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GAS FROM PEAT.

The annual report of the Entomological Society of Ontario declares that peat is much better and cheaper as raw material for gas than coal. It says:—Peat gas is more easily purified than gas made from coal, and it leaves no vile-smelling lime compounds to be gotten rid of as is the case with coal. About 100,000 cubic feet of water gas can be obtained from one ton of peat, and this gas, without enriching, can be used for lighting through the discovery of the incandescent mantle. As a fuel gas it would be very cheap and of great heating power, as it is largely composed of hydrogen, whose heating capacity is more than four times that of an equal weight of coal gas. For heating it would nearly be as cheap as natural gas, and next in convenience and cleanliness to electricity, used for that purpose, and at a hundredth part of the cost of the latter.

THE USE OF THE RIFLE.

The militia department possesses thousands and thousands of Snider and Martini-Henry rifles which are obsolete for war purposes but good enough for practice. A quantity of these were sold two or three years ago for something like eighty cents apiece. This is a mistake. The Government should encourage the formation of rifle clubs among the young men and loan such clubs these rifles for educational purposes. The present generation is growing up without much more than knowing one end of a gun from the other. The misfortune of this will be impressed upon us every time there is a call to arms. The Boer war has shown us what men educated to the rifle, but otherwise absolutely ignorant of military tactics, can do in defence of their country. With the weapons in the armories to make just as good shots of our boys it is simply wasting our advantages to sell those rifles for such a song as 80 cents each. With every man a dead shot Canada's 5,000,000 people could protect her against invasion from any quarter.

THE PERIODICITY OF WAR.

The doctrine of "the periodicity of war" was presented at the Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration in May and June, 1899, by General Alfred C. Barnes, with the introductory remark that "no one deprecates war more than the soldier who serves from a sense of duty." The speaker said that "with all our privileges, and in spite of the elevated spirit that undeniably prevails among us, the original savage lurks in the hearts of men here as elsewhere." In two hundred and twenty-five years we have had ten principal wars—five during the colonial period and five since our independence was undertaken. The average interval between wars has been about 20 years—"an extremely interesting periodicity, as it brings into the arena a new race of fighting young men. So it seems for each fresh generation of our youth the temple gates of Janus have to be opened, that the furies there confined may rush forth and devastate the earth. It looks almost like the operation of the natural law." General Barnes' theory of the war that the United States is engaged in is the simple one that we were "spoiling for a fight."

A Montreal woman has been sent down for a month for personating a voter in the late municipal election. She was paid \$5 to do it. Ontario seems to be the only place on earth where corruptionists can do what they like without fear of punishment.

The Maple City is said to have been laid out by Governor Simcoe in 1790. This must be a mistake. Many of the business places look as if the last coat of paint they received antedated that year by several decades.

The citizens of Chatham would not feel the burden of taxation nearly so keenly if they were permitted to pay their taxes in two instalments. This reform has been talked of for years, but it still hangs fire, like many others.

Among the necessities of life our Liberal friends at Ottawa have cheapened by putting on the free list are:

Life boats.
Artificial limbs.
Canvases for bicycle tires.
Steel for surgical trusses.
Steel for augurs and knives.
Steel spirals for railways.
Fashion plates.
Rape seed.
Mushroom spawn.
Furniture castors.
Trainings for bedsteads.
Machinery for the manufacture of beet sugar.
Corns.
Hinder twine.
In Laurier's free trade policy making you rich?

MUST WORK OR STARVE NOW.

There are lots of Canadians in the United States who haven't any bus-

"Welcome, Evil, If Thou Comest Alone."

One evil that cannot come alone is impure blood. If this is allowed, it is attended by kindred ailments galore. This condition means that every vein and artery of the body, instead of carrying to the organs a health-giving flow of life, is laden with a slow and impure fluid that is harming instead of healing.

It is unfortunate when there is "bad blood" inside of you. Hood's Sarsaparilla will not make enemies friends, but it will make "bad blood" good blood, and blood should be of the best quality. Hood's never disappoints.

Erysipelas.—Had a severe attack of erysipelas, suffering from dizziness and nervousness so that I could not rest at night. Tried Hood's Sarsaparilla with good results, and now recommend it to others. M. CHALMERS, Toronto, Ont.

Strength Builder.—Myself, wife and children have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla and it strengthened me. It relieved me of a lame back. DAVID MCGONIGL, caretaker, Colt Institute, Galt, Ont.

Rheumatism.—I was badly afflicted with sciatic rheumatism. Consulted doctors without relief. Was persuaded to try Hood's Sarsaparilla, and five bottles gave me relief and enabled me to go to work. WILLIAM K. ROACH, Margaretville, N. S.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Never Disappoints
Hood's Pills cure liver ills; the non-irritating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

ness to be there. Had they worked half as hard this side the border as they do over there they would never have needed to migrate.

A MODEST ESTIMATE.

Ontario's raw materials are sufficient to sustain a working population of five millions or more. Why should they be allowed to minister to the necessities of foreign manufacturers and artisans?

A REPROACH TO CIVILIZATION.

Windsor Record.
Time was when the term "Kentucky gentleman" was a synonym for honor, manliness, integrity and chivalry, so all-comprehending was it in scope. Now the state is noted only for its sneaking, cowardly assassins and hiders of assassins.

PUTS US IN MIND OF DAYS OF OLD.

Kingston News.
Some of the expressions at the aldermanic cakewalk last evening were certainly most pointed. "Political clique," "towards," "aldermen stultifying themselves," etc., were a few of the choice invectives hurled at the heads of the offending members.

KEPT IN THE AGONY OF SUSPENSE

Ottawa Citizen.
The Toronto Telegram charges the minister of militia with holding back Col. Otter's report for the benefit of the Globe and other favored organs. This puts the minister in such a wretchedly contemptuous attitude that we sincerely trust it is not true, yet the facts we cannot deny appear to sustain the indictment, and call for explanation. The Telegram adds, with great force: "The fathers and mothers of Canada did not stop to ask whether they were Grits or Tories when they were giving up their sons to battle in South Africa. It is an outrage that the minister of militia should trifle with the natural anxieties of these fathers and mothers and hold back for the benefit of any favored journal the report which carried so small comfort into many homes in this country."

PRINCE PATRICK OF YORK.

N. Y. Mail and Express.
O. Paddy, dear, and did you hear? The news that's going round? The shamrock blooms as never before. All o'er the Irish ground? The Queen has come to Dublin town. And right o' top of that? She telegraphs the Duke of York. To call the baby Pat!

She might have given to the Duke

Colds ON THE Chest

are dangerous; they weaken the constitution, inflame the lungs, and often lead to Pneumonia. Cough syrups are useless. The system must be given strength and force to throw off the disease.

Scott's Emulsion will do this. It strengthens the lungs and builds up the entire system. It conquers the inflammation, cures the cough, and prevents serious trouble.

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The choice of several names:
For instance, Matthew, Mark and Luke.
And John and Joe and James;
And Jacob, Isaac, Abraham.
But, no—instead of that,
She telegraphs the Duke of York
To call the baby Pat!

She might have wished the boy to bear
Some Scotch or English name,
Some chieftain's of the mighty past
That fills the tramp of fame;
But Scotch names she put aside,
And English names she put aside,
And turning to the Emerald Isle,
She said, "let's call him Pat!"

O. Paddy, dear, 'tis very clear
The shamrock's a blooming right,
So let's be wearing of the green
And dance a jig to-night;
The Queen has come to Dublin town
And right o' top of that,
She telegraphs the Duke of York
To call the baby Pat!

OUR ABSENT-MINDED BEGGAR.

S. Thomas Times.
When you've shouted "Bah for Robson!" when you've sung "God Save the Queen!"

When you've shown the Grits their grin is but
Will you listen to my ditty of a man
You all have seen,
He's Ontario's greatest statesman (?)

—name of Ross;
He's an absent-minded beggar, his
Weaknesses are great,
And when you want to get him you
Can't find him;

He's a hunting of a surplus, and his
Figures on the budget are
If they meet a financier, would they
Blind him.

One million, two million, any old thing
At all;
Fifty thousand, more or less—it's all
The same to-day;
And while he spouts the figures, his
Mind's not on it at all,
And all electors have to do is to
Pay, pay, pay.

There are ridings he's bought secret,
asking no permission to,
For he knew he wouldn't get it if
he did;

And there's switchers, pluggers, bribers,
the machine and all its crew;
Of responsibility he can't be rid.
Then there's ballots burned up casual
—he'll be sorry now it's done,
What an absent-minded beggar we
Have found him!

But the voters jar his memory, and his
end will shortly come,
And with it comes the end of those
around him.

Sheriff's job, clerk's job, jobs for a
hundred more—
This is the song he always sings
when he comes their way;
When election comes around, the
jobs are given galore,
And all the little jobsters have to
pay, pay, pay.

Let us manage so that after, when
election comes again,
We can show him that the people
have a say;
And that while he claims a surplus—
he may find it if he can—
And we'll give him lots of time to
He's an absent-minded beggar, and he
may forget it all,
And it's up to us—the voters—to re-
mind him.

That's the song he quit the business, and
the job before us
Is to make him leave the treasury
behind him.
Farmer's vote, merchant's vote, mechanic,
laborer, groom,
Thousands of honest voters are
marching on the way
To show him that his actions are lead-
ing to his doom,
And for his many sins he'll have to
pay, pay, pay.

FOR THE SICK ROOM.

Don't be hurried and bustling and
fussy about the patient.
Don't appear anxious, however great
may be your anxiety.

Don't let stale flowers remain in the
sick room.

Don't allow an accumulation of medi-
cine bottles in sight of the patient.
Don't jar the bed by lifting or sitting
upon it. This is always unpleasant to
one ill and unkindful of yourself if
you are in the responsible position of
nurse. To do faithful work you must
have proper food and stated hours of
rest.

Don't forget that kindness and tenderness
are needful to successful nursing.
Human nature longs to be comforted
and comforted on all occasions
when it is out of tune.

Don't throw coal upon the fire.
Place it in brown paper bags and lay
them upon the fire, thus avoiding the
noise which is shocking to the sick
and sensitive.

Don't neglect during the day to at-
tend to necessities for night in the
way of nourishment and drink, that
the rest of the patient and family may
not be disturbed.

Don't light a sick room at night by
means of a jet or lamp burning low;
nothing impoverishes the air sooner.
Use sperm candles, or tapers which
burn in sperm oil.

In these days of bacteria let the sun
have free access wherever its poison
scattering rays can reach. In other
places use boiling water and copperas,
or chloride of lime where water is un-
derstandable.

To purify a cistern tie charcoal in a
bag and drop it in.
Grow your own sages, parsley, mint
and caraway.

Use celery freely. A tea made of the
leaves and roots used daily is said to
cure rheumatism.

Use turpentine and rock salt for a
felon.
Salt water used as a gargle will
strengthen the throat and harden the
gums; used as a wash it will strength-
en the eyes; used in the bath it is a
tonic and stops the hair it pre-

Use milk puddings and stewed fruit
for bilious dyspepsia.
Apply castor oil once a day to warts
from two to six weeks and they will
disappear.

Ordinary grated horse-radish for
the removal of the cough which fol-
lows the grip. Eat it at meals and be-
tween meals.

A danger foreseen is half avoided.

Ordered Clothing

Do not fail to give us a call this spring for your Suit and Overcoat. We are in a position to deal better with you than the ordinary merchant. As Manufacturers of Tweeds ourselves, we would not sell you anything that would not give you thorough satisfaction. Without a doubt we carry the largest stock in imported goods in Scotch, English and Irish Tweeds, also Worsteds in all colorings of any merchant in the city. In the above imported goods, as Manufacturers ourselves, we are able to choose you the best wearing quality as well as style. Those who are not already our Customers in Clothing, give us a trial and you will be convinced with the many thousand present customers we have, that you have at last found the place where to get your clothes at the right price. Remember we guarantee a perfect fit or your money gladly refunded. Our motto for clothing is "Cash."

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THE ERIE AND HURON RAILWAY COMPANY.

Notice is hereby given that a special general meeting of the shareholders of The Erie & Huron Railway Company will be held at the office of the President of the Company at the Town of Walkerville, Ontario, on Friday, the 18th day of May, 1900, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon to consider and deal with a proposed agreement for amalgamation with The Lake Erie & Detroit River Railway Company, and upon the passing of such by-law, will be held, at the time and place aforesaid, the annual general meeting of the shareholders of the company for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Dated at Walkerville this 10th day of April, 1900.

12-19-26-3. J. E. FOREMAN, Secretary.

THE LAKE ERIE AND DETROIT RIVER RAILWAY COMPANY.

"Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway Company will be held at the head office of the Company at the Town of Walkerville, Ontario, on Tuesday, the First day of May, 1900, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to consider the terms of a proposed agreement with the Erie and Huron Railway Company, for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting."

Dated at Walkerville this 27th day of March, 1900.

w29 a5-12-19-26 HENRY LYE, Secretary.

The great amount of design work done at the Victoria Avenue Green House is sufficient proof of the excellence of the work. Nothing but the best at the lowest prices. Telephone 181.

Minard's Liniment Relieves Neuralgia.

Mortgage Sale of Valuable Farm Property

Under and by virtue of the power contained in a certain registered Mortgage made by Eliza Jane Jubinville to the Vendor which will be produced at the time and place of sale there will be sold by public auction at the Grand Central Hotel, in the City of Chatham, in the County of Kent, on Saturday, April 21st, 1900, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon—by Messrs. McCoig & Harrington, auctioneers, the following freehold property:

All and singular, that certain parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the township of Raleigh, in the said County of Kent, being composed of the centre part of the South Car Mortgage made by Eliza Jane Jubinville to the Vendor which will be produced at the time and place of sale there will be sold by public auction at the Grand Central Hotel, in the City of Chatham, in the County of Kent, on Saturday, April 21st, 1900, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon—by Messrs. McCoig & Harrington, auctioneers, the following freehold property:

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MORTGAGE SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY.

Under and by virtue of the powers contained in a certain mortgage, which will be produced at the time of sale, there will be offered for sale, at Public Auction,

On Saturday, the Fifth Day of May, 1900.

At twelve o'clock, noon, at the Garner House in the City of Chatham, by McCoig & Harrington, Auctioneers, the following lands and premises in one parcel, namely:—

The south half of the south half of lot number ten in the ninth concession of the Township of Raleigh, in the County of Kent, containing fifty acres, more or less. There is on the farm a small barn and a small house.

TERMS:—Ten per cent. of the purchase money at the time of sale and the remainder within thirty days thereafter without interest.

Further terms and particulars and conditions of sale may be had at any time upon application to the undersigned.

Dated at Chatham this tenth day of April, A. D. 1900.

SCANE, HOUSTON, STONE & SCANE, Vendors' Solicitors.

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Notice to Creditors.

In the matter of the estate of Caleb Costworth, late of the Township of Romney, in the County of Kent, Yeoman deceased:

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to R. S. O., 1897, Chapter 129, that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said Caleb Costworth, who died on or about the 12th day of March, 1900, are required on or about the 10th day of May, 1900, to send by post pre-paid or deliver to Messrs. Lewis & Richards, of the City of Chatham, Solicitors for Robert G. Costworth, Caleb Costworth and Hattie M. Costworth, the executors of the last will and testament of said deceased, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executors will proceed to