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SONG OF THE ENGINE.

My iron wheels are lightning speed,
And o'er the line I dash;
Nor rain nor blinding hail I heed,
Nor tempest's angry flash.

Through verdant vale and dewey dell,
O'er mountain, gorge or stream,
The music of my clanging bell
Wakes bird-life from its dream.

I hear the wild canary's note,
The grass bird's low, sweet song;
And from the full-plumed redbreast's throat
A lay so deep and strong.

I see the sturdy growth of pine,
The bracken's feathery bed;
The clinging ivy-arms that twine
Around a heart that's dead.

I see afar the ocean crest,
And note its silvery seen,
I view the snow-capped mountain's drest
In robe of emerald green.

I cross a bridge of wide expanse,
O'er rushing, roaring river,
Whose rapids foam in one wild dance
Whose song goes on forever.

And through the darkest dead of night
My breath soars to the sky,
Where there is but the angel light
Of one all-seeing eye.

God speed me onward! May my fate
Be this strong, safe sure breath,
And to my living, human freight
A song of life, not death.

—Nora Laugher.

There is a mystery hanging over Grand Lodge and the entire fraternity of the B. of L.F. It seems that Second Vice-Grand Master Wilson is making presents to his friends, and those who receive the gifts will not tell the nature of them. It is rumored that Brother Wilson has something up his sleeve, but again others say his sleeves are too small. It is a souvenir of the Toronto Convention, but it is not a spoon nor a button, and those who don't know what it is are eager to find out.

The happy crowd who were favored will give no information, merely going off into hysterical chuckles, when one subject is broached; but again they say the subject cannot be broached. However, the present is certainly useful.

The benevolent face of "Dr. Potts" of Belleville, a prominent and whole-souled engineer, weighing 230 pounds in his overalls, was observed at the ball.

Those who know this railway man, actor, mimic and general good fellow will be surprised (or may not be) to hear that the Doctor is going to start out with a circus, having all the places booked and positions filled.

It is said that a lone policeman who gazed at Brothers Kennedy and Smith of Belleville the night of the ball whistled, "Lost in a Great City," immediately after.

Brother Daly has, ever since the hop, where he never missed a dance, been cooling off a hot driving box with lemonade and chopped ice.

John Ladner, who all alone traveled away from Kamloops, B.C., is struck with the grace and beauty, as well as the plenitude, of Toronto ladies. He would like to send a carload away, and is goig to wait on the City Council for that purpose.

The only kick that Bro. W. R. King of St. John, N. B., has is that he can't get herring for breakfast.

Brother More is entirely taken with Toronto. He was seen gazing pensively at the Parliament Buildings yesterday, and those who know say he is seriously contemplating some step.

It is said that Bro. Rue of Jersey City Lodge took a lonely walk the other night and came back in very poor spirits.

Charley Cook, chairman of J. P. B., B. of L. F., is the delegate from Ashtabula, where more iron ore is handled, he says, than beer in Milwaukee. Charley stood his six hours' duty yesterday without a murmur.

D. B. Gordon of 183, Ohio, is an old-timer, good-hearted and in dead earnest.

"Bullhead" Tom Roberts, who will not speak unless addressed that way, is a wag from Newark, Ohio. He has been observed busily taking notes of late. Tom runs on "971," and since he left the engine has been stopped, as no one can get along with her except Tom. Some say a Spanish bomb has been placed in her, and the Master Mechanic of Newark, Billy Harrison, jr., is sending telegrams and messenger boys by cable enquiring as to his return. He is noted for his dry humor, but of late years he said to keep a vigilant eye on the soft plug.

Another gentleman from Newark, who is perhaps here to take care of Tom, is A. C. Wagner. He was breaking on the G. T. R. for seven and a half years, but since '98 has been running.

Mike Cusack tantalized the ladies with that peculiar smile of his, as they came in. They thought he was a fireman, but when they discovered he really belonged to the train service they changed the color on him.

A great many of the fair visitors last night made a ludicrous mistake. They thought that Brother Crewe who was on the lower door was a man that runs a hotel out on the Kingston-road.

Bobby Claverton and George Paby attended the reception last night and their immediate neighborhood was so bright that the janitor hastened away to lower the lights in the hall.

Dick Crewe giggled very loudly last night when the Irish story with the "boog" in was told.

The ladies thought William Curtis, with his pleasant ways, was a driver on the G.T.R., as Billy has the build of most engineers on that road.

It is said of Dick Crewe that e has to "fire a hog" on the tender.

Another Brother Gone.

Last evening, while the members were enjoying themselves at the Auditorium, Bro. E. M. Sawyer of Winnipeg Man., of the Grand Executive Board, received a wire announcing the death of Bro. D. E. Crawford of Brandon, Man., who left his city some three weeks ago to attend the convention. He stopped off at Megantic, Que., having taken ill and died in the Quebec Hospital on Tuesday morning. Deceased was chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, a thoroughly hard worker and one of the most prominent members of the order, being a delegate of Wheat City Lodge, No. 464. His writings on the history and statistics of the order have been quoted in many Eastern papers, and his death will be an irreparable loss to the Brotherhood. This is the second sad intelligence that has cast a gloom over the convention, the first being the news of the death of Bro. McKenna of Montreal, who also died en route.

Deceased was a delegate two years ago to Galveston, Texas, where he was chairman of the Magazine Committee. He was also a prominent member of the Oddfellows.

"Devil's Auction."

Yesterday afternoon the ladies and visitors were entertained to a hearing of the "Devil's Auction" at the Toronto. The ground floor was entirely taken up with the fair ladies and their escorts, and the red badge was everywhere. In the boxes were the wives of officers of Grand Lodge and all enjoyed the show.

The plot of the play really hinges on who shall obtain possession of a golden branch. The branch is auctioned off and Count Fortuno, created by Mephisto's art to represent a mortal, bids away up, but Carlos, a poor shepherd, gets a hold of a bag of gold and secures the prize, whereat Count Fortuno curses loud and deep and goes away to have a talk with the devil about it. However, Carlos, having the dough, secures Madeline, whom Fortuno is also after. Toby, a donkey, attempts to make love to Janet, a milkmaid, and, as she will not entertain his suit as a donkey, when he is re-transformed into a man pretends to jilt Janet. The golden branch is all-powerful and the party taking refuge in an old

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People's Coal Co. were delivering the annual supply of coal to the Customs House yesterday.

A Mecca of Fashion for Men.

To-day and to-morrow Dineens' will remain the Mecca of fashion for men who are interested in what is newest in fall hats, silk hats, derbys, square crowns and soft felt hats in the latest designs from the world's greatest originators of hat styles, have been arriving at Dineens' almost daily during the past week, for the opening days of Dineens' xxxth annual hat season, and not more than two, or at most three, of the dozen new styles at Dineens' to-day, are shown anywhere else. The new Dunlap and Heath hats are especially fetching, and pronounced by correct critics the dressiest hats of the season. To-morrow night Dineens', 140 Yonge-street, corner Temperance, remains open until 10 o'clock.

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A $10,000 CORRUPTION FUND

Alleged to Have Been Collected to Buy the Election of Hon. William Harty at Kingston—The Money Said to Have Been Raised by Hon. A. S. Hardy, John Morison Gibson, Richard Harcourt, George W. Ross, John Dryden, the Respondent, and Others.

Yesterday afternoon Bristol, Cawthra & Barker, solicitors for W. A. Monck in his case against Hon. William Harty, Minister of Public Works, filed particulars of corrupt practices. In these particulars it is alleged that a central fund of about $10,000 was raised in Toronto for the purpose of bribing and corrupting the constituents of the electoral district of Kingston. This fund, it is alleged, was raised by the Hon. A. S. Hardy, Premier of Ontario, John Morrison Gibson, Richard Harcourt, George W. Ross, John Dryden, the respondent and others.

This fund was taken to Kingston about Feb. 25, by Cornelius Birmingham of Pittsburg, Penn., a brother-in-law of Hon. Wm. Harty. This money, it is alleged, was paid to a number of people residing in Kingston, and others, and was used corruptly in inducing the citizens of Kingston to vote for Hon. Wm. Harty.

The names of those who are alleged in the petition to have received this money for the purpose of bribing and corrupting the constituents are: Henry Mooers, Henry Mooers, jr., George Milligan, George Cliff, William J. Fair, John McKelcey, William Newlands, William Clubston, Thomas Clugston, Jonothan Purdy, Hosea Ferris, John Saunders, S. S. Montgomery, Michael Fallon, Herbert Asselstine, Alfred Martin, Wm. J. Livingstone, Christopher Robinson, Jas. McFarrell, Alex. Bearance, Alex. Newlands, William J. Morgan and others, all of the city of Kingston. There are also in the petition the name of Mr. J. Harty, son of Hon. William Harty, the respondent, and many others not of Kingston.

A few extracts from the particulars filed yesterday will go to show how it is alleged the money was used:

Extract No. 4 says that one John B. Holden, a carpenter, acting as an agent of Harty, paid the sum of $4 to James Barry, a labo er, to vote at the election.

Extract No. 27 says that Harty induced Albert Watts to register his name as a voter, and afterwards endeavored to induce him to vote for him, giving him a promise of employment.

Extract No. 31 says that an agent of Harty asked David Leslie, an engineer, to take a ballot, which he showed him, marked for Harty, and return him the clean ballot. For this Leslie was to receive $3.

Extract 41 says that Thomas Pellon paid $40 to another agent to buy votes for Harty.

No. 42 reads that James McParland, William Van Tassel and Peter Devlin, on the evening of Feb. 28, met at the Dominion House, on Ontario-street, and treated a large number of the electors, with the intent to corruptly induce them to vote for Harty.

In extract No. 44 George C. Murray was offered a situation as trade instructor in one of the provincial asylums. This was to induce him and his relatives to vote for Harty.

The petition contains in all about 250 similar charges.

BRIDGEPORT MURDER MYSTERY.

A Parallel to the Guldensuppe Case in New York, for Which Martin Thorn Died.

The above is a picture of the woman murdered at Bridgeport, Conn., last Sunday night, and her body dismembered, the different parts having been found in the Yellow Mill Pond at Bridgeport on Monday. The photo was taken after death and improved by the photographer. The remains have been fitted together, and the body is complete. There has been no identification so far, and the local authorities think the woman came from a distance, and was a victim of malpractice. The description is:

Dark brown hair.
Greyish-blue eyes.
Height, 5 feet 3 or 4 inches.
Teeth regular.
Nose thin and aquiline.
Weight about 120 or 130 pounds.
One tooth is out on each side of the lower jaw, pretty well back.
Two front upper teeth are gold filled.
One of the back lower teeth on the left side is filled.
Age variously estimated from 23 to 27 years.
Head was found at 5 p.m. Monday. Woman is believed to have met death about 24 hours before.

WILL THEY BE RECONCILED?

Matters Between Japan and China Appear to Be Shaping Towards an Understanding.

Pekin, Sept. 15.—The Marquis Ito, the Japanese statesman, who is understood to be visiting China for the purpose of arranging an offensive and defensive alliance between China and Japan, arrived here to-day, and was received at the railroad station by notabilities specially ordered by the Emperor to welcome the distinguished visitor.

An edict has been published, extending the postal operations throughout the Empire, and replacing the present system of Government couriers.

The frequent edicts introducing reforms and cutting down expenditures prove that the Emperor's advisers are bent upon a policy which can only be the result of a complete change of opinion. Most of the Chinese and the old European residents look upon the change as being too sweeping and irritating to the official classes. But it is evident the Emperor has decided to abolish many abuses, and his efforts are welcomed by the enlightened Chinese, who, however, counsel moderation.

ANOTHER MYSTERY.

Body of a Man Found in the Bay at St. Williams, Ont., With Marks of Violence.

Simcoe, Ont., Sept. 15.—Word was received here to-night that the body of a man by the name of Smith of Normandale was found in the bay at St. William. It is said the face was partially covered with blood and that the neck bore marks of some kind. Dr. Hayes, coroner, has been notified of the finding of the body and an inquest will be held to-morrow.

Armeda Ceylon Tea has the Flavor.

Chicago Takes the Lead.

Chicago has a Woman's Athletic Club, a legally-incorporated organization, which has the distinction of being the only one of its kind in the world. Its incorporators are: Mrs. William B. Linn, Mrs. C. K. G. Billings, Mrs. P. D. Armour, sr., Mrs. William Hale Thompson and Mrs. William R. Lynn, who will be the club's manager.

The club will have a swimming tank and all athletic appliances.

The selling of alcoholic beverages and card playing will be strictly prohibited. It is the desire of the incorporators to conduct the organization on the highest possible social and moral plane. The membership will be limited to 500 women. The initiation fe is $100 and the dues have been placed at $40 a year. This entitles the members and their daughters to instruction in swimming, besides the privileges of the club.

THAT FLAG IS FRENCH

No Doubt That the Expedition Under Marchand is at Fashoda.

Correspondent of Daily Telegraph Sends Confirmation of the News Received Some Days Ago — Will There Be Further Trouble in Africa?

London, Sept. 15.—The Daily Telegraph's special correspondent with the Anglo-Egyptian forces in the Soudan telegraphed that he has had an interview with the captain of a boat which has returned from Fashoda and that the captain's description of the flag raised there leaves no doubt that it is French.

The captain says the garrison at Fashoda menaced him and would have sunk his boat if they had had possessed a gun. After getting out of the zone of the garrison's fire the captain landed and ascertained from natives that the Dervishes at Fashoda had been attacked by a force of eight Europeans and a hundred Senegalese soldiers, who defeated the Dervishes, killed a hundred, and drove the rest in precipitate flight from the town.

The Daily Telegraph's correspondent says: "There is no doubt that this is the Marchand expedition."

The despatch was sent from Assouan and the captain interviewed belonged to the steamer Tewfikieh, one of the Dervish steamers, which surrendered to General Kitchener on its return from Fashoda.

The correspondent describes General Kitchener's efforts to prevent the news reaching England. He says:

"I wired this identical news a week ago from Omdurman. The Sirdar flatly refused to allow any correspondent to accompany him south of Omdurman or to go independently. He compelled us to sell our horses and camels and then told us that unless we returned northward forthwith, he could not guarantee us transportation. General Kitchener has sent 1800 Soudanese, 200 men of the Cameron Highlanders, two batteries of Nordenfeldt mountain guns and several Maxims, on board the gunboats Sultan and Sheikn. The Sirdar accompanies the force on the steamer Dal. Probably they have already arrived at Fashoda."

The correspondent says also, detailing an earlier movement, that the gunboat Sultan was sent up the Blue Nile to intercept a dervish garrison, 2500 strong, coming to reinforce the Khalifa. The gunboat found and engaged the enemy, killing a thousand and driving the remainder back.

He adds: "It is officially announced that the Khalifa is now surrounded and must be taken dead or alive within a few days."

TURKEY YIELDS PARTIALLY.

Forty-Three of the Ringleaders of Cretan Riots Have Been Handed Over to the British Admiral.

Candia, Island of Crete, Sept. 15.—An aide de camp of Djovad Pasha boarded the British flagship yesterday evening and announced that 39 houses from which the British troops had been fired upon had been demolished and that 113 of the ringleaders of the disturbances had been arrested. He added that the embassies of the powers at Constantinople, in deference to the request of the Sultan, had agreed that the prisoners be tried by an inland commission. This alleged decision of the embassies does not accord with the demands made by the British Admiral, Gerard Henry Noel, and will increase the difficulty experienced in disarming the Mussulmans, as it encourages them in the belief that the Sultan of Turkey still influences the embassies of the powers at Constantinople.

It is doubtful whether Great Britain will consent to include the outrage on her flag with the questions of pillage and the massacre of Christians, which are purely international questions.

Later.—Forty-three of the ringleaders who had been arrested were delivered to the British Admiral, and it was considered probable that all the terms of his ultimatum would be complied with without resistance.

The Maxim on Parade.

The Royal Grenadiers, commanded by Lieut.-Col. Mason, paraded last night 407 strong. The route was by way of Queen-street, Simcoe-street, King-street, Yonge-street, Queen-street, to the Avenue and thence back to the Drill Hall. When the procession reached Bay-street the regiment was halted in front of the National Club to do honor to the Hon. Mr. Mnock, who was being tendered a reception. During the serenade the brass band payed "Rule Britannia." This was the initial parade of the boys in red this fall, and the new Maxim gun was drawn by two members. The Grenadiers have the distinction of being the first regiment to have Maxim fun in a parade in the Province of Ontario. The Maxim gun of the Royal Grenadiers will be in charge of Lieut. Shanley and will be looked after by a staff including one officer, one corporal one sergeant and eight privates.

SALISBURY YIELDS AGAIN.

Russia Has Her Way in That Railway Contract and English Syndicate is Out of It.

London, Sept. 16.—The Pekin correspondent of The Times says: "Despite Lord Salisbury's declaration that he would brook no interference from any other power in the Niu-Chwang Railway loan contract, he has now yielded to all the conditions Russia has imposed. As a result, negotiations with the English syndicate have been broken off, and those with the Russian Chinese Bank have been resumed."

ROSSLAND NEWS.

Gooderham - Blackstock Syndicate Has Not Bought Iron Mask —The Quotations.

Rossland, B.C., Sept. 15.—(Special.)—A belief that control of the Iron Mask had been sold to the Gooderham-Blackstock syndicate caused an advance of several points in the stock. I interviewed Mr. Blackstock to-night. He says the option expired on Wednesday, and was not taken up. He denies emphatically that any deal was made or that there is any likelihood of a purchase at present. Work is to be resumed immediately on the Grand Prize, adjoining Deer Park. The property is Crown-granted, and the showing on the surface indicates that the Deer Park vein runs through the claim continuously. Development will be carried on.

The bear movement in Virginia continues.

Stock quotations to-day: War Eagle 90c, Virginia 72c, Iron Mask 93c, Monte Cristo 28c, Deer Park 20c, Commander 13½c, Iroy Horse 17½c.

A. R. M.

Not So Bad as Reported.

St. Vincent, British West Indies, Sept. 15.—The official reports reduce the number of deaths here during the hurricane. It was at first estimated that 300 lives were lost, but it is now believed the number is considerably smaller. The exact figures are not given.

Metropolitan Railway.

Every Saturday and Wednesday afternoon cars leave C.P.R. crossing, Yonge-street, at 1.30, 2.40, 3.30, 5.40 and 7.45 p.m., returning leave Richmond Hill at 2.30, 4, 4.30, 7 and 10 p.m. Return fare, adults 25c, children 15c. Through excursion every evening at 7.45 o'clock. Return fare 25c.

BIRTHS.

NICHOLS—At 45 Shannon-street, on Sept. 13, the wife of L. D. Nichols of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

ALLAN—FORREST—At the residence of the bride's uncle, Mr. T. C. Stegmann, 229 Carlton-street, by the Rev. Archdeacon Boddy, rector of St. Peter's Church, Mr. Andrew Stewart Allan of Toronto to Miss Minnie Georgina Jane (Birdie) Forrest of Markham, only daughter of the late John Forrest of Brampton.

NELLES—PIPE—At St. James' Church, Guelph, Thursday, Sept. 15, by Rev. A. J. Belt, Charles Lonsdale, son of J. A. Nelles, Guelph, to Alice Mary, second daughter of the late Dr. William Pipe.

GOODERHAM — TAYLOR — On Thursday, Sept. 15, 1898, at St. Simon's Church, by the Rev. T. Street Macklem, Melville Ross Gooderham, youngest son of George Gooderham, to Charlotte Wheeler Taylor, second daughter of William D. Taylor.

GRIMISON — PHILLIPS — On Wednesday, Sept. 14, 1898, at St. Peter's Church, Cobourg, by the Rev. A. W. Spragge, J. Frank Grimison of Chicago to Ida, daughter of Mrs. Mary Phillips.

ROSS-STRANGE—On Sept. 15 at the Parish Church of Caversham, Oxfordshire, Eng., by the Rev. C. W. R. Kenrick, M. A., vicar, John Ross of the Inner Temple (son of the late Hon. John Ross, Q. C.), to Alice Constance, eldest daughter of Major-General Thomas Bland Strange, late Royal Artillery, formerly Dominion Inspector of Artillery, and late Commanding Alberta Field Force (1885).

DEATHS.

GALLAGHER—At 58 Winchester-street, on 14th inst., Charlie, beloved son of R. S. and Annie Gallagher, aged 9 years and 6 months.

Funeral Friday morning. 16th inst., at 9 o'clock, from above address.

Mr. and Mrs. Walkington, Ireland, are guests at the Queen's.

Lionel King, Peterboro, is a guest at the Rossin.

ONTARIO'S VERY LOW BIRTH RATE

Anglicans Think it Too Small and Urge the Government to Take Measures to Ascertain the Cause—Bucket Shops Closed—Infection from Barber's Instruments—Montreal Notes.

Montreal, Sept. 15.—(Special.)—At the Anglican Synod to-day Rev. D. Williams of Stratford gave notice of the following rather unique motion: "Whereas, the birth rate in the Province of Ontario is and has been for some years abnormally low, being 20.7 per thousand of the population—lower than the birth-rate in France—be it resolved that this synod views with anxiety the lowness of the birthrate in that province, and urges the Government to take measures to ascertain whether it is due to defective registration or other and more serious causes, and that a committee be appointed on the subject of vital statistics."

Bucket Shops and Barber Shops.

There is a commotion amongst the bucket shops, as the Marchand Government is going to have them closed up.

There is also another commotion amongst the barbers, as the following circular has been issued by the Provincial Board of Health: "Beyond all doubt anyone who patronizes a barber or hair dresser, whose establishment is open to all comers, runs great risk of becoming infected with diseases from the razor, shaving brush, scissors, clipper, comb or hair brush, having been previously used on a sick person or even on a corpse.

"That the chance of contagion is much less when the establishment is well kept, we most willingly admit; that the danger of infection is minimized in first-class establishments, we also concede, but the truth nevertheless obliges us to declare this, at the present moment in the whole province of Quebec there is not a single barber or hair dresser who can honestly say that his instruments are absolutely, completely and scientifically safe in regard to the possibility of conveying infection."

The Liquor Trade.

Mr. D. Legault, chief of the provincial Revenue Police, has just submitted a report to the Government with respect to the liquor trade in Montreal. He finds that the law is ignored in the great majority of places where liquor is sold. There drinking bars are illegal in this province. Only "Hotels" and "Restaurants" are permitted. The law specifies minutely the number of rooms each "hotel" must have and the numbers of meals each restaurant must be able to provide under pain of loss of license.

It appears from Mr. Legault's report that out of four hundred licensed "Hotels and Restaurants" two hundred and seventy-five do not comply with the law.

Call Loans Up.

It is understood that one of the leading city banks this morning put up its quotation on call loans to 4 1-2 per cent. The general rate is 4. The advance, however, only applies to new loans and does not affect the money that the bank has already loaned, as is usually the case when an advance is made. Some time ago it was thought a general advance would be made, but it is doubtful now if any of the other banks will fall into line. It is not an unusual thing for money to be dearer at this time of the year, when the west begins to call for funds to move the crops.

A SAW-OFF TALKED OF

Party Leaders Apparently Want to Pull Down the Money.

J. R. Booth Bought Limits From Rathbun Co. — All the Cholerie Hogs in Quarantine—Man Almost Boiled to Death — General News From the Capital.

Ottawa, Sept. 15.—The Mattawa limits of Rathbun & Co. of Deseronto, 127 miles on the north track of the Ottawa River, were sold by public auction to-day. J. R. Booth of Ottawa was the purchaser for $45,000. The other two lots were withdrawn.

A Saw-Off in Prospect.

It is thought to-day that the Ottawa protests re Lumsden & Powell will not materialize. The adjournment for a month is said to have been made in order to permit of negotiations for a saw-off. Although nothing definite can be ascertained at present from the counsel of either side, the general impression of the principal party men is that the protests will never go to trial. The reason given for this is that, while the rank and file of either party may not be agreeable to letting the matter drop, those who would suffer most by having to stand the cost would rather have a saw-off. A prominent Liberal, speaking of the matter last evening, used the above expression, and also intimated that the Conservatives did not want another election, as it would mean defeat for them. He stated that the party heelers had already conceded this and were not anxious for another contest.

On the other hand, the lawyer who is acting for Mr. George Hawkins, who has entered the protest against Mr. Lumsden, stated the other day that if the matter went to trial the Conservatives would unseat Mr. Lumsden.

The Hog Cholera.

Dr. Baker, in company with Dr. A. E. James, has made a tour of inspection through the hog cholera district and found that the disease existed to a considerable extent. The hogs are all quarantined and many of them will be slaughtered. The district in which this disease exists is confined almost entirely to Gloucester.

Dr. Baker is of the opinion that the disease is now thoroughly under control. Mr. W. B. Scarth, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, says that if the farmers will take the necessary precautions and keep their piggeries clean there will be no further trouble.

Almost Boiled to Death.

Mr. James McArthur, an old resident of Aylmer, was almost boiled to death at Eastman's Springs last night. Mr. McArthur was stopping at the Dominion House and got one of the attendants to arrange the water for a bath. Some time afterwards Mr. Boyd, proprietor of the hotel, was passing the bath room and heard groans. He broke open the door. Mr. McArthur was found seated in boiling water and almost unconscious, having been taken ill and was unable to turn the hot water off after letting it on.

Soo Canal Traffic Fell Off.

The return of traffic through the Canadian Sault Canal shows that up to the end of August 2661 vessels passed through the locks this season, carrying 2,189,964 tons of freight. This is a decrease compared with the traffic during the corresponding period of last year of 209 vessels and nearly a quarter of a million tons of freight.

The Postmaster-General will cause a 4-cent stamp to be issued for the convenience of those using the Imperial penny postage.

Canada Will Make a Show.

The indications are that Canada will, in certain lines, be fairly well represented at the South African Exhibition, which opens at Grahamstown in December. The vessel chartered by the Government to convey exhibits to the Cape is a sailing ship. She will land at Quebec, and if sufficient freight offers, the Government will despatch a second vessel. The freight charges have been nominally fixed at about $6.85 per ton. The sum voted by Parliament to defray the cost of the exhibit of goods in South Africa was $5000, and probably a portion of this will be devoted to reducing the freight charges.

Political Item.

George Taylor, M.P., Conservative whip, is here. He says that he does not expect a dissolution of Parliament, but that in the west they are preparing for an election should it come. A council is held to-day with the Ministers, Hon. R. W. Scott, Sir Louis Davies, Hon. S. Fisher and Hon. D. Mills in attendance. A mass of routine work will be disposed of.

Ottawa's Big Fair.

To-morrow (Friday) is the first day of Ottawa's Exhibition. The grounds to-day present a lively scene, as the large numbers of exhibits are being placed on the grounds and live stock is arriving by every train. The freight delivery wagons have been constantly employed for the past two days in hauling exhibits to the grounds. To-morrow and the next day will be preparation days. The public will not be admitted to the grounds until Monday, when the Governor-General will formally open the Fair.

PROBS IS PROPITIOUS.

Grants Us Another Day of Summer-Like Weather.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Sept. 15.—(11 p.m.)—The pressure is gradually giving way over the lake district and St. Lawrence Valley. Local showers have occurred in Ontario, generally fair and comparatively warm weather prvails everywhere and there is no tendency shown at present to lower temperatures.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Calgary, 32—70; Battleford, 40—70; Qu'Appelle, 42—70; Victoria, 48—64; Winnipeg, 48—70; Port Arthur, 52—70; Parry Sound, 60—74; Toronto, 60—76; Ottawa, 50—68; Montreal, 54—72; Quebec, 50—64; Halifax, 50—68.

—Probabilities.—

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Moderate southerly winds; fair and warm; local showers.

Ottawa Valley—Moderate southerly winds, fair and warm, local showers.

Upper St. Lawrence—Moderate southerly winds, fair and warm, local showers.

Lake Superior—Light to moderate winds, stationary or a little higher temperatures, local showers.

Manitoba—Light to moderate winds, stationary or a little higher temperature, local showers.

Oak Hall Clothiers, 115 King-street east, can fit you out with a finished suit at no more time-expense than you would give just to selecting the cloth at a tailor's; they can send you home satisfied at half the money-expense.

Steamship Movements.

Sept. 15.	At	From
Germanic	New York	Liverpool
Patria	New York	Hamburg
Fremona	Leith	Montreal
Straits of Menai	Manchester	Montreal
Wilster	Manchester	Grindstone Is.
Auguste Victoria	Southampton	New York
Lahn	Bremen	New York
Peninsular	New York	Lisbon
Werkendam	Rotterdam	New York
Fuerst Bismarck	New York	Hamburg

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