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## Western Ontario.

### A St. Thomas Lawsuit Involving $27,832 70 Settled.

**Interesting Assessment Statistics From Sarnia—Big Creek Drainage Work in Essex Settled.**

Mr. Nelson Ruby, a highly esteemed and respected resident of Berlin, Ont., died there on Friday, aged 63.

A dividend of 39 cents on the dollar has been declared on the estate of S. E. Hahn, clothing merchant, Hanover.

Miss Theresa Armstrong, of Harriston, died after a few hours' illness with heart failure.

Mr. Williamson, of Petrolea, has been appointed Y. M. C. A. secretary at Peterboro, at a salary of $600.

Neil McLachlan, of East Williams, has sold his Clydesdale stallion, Sir Malcolm, to Kingston & Peckering, of Forest, for $600.

Mrs. W. C. Smith, of Blenheim, wife of the late town assessor, was taken with a second stroke of paralysis Thursday night and died Friday morning.

Messrs. Meredith and Fisher served notice of appeal, on behalf of the township of Yarmouth, against the verdict of Judge Rose, granting $2,000 to Mahlon A. Boughner.

A company will be formed shortly for the purpose of making a thorough test for oil at Rodney. There is sufficient proof at the roller mill well that oil can be found in paying quantities.

Paralysis caused the death on Thursday at Stratford, of Mr. Joseph Richardson, of the Gore of Downie. He was born in Prescott 75 years ago. He was estimated to be worth a quarter of a million dollars.

President McKinley has decided not to interfere in the case of Joseph Dunlop, proprietor of the Chicago Dispatch, formerly of Stratford, who was sentenced to two years' imprisonment for sending obscene matter through the mails.

The population of Mitchell, according to the assessors, is 2,219, showing an increase over the previous year of 67. The assessment of real property is $603,178, increase over 1896, $9,025; personal property, $65,650; increase, $900; taxable income, $6,390; increase, $1,190; total, $675,423; increase over last year, $11,115.

The East Kent license commissioners met on Friday. A license was granted Kirby Gregory, Benton House, Ridgetown. Mr. Ingram, of the Queen's, Ridgetown, got a license for two months only. In Bothwell, Mr. Murphy got his license. In Dresden, the Green Mountain House, owned by J. McGoldrick, of Chatham, was refused a license. Mr. Little, of Kent Bridge, was granted his license.

The action brought by Mrs. Mary Ann Toogood, of Toronto, against her sister, Mrs. Hindmarsh, of St. Thomas, executrix of the estate of their father, Hiram Comfort, to recover $27,382 70, has been settled. The defendant is to invest $5,000 in a trust company for the benefit of plaintiff, and at her death the money is to be divided among the plaintiff's children.

A Sarnia item says. On Thursday afternoon, the barn of Joseph Craig, about a mile east of the Perche bridge, on the London road, with nearly all its contents, was burned. The live stock and some of the implements in the place at the time were gotten out, but between three and four tons of hay and 75 bushels each of barley, wheat and rye were destroyed. Mr. Craig carried some insurance.

Sarnia Observer: According to the assessor's roll, the population of Sarnia is 6,430, an increase of 155 over 1896. The number of births for the past year was 117, and the deaths numbered 43. The total taxable property for 1896 was $2,079,909, and for 1897, $2,085,953, showing the substantial increase of $6,044. The canines number 412, and it takes 417 horses to do the work of Sarnians.

Rev. Mr. Ryan, of Amherstburg, on Sunday celebrated the 25th anniversary of his entry into the priesthood. Solemn high mass was celebrated at the church at 10 a.m., after which Father Ryan was presented with an address and purse, contributed by his parishioners and friends. The address was read by Mayor McEvoy, and between 25 and 30 visiting priests attended the services. On Friday the sisters of St. Joseph's Academy presented Father Ryan with an address and purse in the separate school.

The Big Creek drainage work in Essex, for the drainage of Tilbury East, Romney, Mersea, Tilbury West and Tilbury North, has been finally settled, and will be carried out according to the report of Wm. Newman, P. L. S. The proposed work is an enormous drainage undertaking, of which the estimated cost is $45,673. Tilbury West, Romney, Tilbury North and Mersea accepted the assessment made upon them, but Tilbury East appealed, and Messrs. Wilson, Rankin & Co., acting upon instructions of the councils of Tilbury East and Tilbury West, have prepared an agreement of settlement, whereby $226 60 is taken off the lands of Tilbury East, and put upon the roads of Tilbury West. The settlement will be confirmed by the drainage referee, and this large work, which has during the past ten years been undertaken on several occasions, with the result that each undertaking was set aside, will now proceed with the consent of all parties.


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# Cabled Comment

**The Situation in Europe--League of the Three Emperors--Is Britain to Be Isolated--The Greeks Demoralized.**

**Favorable Comment on the Canadian Tariff—No Provision for Reducing British Taxes, Though the Revenue Is So Largely Increased—The Sealing Question.**

London, May 2.—Official Europe now has a fresh grievance against Greece. The powers are anxious, most of them, to interpose at the present stage of the war and re-establish the status quo of a fortnight ago. They calculated that the loss of Thessaly would be ample punishment for the Greeks, and King George would only be too glad to cry to them for succor in such an extremity. Greece has done nothing of the kind, and the powers are disappointed and disgusted with a nation which does not know when it is beaten. It is persistently reported that England, France and Italy are unwilling to wait longer for the voluntary submission of Greece, and urge that the concert should interfere unasked. The reason is that every Turkish success stiffens the neck of the Sultan and increases the difficulty of controlling him in the complicated settlement of the affairs of the Ottoman Empire which was interrupted by the war. The new league of the three emperors, it is announced, refuses to intervene at the present moment, or until the powers are requested by Greece to act.

LEAGUE OF THE EMPERORS.

The rapid changes in the general European situation in the past week is of greater importance than the war developments. It is no longer doubted that a league of the three emperors is fully established. Its first act is an identical note to the peoples of the Balkan Peninsula, congratulating them upon their refusal to join the Greek cause against Turkey. The Times significantly remarks on this point: "In the gradual modifications which the integrity of the Ottoman Empire will infallibly undergo, the real gainers will be the people whom Europe can trust to replace Ottoman misrule by sober, stable political development. The neutrality of the Balkans now seems fully assured, and this practically destroys all doubt of the issue of the struggle between Turkey and Greece. The question which chiefly agitates diplomatic circles is no longer war, but whether Russia will be able to bind to herself France and Italy in addition to the two central powers. In other words, will Great Britain finally be isolated? There is still strong confidence in London that Lord Salisbury will be able to win France away from the Czar, while the friendship or alliance of Rome, it is believed, may be had for the asking.

The salvation of Crete is now dependent upon international action, for which England is mainly responsible, and the Greek stampede has been a practical proof that the politics of King George have been recklessly directed. Europe has much to answer for in allowing Turkey to strengthen its position and regain its prestige after its monstrous record of two years of massacre and ignominious campaign. Old-fashioned Tories have found it difficult to conceal their pleasure over the triumph of the Turks, which released the Unionist Government from harassing criticism.

THE GREEKS DEMORALIZED.

Another correspondent says: The events of the past week have served to further alienate sympathy from the Greeks. The story from Larissa of the fearful stampede to and from that city after the fighting at Tyrnavo, is the sensation of the day. The fact that the Greek officers were equally affected with the privates by the panic is regarded as proof that the Greeks are utterly demoralized and incapable of withstanding the steady advance of the Turks.

THE VELESTINO FIGHT.

The reports of the fighting at Velestino come from the Greek side, and are not thought to be as important as they are represented. Edhem Pasha, the Turkish commander-in-chief, is evidently preparing an extensive plan to attack Pharsalos, and the appearance of the Turkish cavalry in the direction of Domokos, about ten miles south of Pharsalos, indicates that it is the intention of Edhem Pasha to turn the Greek flank. It is suspected that the fighting at Velestino was intended by the Turkish general to divert attention and occupy Gen. Smolenski, the Greek commander, there, while overpowering forces are thrown on Pharsalos.

GERMAN OFFICERS IN THE TURKISH ARMY.

It is stated that the German ambassador, Baron Saurma von Geltsch, was on Wednesday the bearer of a message to the Sultan, expressing Emperor William's appreciation of the manner in which Edhem Pasha had conducted the war against Greece. Gen. Grumbkoff, the German officer who reorganized the Turkish artillery, has, however, in consequence of orders from Gen. von Hahnke, the chief of the emperor's military cabinet, received instructions to return to Constantinople from Elassona, to which place Gen. Grumbkoff was sent to inspect and report upon the Turkish artillery and ammunition. The active part Gen. Grumbkoff has taken in the campaign, especially in the occupation of Larissa, is much commented upon, since he and a number of other German officers in the Ottoman service are still on the active list of the German army.

CRITICAL POSITION OF THE GREEK ROYAL FAMILY.

At the present moment interest centers at Athens rather than on the frontier. The position of the Greek royal family is evidently most critical. The change of Ministry is an eloquent sign of the weakness of King George, especially his accepting M. Ralli as Premier, for the Greek leader, when summoned to confer with his Majesty, addressed him in an offensively blunt manner. The king replied with dignity, but he was forced to swallow his pride.

The statement that Greece will carry on the war to the last gasp is not regarded as of any importance. Greece is already reduced to military and financial extremities, and further efforts must soon be abandoned. The Greeks will await a decisive encounter at Pharsalos, and they are then expected to appeal to the powers.

CONDITIONS OF PEACE.

The conditions of peace which Greece will have to accept are stated to be, most probably, as follows: The Greeks will be allowed to retain their present frontiers, provided the Island of Crete is immediately evacuated. Turkey will be permitted to impose a war indemnity upon Greece. The Turks will doubtless raise some difficulty when they are called upon to return to status quo, but the pressure of the powers will induce them to consent. The meeting of the Czar and Emperor Francis Joseph is watched with keenest interest, and it is believed they have arrived at an agreement regarding not only the future of Turkey and the Balkan States, but the whole of the future of Eastern Europe, and directed against Great Britain. The English newspapers, however, while agreeing that these are Count Muravieff's proposals, are confident that Count Goluchowski is not such a simpleton as to enter into such an arrangement, which, they claim, would mean making Russia the mistress of Europe.

CANADA'S IMPROVED TARIFF.

The newspapers continue their comments and articles on the Canadian tariff and its effect on British trade. The Daily Telegraph calls it the "most startling commercial development of the year." It is hailed with delight in trading circles here. In cottons, woolens, silks and iron manufactures, Great Britain ought to have a marked improvement in business if a preferential treatment is accorded her, while she ought to wrest the supremacy from the United States.

The Spectator expects the tariff will lead to negotiations between Washington and Ottawa, which will result in reciprocal arrangements. The Ministers, however, are delighted with the stand taken by the Laurier Ministry in opening the Canadian market to the British manufacturers on a preferential basis. With this advance towards free trade with England, Canada holds what old card players call a strong trumping hand in any controversy over the Bering Sea fisheries.

NO LESSENING OF TAXATION.

Apparently a war policy was the logical sequel to the budget speech, which recorded a condition of unexampled prosperity and overflowing revenue, without offering taxpayers any promise of relief from war taxation. Not a penny is taken off the high income tax, although with internal revenue and death duties it yields an increasing surplus year by year; nor is any attempt made to bring about an equitable adjustment between earned incomes and incomes drawn from investment. The only popular feature of the budget is a series of postal reforms, by which free delivery of mail is extended to the rural districts and the rates of parcel post reduced.

PELAGIC SEALING.

A leading member of one of the oldest and largest Victorian sealing houses says: "To talk of extending the close season until the end of August means a death-blow to Canadian sealers. Under the existing arrangements Victorian schooners starting for the grounds in time for Aug. 1, can only reckon on six weeks, and only then under the most favorable conditions. If the time be extended, as suggested, we could at the very most only hope for one week's sealing, and, as the weather is usually very bad, the chances are that sealers would return without a single skin. There are at present about 60 sealing vessels, which set out every season from Victoria alone. It is a mistake to think that pelagic sealing is done entirely by Canadians. Every year a number of pelagic shooners go out from San Francisco, Seattle and Tacoma, and United States Indians from Noah Bay, Washington State, also send out vessels to Bering Sea. No people in the world have suffered greater hardships than the Canadian sealers. Many have been reduced to absolute poverty by the seizure of their ships' outfits and skins in '85, '86 and '87 by the United States Government. Up to the present not a penny of compensation has been paid. But I am bound to say that the United States Government is not altogether to blame for this. Canadian sealers are not pirates. Our business is perfectly legitimate. Every vessel leaving for the Bering Sea is properly cleared by British authorities at the custom house, and it is shameful that a large and important industry should be killed by the overbearing conduct of American monopolists and the weakness of the British Government. But in spite of all this the Victorian sealers are determined to have their rights. We intend to fit out vessels for sealing as long as there is a seal left. At least 2,000 British subjects on Vancouver Island alone derive their living from the legitimate sealing on the high seas. The Canadians loyally respect the provisions of the Paris award, unjust as they think them."

THE AMERICAN SIDE.

On the United States side of the question, Mr. H. Liebes, one of the members of the North American Commercial Company, says: "There is no idea of making things hot or cold for anybody, neither is there a wish to hurt Canada nor worry England. Much less is there any intention on the part of the Alaska Company to avoid or ignore any of the decisions come to by the Paris tribunal, which are binding for a period of five years. What, however, we do contend, and what we wish the public to clearly understand, is the fact that by their award the Paris tribunal intended to give all the protection they possibly could to the seal herd, consistent, of course, with fairness to all parties concerned. The question arises as to whether the injury to the seal herd should be allowed to continue for the unexpired term set forth by the award, or whether it would not be wiser, as well as more humane, for an attempt to be made by all parties interested to come to a mutual agreement without delay upon the basis of the alterations to the existing regulations as may be recommended by the commissioners. This is the real and only question to be satisfactorily settled, and it may be well to point out that the present low value of the sealskins not only precludes any hope of profit to Canadian sealers, but under existing conditions the result must be a total failure of their ability to continue the industry, so that it would seem that the present would be a most convenient and appropriate time to take the matter in hand and carry out the necessary means of giving effect to the views of the commissioners."

ARMY CHANGES.

The Devon and Exeter Gazette says that Adjutant-General Sir Redvers Buller will succeed the Duke of Connaught in command in Aldershot camp; that Quartermaster-General Sir Evelyn Wood will succeed Sir Redvers Buller as adjutant-General, and that the Duke of Connaught will become quartermaster-general of the British army. The criticism which raged at the time Gen. Lord Frederick Roberts was passed over in favor of the Duke of Connaught for the Aldershot command is thus likely to be revived, as Buller belongs to the Wolseley set. Sir Redvers Buller and Lord Wolseley were almost at swords' points a year ago over questions of military policy in India, as well as of promotion in the service.

DISTRESS IN SPAIN.

While the Spanish Government is spending millions to crush the Cuban insurgents, thousands of people at home are suffering the pangs of hunger and hundreds have died of actual starvation. Queen Regent Christina has urged vainly that immediate measures be taken to save these wretched people, even if it is necessary to suspend the dispatch of troops to Cuba in order to obtain necessary funds. Worn out with worries and anxieties, the Queen Regent is now suffering extreme nervous prostration. The trouble originated in the failure of the crops, owing to the prolonged drought following previous bad years. Farmers everywhere were ruined, but, despite this, strongest efforts were made by tax collectors to obtain the full payment of taxes, which, since the outbreak in the insurrection of Cuba, have risen to an intolerable amount. The bankruptcy of landowners had the natural effect upon the general body of agricultural workers, who now have been driven to something very like rebellion. At this moment bands of desperate men are scouring the country side committing all kinds of excesses. And yet the Government cannot spare soldiers to suppress the brigands or money to succor the starving people.


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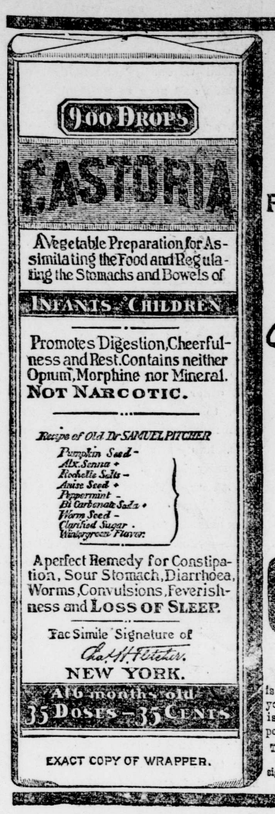


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