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CANADA'S PEAT RESOURCES.

The annual meeting of the American
Peat Society at Ottawa next week will
have a very practical interest for this
country.

The Dominion Government has been
carrying on elaborate experiments in
the peat bog at Alfred, Prescott
County, and the results will be laid
before the society by those in charge
of the plant. For this purpose the de-
legates will visit the bog at Alfred. They
will bring the latest information as to
the development of the peat industry
in the United States, including an ex-
hibit of the processes of manufacture.

The reports from Alfred are highly
encouraging. Peat fuel ready for use
has been produced at a price which in-
sures a market and profit. It is esti-
mated that a tract of 28 acres of peat,
averaging nine feet deep, should yield
50,000 tons of fuel. The same deposit
would furnish a manufacturing or elec-
tric lighting or power plant of 100-
horsepower, using steam engines, with
fuel for more than forty years of 300
ten-hour days, allowing eight pounds
of fuel per horse-power developed.

There are 11,200 square miles of
peat bogs in the United States, but
the area in Canada can only be guessed
at, though it is known to be very
extensive and covers nearly all the
provinces.

GOVERNMENT BY CAUCUS.

A startling political innovation is
furnished by the Labor party in Aus-
tralia, which has captured both cham-
bers of parliament.

The selection of a cabinet has been
undertaken not by the prime minister
himself, as in Great Britain, Canada,
and other dominions of the Empire, but
by the Labor members of Parliament in
caucus. The nine men who were
selected by ballot were presented to the
Governor-General by the Premier,
Mr. Fisher, as his colleagues. There
was but one restriction: three of
the ministers must be senators, and
six must be members of the House
of Representatives. All Mr. Fisher had
to do was to allot the various port-
folios among the chosen nine. There-
fore, while responsible to the crown
and to the electorate, for the conduct
of his colleagues, the Prime Minister is
not personally responsible for their
choice.

In the Senate the Labor party has 23
of the 36 members, and in the House
of Representatives 44 of the 75 mem-
bers. Once a week the Labor party
meets in camera, and decides on its
course. Every bill introduced is
threwed out in the caucus, and the
course of the Labor members as a body
is decided by vote of the caucus. Every
Labor member appealed to his con-
stituency last April as a man pledged
to the definite platform laid down at
the Brisbane conference in 1908, and
nothing else binds any one of them. In
matters outside of that platform each
man is entirely free to use his in-
dividual judgment as to vote or speech.

It will be interesting to watch how
this experiment of government by
caucus will work. It is to be presumed
that in case of a disagreement be-
tween the Premier and one or more of
his followers, or among any of the
latter, the merits of the dispute will
be left, not to the head of the Govern-
ment, but to the caucus, to decide, and
that it will be the caucus which will
say what, if any, changes in the cabi-
net are necessary. The caucus, if it
feels so disposed, may even depose the
Prime Minister himself. If, however,
the Labor party has first at heart the
welfare of the Commonwealth, friction
within the party will be avoided, and
the Government be enabled to carry
out a policy which even its opponents
do not deny has good features.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS.

Though late in appearing, the pro-
vincial vital statistics for 1907, pre-
pared by the deputy registrar-general,
are of considerable interest. The popu-
lation of Ontario is given as 2,220,430,
but these figures are not as trustwor-
thy as those of the federal census.

The number of births during the year
is placed at 53,584—an increase of 1,874
over the preceding year; marriages
numbered 21,915, or 2,067 more than in
1906, and deaths increased 720, the to-
tal number being 33,502. The natural
population increase—i. e., the excess
of births over deaths—was therefore
20,082.

The returns of births in the eighteen
cities of the province show on exami-
nation a birth rate of 27.9 per thous-
and, or 28.4 per cent of the total, while
in the fifteen towns the rate was 25.3

per thousand, or 55 per cent of the
total. Dufferin, among the counties, is
credited with the lowest birth rate,
15.8 per thousand; Prescott-Russell
comes next, with 16.0, and Lennox-
Addington is third lowest, with 17.0
per thousand. Males born outnumbered
females by 1,428, the totals being
27,506 and 26,078 respectively. During
the twelvemonth, 1,162 twins and 24
triplets were born in the province.

Windsor, owing to its proximity to
Detroit, continues to boast of the
highest marriage rate of any city in
the province, its record for the year
being 36.2 per thousand; but if the
marriages of non-residents are ex-
cluded the border city's rate is found to
be below that of the average for the
province. No fewer than 2,446 mar-
riages by banns were recorded during
the year. The general supposition has
been that this old-time form was de-
clining; instead, the report shows that
in 1907 there were 809 more banns
published than ten years before.

The death rate for the year was 15.0
per thousand of the estimated popula-
tion of the province, or 1.6 per thous-
and in excess of the average for the
decade.

Among the contents of the report is
a table showing the number of deaths
from tuberculosis in each year since
1870, the total for that period being
87,654. The ratio per thousand of
population, which in 1881 was 1.27,
had ten years later decreased to 1.12,
and in 1901 had further decreased to
1.04. Tuberculosis still accounts for
10 per cent of all deaths, but its rav-
ages are not increasing. The means
taken to combat it—public education
and the provision of sanatoria—should
tell heavily in the next decade.

CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT BIBLES.

There has been some controversy in
these columns as to the Protestant
propaganda among French-Canadians,
and the attitude of the Catholic Church
toward the Bible. We have no desire
to take a hand in it; our correspon-
dents may fight it out among them-
selves. We venture to say, however,
that the average layman, Catholic or
Protestant, could not distinguish be-
tween a Catholic and a Protestant
Bible unless it were labelled. Put a
Catholic Bible, with a plain cover, into
the hands of a Protestant churchgoer,
and he might use it for years without
discovering any variation from the
text of the version to which he had
become accustomed. Similarly a Pro-
testant Bible, with a cross on the cover,
might be used by a Catholic, fairly
well acquainted with his own Bible,
without suspecting anything amiss. A
citizen, a Protestant, tells us that for
years he has used a French Catholic
Testament—De Sacy's translation
from the Vulgate—and combines his
devotions with some practice in
French by following his pastor's
reading from the English Bible. He
says that his French version is almost
a literal rendering of the English.
Readers of George Borrow's "The Bible
in Spain" will recollect that the Bible
he sold throughout Spain, as the
agent of the English and Foreign Bible
Society, a Protestant organization, was
a Catholic one, authorized by the
Archbishop of Madrid. Borrow, an aggres-
sive Protestant, found opposition in
some places; in others he was wel-
comed by the clergy. Incidentally, it
may be said that those who have not
read "The Bible in Spain" have missed
a literary masterpiece.

Thomas Hardy has just been de-
corated with the Order of Merit. Readers
of "Tess" conferred it on him long
ago.

Three Toronto boys have been heav-
ily fined for stealing newspapers.
There should be some punishment for
the grown-ups who persist in borrow-
ing their neighbors' papers.

The Toronto Telegram blames the
railway strike on the Lemieux act.
This is a genuine discovery. It hadn't
occurred to the company or the men,
who have been blaming each other.

The Canadian tariff is a compromise
between the views of the Canadian
Manufacturers' Association, and the
Western Grain Growers' Association.
But any Canadian tariff must be a
compromise.

Couldn't the department of education
grant a supplemental examination in
arithmetic for the high school en-
trance? This plan would be just, if,
as reported, the bulk of the failures can
be traced to the arithmetic paper.

The Grand Trunk says it will be
able to pay better wages when the
Grand Trunk Pacific is in operation.
This is a remarkable answer to the
pessimists who were crying out that
the G. T. P. would be unable to carry
out the eastern division of the transcon-
tinental.

STARVED.

[Catholic Standard and Times.]
Accumulated saw your wife at the dance
last night. She certainly did look mag-
nificent. By the way, old man, you're
rather thin, aren't you?"

Muttley—Guess I am. You see, we
went to housekeeping recently, and I ar-
ranged with my wife to give her a cer-
tain allowance each week to provide for
the table and buy clothes for herself.

SUCCESSFUL.

[Cleveland Leader.]
The Girl—What's your opinion of wo-
men who imitate men?
The Man—They're idiots.
The Girl—Then the imitation is success-
ful.

THE BOSS.

[Popular Magazine.]
President McCrea, of the Pennsylvania
Railroad, in his study of all classes of
men who are under him, entertains a
great admiration for the Irish foreman
of a gang of laborers, who went to any
lengths to show his men that he was
the real boss. One morning this foreman

found that his gang had put a hand car
on the track without his orders.
"Who put that hand car-r-r on the
track?" he asked.
"We did, sor," one of the men answer-
ed respectfully.
"Well," he said, shortly, "take it off
agin'!"
The laborers did so with some diffi-
culty.
"Now," said the foreman, "put it on
agin'!"

THE SORT OF STORY.

[Chicago Daily News.]
Seymour—What does Flammer do?
Ashley—He's a composer, extra extra.
Seymour—Music or fiction?
Ashley—Fiction; he writes weather pre-
dictions.

KING EDWARD'S HUMOR.

[Detroit Free Press.]
King Edward's good nature was illus-
trated the other night by a London cor-
respondent at the Press Club in New
York.
"The King," said the correspondent,
was visiting Rufford Abbey, and one
morning, in company with his host, Lord
Arthur Savile, he took a walk over the
preserves.
"Suddenly Lord Arthur, a big, burly
man, rushed forward and seized a shab-
by fellow with a dead pheasant pro-
truding from the breast of his coat.
"Sir," said Lord Arthur to the King,
"this fellow is a bad egg. This is the
second time I've caught him poaching."
"But the King's handsome face beamed,
and he laughed his gay and tolerant
laugh.
"Oh, let him go," he said. "If he really
were a bad egg, you know, he wouldn't
poach."

THE OLD BOOKS THE BEST.

[Hamilton Times.]
Last night the board of education also
by resolution, authorized the purchase
of a number of the old text books
named in schedule D of the departmental
regulations. Without this resolution it
would have been necessary to compel all
pupils to supply themselves with the new
books. As some of the old books are vastly
superior to the new ones, a double pur-
pose will be served, the extra expense
will be avoided, and the pupils will have
the advantage of the better books.

A DEPLORABLE STATE.

[Toronto Telegram.]
The educational affairs of this Province
are in a deplorable state when thousands
of children all over Ontario are firstly
tormented, and finally slaughtered, by the
inability of examiners to express the
meaning of every question in plain Eng-
lish.

HIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
"Just remember," said his rich wife,
"that I am the goose that lays your
golden eggs."
"You're the first goose I ever saw that
cackled every time she laid."

GIVING AND GAINING.

[S. E. Kiser.]
We reap in return for our sowing.
And not for mere dreaming of gains;
The winds that are so faithfully blowing
Across the wide, billowy plains
Will bring us no shiploads of treasure,
Unless we have ships to return;
The world gives us measures for measure,
And hope for the hopes that we earn.

THE WORLD GIVES US MEASURES FOR MEASURE.

The world gives us joy for enjoyment.
That we have the grace to impart;
The heart is soon out of employment
That ceases to gladden some heart;
The pleasure and profit of living
Are sweetened by effort and zeal.
The world gives us gain for our giving,
And not for the empty appeal.

BEST INTENTIONS.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
Mamma—Johnny, what is the baby yell-
ing about?
Johnny—Nothin'. I jest took his milk
and showed him how to drink it.

KIND HEARTED.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
"Do you think Roosevelt and Taft will
get together?"
"I hope not. Taft's a good soul, and
I'd hate to see anything happen to him."

COMMENDABLE RESTRAINT.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
A Jefferson (Ohio) paper refers to "a
prominent horse thief" of that vicinity.
We offered the Jefferson paper's re-
straint in declining to refer to him as an
eminent horse thief.

STICKLERS FOR ETIQUETTE.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
It should be said to the credit of mem-
bers of the Gould family that they
strictly observe the proprieties by re-
fraining from issuing their wedding in-
vitations before they have secured their
divorces.

"A WORD TO THE WISE."

[Miss M. Laughton.]
Little owl in the glen
I'm ashamed of you;
You are ungrammatical
in speaking as you do.
You should say, "To whom; to whom?"
Not "To who, to who?"
Your small friend, Miss Katy-did,
May be green, "be true,"
But you never hear her say,
"Katy do! She do!"

WHAT KNOWLEDGE SHOULD DO.

[Delineator.]
When "Josh Billings" said, "It's better
not to know so many things than to
know so many things that ain't so," he
crystallized one of the greatest truths of
all philosophy. I wish that he could
squeeze into another sharp-pointed
little burr for the memory the fact
that it is less important to know things
than to know how to learn things.
Knowledge ought not to be thought of
as building a prison about the mind, but
as tearing down the walls and letting the
sunlight into dark places. Wisdom is
not walls, but wings.

AND CLOSE AT HOME.

"Have you noticed, my friend, how
many fools there are on this earth?"
"Yes, and there's always one more than
you think."

THE ENGLISH STRIKE

TIES UP BUSINESS

Ten Thousand on the Northeastern
Section Quit Yesterday.
Newcastle, Eng., July 20.—The strike
movement against the Northeastern
Railroad was strengthened steadily to-
day. Ten thousand men had quit
work last night, and every hour since
has brought report of further desertions.
The regular passenger trains were
still being operated with a few extra
with fair regularity, but the company was
obliged to commandeer the services of
station masters and clerks in order to
man the few local trains that it was
able to move.

The situation along the River Tyne
grows increasingly serious. Paralysis
is extending through the local trade.
Scores of coal ships are tied up, un-
able to obtain cargoes. Many factories
in the vicinity have shut down pend-
ing the outcome of the dispute, the
gravity of which is generally recog-
nized.

The strike began Monday night, and
took the railroad officers by surprise.
It is founded upon a feeling of gen-
eral dissatisfaction with the condi-
tions of employment.

LARGE DONATIONS

TO FRESH AIR FUND

But it is Still Considerably Short of
Sum Required.

The fresh air fund at noon today
was just \$4.20 short of the required
\$100. Some large donations were re-
ceived yesterday and today, consider-
ably swelling the total to \$305.80.
Captain Gregory and Mr. Fred
Screaton left this afternoon for Port
Stanley to select the site for the
camp and make arrangements.

Books and Games Wanted.

An appeal was made some time ago
for magazines and books with pictures,
game boards and amusements of var-
ious kinds for use on rainy days at the
camp. As yet the citizens have failed
to come forward with these. Things
of this kind will be put to excellent
use at the camp. There are many citi-
zens who could easily spare contribu-
tions of this kind, and they would
confer a great favor by leaving them
with Mr. Ruse at the G. T. ticket
office.

Selecting the Boys.

The work of selecting the boys to
be taken for the ten-days' outing is
going on. Fifty boys belonging to poor
families will be taken. Already a
considerable number have been en-
rolled. Some of these have never even
gone to Springbank, while practically
none have had any other outing than
down the river. It is to help boys of
this class that citizens are asked to
make their contributions.

There is over \$90 yet to be made up
by a week from Saturday, while more
could be used to advantage. Leave
your contribution at the clock corner.

Following are the latest contribu-

Previously acknowledged	\$229.80
L. W. B.	1.00
All Saints' Church	2.00
H. C. L.	1.00
L. C. L.	1.00
P. Lashbrook	1.00
J. Lashbrook	1.00
A. Screaton & Co. staff	7.00
Angus Elliott	1.00
Dr. Hadley Williams	2.00
Thomas Treleven	1.00
H. Treleven	1.00
A friend	1.00
Mrs. Macdonald	5.00
McBride	1.00
Soldier	1.00
F. G. Jewell	2.00
A. N. Udy	1.00
Frank Lawson	5.00
Mrs. George S. Gibbons	25.00
John Gibbons	1.00
Hon. Adam Beck	10.00
Mrs. Adam Beck	5.00
Total	\$305.80

WHINEY DECIDES

TO REVISE PRIMER

Denunciation by Educational Associa-

tion Said To Have Caused It.

Toronto, July 20.—It is understood
that the department of education is
now engaged in the revision of the
Public School Primer, adopted a short
time ago, and that when the new edi-
tion is issued it will bear little re-
semblance to the original, while im-
portant alterations have been made in
the rest of the book.

When asked yesterday if the report
that the Primer was to be radically
altered was correct, Premier Whitney
hesitated, and finally refused to either
deny or affirm the truth of the report.
"I am not prepared to say whether it
is true or not," said Sir James. "I
cannot say any more than that until
I have conferred with the depart-
ment of education."
At the last meeting of the Ontario
Educational Association, the Primer
was roundly denounced, and a reso-
lution was passed requesting the de-
partment of education to extend the
authorization of the former Primer
until a suitable book could be pre-
pared.

LOT TRANSFERRED

TO BELL TELEPHONE

W. C. T. U. Held a Meeting to Accom-

plish This.

With their president, Mrs. Hubert
Ashplant in the chair, the local W. C.
T. U. held a special meeting Tuesday
last, to meet the legal require-
ments necessary in the transference
of their lot on Park street to the Bell
Telephone Company.

The vote to do so was unanimous,
and this business transacted, the ladies
proceeded to arrange for the coming
business of Western Fair week. It
was resolved, on account of the labor
involved in decline, for this year, the
request of the Western Fair officials
that the Union again cater for their
board.

The literature superintendent, Mrs.
Plews, asked for and obtained per-
mission to send literature to the boys'
outing club at Port Stanley.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

The Catholic clergy of Canada are
already preparing for the great
Eucharistic congress which will be
held in Montreal from Sept. 4 to 11,
and an effort is being made to have
each parish in the diocese of London
send three delegates to the convention.
Names have to yet be men-
tioned, but it is probable that a num-
ber of prominent London Catholics
will attend the congress.

YARDMAN CAUGHT

BETWEEN CARS

West Toronto, July 19.—Charles
Barnhart, a C. P. R. engine driver,
was caught between a freight car and
a passenger car while coupling cars here
this morning and badly crushed and
injured internally. His condition is
serious. Barnhart, who is a young
man living on "Yine street, is now in
the Western Hospital.

R. C. REGIMENT INSPECTED

Col. Wadmore, of the R. C. R., Hal-
ifax, Tuesday inspected the contingent
of the Royal Canadian Regiment, in
London. This was the annual inspec-
tion of No. 1 Regimental Depot, and
Col. Wadmore expressed his pleasure
at the fine appearance of the men.
The "school teachers" class also
came up for inspection. This is a
class of university students who are
taking a course of instruction for cadet
instructors. He complimented this
class on the evidences of progress
which were manifested.

ABSOLUTE

SECURITY.

Genuine

Carter's

Little Liver Pills.

Must Bear Signature of

Asa Wood

See Fac-Simile Wrapper Below.

Very small and as easy
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CARTER'S
LITTLE
LIVER
PILLS.

FOR HEADACHE.
FOR DIZZINESS.
FOR BILIOUSNESS.
FOR TORPID LIVER.
FOR CONSTIPATION.
FOR SALLOW SKIN.
FOR THE COMPLEXION.

CURE SICK HEADACHE.

STRATFORD BOY

CRUSHED TO DEATH

Fourteen-Year-Old Joseph Smith

Killed in Elevator

Accident.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Stratford, July 20.—Joseph Smith, a
lad about 14 years of age, employed in
the Corcoran Company's wholesale tea
works, Downie street, was killed about
6 o'clock last evening by the falling
of an elevator in the Corcoran Com-
pany's establishment. The boy resided
with his stepfather, Mr. Hart, of
Matilda street.

Nobody was present at the time of
the accident, but it was thought there
was something defective in connection
with the cable which caused the ele-
vator to fall. The lad was picked up
in the lane running past the elevator
at the side of the store. His head was
badly crushed, it is presumed from
being precipitated against the brick
wall.

BAN B. JOHNSON IS SUED
BY WARD IN LIBEL CASE

American League President Is Asked

to Fork Out \$30,000 For Election

Talk.

New York, July 19.—It became known
today that President Ban Johnson, of
the American League, has been sued for
libel by John M. Ward, who was a can-
didate for the presidency of the National
League last winter. The papers were
served on President Johnson at the up-
town hotel where he is staying, yester-
day. Ward seeks damages for certain
remarks credited to Johnson last winter
when the American League leader was
backing Heydler, and when he was quoted
as declaring that he would engage
a lawyer to look after his interests "in
due time." He declares that he is not
greatly worried by the suit, and that he
is not responsible for all the things you
see credited to me in the papers," was
his comment.

JOHNSON TO FIGHT
IN LONDON ENGLAND

Will Meet Burns or Langford,
According to Report, in
September.

London, July 19.—A sporting weekly
asserts today that it has authority to
state that Jack Johnson, the colored
heavyweight champion, will fight either
Tommy Burns or Sam Langford in Lon-
don in September, under the auspices of
Hugh McIntosh, the Australian promoter.

New York, July 20.—Jack Johnson an-
nounces today that he is going to Europe
in the near future in order to fill a long
series of theatrical engagements. He will
tour Great Britain, Ireland and France,
and may also give some exhibitions in
Germany. Hugh McIntosh has offered
him a \$5,000 guarantee for three fights,
namely, Sam Langford, Tommy Burns
and Bill Lang as his opponents. McIntosh
thinks that a Johnson-Langford affray in
England would prove a gold mine. But
will Johnson agree to a meeting with the
Boston Tar Baby?

Epilepsy, Spasms,
St. Vitus' Dance

"I suffered for many years
from what some people call
epilepsy. Dr. Miles' Restora-
tive Nerve cure me, and you
can imagine how thankful I am."