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THURSDAY, MARCH 13.

PREMIER'S BEREAVEMENT.

In the sudden bereavement which has befallen him, Premier Ross will have the sympathy not only of the entire Province, but of the Dominion as well, irrespective of politics, race or creed.

The fact that the death of Mrs. Ross was totally unexpected, makes the bereavement all the more severe. The deceased lady was well known by not a few in this city, and the news of her sudden and unlooked for death will be heard with deep and sincere regret.

TIME-LIMIT FOR FICTION.

That shrewd old Scotchman, Andrew Carnegie, said a wise thing the other day when he expressed the opinion that no volume of fiction should be put on the shelves of a public library until at least a year after its publication, comments the Hamilton Herald. It would be a mighty good thing for the libraries and for the public if that rule were universally observed.

The great mass of the fiction that is published is ephemeral; it is ephemeral because it is not worth living, and if it is not worth living it is not worth reading. If a year were allowed to elapse between the first publication of novels and purchasing them for library circulation, very many worthless works would go unread because the demand for them would not last a year.

More curiosity and a desire to be up-to-date are motives which influence very many chronic novel-readers, if not the most of them. They don't want to read a book for any good they can get out of it in the way of information or the gratification of literary taste. They hear somebody talking about it or read some review of it; their curiosity is aroused, and they want to be in a position to talk about it, too, and they are eager to get hold of it and bolt it. When this is done, a later sensation in fiction fires them with the same desires, and they soon forget all about the previous one.

This habit is unwholesome and even vicious, and causes a lot of harm. It is to be feared that public libraries pander to the habit. When people have to pay for over-indulgence in any form of pleasure, the cost is likely to act as a check upon their folly; but when they can get their pleasure free, with plenty of the material for it within easy access, they are too apt to run into excess.

This sort of thing is not what public libraries are for. If they are not influences for good—for moral and intellectual culture, for the dissemination of useful information, for artistic stimulus—they are either useless or sources of positive harm.

Let us not be understood as intending to depreciate fiction, as such. Some of the greatest books in our language are novels. We could mention a dozen of them which, in addition to being delightful reading, are of more solid and permanent value than many times their number of ordinary histories and scientific treatises. Nor do we believe that the old classical novels, which have stood the test of a generation or more, are the only works of fiction worth reading. Good novels are published every year—a few of them. But all of these few, and more besides which are not so good, are almost sure to be in demand for more than a year after they are published; and so the rule laid down by shrewd Mr. Carnegie would not prevent anybody from reading any book which is fit to read.

When business is a bit dull this wet weather spend the time profitably by hoisting the big Old Boys' Reunion along.

There are several million critics in the British Empire who could tell Methuen how to keep out of the hands of the Boers. They stay safe by keeping out of reach.

This great home journal would be interested to know whether the voice of Edward Elks mingled with those of his fellow Nationalists in cheering the news of the Methuen disaster.

London—the little-seems to take the loss of the Lake Erie coal station real hard. The Free Press yesterday devoted a mournful leader to the matter. But this sounds a bit like the acid fruit of the vineyard.

The Chatham Planet grows facetious at the expense of London in regard to the coal hoist which Port Stanley has not got. That paper contains a long account of the official proceedings of the L. E. & D. R. Co. in selecting the site for the proposed hoist at Rondeau harbor. It is hard to realize how such coal storage arrangements as those which the Planet describes could be placed at Port Stanley with the limited dock room at present available, and which was fully occupied last season by cars laden and awaiting orders.

HENRY, THE GENTLE JOLLIER.

St. Louis Republic.

Prince Henry of Prussia was profoundly impressed by the beauty of St. Louis women.

A BAD BEGINNING.

Chicago Inter-Ocean.

There have been too many railway accidents already to justify any claims to great advancement on the part of the twentieth century.

SOMETHING NEW IN MIXOLOGY.

Denver Post.

The fruhschappen katzenjammer invented in honor of Prince Henry by a Hoboken booze prescriptionist is said to be able to steal away the drinker's brains and insert those of a monkey within ten minutes after the first swallow has effected a landing in his midst.

THE IRISH AND TAMMANY.

Scottish American.

This is a good Tammany Hall story: The new commissioner of works, finding numbers of men on the pay rolls of his department who drew a regular salary for work that was done by others or not done at all, he struck them off. A Tammany "district leader" came to remonstrate. "Fwhat have ye turned down Mulvany and O'Meara for?" The commissioner explained that the offices for which Mulvany and O'Meara were paid had long ago been abolished. "My policy," he added, "is simply this. Whenever I find two men working at one pick, one of them's got to go." "Mither av Hiven!" said the astonished Tammanyite; "this may be good morality, but let me tell you, Mr. Commissioner, it was much better politics to discharge the pick."

LORD DUNDONALD.

Army and Navy Gazette.

Major General Lord Dundonald is likely to be formally offered the command of the Canadian Dominion forces. On the subject of his appointment a correspondent says in a private letter:

"It is not quite settled whether Lord Dundonald will accept the appointment, but the feeling in favor of his being offered it is general, as he won golden opinions when serving with the colonial forces in Natal, and it is felt that his administration would be a wise and beneficial one. There is one difficulty which has to be overcome, that of position. As is well-known, Major General Hutton assumed a most dangerous attitude, and actually received the support of some high authorities in England. It has been deemed desirable to guard against any such misunderstanding in future, so that Lord Dundonald, if he accepted employment, would have to do so on the distinct understanding that he would act in all matters under the orders of the Canadian government, thus being subordinate to the minister for militia at Ottawa."

A MOST DISCOURAGING CASE.

Detroit Tribune.

Old John Barlow, of Oak Ridge, Montgomery county, N. Y., puzzles us. We want to do right and uphold that which is also right, condemning that which is wrong. We have felt that it was our duty to stroke the fur of virtue caressingly and deal vice a crack on the head whenever opportunity offered, pointing to the one as the angel of peace, purity and long life, and to the other as the general passenger agent of the route to demerit. But, as we remarked, when we consider old John Barlow, we are mystified. All his life he has drunk liquor, chewed tobacco, smoked a dirty, short-tailed, nicotine-saturated clay pipe, used intense language and been married four times, and is willing to be married again; and the old duffer is 107! We desire to propagate only correct principles, and have thought that our course should point towards sobriety and temperance in all things. But when we would do so, up rises along the path some such ancient paradox as John Barlow, with his 107 years and rears his guide-board, with the hand pointing the other way. Such examples are embarrassing to say the least. Old John walks briskly, enjoys life, has unfulfilled hopes of an earth-



ly future, is the father of two sons who are great-grandfathers, and is courting a dashing Oak Ridge widow aged 97. We leave the subject without recommendation.

TELEGRAPH.

The London Stock Exchange is investigating a report that news of Gen. Methuen's reverse was known to certain dealers in Kaffirs two hours before it became public.

Lady Methuen, who left for Cape Town March 5th, arrived at Madeira Tuesday on her way home from South Africa. She received the news of the wounding and capture of her husband in a Government despatch. She disembarked, and will return to South Africa by the first steamer.

LADY SYKES ARRESTED!

London, March 11.—Christina Sykes giving her address as 2 Chesterfield street, Mayfair, London, appeared at Bow Street Police Court to-day charged with being drunk on the strand last evening. The magistrate dismissed the case, the lady pleading that she was suffering from temporary illness. The address given above is the residence of Lady Tatton Sykes.

HAD TO BE LIFTED

A Helpless Cripple is Restored to Health and Strength.

Lame Back Had This Man A Prisoner for a Long Time, but at Last He Found a Cure Though Given up by the Doctors.

Napanee, Ont., March 12.—(Special) The doctors told Simon Warner that they could do nothing for him. He had tried many medicines and treatments with no good result. He was a helpless cripple with lame back, and for a long time his wife had to lift him in and out of bed, the pain in his back was so very severe. In this extremity a friend's advice saved him. This man had suffered with backache himself, but had been completely cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills, thus when he heard that Mr. Warner was so bad he went to his home and recommended this medicine to him.

Mr. Warner and his good wife were at first inclined to be somewhat doubtful, but here was the evidence that Dodd's Kidney Pills do cure Lame Back right before their very eyes in the person of the man who had been cured. Surely it must be true. So after some deliberation they decided to try, and now they are very much pleased that they did so, for in a short time Mr. Warner's Backache had vanished. He grew gradually stronger and better and at present enjoys the best all-round good health he has had for many years.

There is not a trace of lame back remaining, not a single symptom, and the helpless man who used to be a burden to himself and his wife is now strong and a comfort to his faithful helpmate. He says:

"We have used in all about twenty-five boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills, and given some away to our neighbors. I find that when they take a box they themselves are about as strong in their recommendations as we are. I can certainly highly recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills as a sure cure for Lame Back, for they cured me, and I never heard of a worse case."

TORONTO SEEDS.

Toronto Mar. 11.—Trade is very flat, offerings being practically nil. This is to be accounted for largely by the bad roads. Holders, moreover, are continuing to retain what little stock they have not sold, in hopes of the present low price improving. Red clover is quoted at \$4.60 to \$4.75 for prime to choice. Alsike is selling at outside points at \$6.50 to \$8. There is no timothy offering locally. A nominal quotation is \$2.50 to \$3.25. These prices are for average lots at outside points. They would be exceeded for very fine samples, and less would be obtained for lots of low grade.

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LOTS FOR SALE—One and one-half acres at the head of Victoria Ave., and six lots on Maple St. Apply to Mrs. Tassman, Victoria Block, or The Planet. tf

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FOR SALE—House and lot on Queen street; house and lot on Park avenue, west, four lots on Pine street; with good stable; two lots on Edgar street. Apply to Samuel Bullis, Park street, Chatham. 1m

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE—125 Wellington St. West; lot 50x208. House in good repair; brick foundation; 7 rooms, closets, pantries, bath room, etc. Leaving the city; will sell cheap. For full particulars apply to Jno. A. Tilt. tf

HOUSE FOR SALE—Situated on Baxter street, No. 34, occupied by Mrs. Rowe. Five rooms and summer kitchen, city water; five minutes walk from King street. Apply to Brennan Bros., grocers, opposite market. 10t

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—OF—
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—ON—

MONDAY, MARCH 17th, 1902

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Everything to be sold without reserve, as the proprietor has sold his farm.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed tenders will be received until noon, the 20th of March, for the erection of Woodburn Sarven Wheel Co. for the several works, including rubble stone, brick work, concrete, carpenter work, gravel roof, plumbing, painting, galvanized iron, metal skylights, etc.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of architect, tenders to be addressed to Wm. Chaplin, Esq., marked tenders, and left at the architect's office.

The lowest nor any tender not necessarily accepted.
 T. J. RUTLEY, Architect, Chatham.

BACK—For hire, day or night, Telephone 27. William Owen, Jeffrey street.

DRESSMAKING—Mrs. Johnston has removed her dressmaking rooms from over Gordon's dry goods store, to the rooms formerly occupied by Mrs. James, over Young's grocery store. 10t

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Whole or separate tenders for the erection of offices for Messrs O'Keefe & Drew, produce merchants, will be received up to 6 o'clock p. m. Saturday, 15th inst. The work comprises brick work, pressed iron front, metal ceiling, gravel roofing, hot water heating, plumbing, etc. All tenders to be addressed to Messrs. O'Keefe & Drew and left at the office of the architect. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

J. W. CARSWELL, Architect.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed tenders will be received until noon, 18th inst., for the erection of brick store on King street, including fitting, hot air heating, plumbing, galvanized iron work, etc.

Plans, specifications and details can be seen at the office of T. J. Rutley, architect. The lowest nor any tender not necessarily accepted.

Tenders to be addressed to J. F. & W. E. McKEOUGH, Chatham.

Marked "Tender", and left at the architect's office. td

Spring 1902



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