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Couriettes.

The Liberal papers say that Mr. R. L. Borden is getting a frost. Not a bad thing to receive in these sunny July days.

Of course, this is the season for Sunday-school picnics and pleasant moonlight excursions. That may be the reason why Germany has sent a gunboat to the most southern port of

The reciprocity debate at Washington is likely to keep a quorum busy all summer, with language and lemonade.

A Brockville paper publishes a plaintive paragraph on the venom of Henri Bourassa. Now, watch the grandson of Papineau on the warpath after the Department of Railways and

The Toronto Globe has asked the question, "Who owns the ocean?" This has not a Pacific effect.

Grasshoppers from the United States have been devastating Manitoba's oats and barley. That is what comes of talking reciprocity.

Woman may desire a vote—but to see her eyes brighten, just show her marked-down linen suits which bloom in July.

The way in which the Black Rock, N.Y., authorities treat women travellers from Canada leads one to reflect upon the high tariff wall against common politeness which Uncle Sam insists on preserving.

W. T. Stead thinks it would be a noble act to have a statue to George Washington in Westminster Abbey, since the worthy George taught Great Britain how to govern her colonies. What's the matter with having a memorial to General Brock in the Congressional Library at Washington, since Sir Isaac taught the United States how to treat British colonies?

Britannia rules the waves-but Ontario would like the address of the man who rules the heat waves.

His Opinion.—The telephone service in the city of Toronto has caused more compound fractures of the Third Commandment than any other affliction of the dog days.

A Toronto citizen who was com-

plaining recently of its ways and means was asked: "Don't you have the Bell Telephone Company in To-

"I wouldn't spell it with a 'B,' " was the gloomy reply.

Song of Sultry Days.

When the mercury is mounting
Up to ninety and some more,
When your brow you're madly mop-

While you open wide the door.

Then your brain-wheels stop revolving

And your thoughts refuse to think, And all you seem to care about Is just a long, cold drink.

When you wonder if you'll sleep to-night
And if you have the price
To buy a neat electric fan
And also extra ice,

Then the coal man sends a circular To say he's selling cheap—
"Get in next winter's full supply—"
Oh, then you say a heap.

His Little Change.—Sir Charles Tupper, having reached the age of ninety, and being the only living member of the "Confederation Fathers" of 1867, has come to be regarded as a prominent Canadian citizen rather than a politician. In its magazine section for Dominion Day, for instance, the Toronto Globe published a full-page picture of Sir Charles,

the erstwhile leader of the Conservathe erstwhile leader of the Conservative forces. Sir Charles was never a bitter partisan, and in 1896 he took his defeat and the downfall of his party with a good grace. On his return to Ottawa in August of that year for the first session of a Liberal Parliament, Sir Charles was accosted by a political opponent who asked how he had spent the summer.

he had spent the summer.
"Oh, I have had an excellent outwas the response, as the veteran politician smiled cheerfully.

In 1920.

The cost of the airship looks high we

admit,
And the flying expenses give father
a fit;
Repair bills mount up in a way hard

to beat,
But we sail out of reach of the dust
of the street—
And look what we save on car-

The tool-kit we dropped on our neighbour's new wife,
And some more things that fell were the cause of deep strife;
The damage suits mean that there's

plenty to pay,
And burglars invade the house while

we're away— But look what we save on car-

Among us we've suffered some pretty bad falls,
And our nerves are a wreck from some pretty close calls;
We've picked up bad colds, also several more ills;
So you'll guess we've been in for some big doctor bills—
But look what we save on carfare!

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Well Answered.—"I suppose," said the city man, "there are some queer characters around an old village like

this?"
"You'll find a good many," admitted the native, "when the hotels fill up."

Not What He Meant.—An Ottawa man tells of what he considers an amusing misuse of a word by a man who was helping to keep things moving during the judging of horses at Ottawa's Exhibition last year.

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The latter man, by consulting a lit-tle book which he carried, was able to tell at which stable a certain horse-

man could be found.

"I tell you," said the one with the book, triumphantly, "there's nothing like keeping a little dairy in your vest pocket."

The Best of Luck.—"Have any luck on your fishing trip?"
"Great. I didn't have to row the boat once."

Beyond His Depth.-Aldermen are not always men of much education, and some of them make breaks by trying to help their speeches along with words that they are not familiar with.

Of that class was a man who used to represent an east end ward in Toronto. He had interested himself in a man who wanted the city to pro-vide the latter with a job, and he told of the applicant's former services to

the city.
"Gentlemen," said the alderman, "I think we ought to do something for this man. He was incapitated while working for the city." Several other aldermen smiled, but

Several other aldermen smiled, but the speaker wasn't to be frightened away from his big words.

"I think," he said, "that we should look after any man who becomes incapitated in the service of the city."

The other aldermen smiled again, and the speaker sat down without realizing what had caused the smiles.

While the meeting progressed he tried to puzzle out what break he had made, but without success. However, he felt that something was wrong. So he felt that something was wrong.

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