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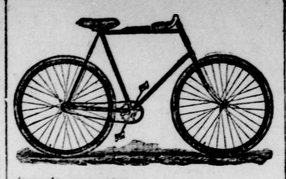

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FINE WEATHER.

Toronto, April 26—11 p.m.—A high area covers the western part of the lake region, and an important low is moving quickly eastward across the Northwest Territories. The weather today has been showery in Eastern Ontario, and the Maritime Provinces; elsewhere fair.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Esquimalt, 44-54; Calgary, 40-72; Battleford, 40-82; Qu'Appelle, 32-82; Winnipeg, 26-52; Port Arthur, 32-52; Toronto, 36-54; Ottawa, 34-54; Montreal, 42-56; Quebec, 40-54; Halifax, 42-58.

PROBABILITIES.

Toronto, April 27—1 a.m.—Probabilities for 24 hours for lower lake region: Fine; a little higher temperature; strong south and west winds, and warmer on Wednesday.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory yesterday were 55 above and 38.5 above.

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Canada's Appeal to Britain

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O, woe! that I should live to see
Thy garments soiled with moth and rust,
Thy glory trailing in the dust!

I thought thee great, I deemed thee good;
O, fool! With Europe's grasping brood
Thou watchest (standing idly by)
The unequal strife for liberty.

One thought of thine, one word from thee,
And Turkey would have bowed the knee;
Have bent before the power unseen,
Have bow'd the knee to Britain's Queen.

When Abdul, the accursed, came
And swept the land with sword and flame,
Armenia looked for her release
To all—in vain; but little Greece,

Whose warrior blood, from ages past,
Rushed down in torrents, hot and fast,
As dwelt her wak'ning soul upon
Miltiades and Marathon;

And bounds her pulse at thought of thee,
Thou glory-dyed Thermopylae,
Whose crimson mem'ries yet bespeak
Unfading lustre for the Greek.

She saw again the narrow pass,
Where fell her brave Leonidas;
And in her old-time strength arose
With fiery force to meet her foes.

She heard the Cretans' cry for aid;
She faced the powers undismayed;
Her war-cry rang from shore to shore,
"And Greece was living Greece" once more.

Alone, opposed on every hand;
Alone she made her glorious stand;
Alone to stem the devil's work;
Alone to face the insatiate Turk.

Alone! Alone! O, shame to those
Who swell the number of her foes!
Well, Britain! might'st thou blush to see
The climax to thy infamy;

When men in power, with orders fell,
Turned upon Crete their shot and shell,
Howe'er unwillingly, through thee
They hurled their darts 'gainst liberty.

With drooping head I lowly stand
In shame for thee, the "Motherland."
Break forth thy force by land and sea,
Break from thy trammels and be free!

Rise, freemen, rise! and early doom
The bloody Abdul to the tomb;
Though all the powers cry for peace,
To arms! to arms! for little Greece!

Ye men who love her classic lore,
In every land, on every shore,
Raise, raise your banners! let them fly!
And shout for Greece and chivalry.

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There are many colored justices in the south, and the airs they put on are something amusing.

A negro had been convicted of stealing chickens, and sentence was about to be passed upon him. The old justice put on his glasses, and taking great pains to look over the top of them in an impressive manner, said: "I find de pris'ner guilty, and I heahby sentence him to hard work in de jail fo' one yeah and nineteen months."

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28.

BREAKFAST—Wheatena, cream and sugar. Veal collops. Fried potatoes. Quick coffeecake. Coffee.

LUNCHEON — Chicken omelet. Radishes. Steamed brown bread. Stewed rhubarb. White gingercakes. Tea.

DINNER—Vegetable soup. Whitefish a la creme. Baked potatoes. Spinach with egg. Mixed salad. Dainty dessert. Coffee.

Cut these recipes out and past them in a scrapbook.

Veal Collops—Cut one pound lean veal into pieces the size of an oyster; season with quarter-teaspoonful pepper, half teaspoonful salt and a little mace; dip in egg, then into cracker crumbs and fry in hot fat; they both look and taste like oysters.

Quick Coffeecake—A delicious coffeecake is made by creaming one-fourth of a cup of butter with a cup of sugar; add one beaten egg, one-half cup of milk, a saltspoon of salt and one and a half cups of flour sifted with one good teaspoonful of baking powder; bake in a flat tin, pouring the batter less than an inch thick; dot with bits of butter the size of a pea about an inch apart and sprinkle plentifully with sugar and cinnamon.

Chicken Omelet—Warm one cupful of cold chicken (one-half veal is just as good), minced fine, in a teacup of milk, a tablespoonful of butter, a quarter-teaspoonful salt and saltspoonful of pepper; thicken with a large tablespoonful of flour; make a plain omelet, then add this mixture just before turning it over.

White Gingercakes—One cup of butter, two cups of sugar, one cup of sour milk, three eggs, one-half teaspoonful of soda dissolved in a tablespoonful of warm water, one tablespoonful of ginger, one teaspoonful of cinnamon, the grated rind and juice of an orange, and five cups of sifted flour, or enough to roll out soft. Cut rather thick like biscuit, bake in a quick oven and sprinkle with sugar while hot.

Whitefish a la creme—Rub the fish well with salt and put it into a kettle with just sufficient warm water to cover it; as soon as it boils, set it where it will simmer for an hour; then drain it and remove the large bones. Put one ounce of flour into a saucepan, to which add by degrees a quart of milk, mix very smooth, add one large onion sliced, a bunch of parsley, a little nutmeg, one teaspoonful salt, one-quarter teaspoonful pepper; place all over the fire and stir constantly till it becomes quite thick, then add a quarter of a pound of butter, pass through a sieve, pour the hot sauce over the fish, set in the oven and let it brown. The white of an egg well beaten and spread over it will make it brown better. To prevent the china dish from breaking or discoloring place it in a pan of hot water before setting in the oven. Once tasted, never forgotten.

Dainty Dessert—One quart of milk, the whites of four eggs beaten to a stiff froth, one heaping cupful of sifted flour, one scant cupful of powdered sugar, add a little grated lemon peel and a saltspoonful salt, beat till very light, bake in gem pans, sift powdered sugar over them, and serve with lemon sauce.

FAGGED OUT.—None but those who have become fagged out know what a depressed, miserable feeling it is. All strength is gone, and despondency has taken hold of the sufferers. They feel as though there was nothing to live for. There, however, is a cure—one box of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills will do wonders in restoring health and strength. Mandrake and Dandelion are two of the articles entering into the composition of Parmelee's Pills.

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A Local Budget

—Varying—The fortunes of men and war.

—On the way—Picnics and excursions.

—Country cousins will soon come in handy.

—Hon. David Mills returned to his senatorial duties at Ottawa yesterday afternoon.

—Mr. John Labatt has rented a cottage at Fraser Heights, Port Stanley, for the season.

—Bill heads and statements printed neatly and on shortest notice at The Advertiser Job Department.

—Mrs. Edward Pegler, who has been in the London Hospital, returned home to Port Stanley Saturday afternoon.

—If Mrs. McDonald, who advertised a lost pair of gold spectacles, calls at this office she may have the address of the party who found them.

—Mr. Fred H. Barron, son of Mr. J. H. Barron, city, is pitcher and catcher for 'Varsity Baseball Club, Toronto. He is also general secretary for the college Y. M. C. A.

—D. Spry, postoffice inspector, London, is visiting his son, D. W. B. Spry, of the Banner. His many friends in Chatham and district will be pleased to learn of his recovery from his recent illness.—[Chatham Banner.

—The transference of the headquarters of the A. O. U. W. from St. Thomas to Toronto will be effected next Monday, when Mr. M. D. Carder, grand recorder, and his staff, Messrs. Patton and Hellyer, and Misses Shaver and Thompson will leave for Toronto.

—Chatham Planet: "W. L. Cameron, late proprietor of the Royal Exchange, here, expects to remove his family to London next week. He is making that city the headquarters of a large cigar trade which he has worked up, now having two travelers on the road."

—The Lulu Beatrice cleared from Port Stanley Saturday afternoon with a carload of apples and balance of cargo of turnips for Mr. Pellerson, of Cleveland. She will load coal for Mr. George Brown, of Port Burwell. The schooner Groton, which has been laid up all winter, is being fitted out, and expects to be in the coal trade between Port Stanley and Cleveland.

—A local contemporary says that "a startling order was received over the wires yesterday morning at the London customs house to continue working under the old tariff." The statement is absurd, as no such order was received. The customs regulations are the same now as during any other budget debate, the new schedule going into effect on Thursday last and remaining so.

—Antonio Mascara and Miss Katy Icardamaglia, two popular members of the Italian colony, were wedded at St. Peter's yesterday morning by Rev. Father Tiernan. Tony Cortese was the best man and Miss Rosa Carivelli the bridesmaid. The bride and bridesmaid looked very sweet in white muslin. After the wedding a repast was served at the home of the bride's parents, 81 Fullarton street, and this was followed by a dance.

—Rev. George Gilmore delighted a large audience at Chalmers Presbyterian Church last night by his lecture on "Legendary Ireland," which was an historical and literary treat. It was supplemented by a pleasant programme, comprising vocal solos by Mr. Collins and Mr. Wilkins; a violin solo by Mr. Winslade, and an Irish reading by Mrs. Gauld. Rev. Walter Moffatt, the pastor, presided. The room was nicely decorated with plants loaned by Mrs. Alex. Craig.

—The funeral of Wm. H. Lethbridge, who was killed last Thursday, took place on Monday afternoon, to the Lake Road Cemetery, Port Stanley, the family burying ground. Taking into consideration the weather and condition of the roads, it was one of the largest funerals ever held in Southwold. Over 100 rigs followed the remains to their last resting-place. Friends from London, Glencoe, Bismarck, Dutton, Aylmer and Sparta were noticed. The pall-bearers were: John Steele, Robert Jones, Edward Hunter, Charles Glascow, Frank Else and Neil McLean.

—Our attention has been called by the plaintiff's solicitor, Mr. G. N. Weekes, to several statements in the article published in these columns a few days ago relating to the suit of Miss Carrothers against John J. Harding, particularly the statement that the plaintiff kept company with the defendant previously to his divorce from his wife. We are informed that no communication was had between the parties, either previously to the American divorce or for several years after. Miss Carrothers, whom we believe to be a most respectable young lady, is certainly right in resenting the implied reflection on her discretion, which, indeed, it was never the intention of the article to make.

A GOOD MAN GONE.

Rev. John Jacobs, the Missionary to the Indians on Walpole Island.

Rev. John Jacobs died at his residence on Vidal street, Sarnia, on Monday morning, at the age of 52 years. Mr. Jacobs was born at Cape Crocker, in the Hudson Bay district, removing with his father to Ontario when quite young. His father was a clergyman of the Methodist Church, and the son chose the same calling, but decided to enter the Episcopal Church. He was educated at Huron College, London, Ont., and was ordained by Bishop Cronyn on July 18, 1869. He was first appointed missionary to the Sarnia and Kettle Point Indians, building a brick church on the former reservation, and a frame one on the latter. He worked most faithfully and successfully amongst these charges for nearly seventeen years, when, upon the death of the Rev. Mr. Jamieson, he was appointed missionary to Walpole Island in 1886. There he has carried on a highly successful work, and was greatly beloved by all his people. He collected nearly $1,500, with which a handsome parish church was erected about three years ago, and he was contemplating the erection of another church on the island, but his health began to fail him about a year ago, and he was obliged to give up active work in December last, since which time he has been confined almost entirely to the house. Mr. Jacobs translated and published a Church of England hymnal in the Ojibway language, which is used extensively throughout Ontario, Minnesota and the Northwest. He was beloved and respected by all who knew him, and his demise will be a severe loss to all, and especially to the Walpole Island mission. He leaves a widow and two children, a son and a daughter, to mourn his loss.

NO DELEGATES.

Medical Association Will Not Send Representatives at This Late Date to the Jubilee Committee.

The Medical Association met last night and decided not to appoint delegates to the central jubilee committee. A strong protest was made by Dr. J. D. Wilson, but the other doctors held that nothing would be gained by a representative at this stage, as the plans were already decided upon. The motion was, "That in view of the misunderstanding with regard to the request of the medical men to a representation on the jubilee committee, we do not deem it necessary at this stage to appoint delegates, but would have no objection to acting upon sub-committees."

Another motion, which was passed unanimously, showed that the medical men individually would do all they could to assist any scheme for increased hospital facilities. Though as an association they did not care to adopt the plans already formulated, they resolved to individually work for their consummation.

Dr. J. B. Campbell presided, and Dr. English was the secretary. Others present were Drs. Waugh, Ferguson, Macarthur, Hodge, Eccles, J. D. Wilson, H. A. Stevenson, Gardiner, Flock and Meek.

SENTENCE SUSPENDED.

James Nixon, of Westminister, Found Guilty of Stealing John Wilkins' Coat.

James Nixon, of the Base line, of Westminster, was up again before Magistrate Parke this morning on the charge of stealing John Wilkins' coat from the Hodgins House on Saturday. On the advice of his counsel, he pleaded guilty. Mr. Love, in addressing the magistrate, laid stress upon the previous good character of his client. Mr. Cawrse appeared, and said Nixon had been in his employ for four years, and that at present the man's wife was very ill. The magistrate cautioned Nixon, and in doing so said that to punish him was to punish his family more. Mr. Magee prosecuted, but was willing to allow Nixon to go on suspended sentence, as he is a man with a wife and five children. Had he been sober he likely would not have done it. The magistrate suspended sentence, and bound Nixon in $100 to appear when called upon.

Robinson Moore, one of the two peddlers, who are charged with assaulting Mrs. B. Cohen, of Grey street, a few days ago, was represented by Mr. Jas. Ferguson, who asked for adjournment until Thursday next. Mrs. Hatherly has laid a charge of trespass against the two peddlers, and this, too, will be heard on Thursday morning.

Mike McCoyle, of Dorchester, a drunk, was discharged.

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All Silk Plaids, worth 50c, at 39c.
Fancy Broche Shot Surahs, 50c.
Stripe, Broche Shot Taffetas $1 10
Striped Taffeta Silks, 23 inch, 50c.
French Broche Silks, all colors, 75c.
Check Taffeta Silk, 12 colors, 70c.
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Children's All Sizes, All-Wool Ribbed Hose, 12½c, 14c, 15c, 16c, 18c and 20c.
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British Trade.

Flow of Commerce for the Past Two Years.

A General Increase All Round, But a Decrease in Britain's Imports from the Colonies Excepting Canada—Interesting Figures Relative to Business With Many Countries.

The Board of Trade Journal, just issued, makes the following comparison of the foreign trade of the United Kingdom of the years 1895 and 1896.

As regards the value of merchandise imported from and exported to each foreign country and British possession during the year ending Dec. 31, 1896, it appears that, taking first the import trade with European countries, the greatest increase is found to have been with France, the imports of which, valued at £47,470,583 in 1895, rose to £49,973,850 in 1896, an increase of £2,503,267. Belgium comes next with £17,545,169 in 1895, and £19,225,420 in 1896, an increase of £1,710,251. There is a notable decline in the value of imports from Russia. All other European countries show increases, with the exception of European Turkey, Greece and Bulgaria.

The import trade of the United Kingdom with the African continent has, on the whole, declined, notably with regard to the West Coast, Cape Colony and Madagascar.

With regard to imports from Asiatic countries in 1896, as compared with 1895, the trade with British India has declined in value £1,250,558, and with China (exclusive of Hong Kong) there is a decrease of £260,961.

There is a decrease in the value of the imports from Australasia for 1896 of £3,926,300, as compared with 1895. On the other hand, the imports from the Dominion of Canada, valued at £12,798,469 in 1895, rose to £16,138,758 in 1896, an increase of £3,340,289.

The imports into the United Kingdom from the United States during 1896 amounted in value to £196,375,398, as against £86,548,860 in 1895, an increase of £19,827,538, and increases are shown in the value of the imports from most of the other American countries.

The exports of the United Kingdom, taken by countries, are: Exports to Germany in 1896, £22,177,896, as compared with £20,580,866 in 1895, an increase of £1,597,030; the export trade with France improved £387,762 during the same period, and increases are shown in all other European countries with the exception of Spain, Italy, Austria and Turkey.

In Africa, exports to the Cape of Good Hope have improved £1,637,789, and to Natal, £1,527,153, and the export trade with British possessions on the West Coast has, on the whole, increased. The trade to Egypt was slightly better than in 1895, and the Portuguese possessions have improved £288,960.

In Asia, the exports to British India show an increase of £5,369,893; to China (exclusive of Hong Kong), an increase of £1,479,899, and to Japan an increase of £1,376,604. But the exports to Hong Kong show a slight diminution, and the trade with Persia and Siam has also decreased.

The value of the exports to the United States has declined £7,512,327 during the past year, as compared with 1895, and the exports to Mexico, Central America (except Costa Rico), Venezuela, Chili and Brazil, have also decreased in value, but the exports to Canada, British West Indies, British Guina, Ecuador, Peru and Uruguay, have somewhat risen in value, and to the Argentine Republic the increase amounts to £1,228,554. Exports to Australasia have improved to the extent of £4,365,439.

It may be noted here that while the exports from the United Kingdom to British possessions were valued at £83,954,874 in 1896, as against £70,001,524 in 1895, or an increase of £13,953,350, the imports from British possessions amounted in 1896 to £93,323,263, as compared with £95,530,210 in 1895, a decrease of £2,206,947.

PERFECTLY NATURAL.

"Mr. Gibbons," said the teacher of the class in rhetoric, "point out the absurdity in this figure of speech: 'At this time the Emperor Frederick hatched out a scheme,' etc."

"It seems to me all right," replied the young man, after some reflection.

"It does? Explain, if you please, how he could have hatched out a scheme.'"

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