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THE PROBABILITY.

S. N. W. Special.

Toronto, May 30, 10 a. m.—To-day and on Thursday moderate to fresh southerly, shifting to westerly winds; mostly fair and warm, but some local showers and thunderstorms.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Mrs. James Fletcher and child, of Toronto, are visiting relatives and friends in the city.

J. B. Rankin, Q. C., will go to Bothwell tomorrow to the Huniston surrogate court case.

The Shamrocks beats the Bobs on the Victoria Park. Score 9-3. Batteries—Calmeyn and Head; Sumner and Gray.

Mrs. J. O. De Slips and daughter Mildred, of Rochester, N. Y., are the guests of Mr. Wm. McRener, Wellington street.

This is the gas range season. Going to have a range in your house this summer?

Men's Faultless negligee shirts, two new lines, with two collars, fast colors, sizes 14 to 18-2, \$1.00 each, at The 23's.

Wm. Gray & Sons have turned out a splendid wagon for G. S. Heyward. It looks very bright in its new coat of paint.

The Victoria Ave. Epworth League will meet on Thursday instead of Friday, this week, owing to the Henry concert on Friday evening.

The Gospel meetings in connection with French's and Charteris' Sunday school, will be held in the beautiful grove west of the school house, 2nd conch, Chatham township, morning service in the school house, and afternoon service in the grove. Those who attend from a distance had better bring a lunch.

All ladies calling on Mlle. L. Mattila, palmist, parlors 6, at the Rankin until 10:30 p. m., to-night, may have their hands read at half the usual rate. You will be well pleased.

A well attended meeting of citizens was held at the Rankin house last evening, and the unanimous opinion was that Chatham should have a great celebration on July 1st. It was decided to hold a mass meeting in the old town hall on Friday evening, when committees will be struck, and the celebration got in working shape.

WHY HE WAS ARRESTED.
The only reason for attaching any suspicion to John Shreeves for last night's fire is because he said he put his light out and went to bed about 11 o'clock. His room is right opposite where the fire occurred and the employees at the mills say they saw a light there after midnight. It is further said that though so close Shreeves did not put in an appearance at the conflagration until it was nearly over. The P. M. did not think the case very weighty and released Shreeves on his own bail. His brother paid his fine for carrying a concealed weapon.

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FROM THE FRONT.

Private Burrell Writes Some Interesting Letters From Bloemfontein.

He is Making a Collection of Relics—Krugers' Coins Come High—St. K. News Very Prevalent.

J. Richmond has received a couple of very interesting letters from Private Burrell in South Africa. Delbert Richmond has also received one. The Planet has been given permission to publish them through the courtesy of the recipients. To J. Richmond Pte. Burrell writes on:

April 18.—I received your kind and welcome letter yesterday and was very glad to hear from you and Delbert. You say you keep well posted in war news. No doubt you people in Canada know more about the doings of the present war than we do in Africa. All we know is what we do ourselves. I don't suppose there is one man in our whole brigade knows what Gen. Buller's forces are doing. Yet I have no doubt that the Canadian papers give all the moves and tell just where they are. But I know every move Lord Roberts makes, for we have to go with him. He is in command of our column and is also commander-in-chief of the whole army. We expect a move in the future on Pretoria, but I hope it won't come yet for awhile, for nearly all our regiment are sick. Four Canadians were buried to-day. All died from fever. The death rate is about 20 per day, and I consider that pretty high, in about 6,000 troops in Bloemfontein. I have no doubt the deaths from disease will soon number nearly as many as the killed in all the fights of the war. Our regiment came out here with 1,025 men, and now we can only show a parade statement of about 500. A great number have died and the rest are sick at present. The wounded at Paardeberg were 96 and the killed 37, so that is bringing our regiment down low. I received the papers you sent me, and thank you. Please write again.

GATHERING RELICS.

April 20.—Just a few lines more. I wrote you a letter last week stating that I would send you some kind of relic from South Africa. Well, the best I can do is to send you six penny pieces which I got yesterday in town. They are very hard to get. I have one Kruger penny which cost me £1 15s.; one Kruger threepence, cost five shillings; one sixpence, cost three shillings. The penny costs the most of any Kruger money. I suppose there is nobody in Canada who would pay \$5.00 for one penny, but that is what one cost me yesterday. One penny, one three-penny piece, and one six-penny piece cost me the sum of £23s., which is \$18.75 in Africa money. I think before long I will have one of the best collections that can be got, but it will cost a lot to get them, as they set is sold for £7, while it is only worth £2. 10s.

DELBERT'S LETTER.

April 18.—Just a few lines in answer to your kind and welcome letter received yesterday, and also the papers.—The Planet, which you sent me. When I started to read them I imagined I was again at home reading the "District Doings" and other things. You say that you saw in the papers that we Canadians were in the hottest of fights. Well, we have been in one of the hardest fights of the war, the battle of Paardeberg on Feb. 18. The British suffered a loss of 1,100 killed and wounded. The fight lasted from 7.30 a. m. until 8 p. m. You can see that I thought my finish had come that day but I pulled through all right and I only hope that I will do the same in the next battle. I think the next one will be the fall of Pretoria, and then that will be the end of the war. In my next letter I will send you some more relics if I can get it in time. I forgot to tell your father that I will send him a relic.

You also spoke of the trip. I liked it very much, but was sick on the way across the ocean. As soon as I reached land I got better again. I like this country very well, but now we are having winter, it is very cold at night and very warm during the day. I hear that next month the weather will be cold enough that ice can be found on pond and water. I had the bad luck to lose my pocket book with £16 in gold and some good relics, which I would not have taken \$10 for.

DRESDEN

Chas. Aitkin is visiting in Court-right. Mrs. Galtbraith entertained a few friends last evening. Mrs. James Taylor will receive her friends on the afternoons and evenings of Thursday and Friday, May 31st and June 1st.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Wm. Palmer took place this afternoon. The pall-bearers were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Palmer and the funeral services were conducted with Salvation Army honors. The S. O. E. and the A. O. F. attended in a body, Mr. Palmer being a member of both orders.

Mrs. T. N. Goodwin has returned to Chatham, from Toledo, and will remain a couple of months.

SUMMER GOODS

Hammocks

All Prices.

Fans

Palm Leaf Fans, 2 for 5c. Pretty Decorated Fans, 15c and 25c. See window.

Flags and Chinese Lanterns

For Decoration.

Summer Reading

Immense line of paper novels for summer reading at 10 cents.

Dingman's
King St. Chatham

QUIT LAING'S NEK.

The Boers are Wholly Retiring From Natal.

London, May 30.—It is officially announced that the Boers are leaving Natal. Gen. Hildyard has occupied Utrecht in the southern portion of the Transvaal. Gen. Buller will occupy Laing's Nek to-morrow.

A Pretoria dispatch of Tuesday says: "News from Johannesburg last night describes the town as intensely excited on reports that the British were approaching; but says the excitement subsided in the evening owing to rumors that the British had been driven back. There are large numbers of burghers at Johannesburg, but remarkable order prevails there."

As Roberts has always fulfilled his predictions, it is taken for granted that the British marched into Johannesburg at noon. Reports are current that telegrams have already been received announcing the fact, and the serious part of the campaign from the over. Any prolonged defense of Pretoria is considered highly improbable, and many military men anticipate that Gen. French will capture the Transvaal capital within a day or two by a sudden move.

AFTER KRUGER.
Public interest largely centers in President Kruger, his capture or escape. The occupation of Pretoria has largely robbed it of its value in the estimation of the British if "Oom Paul" were still at large and able to keep alive the dying embers of war.

The report that the British were driven back at Johannesburg evidently refers to the prolonged fighting of Gen. French west of Johannesburg. But apparently the British were not seriously checked, as Roberts does not mention it.

A dispatch from Mafeking, dated Friday, May 25, reports that Gen. Snyman, the Boer commander, has left his force and arrived at his farm with a shrapnel bullet in his foot.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.

Bloemfontein, May 28 (Delayed).—Amid salutes and cheers and the singing of "God Save the Queen," the military governor, Maj. Gen. George Pretorius, at noon formally proclaimed the annexation of the Orange River Colony. The ceremony was imposing and the scene in the market square inspiring. An immense concourse had gathered and the town was gay with bunting.

IMPROVEMENTS AT THE EAU.

W. H. Carswell, contractor, has arrived from the Eau after spending six weeks building an addition to the Bungalow. The addition is 30 x 115 with 98 feet side verandah facing the pavilion. There will also be a dancing hall 50 x 60, enclosed, and a beautiful circle tower, and balcony, facing the lake. The above addition, referred to, has 43 rooms, which gives Mr. Hall, the genial proprietor of the Bungalow, three times as much accommodation for his numerous patrons as he had last year.

Money to Lend on Mortgages.—Farmers and others wanting money on mortgages at best rates and save expense and time, and secure other advantages, should apply personally to The Chatham Loan and Savings Company.

Mr. Carswell starts next week to move the L. E. & D. R. freight sheds from King street to Colborne street. He began work last week on the main-march Essex county house of refuge.

The county court and general sessions of the peace open June 12th. The civil docket is light but the criminal docket is somewhat heavy.

Dressing Well

is an art, and the man who has his garments made to measure by us has found the key to that art. It doesn't require any arguing to show you that you can get a better fit and more style in a suit or an overcoat when they are purchased from us.

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There's a charm in wide selection. of it over fifty patterns in these coverings for the floor to select prices from 12½c to 50c per yd. year the number who invest in them are delighted with the results is increasing. This year the makers have surpassed previous efforts in variety of color, designs. We are always pleased to goods and quote prices.



Wash Goods Special

A jobber with a nice line of goods, but badly in need of money came to relief, as a result we place on sale Wednesday morning—1 case Colored Muslin and Dimities, regular 20c, for 12½c per yd., every piece this season's goods, early for selections.

A Quilt Bargain

From the same source we bought 1 case Large White Spreads, regular \$3.00, some have been soiled slightly, but will wash easily, your choice of all the lot for 85c.

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A Speech From The Throne

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MEN'S HIGH-CLASS WORSTED PANTS, in neat gray hair stripes, handsomely tailored, equal to the best custom work at \$6, our price \$3.50

MEN'S NOBBY PATTERN TWEED PANTS, the new things in over-plaid, well tailored, pretty colors, brown and fawn effects, nobby, at \$2.50

MEN'S SPECIAL WORSTED PANTS, a very special pant, in gentel hair stripes, solid goods, cleared out at a big line, worth \$4, regular beauties, we run them all sizes at \$3.00

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EXTRA SPECIAL PATTERN TWEED PANTS, the nobbiest pant in the market for the price, pretty overplaid, nice shadings, brown mix, very nobby effect and a good wearer, all sizes at \$1.50

MEN'S SPECIAL HAIR STRIPE WORSTED PANTS, neat hair stripes, pretty shading gray, nicely cut, all sizes, value at \$2.75

MEN'S TWEED WEARING PANTS, made from plain gray Halifax tweed, best wearers made, full range sizes, special at \$1.00

BOYS' HONEST WEARING TWEED AND SERGE PANTS, in plain serges and neat pattern tweeds, sizes 22 to 33, prices run 75c and 50c

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