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THE PROBABILITY.

Toronto, Dec. 2.—10 a. m. Fair and cool to-day, with a few local showers. Sunday, fair, with westerly winds; colder, a few snow flurries.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Warden Leveton and County Commissioners Rankin, Hickey and Willson are in the city to-day.

J. R. R. Cathcart, of the Chatham Loan and Savings Co., is confined to his house with an attack of pneumonia. Daniel Coveny, of Biddison, purchased a thoroughbred bull calf, for which he paid \$100.

We are selling the Stratford Clothing Co.'s Overcoats. Come and see them. Bidley's.

Word has been received in Windsor from Bishop McEvay, that a French priest will be appointed as one of Fr. Flanagan's assistants in St. Alphonsus's church. The French members of the church have been asking for a priest of their own nationality for some time. It is said that Fr. Beaudette, of Three Rivers, Que., will be sent to Windsor.

WHO KNOWS JOE VEECH?

A communication from Detroit to Chief of Police Young asks for information concerning the whereabouts of Joseph Veech, a railway brakeman, whose mother is reported to be living in this city. The Chief is anxious to communicate with Veech some information to his advantage.

AFTER THIRTY-ONE YEARS.

This afternoon, after over thirty-one years of faithful and efficient labor at the Banner office, George Wanless severed his connection with that establishment, his resignation having been submitted a week ago. Mr. Wanless served his apprenticeship with The Planet, and in August, 1868, commenced his engagement at the Banner under J. R. Gemmill, now sheriff, then editor and proprietor. Mr. Wanless has worked there continuously ever since, and has earned for himself the high esteem of all with whom he came in contact. He is a skilled and enterprising newspaper workman, popular and energetic, and as foreman of our contemporary has done much in its interests. Speaking to The Planet this morning of his breaking connection with the Banner, Sheriff Gemmill, who formerly controlled that publication, paid a warm and eulogistic tribute to Mr. Wanless' skill and enterprise, and his long service with the paper, and alluded to the loss sustained by it in his departure. Mr. Wanless has not yet definitely decided what line he will now take up.



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MR. SHELTON DEAD

He was the Proprietor of the
Sheldon House at Blenheim

And a Brother of Water Commissioner
W. D. Sheldon, of Chatham,
Suddenly Stricken with
Paralysis.

(Special to The Planet.)

Blenheim, Dec. 2.—Mr. O. B. Sheldon, proprietor of the Sheldon House, died last night after a brief illness. On Friday the deceased was around as usual and feeling in very good health. About 4 p. m. he was taken suddenly ill. Dr. Hanks, the family physician, was summoned, but in spite of all medical skill he relapsed into a state of unconsciousness from which he never rallied. Deceased was well and favorably known among the travelling public, and his death will be deeply regretted. The funeral will take place on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

A family of five are left to mourn a father's loss. They are: Mrs. Wm. O'Brien, of this city, and Frank, George, Bessie and Rose at home. Mrs. Sheldon died on the 13th of January, 1897. W. D. Sheldon, of this city, and Chas. Sheldon, of Blenheim, are brothers. Orio Sheldon, who died on the 21st of November, 1898, was also a brother. Mrs. Wm. O'Brien and W. D. Sheldon are in Blenheim.

Mr. Sheldon was born in Jefferson county, New York state, in 1841. O. B. Sheldon came to this county when the family moved here, he being but a boy. The father, the late A. B. Sheldon, located first at Morpeth, afterwards moving to Blenheim, where he built the first sawmill there. This he sold out to E. L. Stoddard and engaged in the hotel business. On his retirement, some thirty years ago, his son, the late O. B. Sheldon, succeeded him. He conducted the business in the old frame hotel of his father for about twenty years. Ten years ago he built the fine brick hotel known as the Sheldon House, which is the leading hotel of Blenheim. He was a Liberal in politics, but never took an active interest in party affairs.

No specific details of the reception of the Canadian contingent at Cape Town have yet been received beyond the mere announcement of the arrival of the Sardinian on Wednesday. In all probability they have been drilling steadily since their arrival.

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fruits are necessary, Hey-
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OR EGGS

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OUR BOYS TO THE FRONT

They Have by This Time Joined Meth-
uen at Modder River.

London, Dec. 2.—The official list of the British killed and wounded at the battle of Modder River, total 438. The war office has received the following from Gen. Forester-Walker:—Gen. Gatacre reports no change in the situation. Gen. French has made a reconnaissance from Nauwpoort to Rosemead. The troops returned to-day. Gen. Methuen's flesh wound is slight. He is remaining at Modder River for the reconstruction of the bridge. Artillery reinforcing him with Highlanders and a cavalry corps. Horse artillery the Canadian regiment, the Australian contingents and three battalions of infantry moved up to the De Aar and Belmont line.

GEN. METHUEN'S HEAVY LOSS. Doubtless will be of considerable service in giving his hard-pushed column needed rest and allowing the arrival of reinforcements, of which he must be sorely in need, after three such fights, placing him in combat upwards of a thousand men out of less than 7,000. Gen. Forester-Walker's announcement that the Canadian marksmen and other reinforcements have been pushed forward to the neighborhood of the Orange River, to protect Gen. Methuen's line of communications, has relieved much anxiety here, where it was fully expected the Boers would attempt to attack the vulnerable points of the line communication.

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WANT MANDAMUS

To Compel the City to Reduce
the Assessment

On the Robertson of Inches Estate—
Another Step in a Costly and
Peculiar Case

This morning the city clerk was served with a notice by Henderson & Small, solicitors for the plaintiff in reference to an application for a mandamus in the Robertson assessment case to compel him to change the assessment in accordance with the judgment recently rendered. This is the same case the city fought up to the court of appeal and then lost under peculiar circumstances.

Mr. Justice Oeler in commenting upon the judgment at the time said it seemed considerable of a hardship to tax the city with the costs, as their position was unanimously sustained, but that he was bound to concur with his fellow judges that it was inevitable as a just case pursued against a wrong man. The Robertson estate was assessed for some \$238.95 frontage tax. This was reduced on appeal by the county judge to \$47.87. The city appealed the case and its then solicitor, William Douglas, Q. C., applied for an order of prohibition against the county judge. This seems to have been a costly blunder. This action should have been brought against the city clerk who was the person to make the change. Thus it was that the city lost the case though, as Justice Oeler said, its premises were correct and it had the right to make the original assessment as it did.

However, during all the litigation the clerk had never made the change, and the assessment still remained at \$238.95. A few days ago the city council held a special meeting, instructed the city clerk not to make the change and passed a by-law indemnifying him against costs. The idea was that if the plaintiff tried to compel the reduction to \$47.87, they would again defend the action along the lines the court of appeal said should have been followed in the first place.

As the costs the city was let in for by the blunder in prohibiting the county judge instead of the clerk, were heavy, an appeal by the corporation was talked of, but no action was taken.

The application for a mandamus, of which the notice has now been served, will be the next step. City Solicitor Wilson, is now looking after the case for the corporation.

AN AMERICAN SUCCESS.

Manila, December 2.—The Filipino General Conon has surrendered 800 officers and men with rifles, several American and seventy Spanish prisoners and the garrison at Bayambang, Province of Nueva Vizcaya, to Lieut. Monroe, with fifty men of the Fourth cavalry.

EYE STRAIN

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because
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thereby
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COUNCIL KICKING.

Over the Delay in the Jail and
Court House Work.

But the Contractor Says he is Not to
Blame—Cement Scarce and
Iron Work Not Here.

It appears that there is considerable dissatisfaction existing among the county council committee concerning the tardy nature of the repairs now going on at the jail and court house, and it was rumored this morning that at next week's session of the county council the suggestion would be submitted that the work should be taken out of the hands of the contractors. The Planet interviewed Warden Leveton upon the matter.

"Your information is quite correct," was the Warden's response. "We are very dissatisfied with the way the work is progressing and want to see a gang of men engaged competent to perform the work in a short time. I have told the architect that and that otherwise, if it is in my power or power of the committee we will put on a gang ourselves and have the work completed."

"Furthermore I have notified him to give me no more estimates on this work until its completion, for I will not honor them by issuing a cheque unless compelled to do so by law."

WHERE THE BLAME LIES.

Contractor George J. Fielder was seen by The Planet, superintending the work at the jail.

"We regret the delay as much as anyone," he said in response to The Planet's query, "but what can you do? We are delayed for material, cement especially, and the slaters have been in so great demand that it was very difficult to get them just when wanted. But, anyway, the iron work is not here yet and we have nothing to do with its delay."

"Now, as a matter of fact the county committee is to blame for this delay. We were delayed in the fore part of the work by the plumbers. That was not our fault. We were delayed from Aug. 15 to Aug. 22, waiting for window gratings. We had nothing to do with that delay. Again we were put back from Sept. 4 to Sept. 22, for the iron doors, etc. We cannot be blamed for that. We have pushed our part of the work in the face of all this and we think now that it is very unfair for the Warden or anybody else to blame us for not being as far ahead as they would like. If there is any responsibility in the matter they should place it where it belongs."

Chicago, Dec. 2.—Per J. J. Atwater's private wire.

| | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Wheat—Dec. | 64 1/2 | 64 1/2 | 63 1/2 | 64 1/2 |
| May | 69 | 69 1/2 | 68 1/2 | 69 1/2 |
| Sept. | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Corn—Sept. | 30 1/2 | 30 1/2 | 30 | 30 |
| Dec. | 32 1/2 | 32 1/2 | 32 1/2 | 32 1/2 |
| May | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Oats—Sept. | 22 1/2 | 22 1/2 | 22 1/2 | 22 1/2 |
| Dec. | 24 1/2 | 24 1/2 | 23 1/2 | 24 1/2 |
| May | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Pork—Dec. | 8 05 | 8 07 | 8 05 | 8 20 |
| Jan. | 9 50 | 9 50 | 9 45 | 9 45 |
| May | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Lard—Dec. | 5 15 | 5 17 | 5 15 | 5 19 |
| Jan. | 5 32 | 5 33 | 5 32 | 5 37 |
| May | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Ribs—Oct. | 4 97 | 5 02 | 4 97 | 5 00 |
| Jan. | 5 15 | 5 17 | 5 12 | 5 15 |
| May | ... | ... | ... | ... |

The French steamer Gironde has arrived in Delagoa Bay with European mails and a French ambulance corps for service in the Transvaal.

Advices from the borders are to the effect that the bombardment of Kimberley and Ladysmith continues with unabated vigor.

A nephew of President Kruger is mining in the Kootenay. He thinks war and its inevitable result, the subjection of the Boers, will bring about the best results to Africa.

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