

WHAT'S THE TIME?

Clocks and the Sun Do Not Always Agree in Marking the Hour.

There are few questions more frequently put than "What time is it?" "Can you tell me the true time?" A stickler for exactitude might reply: "What kind of time do you mean? Apparent time or mean time? Local time or standard time?" There are all these kinds of time, not to speak of others. It is only within the last two generations, within indeed, the reign of our sovereign, Queen Victoria, that the subject of the differences of most of these kinds of time has become of pressing importance to any but theorists. In one of the public gardens of Paris a little cannon is set up with a burning-glass attached to it in such a manner that the sun itself fires the cannon as it reaches the meridian. This of course, is the time of Paris noon—apparent noon; but it would be exceedingly imprudent of any traveler through Paris, who wished, say, to catch the 1 o'clock express, to set his watch by the gun. For if it happened to be in February he would find when he reached the railway station that the station clock was faster than the gun by nearly a full quarter of an hour, and that his train had gone; whilst towards the end of October or the beginning of November, he would find himself as much too soon. Until machines for accurately measuring time were invented, apparent time—time, that is to say, given by the sun itself, as by a sun dial—was the only time about which men knew or cared. But when reasonably good clocks and watches were made, it was very soon seen that at different times in the year there was a marked difference between the sun dial time and that shown by the clock—the reason being simply that the apparent rate of motion of the sun across the sky was not always quite the same, whilst the movement of the clock was, of course, as regular as it could be made.

A SERIOUS EXPERIENCE

PASSED THROUGH BY ONE OF BROCKVILLE'S BEST KNOWN MEN.

His Legs Gave Out and When He Sat Down He Had No Control Over Them—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Restored Him to Activity.

From the Brockville Recorder. There are few men in Brockville or vicinity better known to the general public, and there is certainly no one held in greater esteem by his friends than Mr. L. deCarle, sr. Mr. deCarle came from England to Canada forty-four years ago, locating in the county of Gengarry. Eight years later he removed to Brockville and has made his home here ever since. He established the large marble business still carried on by his sons here, and is himself one of the most expert stonecutters in the Dominion of Canada. He is also well known as an artist in other lines and as a draughtsman has few equals and no superiors. Ample evidence of this is afforded in the fact that when the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway was begun, Sir Sanford Fleming, chief engineer of the great trans-continental road, requested him to join his staff. Mr. deCarle accepted the position at Sir Sanford's request and remained with the company for nine years, during which time he drew nearly all the profiles of the road and the plans of the bridges between Ottawa and Thunder Bay. His work was commended as the best done by any draughtsman in the company's employ. Since leaving the company's service Mr. deCarle has lived a retired life, enjoying a well earned competence at his cosy home in the west end of the town. Mr. deCarle is possessed of a rugged constitution and had always enjoyed the best of health until the fall of 1896. Then he was stricken with an affection of the limbs which much alarmed him. Speaking with a Recorder representative the other day, the conversation happened to turn upon this event, and the circumstances connected therewith can best be told in his own words. "Last fall," said he, "my legs became in such a condition that when I sat down I had no power over them. I could not move them one way or the other, and was naturally much alarmed. I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I had read of their curing cases similar to mine and so I decided to give them a trial. I purchased a supply of the Pills and commenced taking them according to directions. I had only taken them a short time when I found that I was regaining the use of my legs and could raise one up and cross the other without much difficulty. I also remarked to my wife that the pills were doing me much good and she was both surprised and delighted when I showed her with what ease I could move my limbs. I continued taking the pills for about a month and by that time I had as full control of my legs as I ever had—in fact was completely cured. I had never had a symptom of my trouble since and am now as well as ever I was. I attribute my cure entirely to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. In fact it must have been the pills for I took nothing else in the way of medicine and I cannot too strongly recommend them to anyone afflicted as I was."

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Your blood with

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The system is now

In need of such

A medicine and

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To the benefits

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From it. Hood's

Sarsaparilla is

Superior to all

Other preparations

As a spring medicine

Because it is

Unequalled for

Making pure,

Rich, red blood.

THE POPE'S SEAL.

The seal worn by the Pope, and used by him on official documents to which his signature is attached, has on it the engraving of a fish, with the cipher of the wearer. Since the thirteenth century every Pope has worn a ring of this character, and it is shattered with a hammer when the wearer dies, to prevent its use on a forged document.

Western Assurance COMPANY.

The annual meeting of Shareholders was held at the Company's offices in this city yesterday. The President, the Hon. Geo. A. Cox, occupied the chair. The following Annual Report of the Directors, with accompanying Financial Statement, was then read by the Secretary, and, on motion, adopted, viz:—

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Directors beg to submit herewith a statement of the results of the transactions of the Company for the year 1897, together with the Assets and Liabilities at the 31st December last, and the Auditors' report thereon. The balance at the credit of Revenue Account is \$149,845.05, and there has been a gain of \$18,381.16 in the value of securities, as compared with their market price a year ago. Two half-yearly dividends, at the rate of ten per cent. per annum, have been declared out of the year's earnings, and \$68,226.21, added to the Reserve Fund. The amount of the estimated liability upon risks now on the Company's books is \$75,661.51, and a net surplus is shown over capital and all liabilities of \$379,472.91.

GEO. A. COX, President. Toronto, 18th February, 1898. SUMMARY OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Table with financial data: Total cash income, Total expenditure, Balance, Appreciation in value of securities, Profit for the year.

Table with financial data: Dividends on stock, Total assets, Reserve fund, Cash capital, Subscribed capital, Security to policy-holders.

The election of Directors for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and resulted in the unanimous re-election of the following gentlemen, viz:—Hon. Geo. A. Cox, Hon. S. C. Wood, Messrs. Robt. Beatty, G. R. R. Cockburn, Geo. McMurrich, H. N. Baird, W. R. Brock, J. K. Osborne, and J. J. Kenny.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held subsequently, Hon. Geo. A. Cox was re-elected President, and Mr. J. J. Kenny Vice-President, for the ensuing year.

BITING THE NAILS.

A simple and very effective way to cure children of the bad habit of biting their nails is to wet the fingers with quassa tea and allow them to dry. When tasted it will be a bitter reminder to cease the practice. If there are no sure places on the finger tips, a very little collynth powder, which is intensely bitter, may be dusted over them. When however, dipping the finger ends in some bitter tincture fails as it sometimes will, each finger and ought to be incised in a stall until the propensity is eradicated.

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THE PRUDENT COURSE.

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MRS. HUGHES' CASE.

The Lady Writes Another Letter to The Dadds Medicine Co.

Five Doctors and a Specialist Said She Had Rheumatism—They Could Not Help Her—Her Trouble Was Kidney Disease—Cured By Dadds' Kidney Pills.

Morley, Ont.—Interest in the wonderful recovery of Mrs. T. Hughes is still unabated here, and the case is the principal topic of conversation. Mrs. Hughes has received a letter from The Dadds Medicine Co., Toronto, asking what name her doctors gave her disease. Replying, Mrs. Hughes writes thus:

"In reply to yours of the 7th inst. would say that the doctors said I had Rheumatism. They said that my age, 48 years went against my recovery, that I would be better when I got over the change of life, and that nothing but time would cure me."

"I believe I had kidney and bladder disease. I grew worse and worse daily; could eat nothing but cornstarch, or soup, until I began to use Dadds' Kidney Pills. When I was ill I weighed 147 pounds; now I weigh 112 pounds—my normal weight. I beg to state again that Dadds' Kidney Pills saved my life. Anyone wishing further information may write to me, and I'll gladly give it."

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FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, Ohio, and State of Ohio, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH of the CATARRH CURS.

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Dr. Henry Levers, Quebec, writes:—"One of my children sprained her ankle; which became much swollen and discoloured. Some 'Quickcure' was spread on linen, and applied; the pain ceased at once, the swelling was gone the next day, and on the fourth day she walked to school as usual."

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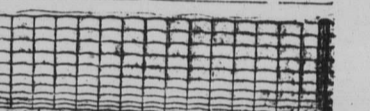
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