## EDITORIAL NOTES

W. J. Bryan, who received an ovation at New York last week on his return from a tour of Europe is easily the most conspicuous figure in American public life at the present time. Travel and contact with foreign life have enlarged Mr. Bryan's vision, and eliminated much of the narrowness and faddism that characterized his first campaign. It is impossible to forecast what may transpire during the two years that intervene before the next presidental election, but present conditions indicate Mr. Bryan as the logical and strongest candidate the Democratic party can name. His radical platform may alienate a per centage of the silk stocking element in his own party, but is likely to make inroads on the opposite party that will more than compensate for the loss. Bryan will stand a lot of beating at the next election and Roosevelt looks like the only man that can turn the trick.

The almost superstitious regard in which the opinion of an "Expert" was once regarded is gradually given away to a less flattering estimate of these self constituted authorities on special lines. We have the special crop estimator, whose calculations generally prove millions o bushels astray. The expert on hand writing, whose testimony is frequently contradicted by actual facts. The expert surgeon who occasionally sews up ah instrument in the patient's interior; the expert lawyer, whose opinion is seldom sustained by the higher courts; the expert electrician who comes to a sudden end by handling the charged wire; expert proof readers who make more mistakes than a country editor, and scores of specialists in science and art. There are experts, and there are others, and their name is legion and their nerve illimitable

In his address at the opening of the Toronto fair Sir William Mulock soun :ed a note of warning against the tendency to militarism that should meet with the hearty commendation of every sane Canadian. When we regard the nations of Europe, and even those on the continent to which we belong, loaded down with a burden of taxation bequeathed by former wars, and increased by the never ending preparations for another struggle we would do well to pause before attempt ing to follow their example. We are too young a country to afford the costly luxury of an established army or navy The millions of dollars squandered in costly armament might better be invest ed in developing our resources and culti vating the arts of peace. A prosperous and contended people have no desire for bloodshed and strife, and neither invite or provoke trouble with their neighbors. Situated as we are there is only the remotest possibility of our country ever be coming involved with other nations, and should that occasion unfortunately arise our best defence will be found in the stout hands and loyal hearts of our citizens. The tramp of marching hosts and the trappings of war may well be left to the swash bucklers who glory in butchery and destruction.

## Fair Season Is On.

The time for the country fairs has arrived, and indications are that the general attendance will be larger than ever. One reason for this is that the country has been unusually prosperous agriculturally and exhibits in farm pro ducts and live stock will eclipse all previous shows. Naturally, the progressive farmer wants to see what the other fellow has to offer, and if his own products are beaten. It is this friendly rivalry in crop growing and live stock breeding that has raised the standard so high during the past ten or fifteen years. The march of progress is still upward and there is no doubt but what this year's shows will be the best in many respects ever seen.

Help your home fair by attendance
and if possible by exhibit, and it will
help you and others.—World.

## Supposed Drowning.

Louis Waucaush, an Indian of the Kettle Point Reserve, has been missing since Thursday last and is supposed to have been drowned in Lake Huron. On Thursday he went out fishing on the lake in a small sail boat, and when he did not return his friends became anxious and started out on a search. The boat was picked up on the beach with a few fish in it, but no trace of the missing man could be found. Searching parties on the following days went over a considerable distance on the lake, but their search was without result. It is thought Waucaush without result. It is thought Waucaush was drowned by the spectring of his boat, as there was a heavy wind and high sea on the lake on that day.

### 1,500 More Go West.

Toronto, Sept. 5.—This afternoon 1,500 citizens of Ontario left the Union Station, for the Northwest, on the harvesters' ex-

### Something About Furs

We often hear the remark made that coon hides are good any mouth that has an R in it. If such was the case furs would be improving during the latter part of August and have some virtue left in them the first days of May leaving but two months in the year that coon furs are intirely worthless. Now the fact of the matter is this, furs do not begin to get good till it becomes cold enough at nights to freeze ice. Cold weather makes furs grow just as the sun makes the grass grow. A good rule to go by in coon hunting is not to begin till after the fall of the leaf. It has then been cold enough to make the hides fairly good but not yet prime. The fur on a prime coon hide is so thick and long reaching near to the tops of the guard hairs, the flesh side is white, with a pinkish shade, and unprime, or No. 2 and 3 hids is blue on the flesh side. We often hear the remark made that hairs, the nesh side is white, with a pink-ish shade, and unprime, or No. 2 and 3 hide is blue on the flesh side. The blue shade is caused by the roots of the hairs appearing through the hide which has not yet gained it's proper thickness. The fur season is supposed to begin the first of November but a good deal depends on the weather. There is an unwritten on the weather. There is an unwritten law among the trappers of this latitude that says 'do no put your traps out till after October.' The red fox does not become prime till some time in December, the muskrat until later, not getting his winter coat till January. There is a close season for the muskrat from the first of May till the first for the season for the muskrat from the first of May till the first of Jan., the only fur bearing animal that is protected. At the rate, coon are being exterminated I think the people of Ontario should demand a close people of Ontario should demand a close season for them also. We hear of protection for birds in order to destroy the insect pests. Now there is no greater insect destroyer than the skunk, his principal food is black beetle or bug that we see running in the stubble which is the parent of the wre worm one of the worst insect pests that the farmer has to contend with

JAMES CRAIG.

### SALE REGISTER.

Monday, Sept. 17th, Oliver Clark, proprietor. See adv't. Thursday, Sept. 13th, Herbert Greenfield, proprietor. See adv't.

## BORN.

Warwick, on Aug. 21st, 1906, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Arnold, a daughter. In Alvinston, on Friday, August 24th, 1906. to Mr. and Mrs. Dougal McCallum, twin boys. In Metcalfe, on August 29th, the wife of Mr. E. Den ning, of a son.

## MARRIED.

- Port Huron, on Monday, Aug. 27th, Miss Fear Hyde of that city to Mr. Thos, F. Richardson formerly of Petrotea.
- At St. John's church, Wyoming, on August 30th, 1906, by the Rev. J. M. Gunne, Florence Ethei, daughter of William Dike, of Wyoming, to Frederick Harney Kemp, of Plympton.

- Plympton, on Tuesday, Aug. 28th, 1906, Mrs, James O'Brien aged 81 years. Wyoming at her father's residence, Aug. 29th 1906, Efiza Alice Hall, aged 24 years and months
- In Bosaquet, on Tuesday, Aug. 28th. Affred E. McMillau, aged 25 years, 10 months and 23 days.

  In Arelaide, on Friday morning. Aug. 31st, 1906, Mr. Samuel Harris, aged 58 years, 6 months.

  In Brooke, on Monday, Aug. 27th, 1906, Henry Myers, aged 87 years, 8 months and 24 days.

- Brooke, on Friday, Aug. 24th, 1906, Michael Flannigan, aged 37 years and 12 days.

## CHOP STUFF.

Pt. Huron held a big celebration Labor Day.

Mahler Bros. are building a new evapor-

Principal Macaulay of the Inwood public chool has resigned.

Jos. Fulcher has purchased Dr. Picker-ng's residence in Forest.

Jos. Volway, a Petrolea lad, fell off a wagon and broke his arm.

Eleven car loads of export cattle were shipped from Ferest last Friday. The new evaporator at Wyoming will be ready for business on Sept, 10th.

Petroles and Enniskillen have each given grants of \$200 to the P. & E. fall fair. Mrs. John Climie has purchased Mrs. Jno. Newell's residence in Wyoming.

Alfred E. McMillan, Lake Road, Bosan-quet, died last week in his 26th year. 198 tickets were sold at Wyoming on civic holiday for the Detroit excursion,

Anniversary services were held in St. John's church, Aberarder, on Sunday last. Bishop McEvay opened the new convent of Our Lady of Mercy at Sarnia on Sun-

Michael Daley, a Moore township laborer, was choked to death in a Sarnia restaurant.

Geo. McGregor, of Plympton, fell off a scaffold, a distance of 21 it, and was severely injured.

The Ousley school house, Euphemia, was struck by lightning last week and badly damaged.

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Geo. C. Symington had his thumb and one finger taken off by the saw in the Vyner mill one day last week.

R. McLachlin will ship ten carloads of beef cattle to New York for the Switt Company this week via G. T. R.

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Frank Carson, of Inwood, has made ex-tensive purchases of real estate near David-son and may locate in the Weat.

Wm Cameron, an inmate of the house of refuge, died at the General hospital Sar-nia, Monday morning, aged 69 years.

Norman Zavitz has disposed of his busi-ess interests at Wallaceburg and intends coming to Strathroy to spend the winter. On account of illness Principal McLean, of the Wyoming public school, will be unable to resume his duties for another month. Alfred Shepherd has sold to Albert Cun dick, of Sombra, the Bury tarm of 75 acres in Sombra to waship. Consideration \$4,000. Middlesex county has four townships in which there are no liquor licenses—East and West Williams, McGillivary and Mosa.

The new evaporator at Thedford, is completed and will employ 35 hands. It is equipped with 8 peeling machines, each capable of peeling 80 bushels daily.

Bear Creek Presbyterian church, 6th line, Moore, o-lebrated its 50th anniversary last week. The proceeds of the evening en-tertainment amounted to over a hundred

tertainment amount dollars.

The Alvinston Canning Co. has a full staff at work this week on corn. The addition to the factory is being rushed to completion. Present inducations point to a busy state war.

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Dr. W. H. Bradley, of Parimarriboo, Dutch Guiana, S. A., is visiting old friends in Strathroy after an absence of twenty years. The Dr. is largely interested in real estab; in the Dutch capital.

At the Free Methodist church conference held at Pridgement August 29, to 27, the

In Petrolea, on Friday, August 24th. 1906, David
Sage.

In Wyoming, on Monday, Aug. 27th. 1906, Alfred,
only son of Mr. and Mrs. Morphew, aged 10
months.

Held at Ridgeway, August 22 to 27, the
Rev. J. A. Fletcher, of The

Last Thursday Jos. Thorncroft, of Plympton, and W. W. Crooks, of Marthaville, left Forest on a trip to London, Eng., and return. They sailed trom Quebec on the C. R. steamship Empress of Britain, and return by the same line.

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A number of telephones have been placed in residences along the People's Telephone Co's line between Forest and Birnam, but connection has not yet been made with central owing to the non-arrival of a cable required for the purpose.

R. G. Taylor, of Strathroy, suffered the misfortune to have his arm severely injured by the explosion of a pop bottle while being filled, some of the glass penetrating the fiesh causing nasty wounds. As a consequence Mr. Taylor is now compelled to carry his arm in a sling.

Difficulty has arisen netween Mayor Folmsbee and the council of Strathroy. By a vote of 4 to 3 the council at the last meeting struck the rate of this yearlat 23-12 mills, and now he refuses to sign the by-law. The situation is an interesting one and developments are awaited with much interest.

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"I feel sick and believe I am going to die," said Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, aged 69 years, of 1013 Howard street, Pt. Huron, Monday. Thirteen minutes later she was dead. Mrs. Clark had just taken a walk Lapeer avenue and as she returned told the neighbors of her sudden illness. Dr. T. H. Heavenrich was summoned, but Mrs. Clark was dead before his arrival.

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John Taylor, L. R. E., Becanquet has received notice of the death in New Zealand of one who spent his early boyhood days on Lot 68, L. R. E., Bosanquet, viz. David Smith, eldest son of the late Richard C. Smith. Deceased, along with his six brothers, were engaged in lumbering and ranching. His tather died June 22nd, 1895, and his mother on August 13th, 1896. All were well known to old settlers on the Lake Shore.

Shore.

A most disastrous fire occurred on Monday, the 20th, when the residence of Mr. Sylvester Atmore, of Sylvan, who is himself in Mantoba at present, was burned to the ground. Mrs. Atmore was at a neighbor's at the time, Mrs. Atmore, sr., and the children being all who were at the house. The fire started in the chimney and the whole house was in flames when the threshers working on the next farm noticed it and went to the rescue. Most of the contents were saved but the building was a total wreck. It was owned by Mrs. Archie McLean of Parkhill,

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