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THAT NEW ACT.

Some days ago the Herald expressed the opinion that the Hamilton assessment commissioner misconstrued that section of the new assessment act which forbids assessors giving information to citizens with regard to assessed property. Commissioner Hall construes that section to mean that no information of any sort may be given by any official of his department, and that any official who gives out any information is liable to a penalty of \$200. The Herald pointed out that the law forbids the divulging of only such information as is received in confidence by assessors in the course of their official duties, and we said that assessors were at liberty to accommodate lawyers and real estate agents by giving out information respecting real estate values and measurements, as a matter of courtesy.

The Herald's opinion is supported by that of the law clerk of the legislature, Allan M. Dymond. In reply to a letter from Mr. Farmer, of Farmer & Gould, Mr. Dymond writes that he has had a conversation with the assessment commissioner of Toronto, who says that "he has no objection to giving out any reasonable information as to the value he is placing on lands and buildings." And the law clerk gives his own opinion as follows:

"I do not think there is anything in the act to prevent an assessor from telling what value he is placing on lands or buildings. Of course he gives such information quite unofficially and merely for the sake of being obliging."

If assessors choose to oblige citizens seeking in the assessment department such information as has not been confidentially received by assessors as data for income and business tax assessments, the assessors need not fear the penalty of \$200 for obliging the citizens.—Hamilton Herald.

MR. WICKETT, ON MUNICIPAL LAWS.

In the Municipal World for April, just issued, Mr. W. L. Wickett, B. A., barrister, of this city, has a well written article of some length, treating of the "civil liability of municipal corporations," where damages are claimed in cases where accidents are due to non-repair of highways. Mr. Wickett quotes the statutes in regard to the matter, and compares the law of Canada with those in England and the United States, and shows that the laws in those countries are less stringent than the Ontario law. He submits that a municipality should not be held liable for defects in highways unless the defect "is of its own direct creation" and would have the law amended by eliminating the words imposing a civil liability. "Whatever grounds there may have existed for the imposition of civil liability on municipalities in this province," says Mr. Wickett, "it is submitted that the time has arrived for the repeal of the statute imposing such liability. Persons using highways should do so subject to the taking upon themselves the risks involved, and were such the case it is believed that the ratepayers of the various municipalities in this Province would take a greater interest in having the highways brought to a higher standard, and that municipal councils would get more sympathy from their constituents in their efforts to minimize the dangers of public travel on highways."

Mr. Wickett thinks that to attempt to improve our highways to meet the requirements of the law as it now exists would mean financial ruin for the municipality. It is abundantly evident that to make a law to apply in regard to damages for non-repair of highways is next to impossible. Sometimes a washout causes an accident, and it is obvious that to tax the municipality in such a case is unfair; yet the person injured feels aggrieved. Clearly, however, the accident was due to the natural elements, and not to neglect on the part of the municipality.—St. Thomas Times.

PRACTICE VERSUS PRECEPT.

The World, the News, the Globe and the Telegram, in this city, cannot sufficiently admire the little red school house, nor view with sufficient alarm anything having a separating influence among the children of the people. And yet, the editor of the World does not himself send his children to the public schools. Nor does the editor of the News. Nor does the editor of the Globe. Nor does the proprietor of the Telegram.



Any Boys?

If there are boys in the house, or girls either, then croup, coughs, catarrh, bronchitis, and sore throat are sure to be there, too, sooner or later. Don't crowd their stomachs with medicine, just have them breathe in the vapor of Vapo-Cresolene; they'll like it, and it will give immediate relief. In this way you put the medicine right on the place that needs it. For whooping-cough it's the perfect cure.

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PETE'S DISCOVERY.

Pete Gibson, one of the veteran conductors on the H. G. & B. and a great observer of the signs of the times, says that this March was the first time in twenty years that the sun crossed the lines at the full of the moon.

IS JUSTICE REALLY BLIND?

If justice can sentence a man to be hanged without allowing him a second trial in a superior court, why cannot justice be trusted to award \$1,000 damages against a corporation to a man who has lost a leg, without allowing the case to be carried from court to court?

DRINK IS A DISEASE.

If you know any one who is addicted to the use of intoxicating liquor, tell him that he is suffering from a disease that can readily be cured. It only requires the desire and resolve to succeed. Write to the Leeming, Miles Co., Ltd., 288 St. James Street, Montreal, for all particulars in regard to the use of Dr. Mackay's Specific for Alcoholism, that has had a remarkable success with the worst cases.

BRUTAL ACTION

The management of the Opera House has that back stairway presumably for use when there is such a crowd as was present Friday night. Two ladies and their escorts took advantage of the back stair and were coming out of the alleyway between J. B. Stringer & Co.'s and the Opera House when some fellow drove up with a van and almost ran over the ladies. The horses were more considerate than the man, as they held back despite his urgings. The fellow as he drove on brutally called out: "Get out of the way if you don't want to get hurt."

It is up to the management of the Opera House to investigate this.

A TRUE APPETIZER AND TONIC

Mi-o-na Will Make You Feel Hungry and Hearty, and Give Strength and Vitality.

Ask any friend who looks thin, pale, and out of health how many meals he or she eats a day, and the chances are that the answer will be "Not over two, and I don't feel hungry then." The plump, rosy, and robust eat three square meals daily, and their perfect health is due to a strong stomach and digestive system, which as such a system takes out of the food all those elements that make pure blood, and give nourishment and vitality to the body.

The true appetizer and tonic that should be taken is Mi-o-na, the only agent known that will strengthen the stomach and digestive system, and put them in such perfect working order that they will digest easily and naturally all the food that is eaten, and send you to the table positively hungry for the next meal. Without a strong stomach digestion will be poor, the blood impure, and serious liver and kidney troubles result, causing headaches, back-aches, spots before the eyes, dizziness, sleeplessness, nervousness, irritability, a furrowed tongue and bad breath, all of which can be readily overcome by the use of Mi-o-na, (costing but 50c a box), as it goes right to the foundation of perfect health, the stomach.

Scores of leading people in this State, including editors, ministers, bankers, and their families, gladly testify to the tonic, strengthening and health-giving effects of Mi-o-na. Furthermore, C. H. Gunn & Co., one of the most reliable drug firms in this section, sell Mi-o-na under a guarantee to refund the money if it does not produce satisfactory results.

A GOOD FIELD

J. A. Carman, of Leamington, is spending a couple of days with his old Chatham friends.

Mr. Carman was a Chatham resident during the recent oil boom in Raleigh and he is now interested in the Leamington Torpedo Company in the Leamington field. This company has 13,000 acres of land in leases and has 35 producing wells with 40 drilling rigs at work. The rigs are drilling in a string from lake to lake. Mr. Carman says the Leamington field is a good one and there is all kinds of oil speculations. The other day another gusher was struck which gave up 1,400 barrels of oil during the first 24 hours. The speculators are sinking good wells every day.

The town is crowded with people and it is hard for a traveller to get lodging at all. Every hotel is filled up to the gaiters with boarders and many of the people who go there are forced to go back to Detroit to find a place to sleep. At present there seems to be every possibility of the field lasting for years.

District Dashes

In the course of a week or so Mr. I. H. Coffell and family, of Glenwood, expect to leave for Botany, near Ridgetown, where Mr. Coffell has rented a farm. His farm in Glenwood has been purchased by Mr. J. N. Halliday. Mr. and Mrs. Coffell will be much missed from Glenwood and Merlin, where they have been closely connected with church, lodge and social interests during their residence here. They will no doubt frequently visit here after removing. Mrs. Coffell has relatives near their future home.—Merlin Mirror.

A well attended and enthusiastic meeting of the Dresden Lawn Bowling club was held in the office of Dr. Wiley last Friday evening for the purpose of organization. President G. E. Weir occupied the chair. The following officers were elected: Honorary President, R. T. Mussen; Vice-President, Rev. N. Lindsay; President, Dr. J. H. Coffell; Secretary, W. N. Tape; Executive Officer, G. E. Weir; Executive Committee, G. E. Weir, T. N. Wells, E. H. Dever and Dr. Wiley; Skips, Dr. Wiley, Dr. McDonald, Messrs. Weir and Wells.—Dresden Standard.

The death occurred at the family residence, Leaton, Mich., on Sunday, March 19th, of Wm. Bloom in his 73rd year. Deceased was at one time a resident in Dawn Township but has resided in Michigan for upwards of 20 years. He leaves to mourn his loss a widow and grown up family of nine children, seven sons and two daughters, also two brothers, Messrs. Robert and George Bloom, of Dawn, and four sisters, Mrs. Allan Christner, of Dawn, Mrs. P. L. Switzer, of Thameville, Mrs. Lucinda Shaw, of Dresden, and Mrs. James Brown, of Lapeer Co., Mich.—Florence Quill.

DISTRICT DOINGS

BLENHEIM

April 3.—The death took place at on March 30th of Clement A. Nichol, eldest son of Mrs. McComb, London, at the early age of 19 years, from consumption. The remains were brought here on Saturday morning from London. The funeral took place at 2:30 p. m. the same day from Mr. Chas. Jackson's to the latter day Saints church, where the service was conducted by Elder R. C. Butt, Dr. J. H. Coffell, and other members of the church. The pall bearers were Messrs. C. Watlin, O. Jackson, F. Byram, C. F. Gibson, J. M. Denholm, W. Cameron.

The military openings of Mrs. Jno. Ward and Mrs. J. H. Ferguson took place on Friday and Saturday last. Mr. George, organizer for the O. O. F., is in town.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at 1:30 p. m. from the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Lane, who died on Friday last, aged 67 years.

Mrs. F. S. and Miss E. N. Bounhall spent Sunday at Mrs. Peter's, Sheldrick street.

Mrs. H. Warner has moved to her residence lately purchased from P. Morrison, opposite the fair grounds.

TILBURY

April 3.—John McKenzie, who was reported on Saturday to have been drowned in the Welland canal on Friday last, at Port Dalhousie, was a brother of Mrs. (Dr.) Ferguson, of Tilbury, formerly of Chatham.

The new assessment of the village, just concluded, shows the value of real and personal property to be \$245,000, an increase of about \$13,000 over last year. Of this amount \$25,000 is made up of the new business tax, as compared with \$13,000 of a personal tax last year, now abolished. The population has increased from 1,120 to 1,140.

The church services yesterday were well attended. Mr. I. H. and wife gave a duet last evening in the Presbyterian Church.

THE TALBOT REGIME.

Judge Ermatinger's long promised "Talbot Regime" or History of the First Half Century of the Talbot Settlement, is received—a handsome, well-illustrated, tastefully bound and illustrated book of over 400 pages. The illustrations include portraits of Colonel Talbot and Governor Simcoe and a number of Talbot's early friends among the provincial governors, exterior and interior views of Metisville, Ontario, the Colonel's birthplace, with views and portraits of local scenes and prominent persons in the settlement in early days. The book contains 37 chapters, giving in consecutive order the early life and interesting career of Colonel Talbot and the progress of the settlement, with full accounts of the war of 1812 and rebellion of 37 and the political causes leading thereto, a chapter of rare anecdotes of the eccentric Colonel, with much other interesting and instructive matter. Valuable historical appendices containing many interesting and hitherto unpublished letters and documents are included in the volume, which should make an excellent Christmas gift book. Two editions in cloth, one at \$2.50 and another at \$2.00 in thinner paper—as well as a colored paper cover edition at \$1.50, give variety of style, size and price. (The Municipal World, Limited, St. Thomas, Ont., Publishers.)

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