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\$1 a Year in Advance

SQUIBOGRAPHS.

The harder you thump a carpet the more cheerful it looks.

Owing to the inclement weather the Queen of the May was obliged to wear a moon skin coronet this season.

Oh! Gentle May, you came in rough Of April weather, we have had enough, Please open up another line And give us a little warm sunshine.

It is proposed to set aside certain days for the study of "Bird Life" in the schools. Owls and night hawks might be taken up at the evening sessions.

With the big shows closed at Toronto and Ottawa there will be nothing doing until Ringling Bros. come to town.

It cost the city of Toronto \$15,000 for law costs in the recent street car appeal case. The number of strapped holders is on the increase.

The merry maidens who pranced around the May pole this week were not as frisky as usual. Overshoes are not adapted for exercise of this kind.

The snow is now off the ground at Cobalt, and visitors can find crevices in the rocks to hide their money while they take a look through the camp.

Oxalic acid, which is used extensively in the new fuel fad, is made from rhubarb, and the old reliable rhubarb pie may yet figure as a luxury that only the wealthy can afford.

The wise men continue to come from the east. The new President of Toronto University is a Nova Scotian. The cod fish is a greater developer of brain power than the unsalted herring of the Great Lakes.

The costumes at the Toronto horse show this week were just too lovely for anything and the hats were marvels of millinery architecture and decorative art. A few horses were also on exhibition.

In 44 municipalities the first of May marked the beginning of a three year's drought. The dry spell is confined to local option districts, even canned liquids being under the ban.

Secretary Taft is looming up as a possible Presidential candidate. Mr. Taft weighs over three hundred pounds and when he sits down on an opponent there is hardly enough of the enemy left to make a book mark.

If you see two or three able bodied men attired in white duck pants, with paste in their whiskers, hanging around the house these days you can put them down for interior decorators.

It would not be a matter of surprise to hear of some Fair secretary being found smothered in an avalanche of correspondence received from vaudeville and amusement promoters from all over the land. The flood is now at high tide.

Rockefeller realizes that he is getting old and is disposing of his property as rapidly as possible. There are a number of specialists in Cobalt who would gladly assist J. D. in separating himself from his wealth by the painless process.

The lawyers will hold a convention in Toronto shortly. Papers will be read on "How to Work a Jury," "Best Method of Bluffing the Court," "The Art of Bullying a Witness," and "What Use is a Client When His Money is Gone."

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

FISHING rods and tackle at McLaren's. DUST coats, ask to see them.—SWIFT'S. OATS are up a cent and wheat two cents.

THERE was a sharp frost on Wednesday morning. PINEAPPLES, bananas, oranges, lettuce, radishes and cabbage at Howden's on Friday.

MAY meeting of the fire brigade next Tuesday evening.

REGULAR meeting of the town council on Monday evening.

If its dress goods you should see our new goods.—SWIFT BROS.

S. STAPLEFORD has 19,000 doz. eggs for shipment this week.

SHORT ends of embroidery and insertions.—SWIFT'S.

The street sprinkler made its first appearance Thursday morning.

THE Hastings' Wagon & Sleigh Co. shipped another load of wagons to the West Thursday.

SPAREBIBS Scts., pickled hocks Scts., sausage locts., tenderloins 20cts., at Howden's on Friday.

SERVICE in Trinity Church at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday next, St. James, Brooks, at 2.30 p. m.

"ALL arrivals are immediately washed," explained the turnkey. "And if they resist?" "They are also ironed."

THE balance of our stock of Gladiolus bulbs, 2 for 5c.—J. W. McLAREN.

E. DOWDING requests the prompt payment of all past due accounts, as he requires the money to meet payments.

LOOK out for the special sale of house-furnishings, prints, muslins, dress goods, etc., commencing this week at W. T. Fuller's.

How about getting a trunk, suit-case or telescope for your Northwest trip. P. DODDS & SON carry the largest stock in town. Prices right.

WHITE waists, every week new styles. Make it a point to see the new goods.—SWIFT'S.

ABOUT thirty couples attended the assembly in Caldwell's Hall Wednesday evening. Cortese's London Harpers furnished excellent music.

KETTLE POINT INDIANS are living high these days, many barrels of flour having been washed ashore, although no wreck has been reported.

SPADES, shovels, rakes, hoes and all garden tools in great variety of make and price, at Howden's.

LACE curtains may be nicely cleaned by using soap and water. The holes should first be cleaned out with a bellows or a file.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

DR. J. E. WILKINSON, who has conducted a dental practice in Petrolia for a number of years, has sold the same to Dr. J. A. Drummond, of Toronto.

THOSE \$16.00 tweed suits to order are the best values in Ontario.—SWIFT BROS.

ALVINSTON is making preparations for a big celebration on May 24th. The program committee promises something out of the ordinary in the way of attractions.

CASEY: There is trouble over at Clancy's. Costigan: Phwat is it? Casey: A family foight. Costigan: Shure, that's not trouble; that's enjoyment.

THE regular meeting of the Daughters of the Empire will be held at the home of Mrs. T. C. Mitchell on Tuesday, May 7th. Full attendance is requested. Quotations from Browning.

WE honestly think that better goods cannot be made than the Sherwin-Williams lines. A full assortment of paints, varnish stains, varnishes, wall colors, aluminum and gold enamel at Howden's.

THE Rev. S. W. Muxworthy, Chairman of the Strathroy District, filled the pulpit of the Arkona Methodist Church, on Sunday last, Rev. A. J. Snowden, of Arkona, taking Mr. Muxworthy's appointments. A convention of the Sunday School and Lay Workers Association of the Rural Deanery, of Lambton, will be held in Christ Church, Petrolia, on Wednesday, May 8th. There will be morning, afternoon and evening sessions.

OUR wash dress goods department is full of new goods.—SWIFT BROS.

As an illustration of the advance in the price of lumber, it is stated that the old Central School buildings in Petrolia, which are now being removed, are bringing more to-day by two or three times than they originally cost thirty years ago when new.

MANY have expressed a desire to see and hear the new leader of the Liberal party in the Ontario Legislature. They will have an opportunity next Wednesday afternoon when the Hon. Geo. P. Graham will address a meeting in the Music Hall, Watford.

LEAVE us your orders for eavertroughing and we will see that you have a prompt and satisfactory job. Milk cans, creamers, pails and all dairy utensils at Howden's Hardware.

MR. W. G. FRASER, for thirty years local manager of the American and Canadian Express Companies Petrolia, has resigned. Regret is expressed that he has severed his connection with the express business, which, under his management, has increased from practically nothing to its present large proportions.

THE sun was just peeping over the chimneys when there came a loud knock on the front door. An upper window was raised. "Is that you, Larry?" called a well cultured voice. "Yes, sor," came the response. "Well, why don't you come in? You have a key." "Yes, sor, but it's a noight kae. Ye'll hov to throw me down a day kae."

LADIES' short and long spring coats for five dollars.—SWIFT'S.

No. 1 Grand Trunk express from Montreal was nearly two hours late Tuesday, caused by heavy travel. The train included a dozen cars, including a Pullman with Shriners en route to Los Angeles from Lewiston, Maine; a car with a party of Bostonians en route to California, and the private car of Mr. F. W. Morse, of the Grand Trunk Pacific, who is en route to Chicago from Montreal. The train was hauled by two engines.

EGGS taken for wall paper at McLaren's.

TAYLOR & SONS' have put in a plate glass front in their drug and book store this week. It greatly improves the appearance of their commodious store, and the prism lights make the interior bright and attractive. We understand several of our Main St. business men purpose improving their shop fronts this season. Let the good work go on.

A CIRCULAR has been issued by the Canadian Pacific Railway calling the attention of shippers to plainly marking the name and address of the consignee upon all goods sent out. The necessity for removing all old marks is urged, and the circular states, it will greatly facilitate correct handling if shippers will show on packages their name or trade mark.

MANY farmers finished seeding last week. The land was in splendid shape for working, and the cool weather made it possible to do a big day's work without tiring out the teams. The heavy rain on Monday and Tuesday should give the seed a good start, and, with favorable conditions the harvest promises to be as early and abundant as the average.

WE show the best taffeta silk at 50, 59, 79 and 98c. in Ontario. Out of town customers ask for samples.—SWIFT BROS., Direct Importers.

NOTICE—Complaint is made to the Council that there are citizens emptying wash and bath water and other foul debris from sinks into corporation drains. Unless this is at once stopped the Medical Health Officer and Inspector will be authorized to make an inspection and offenders dealt with under the Health Act.—D. G. PARKER, Reeve.

BACK in 1886 Campbell's Varnish Stains were originated and offered to housekeepers for restaining and refinishing furniture and interior woodwork. The makers claim, and rightly too, that twenty years' experience making varnish stains enables them to make a better article than can be made by those new at the business. Ask for Campbell's Varnish Stains. Mr. T. Dodds sells it.

THE rural telephone system is a live one at present in the township of Rochester. There is no doubt but that the telephone has come to stay and many will be installed in the rural municipalities if the price can be got down to what the ruralites consider a reasonable rate. The statutes of 1906 give municipal councils power to construct and operate a telephone system in about the same manner that drains are constructed.

PAROID ROOFING is the cheapest and best, at \$2.50 per square. Call and see a sample has been on a roof for eleven years and is good as new.—HOWDEN'S HARDWARE.

THE editor of a country paper in Illinois entered his office one morning recently to be met by a subordinate with the startling intelligence that during the night some despicable wretch had stolen every book of reference in the place. "What do you think of a man who would do a thing like that?" angrily demanded the subordinate. "As he has taken even the dictionary," said the editor. "I should say that we are wholly at a loss for words to express our indignation."

THE question of forming a syndicate to purchase a motor car is receiving the attention of some of our local investors. It is figured that a car with a capacity of fifteen passengers, and a speed of 30 miles an hour, could be constructed for a reasonable price. The car could be chartered for trips to the lake and other points, and would be in great demand during the summer months. It looks like a good proposition and it is hoped the undertaking will be pushed to successful completion.

AN increase of wages to take effect at once has been given by the Grand Trunk management to its freight handlers. Hereafter new men will be paid from fourteen to fifteen cents an hour. This is left to the discretion of the foreman. Door-checkers will get sixteen cents per hour and gang checkers \$55 a month instead of \$50. An increase to the office staff is also under consideration, and any increase made in this department will take place May 1st, it is announced.

MR. C. HOWDEN had a rather unpleasant experience on Sunday afternoon. He was driving out to the cemetery with his aunt, Mrs. Duncan, when a sheep darted across the road, frightening the horse which turned sharply around on the road, throwing Mr. Howden out head first. The horse started for town at a lively pace, Mrs. Duncan pluckily retaining her seat in the rig, although the lines were dragging along the road. The horse was stopped in front of Cameron's livery, no serious damage having been done.

LADIES' mud coats for a dollar.—SWIFT'S.

ON account of the continued cold weather during last month, the fall wheat which came out in a good healthy condition this spring, has received a serious setback and in many places killed. Some good prospects however are reported from those fields which received a good dressing of manure. The seeding in this section is well advanced. The past two weeks has been admirable weather for the sowers and Tuesday's warm spring rain will give the seed the necessary start, and everything promises well towards an abundant harvest. This rain will also be welcomed by the drovers. Heretofore the grass has had very little growth, but this rain will be very beneficial and the cattle will be able to turn their stock out to pasture as early as previous years.

WRITING from Souris under date of April 22nd, Mr. H. F. Jones says: "We have had a long winter here, but the snow is nearly all gone now and wheels have been in use for the past week. If it keeps dry for a few days seeding will be under way. Seeding has not been so late for twenty-five years, with the exception of one year, but we expect a big crop just the same. We think Souris the garden of the west. All the old boys and girls would like to get home for the grand reunion, but that is our harvest time and may not get away. The Souris old boys and girls wish to be remembered, when the big event comes off."

MR. J. H. FOWLER, B. A., late Secretary of the Young Liberal Club, London, who resigned his position to go to the Canadian Northwest, was on Saturday night tendered a banquet by the Executive of the club, with President Arthur Sippi in the chair. Many pleasant things were said about Mr. Fowler, whose genial disposition and ability have won for him a host of friends in London. In the afternoon the business and editorial staffs of The Advertiser presented Mr. Fowler with a handsome gold mounted umbrella, Mr. Fowler having been sporting editor of that paper for two years. The previous afternoon the business and editorial staffs of The Free Press gave Mr. Fowler a handsome travelling bag.

PERSONAL.

Dr. McVicar, V. S., Strathroy, was in town Monday.

Mr. Swift and son, Dimond, visited London friends this week.

Miss Lottie J. Kelly, Simcoe St., returned from the west Saturday.

Miss Ridgway, Detroit, is visiting her friend, Miss Margaret Saunders, St. Clair St.

Dr. Gibson drove to Lobo Thursday to see his mother, who is not very well at present.

Inspector Shaw, Montreal, paid the Watford branch of the Merchant's Bank an official visit this week.

J. H. Fowler left London for the West Thursday. Mr. Fowler will spend a few weeks in Winnipeg before going on to the coast.

Messrs. McDiarmid, McGugan, Patterson and Hunt, Alvinston, attended the assembly in Caldwell's Hall Wednesday evening.

T. F. Little, Toronto, is acting Manager of the local agency of the Sterling Bank relieving Mr. Wynne who is in very poor health at present.

James A. Norman has resigned his position with G. Chambers and accepted a situation with Green & Sons, city plaining mills, St. Thomas.

Miss McCaw, of the High School staff, is writing on an exam in Toronto this week, and Miss Margaret Saunders is taking her work at the High School during her absence.

Rev. E. B. Horne, M. A., attended the meeting of the Synod in Chatham this week and gave an address on Sunday school work. Mr. Horne asked for a grant of \$500 from the General Assembly for the establishment of summer schools and extending teachers' institutes.

Frank Restorick returned from Winnipeg Saturday night, where he has spent the past six weeks disposing of a carload of horses. The weather was very cold and many of the settlers passing through to the west were forced to dispose of their stock for want of feed.

Mrs. M. R. Micks left for Markham Tuesday where Mr. Micks has taken a situation as manager of the leading harness shop in that town. Mr. and Mrs. Micks were respected residents of Watford for the past five years, and made many friends during their stay here, who, while regretting their departure, wish them every success in their new home.

LIBERAL RALLY.

A meeting of the Liberals of East Lambton will be held in the Music Hall, Watford, on Wednesday, May 8th at 1 p. m. for the purpose of re-organizing the East Lambton Liberal Association and other business. After re-organization the meeting will be addressed by the Hon. Geo. P. Graham, leader of the Opposition in the Ontario Legislature and other prominent Liberals.

LEAVES FOR WEST.

J. Harry Fowler Honored by Admirers in Free Press Office.

The members of the business and editorial staffs of The Free Press gathered together yesterday afternoon for the purpose of paying a deserved tribute to Mr. J. Harry Fowler, up till a short time ago sporting editor of this paper, in which he wrote under the "nom de plume" of "Coverpoint." Mr. Fowler leaves for the West next week to take up journalistic work in a new sphere.

On some simple pretext Mr. Fowler was called into the office of Manager Blackburn, and was there presented with a handsome black traveling bag. Manager Blackburn made the presentation, and with Mr. A. E. Miller, managing editor, expressed the general regard in which Mr. Fowler is held by all members of the different departments. It is seldom that words fail Mr. Fowler, but on this occasion he was once taken aback. His deep appreciation was more than apparent in his lack of usual glibness and dis-

counted phrases of gratitude.

After leaving The Free Press staff Mr. Fowler became special secretary for the Liberal Association in London. He has since resigned and will go forth to make his work in the Far West, and his friends are confident that ere long his name will become prominent, no matter what field he may enter.—London Free Press, April 27th.

Assessment Figures.

The following statistics are taken from the Assessment Roll for Watford for the year 1907:—

Total assessment	\$365,318
Real property assessment	71,313
Buildings	255,262
Business assessment	36,571
Income	2,472
Population	1,293
Births	26
Deaths	16
Dogs	60
Bitches	9
Children between 5 and 21	318
Children between 5 and 16	237

REUNION NOTES.

W. Clark Lee, Louisville, Ky., is arranging to come home for the Reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. A. Dewar, Nelson, B. C., are coming if they can possibly get away.

W. J. Rogers, Harbor Beach, Mich., hopes to meet many of his old friends at the Reunion.

Mason F. Batchelor will be down with the Calgary contingent.

Archie Duncan, Richards Landing, was in Watford long before the place had a name, and used to play around the fourth line corners over fifty years ago. He would like to meet some of his old playmates if still alive.

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Archie Wiley, Bracebridge, John A. Dewar, Nelson, B. C. Mrs. John A. Dewar, W. J. Rogers, Harbor Beach, Mich. Miss Jean Happer, Detroit. Robert Scott, Springfield, Vt. Mrs. Robt. Scott, Peter Webster, London.

DEATH OF MRS. MCCHESENEY.

Mrs. Elizabeth McCheaney, beloved wife of Mr. Joseph McCheaney, of Adelaide township, died at St. Joseph's Hospital, London, on Friday last, 26th ult., aged 53 years. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Conkey, of Adelaide, both of whom are still living. She is survived by a sorrowing husband and a family of four children, Mabel, Nellie, Harry and Herbert, all at home. She also leaves three brothers and four sisters: David, of Dakota; Samuel, Michigan; Alex. and George, Warwick; John, Nathaniel, Fred and Robert, of Adelaide; Mrs. Rogers, Watford; Mrs. Wallace, Adelaide; Mrs. Conkey, Strathroy. The funeral took place on Monday and was largely attended, the remains being interred in the West Adelaide cemetery. Rev. Lindsay, of Arkona, conducted the services and six brothers acted as pallbearers.

Mrs. McCheaney was one of the best known and most highly respected residents of Adelaide township and the sincere sympathy of the entire community is extended to the family in their bereavement.

Licenses Will Not Be Issued.

Premier Whitney made the following statement to the press in reference to the question of issuing licenses in districts where local option has been carried, but with an irregular vote: "It would seem that so far as older Ontario is concerned the government has not the power to forbid the issuing or refusing of licenses to the commissioners. Instructions have, however, been sent to the commissioners in every one of the municipalities where local option bylaws have been passed have been set aside by the courts for technical reasons, instructing them that the government desires that no licenses be issued in the coming year."

Coldest in Years.

Washington, April 30.—The month ending today was the coldest April ever experienced, according to the weather bureau. The bureau's report tonight says: "The month was characterized by a succession of cold spells, which swept southeastward over the northwest Rocky mountain slope and gradually spread southward and eastward over the entire country east of the Rocky mountains. The cold was almost continuous except for brief intervals of a day or so of warmer weather, and it closes with remarkably low temperatures in the interior valleys and the southwest."

Investigate Express Rates.

Ottawa, April 30.—The Railway Commissioners will take up within next month or so the question of rates charged by express companies in Canada. As in the case of telephone companies, the commissioners will not wait for complaints to be laid as to excessive rates, but will require the express companies to show that the rates now being charged are justified in every case. The first sitting will probably be held in Montreal towards the end of May.