION COURT
D. R. VanAllen vs. Thos. Jackson and J. McEachern—action for \$24.15 on promissory note—Judgment for plaintiff for full amount.
Wm. R. Hale, p.c., vs. M. H. Terry, p.d., and E. & H. Loan Co., garnishee—action for \$37 on promissory note—Case enlarged.
Chas. Mount p.c. vs. Robt. Tagney p.d., and T. H. Taylor Co. garnishee—action to recover \$27.10, alleged loan—Judgment for p.d. and garnishee, without costs.
John Hendershott p.c. vs. Bert List p.d., and E. R. Putnam, garnishee—action on account of \$29.00—Judgment for p.c. against garnishee for \$20 without costs.
Wm. Young p.c. vs. James Wilmore et al. p.d. and John Houston, garnishee—action on promissory note \$54.75. Further adjourned by consent.
E. Marx vs. Jas. Smith—action for commission for sale—Judgment for p.c. for \$50.

SPORTING NOTES.
Manager Geo. Black is rapidly rounding the Reds into shape. This morning a splendid practice on signs and hunting was put in and the men expect to be in fine fettle for Thursday's benefit baseball game with the D. C. G. Two new faces were on the diamond this morning. First baseman Grimshaw, a persistent worker and heavy slicker, and Habel, the Detroit twirler. Both men made a very favorable impression with the fans.
Thursday's game, will, however, give the first line on the work of this year's team. It is probable Manager Black will give all his pitchers an opportunity to work in this contest and the new team should be greeted with a good turnout.
At a meeting of the C. M. C. Baseball Club reorganization was perfected, with the following officers: President, Mr. Landon; Vice-President, James Anderson; Manager, W. Myers; Captain, P. Taylor; Secretary, A. Bury; Treasurer, J. Adams.

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Sheeting Attractions

72 in. brown sheeting, plain or twill, good heavy quality, soft even yarns, yd. 15c
80 in. plain brown sheeting, special per yd. 20c
8x4 best make fine twill sheeting, full bleached, extra heavy quality, per yd. 25c
9x4 and 10 x 4, best make plain or twill bleached sheeting, still selling at the old price, per yd. 28c

Linen Attractions

Special purchase, 25 doz. solid buck towels, fancy red border, fringed ends, 21x42 size, clearing price 2 towels for 25c
New tablings, the unbleached kind, new patterns, fine finish, heavy quality, 72 in. wide, special per yd. 50c
Special values in crash toweling, new goods and good honest values at per yd. 5c and 10c
New table napkins, choice patterns, Irish make, pure grass bleached, ready hemmed, at per doz. \$1, \$1.25, \$1.65 and \$2.00
New bleached table damasks, beautiful designs, fine satin finish, pure Irish linen, 70 in. wide, at per yd. 75c, 90c and \$1. Napkins to match, 5-8 and 3-4 size, at per dozen \$2.00 and \$2.50

Bed Spread attractions

Lots of real good white bed spreads just in, new patterns, 10-4 size, finished ends, at each \$1.00
Special values in the patent satin quilts, ready hemmed, new designs, each \$1.65, \$2.00 and \$2.25
See our big assortment of extra fine marseilles spreads, heavy quality, hemmed or unhemmed ends, beautiful designs, extra large sizes, each \$3.50, \$4.50 and \$5.75

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63 Pairs Men's High-Class Worsteds Pants,

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Made from excellent all-wool tweeds, nice colorings, reg. value 75c, free range of sizes 22 to 33, very special value,

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