

## PLAYGROUNDS ARE NOW IN OPERATION.

The Opening Yesterday Marked an Epoch in the History of the City.

Speeches by Leading Citizens—A Large Crowd Present—Credit to the Ladies.

The foundation for the building of a stronger physical manhood and womanhood for Hamilton was laid yesterday afternoon, by the opening of a playground for children at Hess street school. Those to whom the credit is due for the propagation and final successful issue of the scheme are: Mrs. John Crear, Mrs. (Dr.) Woolverton Mrs. C. S. Wilcox and Mrs. W. C. Hawkins. Those who were present at the opening saw one of the most beautiful and inspiring sights that could possibly be seen. The importance of the event had entered the hearts of the boys and girls, with their little pails and shovels, turned out early in the day to clean up the grounds and put them in a condition in keeping with such an auspicious event. At an early hour in the afternoon children from every direction began to assemble and by 4 o'clock, the official opening time, there were fully 500 children waiting with an eagerness to test the various producers of laughter and happiness in the shape of baby swings, giant stride, parallel bars, croquet, teeters, sand boxes, strong swings, etc., which combined with space for baseball and basketball, will afford a summer boon for many a child. Everything on the ground is of the very strongest and it is possible to get, and the best money can buy.

Punctually at 4 o'clock an aggregation of beautiful women and public-spirited men assembled on the steps of the school and faced the great crowd of eager, happy children, interested parents and grown-ups. A touch of color was given to the scene by the presence of the 13th Band. The first part of the programme was the singing of the Doxology by the children, led by their singing master, Mr. James Johnson, and accompanied by the band. Then Mr. R. T. Steele spoke and said how pleased he was to see the playground an actual reality. It had been tried some time ago by some of the citizens, of which he was one, but they were obliged to abandon the scheme. The men recognized they were up against too hard a proposition so they sought the help of those indispensable units to every successful undertaking, the ladies, with the result that the aforementioned four ladies became interested with the result to be seen. He stated that it was an experiment, and if successful, as he had no doubt it would be, other grounds in various parts of the city would be opened. The playground, he said, will be open every week day from 10 to 11.30 a.m., 2 to 6 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m., except Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Mr. Archie Preke, of the Y. M. C. A., Springfield, and Mr. M. C. A., assistant secretary here, will act as supervisors.

Then the children sang "God Save the King," and the martial song "The Maple Leaf for Ever." If there were any cynics around during the singing they must have been driven away by the children sang lustily, giving their lungs full exercise.

Mayor McLaren received with cheers when he rose to speak. He said what a great pleasure it was to him to be there to open the first playground in Hamilton. He emphasized the fact that the ladies were responsible for the success of the plan. It was to be hoped that citizens would do all in their power to further the scheme as there was plenty of room in the north and east ends of the city.

"If the children are given good chances when they are young they will give no trouble when they grow up," said the Mayor. The only complaints about the playgrounds will be the doctors, humorously remarked the Mayor. He then formally declared the playground open.

### STRANGE DEATH.

Woman Fell on Gas Stove and Was Asphyxiated.

Toronto, July 27.—Lying stretched across a gas stove with the jet turned on and the gas pouring out within a few inches of her face, the body of Miss Jane Gammie, aged 27, a domestic employed at 34 Chestnut Park Road, was found in the cellar of the house last evening. She had apparently been seized with a fainting spell while about to place an iron on the heater and had been asphyxiated. Beside the stove, where it had apparently fallen from the unfortunate woman's hand as she fainted, lay the iron.

The body was found by Mr. Hemmi H. Suydam, by whom Miss Gammie was employed. Mr. Suydam and his family went out of town over Sunday and on returning last evening found the house all locked up and were unable to get any response to their knocks. Finally Mr. Suydam forced a cellar window and entered. About the first sight that met his eyes was that of the body lying across the stove. He notified the police and Chief Coroner Johnson ordered the removal of the remains to the morgue.

### TO CELEBRATE PEACE.

A Military Pageant at Queenston is Proposed.

Niagara Falls, Ont., July 26.—The proposed commemoration of one hundred years of peace between Canada and the United States was the subject of a discussion at Saturday's meeting of the Queen Victoria Park Commission. The commissioners expressed their intention of facilitating the project and the matter will be discussed at a later meeting. There are many suggestions for the celebration, but two are singled out by popular approval. One, that a military pageant similar to that held last year at the Quebec Tercentenary, in which the stirring events of the last two centuries would be reproduced with historical faithfulness is strongly supported. Queenston would make a splendid setting for such an event, it is pointed out. The second proposal is to erect a bridge connecting the two parks, which would be endowed to make it free for

## GOOD-BYE POMPADOUR



It is just a repetition, in a measure, of the old injunction to his satanic majesty, "Get thee behind me," for the pompadour has disappeared from the front of the fashionable girl's head only to appear in the back. That the pompadour, as it has been worn by extremists, had its origin in the lower regions, is the firm belief of mere man.

### GOT LEFT.

Latham Wept When He Found Bleriot Had Flown.

Had Missed the Golden Opportunity and Broke Down.

Dover, England, July 27.—Bleriot's triumph was Latham's tragedy.

When the long-watched-for favorable moment arrived, Bleriot was ready and started, while Latham was asleep. Latham was watching for him. At 2 o'clock and only to shake his head at the wind and return to sleep. About 4.30 he went on the veranda again, and overheard a remark to the effect that Bleriot had started. At the same moment he saw a dark spot rapidly traveling over the sea. It was already several miles away and after a moment of stupefaction he realized that Bleriot was well on his way, while he had allowed Latham to sleep.

Latham's distress, when he was awakened, needs no description, but it was no time to give it expression. Bleriot and he had agreed to share the prize money if they crossed the same day, and with bent head, quivering lips, and clenched hands, his melancholy figure paced to and fro as the mechanics pulled the Antonette VIII. out of its shed.

But the golden opportunity had been missed. As the sun rose, the wind strengthened. He rose to follow his rival, but found it impossible. Hot tears of disappointment were brushed away more than once. Pursuit being impossible, all he could do was to send a wireless message to Bleriot, saying:

"Cordial congratulations. I hope to follow you soon."

It appears that Bleriot tried on Saturday evening to reach an agreement with Latham that neither should start in an attempt to cross the channel until a certain time, but Latham was unwilling to accept the arrangement. Bleriot got lost in midchannel, being without a compass and out of sight of land. When the haze lifted and he was able to see the English coast, he found himself traveling almost east. He swung around and with perfect control of the machine flew west against a strong breeze which had sprung up, and landed with little difficulty on a favorable spot. His speed throughout the trip exceeded forty miles an hour, and he completely outdistanced a torpedo boat destroyer, aboard of which was his wife, endeavoring to keep him in sight.

Estelle Bates, for frequenting Toronto Chinese resorts, was sent to the Mercer for six months.

### HIS FAULT.

Principal Let Out For Having His Feet on Table.

Brantford, July 27.—There is trouble brewing in Paris over the recent action of the Board of Education in dismissing Principal Gant, of the public schools.

County School Inspector Standing reported against the principal, and the board dismissed him without a chance of presenting a defence. It is alleged that the points on which the inspector based his recommendation was that Mr. Gant sat with his feet on the table. There may also be other charges, of course.

In any event, Mr. Gant's friends claim his teaching record is first class, and a meeting of citizens has been called for this week, at which a formal protest will probably be drawn up.

### ALL DEAD.

Five Babies Born in Ten Minutes at Newark N. Y.

Newark, N. J., July 27.—Mrs. Thos. Renwick, of 726 Springfield avenue, yesterday gave birth to five children within ten minutes, the event causing astonishment even to her physician, Dr. Peter F. Motzenbecker.

Four of the five babies were alive when brought into the world, a few minutes after 10 o'clock in the morning. Two were males and two females. The fifth infant was born dead.

The four children continued to breathe for about fifteen minutes after birth, and then all died.

Dr. Motzenbecker announced that these four babies were perfectly formed and well-developed infants of about a week past the six months' period. Mrs. Renwick is 33 years old.

### SHOCK KILLED HER.

Elderly Woman Was Struck by Train Near Barrie.

Barrie, Ont., July 26.—Shortly after noon yesterday, while Mrs. John Millet, 56 years of age, was on her way home from church, she attempted to cross the G. T. R. track at the crossing about three miles east of here. She did not notice the approach of a fast freight train until it was upon her, and in hurrying missed her footing, fell, and was struck. Death ensued in twenty minutes, due to shock, as outside of a scratch wound and several minor bruises the body was uninjured.

## THAT AWFUL PAIN IN THE BACK

Is a Sure Sign of Congestion of the Kidneys. Take "Fruit-a-tives."

Lots of men, and women too, are limping about the house—groaning in easy chairs—or tossing about the bed—because of that nagging pain in the back. The old standbys—hot vinegar, porous plasters, liniments, etc.—don't do good any more. You see, you are a bit older now. The kidneys are not as strong as they used to be. And even those "blistering" liniments and plasters won't stimulate the kidneys.

Your trouble is kidney trouble. The kidneys are not diseased, they are over-worked and strained. The bowels and skin, which help the kidneys to rid the system of waste matter—have not been doing their share of the work. The kidneys have had to do too much.

What you need is a medicine to cure the bowels, liver and skin. This medicine must cure the Constipation by acting on the liver and thus make the bowels move regularly and naturally. This medicine must heal and strengthen the kidneys, and thus relieve the congestion. "Fruit-a-tives" is this medicine. It is the most effective kidney remedy known, and keeps these vital organs in a vigorous, healthy condition. For aged people, for those who work hard, for tired-out women, "Fruit-a-tives" never fail to stop that severe pain in the back and build up the whole system. 50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, or trial box 25c. At dealers or from Fruit-a-tives, Limited, Ottawa.

## LAWN PARTY.

Mrs. Craigie's Grounds Scene of a Charming Event.

After two postponements the garden party under the auspices of Holy Trinity Church, Chedoke, was held last evening at Mrs. Craigie's grounds on the mountain. Prettily decorated with Japanese lanterns and colored lights, the grounds presented a very picturesque sight. A musical orchestra played a first-class programme in a first-class way. Ice cream was served to an accompaniment of cake and other delicacies, by charming young ladies. There was no speech-making, but all present had a thoroughly enjoyable time, and the ladies in charge deserve much praise. They were: Candy booth, Mrs. Baldwin, Miss Milne and the Misses Edith and Edna Chapelle; tea table, Mrs. Filman, Mrs. Mountain and Mrs. Williams; ice cream, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Alderson, Miss McConnell, Mrs. Bolton and Miss Wilkinson.

## TRIFES TO DIE.

Pathetic Story of a Detroit Woman Who Was Left Alone.

Detroit, July 27.—I went to early morning mass in the Church of the Capuchin Fathers. When I passed through the door the big stone gate of Mount Elliott Cemetery stared at me from across the street—and I thought of my husband and the three little ones. They've been laid away there, across from the monastery and me—I'm alone.

That was the first part of a pitiful tale that a woman, who gave her name as "Marion Beck," whispered to a white-capped sister who bent over her as she lay on a cot at St. Mary's Hospital last night. Early in the afternoon the woman had wandered to a lonely spot on Belle Isle and there had swallowed three ounces of wood alcohol in an attempt to end her sorrows.

"Don't ask my name," she pleaded between sobs. "My husband was a grand man. Our three children left us first. He was sick all the time they lay in bed and after we saw the little ones buried, he left me too."

"I sat by their graves this morning and tried to face the world, but their faces seemed to smile from the very trees around me. Then I went to a drug store. I wanted to ask for carbolic acid, but somehow I didn't get it and I took the alcohol."

"You should be happy that God did not will that you take the acid," whispered the sister. "You would have been dead now; but don't cry—you'll get well."

### THE FISHERIES.

Toledo, Ohio, July 27.—The 38th annual convention of the American Fishery Society opened here to-day. One of the principal features will be a discussion of the report of the commission of the U. S. and Canada appointed chiefly at the instance of the society for the purpose of promoting an international agreement and uniform protection of fish in the great lakes.

A new brick passenger station, at a cost of \$20,000 to \$25,000, is to be commenced immediately at Cobalt by the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway. A new freight station, costing \$10,000, is already in process of construction. The old stations have for the past year been much too small to accommodate the increasing business.

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## Headquarters for the B. of L. E. Delegates

All members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers (both local and from out of town) are cordially invited to make this store their down-town headquarters. Every accommodation is provided for your comfort and convenience and all can feel assured of a hearty reception while under our roof.

Don't forget the grand sight-seeing trip on the street cars arranged by this store for Thursday afternoon. All members of the B. of L. E. are invited. Make your arrangements now for the Thursday trip. See official programme for particulars.

## Corset Covers for 59c

Here is a Corset Cover, which at the price, cannot be duplicated anywhere. We simply can't keep it in stock for any length of time. You wish to know the reason? Because it is very dainty, makes a splendid fit and is well made. You cannot ask for anything better at the price, can you? We have just received another shipment of 10 dozen of these Corset Covers and we want to see them go just as fast as the last lot. Here is a bit of description:

Corset Covers of fine white nainsook, full front, with dainty yoke of embroidered lace insertion. Clusters of tucks down back and finished at neck and arms with lace. Sizes 34 to 42 bust. Peplon on bottom. On Wednesday at the one price 59c

## Shirtwaists at 75c Ea.

ANOTHER REAL WAIST BARGAIN! We are making a sacrifice for your benefit and have decided to let 150 Shirtwaists go at the extremely low price of 75c each. That price does not represent the cost of making, but it does not make any difference to us. While the stock is this season's make, we do not wish to carry it over, and we intend getting rid of it at practically your price.

150 new and up-to-date White Lawn Waists in a number of natty styles, both as to fit and finish. Made with dainty embroidery fronts, embroidered or lace insertion, also in the plain tailored, with embroidered collar and patch pockets, new long sleeve trimmed to match. Not all sizes in each style, but in all, sizes run from 34 to 44. They are good values at \$1.50 and \$2.00. 75c A splendid opportunity for

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## \$8.50 to \$12.00 Wash Suits \$4.98

Holiday Sorts in a July Clearing Sale

These are the stylish suits that you admired so much earlier in the season. The July sale has greatly underpriced them now. They are in smart New York models of linen in pink, blue, mauve, navy, white and fancy stripes. Coats are semi-fitted, walking length with gored skirts, trimmed with Cluny lace, buttons and self strapping. These are just in time for the holiday. July sale price \$4.98

**Outing Coats at \$10.98** July clearing of our remaining stock of Imported Outing or Dust Coats in silk warp, gloria and natural Shantung, various new trimmings, fawn and champagne shades. Regular \$15.00 and \$18.00, July sale \$10.98

**\$8.50 Mull Dresses \$4.98** Stylish Summer Princess Mull Dresses in white, pink or sky, silk mercerized finish, lace yoke, front and panel effect in skirt, long tucked mousquetaire sleeves. See these to-morrow, for \$8.50 Dresses are going \$4.98

**Sale of Blouses 98c** A table piled high with these pretty White Lingerie Blouses in fine Swiss lawn with embroidery and lace trimmed fronts, dainty summer styles, long sleeves, all sizes. Regular \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00 values.

**Children's Dresses \$1.39** Regular \$2.25 kinds in plain muslin, chambray and lace trimmings, gingham cambrics in checks and stripes. Mother Hubbard and French styles, with lace and embroidery trimming.

## Children's Sailors Greatly Reduced

Our entire stock of Children's Sailors are greatly reduced for July clearing. They are in fine stripes with drooping brims; navy blue, ribbon emblem bands, holiday summer sorts for cutting wear, 85c, regular at \$1.35. 65c, regular at \$1.00. 50c, regular at 75c.

## 19 to 35c Wash Goods to Go Out at 12½c

Stock-taking brings to light these odd pieces of Wash Goods that are priced to go out. They are in Silk Zephyrs, Floral Muslins, Bordered Batistes, Stripe Crepes, Embroidery Linens, Vestings, and Fancy Gingham. All colors are well represented in a stylish range of patterns. You should see these wonderful values. Values 19 to 35c, July clearing at 12½c

**SPECIAL—Over 50 pieces of Scotch Gingham are reduced.** They are in neat stripes, checks and plaids in a splendid range of staple and novelty colors, standard washing and wearing qualities, also a few stylish Dress Muslins. Regularly 25 and 30c, July sale 12½c

## 20 Dozen 50c Women's New Summer Hosiery on Sale at 25c

Think of it! Half price for stylish Summer Hosiery. They are in fine tulle, in plain colors, dots, in white, tan, brown, navy or black; all sizes; stainless last dyes. Our regular 50c values; July sale price 25c

## FINCH BROS. 29 and 31 King St. West

## THE FARM

ALFALFA AS FEED AND SOIL IMPROVER

The value of alfalfa for the production of feed, as well as for the improvement of the land it grows on, has been pretty well illustrated on the dairy farm of H. J. McKee, Oxford County, Ont. A call on July 1st by a member of our staff, afforded opportunity to see a stout piece of six or seven acres, seeded three years ago, at the rate of 22 pounds to the acre, with a nurse crop of one and a half bushels of oats per acre. Part of the field is a clay loam, and part a gravelly loam. On the sloping portion of the field, which, if we did not misunderstand, is the heavier soil, the alfalfa was very heavy, apparently good for two and a half tons per acre. Part of the field had been mown, and some of it in the wind-row, and some in the cock. The uncut portion was a dense mass, almost as high as a man's thighs, and pretty well out in bloom, which is rather too far advanced to make the best quality of hay, one-tenth in bloom being the ideal stage to aim at in cutting, when weather and other conditions permit.

Two years ago, Mr. McKee broke up a field that had been seven or eight years in alfalfa, but had been spotted by iron lying on the surface. From this a heavy crop of ensilage corn had been taken, and this year it was being reseeded to alfalfa, with a nurse crop of oats. The new seeding had already made a fine growth, and digging up a couple of roots, they were found abundantly supplied with the little pinkish and great-grained-sized excrecences in which dwell the nitrogen-gathering bacteria that capture this elusive and valuable gas (nitrogen) from the atmosphere, converting it to the uses of the plant. On such a field, artificial inoculation would show no benefit, as it has been already naturally inoculated by the previous growth of alfalfa. On farms where neither alfalfa nor sweet clover have ever grown, artificial inoculation for alfalfa often shows marked results, especially at first, by starting a prompt development of these bacteria, with correspondingly greater vigor of the crop.

J. H. P. Reid, of Acton, who is charged with forgery in that town and who escaped from the Georgetown police a few days ago, was arrested at Toronto.



"JUST KIDS."

"Hey, Maggie, come an' hear wot yer dearest friend is sayin' about yer!"