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THORNCLIFFE.

Robert De Line is all smiles these days. It's a boy.

The quarterly meeting in the Methodist church was largely attended, people being present from Dawn Mills, Wabash, Croton and Lindsay Road. Rev. Mr. Edmonds administered the sacrament.

Mrs. W. Ross and Mrs. Bedford were Maple City visitors on Saturday.

Thomas Robertson has commenced his new barn. David Carroll is doing the work.

Dr. Clapp was in Thorncliffe on professional business last week.

Mr. J. Smith's little boy broke his leg in two places while playing with some boys last week.

Mr. David Carroll, of Wabash, has finished painting and raising Mrs. Smith's barn, which adds greatly to the improvement of her farm.

Mrs. Manchester, who has been visiting Mrs. Wm. Pearson for the

past few weeks, has gone to live with her son.

Mr. Armstrong, of Wallaceburg, paid his Thorncliffe friends a flying visit recently.

Frank Houston is planting potatoes on Edward Bissett's place. Stanley Hannon was on the sick list, but is able to be out again.

Leamon Shaw visited at B. Tiffin's red school house recently.

Mr. Hoyle is delivering paper in this vicinity.

Miss Cowherd is recovering from a severe attack of stomach trouble. Mr. Hannon, Sr., spent a couple of days last week with his daughter, Mrs. Alex. Webster, Dresden.

CHARING CROSS.

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. R. B. McEachern, who has been ill for some time, is improving nicely. Rev. Mr. Dobson conducted communion service in the Church of England at Charing Cross Sunday morning.

POSTMAN WHO PAINTS

STUDIES IN SPARE TIME AND ACQUIRES FAME.

Tells the Story of His Hobby—Draws Zulu War Pictures On His Slate—Initiated Working Men's Art Club—In Intervals of Letter Carrying Takes Lessons—Now Exhibits At Dore Gallery.

Mr. Samuel Henry Hancock, who in his intervals of leisure as a postman has managed to produce the remarkable series of pictures now on exhibition at the Dore Gallery, is a Londoner bred and born. It was in Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate street, that he first saw the light. This was in 1873, so he is now just 34 years old.

Interviewed by a press representative, who managed to catch him just as he finished his round of deliveries in the neighborhood of St. Luke's, the postman artist told a very interesting story:—

"I was always fond of drawing from my earliest days, he said, 'and the first things that took real shape as pictures were done on the back of my slate at school. As regards education, I may tell you that I went first to the Bishopsgate street Ward school, and later to the Wood street school, Spitalfields.

"It was here I started my pictures. The Zulu war was in progress, and we boys were very keen in following it. To amuse the others I used to draw imaginary pictures of battle on my slate. One day the teacher caught me and took the slate away. Then he said, 'Your drawing is very good; I shall keep it and show it to the headmaster. But all the same, young Hancock, you must not let your artistic ideas get in the way of your lessons.' I did not, but I drew whenever I could on all sorts of materials, and the headmaster kindly supplied me with subjects to work at home.

Evening Classes.

"It was not, however, till after I entered the postal service, in which I have now been 15 years, that I got any lessons in drawing. I entered the evening classes at the People's Palace and learned drawing and shading from the model. I joined the Birkbeck only last session, but had to give it up because my work as a postman made the task too heavy. However, I man-



THE POSTMAN ARTIST.

aged to secure two South Kensington certificates, one for drawing from antique studies, the other for pictures of common objects done from memory.

"One thing I am very proud of, namely, that about ten years ago I initiated the Toynbee Hall Art Students' Club. I was going through St. Jude's Art Exhibition, when I happened to say to one of the attendants, 'Is there a good thing such as a sketching club would be for men like myself. He was interested, and introduced me to the Sub-Warden of Toynbee hall, who asked me to formulate a scheme. I did so, with the result that the Art Students' Club came into existence. Mr. J. Parsons, A.R.A., is now its President, and we have fifty members, all working-men. I was the first secretary, and am still on the committee.

"As to subject and medium, I draw in pen and ink and do washwork in black and white, but my forte is color, and I prefer landscape. Most of my work is done in the back-parlor of my house at Victoria park. Some of the pictures are scenes from memory, others are done from direct sketches and written notes.

Dore Gallery Show.

"At the Dore Gallery I have forty-four pictures in all—nine in oils, one in black and white, and the rest in water-color. My best picture, or, rather, the one I like best, is the one in the exhibition I call 'The Cloud.' I saw a wonderful cloud effect when on a visit to High Beech, Epping, and made a rough pencil sketch of it and some written notes. From these I painted the water-color picture, and believe it to be the best piece of color work I have yet done. Sky effects over London are often very splendid, and I hope some day to reproduce one or two of them."

Asked whether he had any Royal Academy ambitions, the artist-postman confessed that he hoped he might some day be considered a "worth hanging" by that institution. At present he is very well satisfied with the result of the Dore Gallery Exhibition, which will be open for another month. Already some of his best pictures are marked "sold" for good prices. If he has the luck he hopes for, Mr. Hancock intends to take a holiday tour in Derbyshire, with a view of transferring to canvas some of the beauties of the county that is the Switzerland of England.

The Honest Barmaid.

That a barmaid's life has its own difficulties and its own temptations is true enough; but so has every other life that honest men have to lead; and there is no sufficient evidence that this life is not led by thousands of women every whit as honest as those who would deprive them of this particular chance to hold their own in the pitiless struggle for existence.—Fall Mail Gazette.

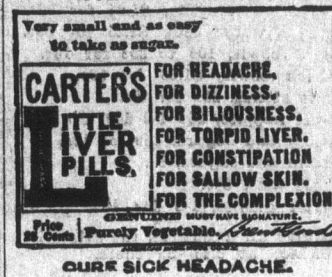
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Lord Mayor Soldier and Sailor.

"You would hardly think, to look at me, that I am colonel of the regiment," said the Lord Mayor of London at the distribution, at Guildhall of the prizes to the First City of London Royal Garrison Artillery, of which he is honorable colonel. He is also Admiral of the Port of London.

Women Who Wear Well.

It is astonishing how great a change a few years of married life often make in the appearance and disposition of many women. The freshness, the charm, the brilliance vanish like the bloom from a peach which is rudely handled. The matron is only a dim shadow, a faint echo of the charming maiden. There are two reasons for this change: ignorance and neglect. Few young women appreciate the shock to the system through the change which comes with marriage and motherhood. Many neglect to deal with the unpleasant pelvic drains and weaknesses which too often come with marriage and motherhood, not understanding that this secret drain is robbing the cheek of its freshness and the form of its fairness.

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CHURCHILL DENIES STORY.

Says Statements Attributed to Bond Are Fabrications.

London, May 16.—Winston Churchill, the Under-Secretary, in the House of Commons yesterday, referring to The Daily Mail's report of the closing session of the Imperial Conference Tuesday branded statements attributed to Sir Robert Bond, Premier of Newfoundland, who was quoted as denouncing the Colonial Secretary, the Earl of Elgin, for deliberately neglecting the Newfoundlanders for the sake of American interests, as an impudent fabrication. Aiming his remarks at Lord Northcliffe, he said: "I am surprised that a person recently created a peer of the realm should be willing to let a newspaper under his control employ for political objects, methods of such transparent mendacity."

He said that as he had learned that the statement had been cabled fully to the colonies, it became necessary for him to state that from the beginning to the end it was a baseless and impudent fabrication. There was nothing in The Mail statement that bore the slightest resemblance of the mischief caused by the modus vivendi. He is deeply disappointed at the result of his attempt to obtain justice.

Premier Bond denies that anything "sensational" occurred at Tuesday's conference, but regretted that the Imperial Government had not met his reasonable demands. He is still hopeful that they will use their best efforts to undo the mischief caused by the modus vivendi. He is deeply disappointed at the result of his attempt to obtain justice.

DEAKIN THE MAN WHO DID.

But For Him Colonial Premiers Would Have Fared Badly.

London, May 16.—(C. A. P.)—Dr. Jameson, addressing the members of the Balfour Exchange yesterday afternoon, said it was to Premier Deakin they owed what had been got at the Conference. Referring to the Colonial Secretary, Jameson ventured to prophesy that the present arrangement would be such a failure that at the next Conference they would get what they wanted.

Lord Weardale Cromer, M. P., representing the British group, received from the Canadian Speaker an invitation to hold his next interparliamentary conference in Ottawa. Premier Laurier expresses his cordial approval.

Thomas Bent, Premier of Victoria, says wherever he went in England he heard nothing but the cry "Canada." The newspapers scarcely spoke of Australia, which glorious country is more loyal to the King than even the people at home.

The colonial statutes bill has been read a first time. Its object is to facilitate proof of colonial statutes by providing that copies of colonial laws be received as evidence in British courts, if purporting to be printed by the Government printer.

The G. T. R. has completed the purchase of additional ground for the erection of offices in Trafalgar square.

Fast Service Discovered.

London, May 16.—(C. A. P.)—The problem of the establishment of an Empire-linking mail and passenger service has caused great interest among the commercial men of the principal ports. The president of the Southampton Chamber of Commerce, though disappointed that Liverpool is named as the home port, welcomed the proposal and said that the day might come when it would be feasible to run a second line of subsidized steamers from Southampton to Canada.

Bristol, which Sir Wilfrid Laurier visited yesterday, advocates its claims as a terminal port, while Liverpool hopes if subsidies are given for a line between Liverpool and Canada, one of the existing mail lines will be favored, and that no new line will be brought into existence, as competition is already keen enough.

Suffragist Loses.

London, May 16.—At the bye-election held at Wimbledon, Henry Chaplin, Unionist, and ex-president of the Local Government Board, whose candidacy was opposed by the woman suffragists, was elected by the great majority of 6,964 out of a total vote of 13,562.

Mr. Chaplin was Joseph Chamberlain's first lieutenant throughout the latter's protectionist campaign, and based his fight largely on that issue.

Revivalist Goes to Jail.

Chicago, May 16.—A despatch from Athens, Ga., says that because he whipped his 12-year-old son for playing baseball on Sunday, J. H. Arnold, a traveling revivalist, was sentenced to six months on the rock pile. Physicians testified that the boy was lashed until his flesh was pulp.

Arnold said he believed it was a deadly sin to play baseball on Sunday.

Indian Accused of Murder.

Rochester, N. Y., May 16.—The trial of Harrison Hill, an Indian, accused of having murdered his brother-in-law, Elijah Peters, on the Tonawanda reservation on Jan. 14 of this year, opened in the federal court yesterday.

The defendant appeared in person, and after the reading of the indictment, entered a plea of not guilty.

Three Railroad Men Killed.

Ashtabula, Ohio, May 16.—Three men Tuesday night were killed near here by Lake Shore No. 16, which struck a handcar, on which were riding four members of a railroad bridge gang. One man jumped and was uninjured. The dead included George Wall of New York.

Costly Forest Fire.

Oil City, Pa., May 16.—Extensive forest fires, which have been raging in Venango County, covering an area of ten square miles, since Sunday, were under control yesterday.

The timber loss is estimated at \$75,000.

Government Sustained.

Paris, May 16.—The prolonged and heated debate in the Chamber of Deputies regarding the labor policy ended as was anticipated in a vote of confidence in the Government.

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