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## MARTER'S POSITION

"Cannot Run as a Conservative and Support the Leader."

Toronto, April 23.—To ascertain from Mr. G. F. Marter, M.P.P. for North Toronto, his version of the differences existing between himself and Mr. Whitney, a reporter waited upon him yesterday afternoon.

During the last session that has just closed, Mr. Marter said, he voted against the opposition on two important questions. The first adverse vote was on Mr. Boyd's amendment on the beet sugar factory question, the leader of the opposition contending that the government did not go far enough with its proposals, and that the farmer ought to reap the benefit of the country's generosity towards this industry. Mr. Marter considered that to develop the industry it was necessary to give a bounty only on the manufactured sugar, and that when the industry was started the prices given for the beets would advance themselves. The promoters of the industry would have to pay the farmers a fair price or they would not grow the beets. Mr. Marter considered the proposal of Mr. Boyd unnecessary and altogether a foolish proposition.

"It was a question if I should make a fool of myself, and I declined to do so," said Mr. Marter.

The second defection was on the vote for the pulp concessions. The first concession was granted in 1895, and at that time Mr. Whitney congratulated the government on its being able to see things as he saw them. From that day until last year there was no word against the pulp concessions.

"Last year," said Mr. Marter, "I voted against the pulp concessions because I was a member of the Conservative caucus, but this year I remained away and was free to do as I saw fit. I believe I acted in the best interests of the province in supporting the concessions granted."

Continuing, Mr. Marter said: "I have yet to meet a man who disproves of my course; on the other hand, I have been congratulated on the stand I have taken. I have been asked to reconsider my determination to retire, and many of my old supporters have come to me and told me that they would vote for me if I run as an Independent. I cannot run as a Conservative, and support the leader. I am now considering whether I shall retire or run as an Independent."

Mr. Marter believes that there is too much politics in Ontario legislation. He said: "I have always realized, since I have been a member of the legislature, that there has been too much politics. The matters we have to deal with are not political questions, but have to do with the ordinary business affairs of the province, and party politics as we have them there are an injury to us instead of a benefit. My idea of a representative in the local house is that he should be responsible to his constituents and not to his party, and to be a useful member he should have a free hand."

"Do you still call yourself a member of the Conservative party?" the reporter asked.

"Certainly, in matters of policy I am with the Conservative party, but in the name of Heaven what are the matters of policy?"

Marcus A. Miller, educator, inventor and author of several widely-read political brochures, who died on Monday, asked that the works of Mr. Robert Ingersoll be burned at his grave in Floral Park, under the direction of Rev. Samuel Dunham, as an explicit public declaration of his absolute repudiation of Ingersoll's teachings.

## From Near-by Places

## BELMONT

Belmont, April 23.—Elder Thomas Nichol, who died at the family home, con. 4, Westminster, on Saturday, April 20, was born in Newcastle, Roxburyshire, Scotland, in 1825. The venerable elder of St. Andrew's Church left the land of his nativity in 1832, accompanying his parents, two brothers, Messrs. John and Francis Nichol, and one sister, Miss Mary Nichol, and pitched his tent on the premises now occupied by Elder Adam Nichol, con. 4, Westminster, the family being augmented by the advent of Elder Adam Nichol and Dr. William Nichol, of Brantford. The deceased attended the common school at Pond Mills, under the principalship of the late Mr. Adam Murray. The demise of Mr. Nichol caused the first break of the family of four brothers, the youngest of whom is 64 years of age. Mr. Nichol married Miss Christina, daughter of the late Mr. Robert Campbell, of Westminster, and as an outcome of the union nine children were born to them, six of whom are living. Mrs. John Gunn, merchant, of London; Misses Rachel Nichol, Selina Nichol, Jennie Nichol and Florence Nichol, of the public school, and Mr. Charles O'Dell's, Westminster), Mrs. Charles Sumner, of the foregoing township, are daughters of the deceased.

Mr. Douglas McInnes, of Theford, is seriously indisposed from an acute attack of pneumonia. His relatives are being summoned to his bedside from this place.

## GLEN OAK

Glen Oak, April 23.—Among the recent improvements to our school house are a new floor, roof, belfry, and bell, all of which add greatly to its appearance. A little more, and it would be a new building.

Some persons have asked: Where is Glen Oak? It is situated in the first township of Canada, adjoining the Ekkrid township, on lot 4. A large two-story brick building contains the postoffice. The section is blessed with better shops, there being no less than five in the neighborhood. The land is a fertile, sandy loam, and the majority of the farms have a neat appearance. The owners of some of the orchards in the vicinity realize from \$300 to \$500 a year. Any amount of good spring water is to be had at Glen Oak.

## ARKONA

Arkona, April 24.—Mr. F. Ginn, of Port Huron, spent a few days with his parents here last week.

The annual meeting of East Lambton horse show, held at Arkona, was a big success. The show was one of the best ever held in Arkona.

Mr. Wm. Bryant, editor of the Tribune, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. M. Dunlop shipped two carloads of flour from Theford last week.

Mr. Bert Benedict received another carload of Portland cement this week.

Mr. H. Towle is putting a stone foundation under his house this week.

Mr. Thomas Bradley spent a few days in Theford last week.

Mr. Earl Smith is on the sick list. News heard from Theford, and Watford attended the horse show held here Tuesday.

Mr. D. Smith's child, who was laid up with diphtheria, is rapidly recovering.

The Birnam butter factory is turning out over 1,000 pounds of butter weekly.

Mr. H. J. Pettypiece, of Forest, was in town Tuesday.

Dr. Henry Byron McKellops, of St. Louis, Mo., is dead, aged 78 years. He had an international reputation as an authority on all matters pertaining to dentistry and dental surgery.

## THE H. H. COOK CHARGES!

Counsel Sums Up for the Would-be Senator.

Mr. M. G. Cameron Withdraws the Word "Blackguard" That He Used Against Dr. Wilson, His Brother-in-Law.

[Special to London Advertiser.] Ottawa, April 24.—A. H. Marsh, counsel for Cook, occupied all this forenoon addressing the senate committee on the Cook charges. Before he commenced Mr. Marsh read a letter from Mr. M. G. Cameron, withdrawing the word "blackguard" he used against Dr. Wilson, his brother-in-law, yesterday. He said he used it in a moment of irritation.

Mr. Marsh traversed the case, most of the time quoting from the evidence. In conclusion, Mr. Marsh said that while the evidence was clear against Preston and Cameron, he was willing to admit that the evidence, as far as Sir Richard Cartwright was concerned, was not all one way. As regards Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and these were the only two members of the government mentioned—it would not do if a case were made out against Sir Richard to let the premier go free. Sir Richard was the accused, and the premier, and therefore, the latter was as deep in the mud as the other was in the mire. Mr. Blake will go in at 8 p.m.

## AGAINST RENEWAL OF THE LICENSE.

The Commissioners Asked to Cut Off James Ward's Shop License.

At the public meeting of the city of London license commissioners, held Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m., two petitions were submitted, praying the commissioners to cut off the shop license held by James Ward, corner of Simcoe and Maitland streets.

The first petition, which asked for the discontinuance of the license on the ground that the premises at the corner of Simcoe and Maitland streets are unfavorably situated, being too far from the center of the city for inspection of the license, it is not at all necessary, and has been a public nuisance to the neighborhood, was signed by the following ratepayers: Jas. McNaughton, Fred C. Simpson, W. Boyd, L. B. Boyd, David Angus, John Stock, J. M. Hargreaves, C. T. Jarvis, A. Keenleyside, Burgess Howay, Ernest Howay, Robert Tait, L. W. Noble, C. E. German, Wm. Guffin, J. W. Westervelt, A. A. Fitzsimmons, Sam Wilson, R. Watson, Isaac Webster, R. J. Watson, C. R. Sayer, H. W. Magee, G. N. Weekes, D. A. McDermid, John Lechard, A. J. Watson, J. D. Keenleyside, A. N. Udy, Sydney R. Ash, J. Armour, E. B. Hargreaves, W. Harrison, G. W. Serber, E. Littlejohn, W. N. Yerec, G. B. Deacon, John Williams, J. W. Cox, A. E. Davis, W. V. Stock, Wm. Mortimer, C. E. Covey, Fred C. Simpson, A. E. Brown, F. K. Shuff, Thomas Cowley, W. A. Grady, Fred Crossley, W. J. Earle, P. W. Earle, S. Johnson, E. Hopkins, J. H. English, Cathb. Hurkett, H. Arnott, J. W. T. Park, Thomas Snell, Jas. McNaughton, L. A. Keenleyside.

The second petition, which advanced the same grounds for the cutting off of the license, was signed by the pastors and officers of the following churches: Wellington Street Methodist, Presbyterian, Christian, Baptist, Church, Anglican, Southern Congregational, Hill Street Methodist and Dundas Street Methodist.

Rev. Messrs. Hamilton, Kelington and Claris, Prof. Bowman, Messrs. J. W. T. Park and John Meritt addressed the board on behalf of the petitioners.

After a discussion of the matter, the chairman promised that the two petitions would receive full consideration by the board, and the deputation withdrew.

## VICTIM MAY BE CAPT. CARSTAIRS

Canadian Officer Wounded in Benin District, West Africa.

London, April 23.—A dispatch to the Express from Lagos, West Africa, says: An expedition, which had been sent with great secrecy against the turbulent natives of the northeast district of Benin has experienced some severe fighting. The operations were undertaken with the object of punishing the tribes who two years ago attacked a British patrol. The British numbered 200 strong and encountered considerable resistance. The British casualties include one white officer, a Canadian, wounded.

The only Canadians in the Benin expedition are Major Henniker, the commanding officer, and Capt. W. T. W. Carstairs, of this city, and the officer wounded must be either one of the two. A letter from Capt. Carstairs was published in Monday's Advertiser, in which he expressed his pleasure that he had arrived at Ad Calabar, Southern Niger, just in time to join the expedition. We expect to see some sharp bush fighting," he wrote.

## THE STEEL RAILS CONTRACT DISCUSSED

Dominion House Spends the Entire Day in Looking into the Bargain.

Ottawa, April 24.—The house spent the entire day yesterday discussing the government contract with the Clergue syndicate for the supply of steel rails for the Intercolonial.

It came out in the discussion that the contract which had been laid on the table had not been signed by Mr. Clergue, and that as it had not come before the minister of railways for his signature he had not seen that it did not embody the provisions of the order in council.

This error of the officers of the department gave rise to a discussion which lasted until midnight.

In reply to Mr. Maclean, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that on Monday he would be able to tell the house what would be done in reference to making the 26th of May a public holiday this year.

## Tersely Told.

Twenty-eight Mormon missionaries have left Boston for Europe. Most of them will proselyte in Germany.

Louis Godard will shortly make an attempt to cross the Atlantic Ocean in a balloon. The experiment will cost \$8,000.

Sydney, C. B., town council has decided to give a bonus of \$100,000 to the British steel shipbuilding works at that place.

Emelie Carrisse was found guilty at the Ottawa assizes of manslaughter in connection with the stabbing of Joseph Laurencelle.

At Beaver Falls, Pa., one man was killed and two fatally injured at the Penn bridge works by the falling of a 35-ton steel girder.

Charles P. Blend, who left Evansville, Ind., in company with \$17,000 belonging to his employers, has been caught in Golden, Col.

Governor Odell of New York has signed a bill authorizing women tax-payers in villages to vote on propositions to expend money for public purposes.

The night ferry running between Windsor and Detroit after midnight, was got into commission for the summer season with Commodore Brian in command.

Walter W. Price, a broker and former journalist and soldier, and Miss Haskins, the actress, were married on Wednesday at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Hennington, in New York.

President McKinley and Secretary Taft are alleged to have decided to increase the regular army to 76,000 men and keep it there unless the Philippine situation should take a relapse.

Twenty carloads of flour have been shipped from Winnipeg to England. A large portion will be transferred to the Hudson Bay Company's ships for despatch to trading posts in Hudson Bay districts.

At Sharon, Pa., portions of the city are already under water, scores of families have been compelled to leave their homes and many factories have been forced to stop work, throwing hundreds out of employment.

At the convocation of Victoria University, Toronto, the honorary degree D.D. was conferred upon Rev. J. S. Banks, rector of the English Methodist Church, Montreal, and Rev. James Woodworth, of the Northwest mission.

Plans have been completed for the construction of a vessel to be built at Vancouver, B. C., for Capt. Jos. Bernier, who intends starting on a north pole expedition in about five years. The vessel will cost \$30,000. J. B. Torrell, the Canadian explorer, will accompany Bernier.

The suit instituted by Dewey and other officers for prize money for the capture at Manila has come up in the Washington court of admiralty. The similar case instituted by Sampson for the capture of the Albatross, and enlisted men of the North Atlantic station for prizes taken in the Santiago fight will be heard.

## A HEROIC ACT!

How an Allegheny Railroad Fireman Saved a Five-Year-Old Girl From Death.

New York, April 25.—Fireman Clarence Lierd, of the Allegheny Valley Railroad, has just saved a five-year-old Mary Jordan from instant death, says a World Special from Driftwood, Pa. When Lierd espied the fluttering skirt of the little girl on the track, not more than 75 miles ahead, he jerked open the door of the cab, rushed along the running board and on to the pilot. He was just in time to cling to the flag-stake, lift the girl from the track with his foot and fling her into the ditch. When the train backed up to within sight of the place where the child had been the trainmen saw her scurrying across the fields in the direction of her home.

## FIFTEEN STEAMERS

Caught in a Sea of Miniature Icebergs on Lake Huron.

Port Huron, Mich., April 25.—Surrounded by a field of ice piled high, scarcely able to be seen from the shore, there is a fleet of fourteen steamers on Lake Huron. They are caught in the miniature icebergs and are unable to help themselves or render any assistance to the boats within halting distance. The Port Huron and the Campbell have been held fast since last Thursday. Among the boats are the McVittie, St. Paul, Huron and Tampa. There are at least six other steamers whose names are unknown.



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## INDIGNANT AT GERMANS!

Both Chinese and Foreigners Aroused.

Allied Soldiers Routed Boxers Who Recently Killed Maj. Browning.

Pekin, April 24.—The international detachment of 800 men under Col. Radford, which left Shan Hai Kwan to punish the force of Boxers and robbers that recently attacked the Indian troops, killing Major Browning, met the enemy in force, killing 50. Of the international detachment six British, two Japanese and one Frenchman were killed, but will be closely pursued. The body of Major Browning was recovered.

The Germans have been ordered back from the Pao Ting Fu expedition. Their behavior for the last week or so has caused great indignation in Pekin, not only among the Chinese, but among the foreigners as well. Carts, horses, mules and ponies have been impressed for transportation purposes, coolies have been made to work for nothing, and even educated Chinese men have been impressed.

A contractor working for an American quartermaster was impressed while at work and was only released on proof that he was working for the Americans. An employee of the British legation had a similar experience. Mr. Hillier, manager of the bank, was stopped and made to prove his ownership of a cart.

The Chinese say there is intense feeling throughout the province against the foreigners because of the harsh treatment the Chinese have received from the Germans. They also assert that the needless expeditions of the Germans against perfectly quiet communities have caused many Chinese who have lost all to join roving bands of robbers.

**BRAVE WOMEN HONORED.** Washington, April 25.—Misses Saville and Chapin, American missionaries in Pekin, have been decorated with the Red Cross by British Minister Satow for their beneficent services during last summer's terrible siege.

Nothing is known here officially of the reports of issues between Gen. Chaffee and Count Von Waldersee as to the possession of the gate to the Forbidden City, now held by the American troops.

**BURIED GUNS UNEARTHED.** Then Tsing, April 24.—The British have discovered a cache of Krupp field guns, with a quantity of ammunition buried in the vicinity of Shan Hai Kwan.

The claims that Japan will make upon China for indemnities amount to \$4,750,000.

## A \$5,000,000 DEAL

Rockefeller-Morgan Syndicate to Buy Railways and Mines in British Columbia.

[Special to Mail and Empire.] Vancouver, B. C., April 23.—The Comox and Union collieries and the Vancouver Island railway system, owned by the coal mining company of which Mr. James Dunsmuir is president, are to be sold to the Rockefeller-Morgan-Hill Corporation. A deal is now pending between Mr. Dunsmuir and his associates as to be paid between four and five million dollars for the valuable coal and railway property.

J. J. Lynch, who is a confidential man in the Victoria and Vancouver representative of Morgan and Hill, has been in Victoria and Vancouver for a week. Several months ago Premier Dunsmuir made an offer to sell his railway, which is about 200 miles in length, to the Great Northern. He offered to sell for what the railway had cost him. The coal mines were not mentioned at that time, but now they and several hundred thousand acres of land grants are included in the negotiations. The property is probably the all told the most valuable and highly developed in this province. By the arrangement now in progress Mr. Dunsmuir will also give stock in the American Smelting Company. The proportions of the deal are larger than any ever attempted in British Columbia. Lynch is endeavoring to complete the transaction. Premier Dunsmuir will neither confirm nor deny the statements circulated.

**SURRENDER OF 2,362 PINOS.** Manila, April 24.—One hundred and fifteen officers and 2,151 bolomen have surrendered and sworn allegiance to the United States at Narvacan, Province of Southern Luzon.

**TRAIN ROBBERIES GOT \$3,000.** Little Rock, Ark., April 23.—It is stated that over \$3,000 was secured in the hold-up of the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf passenger train last night near the town of Okfuskee, four and a half miles west of Memphis.

**THE OVERFLOWING OHIO.** Cincinnati, Ohio, April 23.—Although the Ohio is still rising and the backwaters of the Little Miami and Mill Creek surround the city, there is no longer any alarm here on account of the flood, as it is confidently predicted the river will not reach as high as was expected.

**OPERA HOUSE SCORCHED.** Lethbridge, N. W. T., April 23.—The large repair shop of Mayor Oliver was destroyed by fire Sunday morning with its contents. Loss \$5,000, with no insurance. The opera house, adjoining it, had a narrow escape, the only damage being from smoke.

**"TARTAR NEWS."** Berlin, April 23.—Emperor William regards the news of the plot against Dr. Pieper as "tartar nachricht" (Tartar news); but he approves the comprehensive steps now taken to forestall the alleged plotters. The emperor saw an account of the plot and immediately warned the emperor, who joked about the matter, thus removing her disquiet.

**TORONTO HORSE SHOW OPENED.** Toronto, April 24.—The formal opening of the horse show took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock amid somewhat depressing weather conditions, rain having fallen heavily in the morning. The attendance of fashionable people is larger than ever before, especially from the United States. The feature of the tournament is a party of sailors from the North Atlantic squadron, who came to town last night, and will give exhibitions of naval drill.

If you are scrofulous, dyspeptic, rheumatic, troubled with kidney complaint, general debility, lacking strength, take Hood's Sarsaparilla.



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**TWELVE MONTHS FOR TWELVE EGGS.**  
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If you ever contracted any blood disease you are never safe unless the virus of poison has been eradicated from the system. At times you see alarming symptoms, but in hope no serious results will follow. Have you any of the following symptoms? Sore Throat, Ulcers on the Tongue or in the Mouth, Hair Falling Out, Aching Pains, Itching of the Skin, Sores or Blisters on the Body, Eyes Red and Smart, Dyspeptic Stomach, Sexual Weakness—indications of the second stage. Don't trust to luck. Don't risk your system with the old fag treatment—mercury and potash—which only suppresses the symptoms for a time, only to break out again, when happy in domestic life. Don't let quacks experiment on you. Our New Method Treatment is guaranteed to cure you. Our guarantees are backed by bank bonds, that the disease will never return. Thousands of patients have been already cured by our New Method Treatment for over twenty years. No experiment, no risk—not a "patch-up," but a positive cure. We treat and cure Nervous Debility, Sexual Weakness, Gleet, Blood Poison, Stricture, Varicocele, Kidney and Bladder Diseases, and all diseases peculiar to men and women.  
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### A Great Hosiery Value

19 dozen only, Ladies' Ribbed Cashmere Hose, sizes 1/2, 9/8, 5/4. In some places you would pay 25c for them. We will sell this lot at 15c pair.

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Special lines of White and Egyptian Cotton Underwear, 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c, 20c and 25c each.

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There's a vast difference in the qualities of White Underwear. There are kinds made just to sell, and there are other kinds made upon honor, of honest materials, with honest workmanship. We have the latter kinds.

Night Dresses, Lonsdale Cambric, embroidered yoke, embroidery and ribbon trimmed, \$2.29 each.

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Ladies' Night Dresses, at \$1.09, \$1.25 and \$1.47. Tucked and embroidery trimmed.

LADIES' WHITE SKIRTS, deep flounce, Valenciennes lace and insertion, fine tucking, \$2.49, \$2.59 each.

Ladies' White Drawers, embroidery and tucks, 35c, 45c, 50c pair.

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Large assortment of patterns yet, 69c, 75c, 89c, 97c each; all below the regular value.

### White Goods—Special Value

White Corded and Fancy Piques, 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c yard.

## HUNDREDS OF SLAVES SET FREE!

British Gave Liberty to Black "Chattels" in Nigeria.

Deceased Wife's Sister's Bill May Not Get Through.

Welsh Miners Develop Strong Opposition to the Coal Tax—New Comet Seen in South African Skies—Guernsey Shaken by Earthquake.

London, April 25.—Brig-Gen. Sir Frederick Lugard (high commissioner and commander-in-chief of Northern Nigeria) and Col. G. V. Kemball, with a force of West African frontier troops, have completed a successful campaign against the powerful slave-raiding emirs of Bida and Kontagora, in Northern Nigeria.

The British defeated the emir of Kontagora, after heavy fighting, 5,000 natives frequently charging the British square.

The British captured the capitals of both Bida and Kontagora, and released thousands of slaves.

The emirs have been the terror of the country for years, killing thousands of natives during the past year. They are now entirely powerless, and this was brought about without the assistance of white troops.

DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER'S BILL. The deceased wife's sister's bill of 1891, passed the second reading in the House of Commons yesterday. In 1896 the bill passed the third reading in the House of Lords by 142 to 104 votes, but it was afterwards blocked in the House of Commons. King Edward's well-known interest in the adoption of the measure, it is hoped by its supporters, will help it through on this occasion.

Sir William Guernsey (Liberal), in moving the second reading, urged that such marriages were permitted throughout the United States. The opponents of the bill asserted that it was only introduced in the interest of certain rich and influential people, who had broken the law and desired to be whitewashed. The women of England were opposed to the measure, as they considered it would be destructive of the framework of civilization.

Lord Hugh Cecil (Conservative), fifth son of Lord Salisbury, said the bill violated the Christian law of marriage.

After a long debate Sir William Guernsey moved the closure, which was carried by 209 to 105 votes. The bill received its second reading by 279 to 122 votes.

BRESCI DRIVEN MAD. A dispatch from Rome says Bresci, the assassin of King Humbert, has become mad from ill-treatment of his jailers.

SEVERE BATTLE. News has reached London of a severe battle in the vicinity of Fort Darwin, Mashonaland, between a force of Chartered land police and natives from Chibuto, under the outlaw Mapandara. Sixty of the outlaws were killed.

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## Exit H. H. Cook's Charges.

That these charges have vanished in thin air is quite apparent. Mr. Marsh, in his summary, does not pretend to connect Sir Wilfrid Laurier or Sir Richard Cartwright directly with the matter, and Mr. Ritchie, at the former session of the committee, stated that there was no pretense that the Premier had any knowledge of the matter whatever.

"Say nothing but good of the dead" is a rule recognized by all right-thinking men; and the occurrences at Monday's session of the Senate Committee, when Dr. John D. Wilson, of this city, son-in-law and executor of the late Hon. M. C. Cameron, gave evidence, as also did Mr. Graham Cameron, barrister, of Goderich, his son, go to prove the correctness of the view taken by The Advertiser. We pointed out the unfairness of placing blame on one whose lips were silent.

The Hon. M. C. Cameron's letter-book was produced, and certain letters read. If they prove anything, or point in any direction at all, it would be that whatever Mr. Cameron did was at the request and as the friend of Mr. H. H. Cook. One of Mr. Cameron's letters says: "The proposition was his own, and when the matter reached a critical stage he backed out." If that refers to the only proposition discussed, it is in keeping with the evidence of Mr. Biggs, who says Cook asked whether they would not take a smaller amount.

There never was any fairness in casting the slightest reflection upon the late Hon. M. C. Cameron. If the Hon. M. C. Cameron had done anything wrong, he was acting as Mr. Cook's friend; for the time being, he was Mr. Cook, and Mr. Cook should not complain.

In every direction in which Mr. Cook has reached out for the purpose of placing blame on shoulders other than his own, he has failed. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is admitted to have had no knowledge whatever of the matter. Who will doubt the truth of Sir Richard Cartwright's evidence? And who would be so ungenerous as to place the blame on the Hon. M. C. Cameron, who has been shown to have been guilty of no greater crime than that of having been a friend of Mr. H. H. Cook, and as such friend advised with him and tried to procure his appointment as Senator?

The result to Mr. Cook is to be regretted. He was long an active member of the Reform party. That he failed to obtain what he thought he was entitled to, has been the lot of very many in all parties before him. History is full of references to unsatisfied ambition and unrewarded services. There are few stronger lines in the English language than those written by Moore on the death of Sheridan:

"Yes, such was the man, and so wretched his fate;  
And thus, sooner or later, shall all have to grope  
Who waste their mortal dew in the beams of the great,  
And expect 'twill return to refresh them at eve."

We think Mr. Cook was very ill-advised when he made his charges public; when he sought an opportunity and a time when his mind would injure most both friend and foe, including men with whom for many years in the Reform party he had fought side by side; and when he sought an opportunity to benefit those who during all the same time he had been with all his vigor opposing. We do not wish to be severe on Mr. Cook. We think he made a very serious mistake in his own interests. It is said, "Revenge is the attribute of small minds," but those who seek revenge would do well first to be sure that they are justified in the course they are about to take. The innocent may be made to suffer severely by an act of revenge.

It is a cause for satisfaction that the Government are blameless.

## Their Turn May Come in 1941.

The complaint is reiterated that the Liberal Government at Ottawa choose only Liberals as census enumerators, and that prominent Liberal workers were included in the number.

Who are the complainants?

The politicians who, under Conservative Governments in 1871, 1881 and again in 1891, had the selection of the enumerators, and appointed only their party friends to perform the same work.

Liberals did not complain then. Conservatives ought not to complain now. Self-respecting Conservatives do not complain. They know that in the natural order of things, when the census of 1941 comes to be taken, a reorganized Conservative party will probably be given another chance to distribute the offices, and then will come their opportunity.

Turn about, gentle friends of the Opposition, ought to be fair play in these matters, as well as in other concerns of life.

## Ottawa Sketches.

Mr. Nicholas Flood Davin, writing from the Ottawa Press Gallery, to the Toronto Evening News, gives a racy sketch of the Minister of Public Works, and one quite as favorable as could reasonably be expected from a pronounced political opponent. In the physical part of the picture, he speaks of Mr. Tarte's pale and wrinkled face; but something may have depended on the light at the moment; for Mr. Tarte's average appearance, on the contrary, is surely one of freshness, as well as overflowing energy, and he has splendid eyes; hair dark, graying a little; large forehead. Mr. Davin thinks the Minister of Public Works looks in face not unlike Charles Dickens, and there is a resemblance. The press representative also notes in Mr. Tarte "a slight impediment in speaking English, generally on the fourth word of a sentence." Disraeli had the same impediment, but it usually preceded some polished epigram, and Mr. Tarte is also full of epigrammatic sentences.

Mr. Davin thinks that both Sir Richard Cartwright and the Hon. J. I. Tarte are standing reproaches to the old-time Conservative leaders because of their not recognizing very great ability in time, and keeping such men in the party. Mr. Davin, though a political opponent of Mr. Tarte, renders appreciation to his activity of mind, largeness of idea, and courage; and says he is a man entirely without hypocrisy. When Mr. Davin, after this goes on to speak of the Minister of Public Works as at least an honest brigand, but not explaining what he means by the expression one suspects that Mr. Davin's well-known powers of rhetoric have, temporarily, got the better of his judgment. But it is something when one political adversary has to recognize in another, "ability, industry, large ideas, and courage."

A friendlier hand would have written something about Mr. Tarte's faithfulness in friendship, his astounding mastery of details, and his many sterling qualities. It is rather remarkable that in all these years since the Laurier Government came into power, though there has been a good deal of general attack on Mr. Tarte, not a single specific case of wrong-doing has ever been shown, which looks a good deal as if much of the obfuscation is simply because he is big enough to attract the hostility of opponents, who rightly regard him as a formidable obstacle.

As to the anti-French attacks on Mr. Tarte, so fashionable lately in certain quarters, Liberals of common sense are not likely to be too much disturbed by them. Mr. Tarte no doubt helped largely with others in winning the great Liberal victories of 1896 and 1900. That is something Mr. Tarte's Conservative opponents may be pardoned for remembering; while it is something Liberals should not be too ready in forgetting.

In private life, when freed for a little from the immense pressure of public business, Mr. Tarte is a singularly agreeable man; perfectly natural, no airs; no starch; though on occasion tremendously strenuous. It may be mentioned that Mr. Tarte is easily one of the half-dozen members of the House most popular with the occupants of the Press Gallery. When Mr. Tarte, the gifted son of an honest, hard-working French-Canadian farmer, made his first entrance into the Press Gallery, now years ago, he was unable to speak a word of English; but he set himself resolutely to acquire the tongue of Shakespeare; and in due time, as everybody knows, he descended from the Gallery to the floor of the House as a member of Parliament; and today he is one of that limited number of speakers capable, whether speaking English or speaking French, of holding an audience by the magnetism of a strong personality.

The Minister of Public Works is no misanthrope. "I have no quarrel with life," he says, "none at all; I have no quarrel with life." His happy restoration to complete health is due to the success of the important operation submitted to in Paris last year; an operation faced, it is said by those who know, with the same courage and buoyancy of spirit with which he faces an opponent in the House or on the hustings.

## The Judges' Pay.

In the Dominion Senate, Hon. Mr. Baker deprecated the determination of the Minister of Justice to have all the facts before him with regard to the work and pay of the judges before he countenanced action to increase salaries. This Opposition leader was applauded by his fellows when he declared that Hon. Mr. Mills, in so hesitating to add to the expense of the administration of justice, was "pandering to public opinion." Yet the attitude of the Minister was most reasonable.

It has been claimed that some judges have too much to do, and too little pay; that others have more pay than work; and this view has, in some measure, been endorsed by the Ontario Government, which has been looking into the question, and which brought forward a measure, and had it debated this session, the object sought being to enlarge the jurisdiction of the county courts, and decrease the work in the higher courts.

The subject is not yet closed. It will no doubt be further debated in the recess. The action will suggest discussion, and rearrangement elsewhere, and no doubt by next year Parliament, as well as the legislatures, will be better able to deal in the public interest with the whole question. Hon. Mr. Mills has declared further that he is prepared to support the payment of such

salaries for judges, both for the High Court, Superior Court and County Court, as will enable the country to command the services of the best legal talent when vacancies occur. Only by so doing, and by appointing the best available men, indeed, can the standard of the bench of Canada be maintained.

If to take this attitude he is "pandering to public opinion," we think that the Minister of Justice is a "panderer," and that all the members of Parliament would do well to follow his "pandering." Public opinion will support no increase that is not based on this sound foundation.

## Home-Sick Canadians.

Boston claims to have 227,000 Canadian residents, and they are agitating the formation of a union. They ask what inducements will be given them to come to Canada. Well, if they will promise to stay, they can get first-class farms and good neighbors in either New Ontario or the Northwest, or if they come on a visit, and are not runaway bank officials or embezzlers of a minor character, a general invitation will be given to have the fatted calf killed for them, and if they ever tire of the good living that under the new order of things exists in Canada, they can return to the husks "down East."

## Fake Foolishness.

A man was found guilty, at Ottawa, at the assizes held there on Tuesday, of criminal libel. The fellow had caused a fake marriage notice to be inserted in an Ottawa paper, announcing the marriage of a well-known young lady to himself. His counsel made a strong plea for acquittal on the ground that the accused was of unsound mind. This is not the first instance in which this sort of outrage has been attempted. A more dastardly impudence could hardly be imagined, and those who, either from malice or perverted smartness, indulge in such work, should be punished to the utmost limit of the law.

## Again the Conciliation Act.

The Dominion Conciliation Act recently passed by the Laurier Government has again proved itself useful in settling a strike and restoring harmony between employer and employee. The special case to which we now refer is the recent strike at Grand Mere, where the 400 employees of the Laurentide Pulp Company went on strike last week. Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King, the Deputy Minister of Labor, accompanied by Mr. Rudolph Boudreau, secretary of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, went promptly to Grand Mere, where conferences were held with the men and with the employers, with the result that a satisfactory settlement was arrived at, and the men all resumed work on Saturday morning. The manager of the company admitted that the notice of change from a weekly to hourly rate of wages had been improperly given. Several grievances of which the men complained were also adjusted, the company agreeing to pay wages fortnightly instead of monthly, and to abolish the coupon system of advance payments, if the men, by vote, desired it, and also that every man who went on strike would be taken back without discrimination.

The Advertiser recently spoke fully in one of its Ottawa sketches respecting the beneficial working of the Conciliation Act, and of the special fitness of Mr. King for the place of Deputy Minister of Labor. Nor could Mr. King have had a better counterpart in the settlement of this particular trouble at Grand Mere than Mr. Boudreau, a young man who is equally fluent in French and in English, and of bright mind and conciliatory disposition.

## Domestic Help.

Toronto housekeepers seem to fear a scarcity of domestic help this season, owing to the number of girls who are drifting into Buffalo, attracted by the desire to see the Pan-American Exhibition, and by the promises of high wages at Buffalo that are made by agents. Thousands of domestics went to Chicago during the world fair year, and in most cases were disappointed in their expectations. Already a number of Chinamen have been engaged as "chambermaids" in Toronto houses, taking the place of female domestic help.

Some of the members of the Dominion Parliament are forgetting that they promised to curtail their speeches, and return home to participate in the spring plowing.

Conservatives in Parliament theoretically urge economy upon the Government, but when a Liberal minister of public works lays off men for whom no work remains, there is usually a Dr. Sprague to get up and make a row about it—Ottawa Journal.

Or ready to stir up race discord by lamenting, because, as an incident, and not of intention, one kind of Canadians had more of their race laid off than another.

## In the Sahara.

[New York World.]

The automobile is to appear in the Sahara—a horseless carriage for the trackless desert.

## Mr. Whitney's Book of Marters.

[Hamilton Herald.]

We learn from the London Advertiser that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's favorite book is Macaulay's history. We don't know what Mr. Whitney's favorite book is, but suspect that it is not the Book of Marters.

THE RUNIANS=GRAY CO  
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Such real bona fide cuts as these on merchandise of the wanted sort are seldom obtainable in the realm of buying. The last Friday in April we make particularly strong.

## Staple Department.

42 yards Table Linen, 72 inches wide, half-bleached; our close price 35c, Friday, per yard ..... 27c  
57 yards Red and White Table Damask, heavy quality, perfectly fast dye; regular price 60c, Friday, per yard ..... 39c  
240 yards Ceylon Flannel, in pink, blue, fawn and rose, fancy stripes; regular price 20c, Friday, per yard ..... 15c  
2 dozen only, Damask Tray Cloths, fringed edges; regular price 10c, Friday, each ..... 5c  
108 yards India Lawn, fine quality; regular price 15c, Friday, per yard ..... 12c  
12 dozen Napkins, all linen, large size; regular price 90c, Friday, per dozen ..... 72c  
8 dozen Jodgers, men's damask, extra quality; regular price 25c, Friday, per dozen ..... 25c

## Stationery.

No. 7 Envelopes, regular price, per package 7c, Friday ..... 4c  
No. 7 Business Envelopes, regular price 10c per package, Friday ..... 5c  
No. 6 Envelopes, regular price 10c per package, Friday ..... 6c  
No. 4 Cream-Laid Envelopes, regular price, per package 10c, Friday ..... 5c

## Crockery Department.

10-piece Toilet Sets, in gilt and stippled decorations, regular \$5.50 and \$6.00 sets, your choice of five colors for, per set ..... \$4.00 and \$4.50  
A package just up of Fancy China Tea Sets, in assorted designs and gilt decorations; good value at \$6.50, for, per set ..... \$5.00  
One table of Glassware, in the latest colors and designs, from 10c to 40c  
Decorated China Bread and Butter Plates, with gilt edges, for, each ..... 6c

## Grocery Department.

40c Mixed or Black Imperial Blend Tea, for, per pound ..... 25c  
Redpath's Sugars at rock prices.  
Bought before the raise.  
Swiss Puffs, 2 packets for ..... 25c  
Granose Flakes, 2 packets for ..... 25c  
Cream of Wheat, 2 packets for ..... 25c  
Creme Nuts, 2 packets for ..... 25c  
2-pound packet of Buckwheat Flour for ..... 25c  
8c Morton's Kipper Herring, per tin 15c  
Morton's Herring, in tomato sauce, per tin ..... 15c

## Corsets.

Children's Corset Waists, strapped and corded, made in heavy jean, sizes 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24; special, each ..... 25c  
10 pairs only, Ladies' Sateen Corset, short hip, French model, two gussets in hip, steel lined, sizes 22, 23, 24, 25 only; regular price \$1.00, Friday only ..... 69c  
Ladies' Corset, short, made in gray coutille, perfect fitting, all sizes, special, per pair ..... 50c

## SPECIAL CORSET BARGAIN.

The story is quickly told. A celebrated manufacturer of corsets wanted money. Our buyer took advantage of the opportunity. Result, we place on sale 200 pairs of Ladies' Corsets, made of fine Coutill Jean in Ecru, medium length, perfect fitting, sizes 19 to 28; regular price 50c, special, until sold ..... 25c

## Skirts.

Ladies' Mercerized Sateen Under-skirts, in colors, blue, old rose and black, good width, and trimmed with three narrow ruffles, lengths 33 to 42; very special, each ..... \$1.50  
Ladies' Underskirts, in blue and gold stripe sateen, made with deep blue bounce; regular price \$1.25, Friday, only ..... 95c

## Blouses.

Ladies' White Lawn Blouse, in all sizes, tucked fronts, new bishop sleeve; regular price 75c; our special, at ..... 50c  
Ladies' Blouses, in fine white lawn, trimmed with insertion and tucks, new sleeve, with embroidery cuff; special, at each ..... \$1.00

## House-Furnishing Dept.

79 only—Best Opaque Window Shades, in cream, lace trimmings; regular price 90c, Friday, each ..... 29c  
75 only—Best Opaque Window Shades, in green and cream, lace trimmings; regular price 75c, Friday, each ..... 69c  
Special line Curtain Poles, in cherry and oak, new design, complete for putting up, at, each ..... 12c

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

All Carpets at 50c per yard and up bought on Friday, sewn and laid free of charge.

## Laces.

10 pieces of Cream Oriental Lace, with gimpure edge, 4 and 5 inches wide; regular price 20c and 25c; yard; special price, yard ..... 15c

## Embroideries.

300 yards Swiss and Cambric Embroideries and insertions, 1½ to 6 inches wide; regular price 15c, 15c and 18c yard; special price, 10c

## Ribbons.

Ribbons, all wanted shades for neckwear, in all silk taffeta and duchesse; worth 25c and 40c; yard; our special price ..... 25c

## Umbrellas.

Ladies' Black Umbrella, steel rod, Gloria cover, Paragon frame, fancy and natural wood handle; extra value; special price, each ..... \$1.00  
Children's Umbrellas, black cover, natural wood handles, strong frame, just the thing for school; regular price 50c, special price ..... 35c

## Handkerchiefs.

Ladies' Fine Lawn Handkerchiefs, hemstitched and hand embroidered; regular price 10c and 12c, special, Friday only, 3 for ..... 25c

## Friday Shoe Bargains.

Women's Dongola Kid Lace and Button Boots, all sizes, 2½ to 7; some with welt soles and pointed toes; some with turn soles and new round toes; regular price \$2.50 and \$3, Friday, special bargain ..... \$1.75  
Assorted lot Girls' Button Boots, new stock, with round toes; also a few pairs of Pointed Toe Button Boots, all sizes, 11 to 2, in the lot; regular price from \$1.25 to \$2, Friday, extra bargain ..... 95c  
Children's Lace and Button Boots, sizes 2 to 7; button boots are fine turn sole goods; lace boots are strong, heavy, durable lines; regular price 40c to 75c, Friday, per pair ..... 35c

## \$1.50 Men's Hats for 75c.

Men's Black Fur Felt Hats, with leather sweat bands, and a good style, sizes 6½ to 7½; also a few Stiff Hats, in brown and black, sizes 6½ to 7½; regular price \$1.50 and \$1.75, Friday for ..... 75c  
Men's Fancy Cotton Half-Hose, very fine fast black, with fancy stripe and polka dot; regular 25c to 35c, Friday, per pair ..... 18c

## Clothing Extras.

Children's Vestee Suits, fine fancy tweed, with lapel or sailor collars, neatly trimmed; regular \$3.50 to \$4.50, Friday ..... 2.95  
Men's Waterproof Coats, fine navy blue Heptonette cloth, sewn seams, double breasted, with velvet collar; every coat guaranteed; regular \$12 and \$12.50, Friday ..... \$8.25

## GREAT CHANCE IN HIGH-CLASS MILLINERY.

On Friday morning we place on sale 25 Pattern Hats—the very cream of all that is newest in Headgear. We group them in three lots, at the following reductions:

LOT ONE—Nine Pattern Hats; regular prices were from \$6.50 to \$7.50, Friday and until sold, \$5.00.

LOT TWO—Eight Pattern Hats; regular prices were from \$8.50 to \$12, Friday and until sold, \$7.50.

LOT THREE—Eight Pattern Hats; regular prices were from \$12.50 to \$16, Friday and until sold, \$10.00.

## A Warm Reception.

[Hamilton Spectator.]  
London, Ontario, has given Hon. Dr. Borden the warmest reception he ever had.

## Change All Round.

[Grand Rapids Democrat.]  
Just as the people are preparing for camp day, the "fuel and ice companies" make the semi-annual change in business.

## Potatoes.

[Springfield Republican.]  
Potatoes in Johannesburg are worth \$25 a bag, and the bag isn't very large either. As a view of the war this fact is better than one of the British dispatches.

## A Germdodger.

[Chicago Tribune.]  
"That bookkeeper of yours never seems to be sick."

"No, he's the most expert germ-dodger we've ever had in the establishment."

## Smart Women.

[Leslie's Weekly.]  
"Mrs. Blithe seems to be very popular with the gentlemen. They all seem anxious to have a word with her. Is she a brilliant conversationalist?"

"No, she is not a brilliant conversationalist, but she makes every man think he is."

## Thoughts for Every Day.

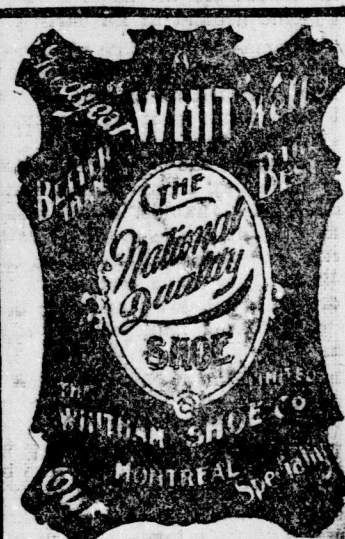
[Chicago Journal.]  
Half-heartedness makes whole failure usually.  
Who ties to the right will never get left.  
To try is the first step toward success.  
If you are ahead, pull. If you are behind, push.  
No one is too insignificant to fit into some niche or groove in the universal plan.

## CURIOUS INSTANCES.

When W. G. McMurtry, of St. Thomas, read of an Aylmer man finding \$30.55 in an old cash register, which he had taken to pieces, he at once examined his own, and was rewarded by finding \$45.00 stuck fast in the machine.

St. Thomas Journal: The contingent of Mexicans which passed through over the Michigan Central Sunday night, bound for Buffalo and the Pan-American Exposition, was the first of three lots. The second one, which includes 100 men of the army contingent, and is due week after next, occasions the most trouble, as the permission of two governments was necessary for the passage. Washington was first requested to allow a foreign armed body to invade its borders, and this was easy, because the show was in the United States, but when the authorities of Canada were asked to allow a body of troops, not even neighbors or associates, to pass through, it required more clever work. They are due about May 8.

Woodstock Express: On Saturday an Oxford street lady laid her shopping bag, containing her purse, on a table in the house, and that was the last she saw of either until yesterday afternoon, when she received them over the counter of the business office of the Express. It transpires that as she was preparing to go to market to transact her weekly business she laid the satchel, as stated, on the table. In the house, as a family pet, is kept a very mischievous dog, which often, as in this case, gives members of the household much trouble. The little canine espied the cord of the shopping bag, and a yank or two was sufficient to bring the outfit to the floor. In another instant he was marching triumphantly out of the door and down the street with the money that was to purchase the meat for the family, and for himself, of course, for the ensuing week. He did not go far, however, for he deposited his valuable load on the sidewalk, not a great way from the house of its owner. The bag was found by some children and returned through an advertisement.



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**AROUND THE CITY.**

From Yesterday's Last Edition.

—Rev. Thomas Wilson has gone to Ohio for two weeks.

—One case has been entered for the weekly sitting of the high court on Friday next.

Mr. J. A. Johnson's jewelry store at Attwood was broken into Tuesday night and robbed of over \$300 worth of jewelry.

—The inaugural annual meeting of the Donald Fire Engine Company, of this city, will be held next Wednesday evening.

—Those interested in the sugar beet question can see samples at McInnes' store on Talbot street, where some beets grown in this neighborhood.

—St. Thomas Times: Miss Clara Saunders, daughter of Rev. Dr. Saunders, London, is visiting Miss L. May, at her home, 34 Wellington street.

—Commissioner Eva Booth of the Salvation Army, is still confined to her home in Toronto, with illness. Her physician reports her condition as critical.

A British parliamentary paper has been issued showing that the coal exports during 1900 were 44,988,187 tons, and increase of 2,808,897 tons, as compared with the preceding year.

—Mr. Harry Lockard, lately connected with the firm of Lawson & Jones, left this morning for Chicago. A large crowd of friends gathered at the station to say good-bye to him.

—Rev. Dr. Johnston returned to the city this morning from his trip south. His health has considerably improved by his short vacation. He will conduct the prayer meeting to be held this evening.

—Toronto Globe: The marriage of Mr. Duncan Macdonald, son of Mrs. John Macdonald, of Oaklands, to Miss Mabel Moore, daughter of Dr. Moore, London, will take place in that city on June 6.

—The members of the board of works yesterday inspected a large number of the sidewalks that it is proposed to replace with cement, and decided that several are still good enough to stay for a year at least.

—Toronto Globe: Congratulations from his many Toronto friends are going to Major Septimus Denison upon the honor conferred upon him in being made a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, in recognition of his services in South Africa.

—Woodstock Times: The McDonald Quartet filled their return engagement at Central Church last night, and delighted fully twice as many people as were there at the first concert. The singing was delightful, every number being heartily encored. The McDonald Quartet will always be welcomed to Woodstock.

Among the horse show visitors registered at the Queen's Toronto, who have secured accommodation, are Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Ivey, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Puddicombe, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Smallman, Mrs. J. E. Smallman, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Gibbons, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Beck, London.

A Washington dispatch says: Systematic frauds practiced on the lines of the Washington Traction and Electric Company to an extent of possibly \$50,000 have been discovered, and eight of the employees, six of whom are conductors and two firemen, are under arrest on a charge of conspiracy. Punished tickets, instead of being destroyed were sold to conductors at \$1 a hundred.

—Hilderton Lodge, No. 234, will observe the eighty-second anniversary of American Oddfellowship, on Friday evening, April 28, by attending service in the Hilderton Presbyterian Church. Rev. Bro. E. J. Stobo, jun., B.D., will conduct the service, which commences at 8 o'clock. Music will be furnished by the united choir of the village. A collection in aid of the Protestant Orphans' Home will be taken up.

—St. Thomas Times: Daniel Smith, of Westminster, was placed on trial at the assizes this morning before Chief Justice Meredith. He is charged with having, on Dec. 9, 1900, stole four buggy wheels, horse blanket and harness from Donald Thompson, of Yarmouth. There was a second indictment against the prisoner of having stolen some feed and bags last June from Henry Harkness, of Yarmouth, but the grand jury brought in "no bill." J. S. McBrady, K.C., represented the crown and A. Grant defended. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty and the accused was discharged.

**MRS. J. HOOK'S FUNERAL.**  
The funeral of Mrs. Joseph Hook was held this afternoon from the family residence on York street to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Rev. Dr. Saunders conducted impressive services, which were attended by many friends. The pall-bearers were the deceased's grandsons.

**FUNERAL OF MRS. FRASER.**  
The remains of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Fraser, who died at Sault Ste. Marie, arrived home last evening, and the funeral was held this afternoon from Ferguson's undertaking warehouse.

**CANCER GROWING TWO YEARS.**  
A Remarkable Case Cured Completely by the New Constitutional Remedy.

Not long ago we had the pleasure of receiving the following letter: "When I began your cancer treatment there was a hard lump in my breast, which had been growing for two years, and it was so bad that I could not sleep. I consulted two doctors, and they both pronounced it cancer, and advised me to have my breast cut off. Your remedy was recommended to me by a friend, and I am very thankful to say that it not only saved my life, but did away with the necessity of having to undergo the painful operation, which I so much dreaded."

We do not publish the names of those who give us testimonials for the gratification of the curious, but any sufferer from cancer or tumor, may have the name and address of the lady who wrote the above, by sending two stamps to Stott & Jury, Bowmanville, Ont.

rooms to Carmichael's Cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Little.

**MORE BUILDING PERMITS.**  
Mr. L. H. Martyn has taken out permits for the erection of a two-story brick residence, a frame carpenter shop and a stable on Lorne avenue. A permit has also been issued to Mr. C. G. Moorhead for a story and a half brick veneer residence on the corner of Dufferin avenue and Elizabeth street.

**DEATH OF MR. CHARLES BROWN.**  
Charles Brown, a young cigarmaker, died at his father's home on Bathurst street early this morning. His illness had extended over a considerable period. The funeral will take place Saturday, and will be attended by the members of the Cigarmakers' Union, of which Mr. Brown was a valued member.

**DEATH OF MR. JAMES CROWLEY.**  
Many friends will learn with deep regret of the death of Mr. James Crowley, No. 53 Sackville street. The announcement came as a shock to his friends, who did not know that his illness, which was only of a week's duration, was so serious. The deceased was in his 52nd year and was well known and esteemed. His family will have much sympathy in their bereavement.

**CHEAPER BACTERIA BEDS.**  
Assistant Engineer Kirkpatrick is engaged making changes in the plans of the bacteria beds that will lessen their cost, but not affect their efficiency. The alterations cause a reduction in their width, but their capacity will still be from 200,000 to 250,000 gallons of sewage each. The amount to be spent on them is \$7,500, and the changes made mean a decrease of \$1,500 in their cost.

**GUILTY OF STEALING.**  
The two Toronto youths, John Carroll and James Malone, arrested on a charge of stealing \$3 from the till of Mrs. Pugh's store, Dufferin avenue and Quebec streets, were in the police court this morning, found guilty and remanded one week for sentence. On a previous charge of stealing a suit of clothes from Isaac Fox they were found not guilty.

Charles Walsh was fined \$5 or 20 days in jail, and Geo. Sullivan \$3 or 15 days for being drunk. Two other inebriates were let go.

**WESTERN FAIR COMMITTEES.**  
The Western Fair committees are now holding their regular meetings, to consider changes in the prize lists, and to appoint judges in the various departments. Last week the swine, agricultural and cattle committees met. The horsemen were in conference yesterday, the poultrymen on Monday, the horticulturists today, and the dairymen tonight. The meetings have been largely attended, and the work is being taken in the work. The directors are confident that the fair will be a success, as usual, and that the Pan-American will help rather than hurt. The contracts for the lithographic work, which will be of a superior kind, have been given.

**W. C. T. U. MEETING.**  
The regular semi-monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held in Somerset Hall yesterday afternoon, the president, Mrs. Thornley, in the chair. After the business session the encouraging signs in connection with temperance work in the city were discussed and thankfulness expressed for the Washington Traction and Electric Company to the danger and degradation inseparable from the licensed bar. The present aspect of the scientific temperance movement was also presented, and an account of the action of the recent Provincial Teachers' Association was received with interest. A paper on the religious training of children provoked quite a little discussion.

**MARRIED AT PETERBORO.**  
The Peterboro correspondent of the Globe writes: The marriage took place at 8 o'clock this (Tuesday) morning at Peter's cathedral, of Miss Katherine Lynch, youngest daughter of the late John Lynch, of Peterboro, to Mr. W. E. Baker, of London. The ceremony was performed by the Ven. Archdeacon Casey. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Margaret Lynch, and Miss F. Killen, of Oaklands, acted in the capacity of best man. The wedding breakfast was served by Long Bros., at the residence of the bride, 401 E. Elm street, and the newly-married couple left for their honeymoon trip, followed by the best wishes of their host of friends for a prosperous and happy future.

**DUNDAS STREET PAVEMENT.**  
The city engineer has written to the ratepayers on Dundas street, between Wellington and Waterloo, calling their attention to the fact that they had petitioned against a pavement there last year and that immediate action would be necessary if they wish to have it completed within a year from next November. The petition for it must be signed by two-thirds of the property owners on the block before the city could take action. He suggested that asphalt paving, a cheaper brick between the street car tracks, would be best, and proposed that it should be constructed 27 feet on the south side of the middle of the road and 49 feet on the north side, also, that on the north side a boulevard, six feet wide, be left. He estimated that the cost on the south side would be \$5,800 and on the north side \$13,050. This is based on a ten-year guarantee.

**AN OLD HOME DAY.**  
Secretary Nelles, of the board of trade, has received a letter from the Canadian Club, of Boston, in which they ask support for a movement they are now making. It is to have an annual "Old Home Day," established in the United States, and a week's part of a week set apart each year as a time for Canadians now in the States to visit the old homes here. If such an association were formed, cheaper rates to all points in Canada could be secured. It is simply an expansion of the London Old Boys' idea, and will probably be referred to the local association for consideration.

**EMPIRE DAY AT WINDSOR.**  
In view of the fact that the Windsor authorities had communicated with Col. A. M. Smith in regard to the possibility of the Seventh Fusiliers taking part in a proposed celebration of Empire Day at Windsor, the following from the Detroit Press is of local interest: "It was definitely decided at a meeting of citizens, held in the White block last evening, that Windsor will have no celebration this year on Empire Day, May 24. The meeting was very slimly attended by all but

the military people, who were out in force, and it was from the latter that much of the opposition to a celebration came. Lieut.-Col. Guilford explained that it was impossible for his regiment to take part in a celebration, as the men have no new uniforms. He said the military proposals holding a tattoo when the new armory is completed, probably in September, next, and he was of the opinion that this one celebration could be participated in by all. Major Bartlett and Captains Smyth and Wigle followed along the same lines. They said it would be an injustice to their regiment if an outside regiment was brought to Windsor and the local force was not in a position to turn out.

**COL. LEYS' RESIGNATION.**  
It Has Not Yet Been Received—The Cashmere Dam.  
Toronto Globe: The resignation which Lieut.-Col. Leys, of London, was said to have sent, has not yet reached Col. Clarke, the clerk of the house. In the usual course of events it would be forwarded to the clerk as soon as the speaker received it. The resignation was alleged to have been mailed by Col. Leys on Friday.

The fisheries department has been notified of the commencement of work on the fishway at the Cashmere dam on the Thames, by which fish may ascend and descend the river. The owners were ordered three months ago by the Dominion Government to construct the fishway, and by their neglect were liable to a penalty of \$4 a day. This dam came into notoriety as the scene of fishing which caused Col. Leys to resign his seat in London.

**A KLONDIKE AT YOUR BACK DOOR.**  
Workmen Strike a Deposit of Gold in Adelaide Street North.  
Residents in the north end of the city are excited over the discovery of gold out on Adelaide street. The thought of a Klondike at one's back door is alluring, and the good people of the North End are getting out their pickaxes, shovels and pans preparatory to staking out the district. Workmen at the brickyard on Adelaide street north struck a seam of gravel the other day, which, it is alleged, contained small particles of gold, such as the miners call "dust." Those to whom the discovery was made known at once came to the conclusion that the workmen had mistaken iron pyrites for gold. Pyrites, when occurring in quartz formations, causes the rock to decay and crumble, the particles of pyrites that remain resembling gold to the inexperienced eye. The knowing ones, however, after an investigation, came to the conclusion that the deposit was really gold, though what the extent of it is has not been ascertained.

**WHEN THE ICEMAN WAS NOT NEEDED.**  
Interesting Period of London's History Recalled by an East End Incident.  
A gang of drillers at the works of the Canada Chemical Manufacturing Company, on Rectory street, while sinking an eight-inch pipe for a well, had an experience that recalled the days when the festive plesiosaurus played tag with his equally festive cousin, the ichthyosaurus, on the present site of London. The drill had reached a depth of seventy feet when, for some inexplicable reason, it refused to go further. Investigation showed that it had found, foul in a huge boulder, which had been resting under the soil of East London for some odd millions of years. In all probability this boulder was a mere pebble that came spinning down on the shoulders of some huge avalanche in that interesting time referred to by geologists as the glacial period. This was the first time that the need of the iceman's services.

**A LADY IN STAPLES.**  
Mrs. Catherine Loughhead Tells the Story of Her Pain and Sickness and How She Was Enabled to Leave It All Behind.  
Staples, Ont., April 22.—Mrs. Catherine Loughhead of this place, has suffered for a long time with kidney trouble. She was very sick and miserable. She was persuaded to try Dodd's Kidney Pills with the result that she has completely recovered. Mrs. Loughhead's experience has been a grateful suggestion to several other ladies in the neighborhood, who have followed her example and with the same satisfactory results. Mrs. Loughhead says: "I suffered with lame back for a long time. I was unable to do any work. I was advised to try Dodd's Kidney Pills, and am completely cured. I can highly recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills to anyone, as a perfect and permanent cure for lame back. They are a grand medicine."

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**SWEPT OVER THE FALLS.**  
Niagara Falls, N. Y., April 23.—Men at work on a new factory on the bank of the Niagara River yesterday reported that they saw a man in a row boat swept over the falls. They say the man evidently tried to cross the river, but found it impossible to do so. He turned his boat and tried to get back to shore, but the awful current was too much for him, and he was swept into the upper rapids and carried over the Horseshoe Falls.

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**DR. J. D. WILSON****ON THE STAND**

Late M. C. Cameron's Letters Produced in Senate Committee.

Sir Richard Cartwright Swears Positively That the Correspondence Did Not Refer to the Cook Matter.

DR. JOHN D. WILSON.

Dr. John D. Wilson, of London, was called and examined by Mr. Ritchie. The doctor said he was executor for the late Mr. Cameron, and produced the deceased's letter book. Witness' solicitor had sent copies of four letters to Mr. Ritchie, and he supposed he had to have a bearing on the matter at issue.

**MR. CAMERON'S LETTERS.**  
Mr. Ritchie—The first letter is dated 6th October, 1896, and is as follows: "Sir Richard Cartwright: My dear Sir, I had an interview with you at Toronto on my way home. I found that individual in question very indignant, threatening to smash up the Local Board, and also the Dominion Government. He complains that he was treated in the most cavalier manner by the premier. First, he could hardly get an interview with the premier, and then, when he got it, he was treated like an iceberg. He was insulted, he says, grossly insulted, by Sir Oliver, who intimated in pretty plain English that he had not brains enough for the position he sought. (Laughter.) He became a little calmer towards the end of my interview, but he is still very indignant. If I were in your place, I would do nothing in the matter at present. Later things may come all right. I have the honor to be yours truly. (Signed) M. C. Cameron."

The next letter, Mr. Ritchie says, was dated Goderich, Nov. 16, and contained an invitation to Sir Richard Cartwright and Mr. Fielding to visit Goderich and Clinton. The industries at those towns were depressed, and the letter concluded: "There is nothing fresh politically in this locality. The private matter that you know of can discuss when you are here. I am still of the same opinion as I was at the close of the session, and propose to act upon it. Yours truly. (Signed) M. C. Cameron."

"Do you remember," asked Mr. Ritchie, "what is the private matter alluded to in that letter?" "I do not remember," Sir Richard replied, "relying that letter. But I may have done so all the same. With respect to the private matter alluded to there, I may mention that Mr. Cameron had been discussing a matter of very considerable political importance, wholly and entirely apart from the Cook matter."

Q—Still, you are unable to state from recollection what is the matter referred to? A—I do not remember to have received that letter, although I cannot speak positively.  
Q—Are you in a position to say positively it did not refer to the Cook matter? A—I should imagine it did not refer to the Cook matter. What I think he had in his mind was a matter of very considerable moment, that he took great interest in, and discussed with me before the session and at its close. Prior to the 16th November it had been a matter of notoriety and was in The Gazette that Mr. Mills and Mr. Cox had been appointed senators.

Mr. Blake—It was on the 13th November that Messrs. Mills and Cox were appointed to the senate.  
Mr. Ritchie next produced a letter dated 27th November, 1896, which was in the late Mr. Cameron's own handwriting.  
"Er, Wilson—in reference to that letter I would say there is only a small portion of it which pertains to the inquiry. The letter was here shown to Sir Richard Cartwright, and the witness said he remembered receiving the

epistle and having a warm discussion with Mr. Cook concerning it.  
Mr. Ritchie read part of the document, the rest being of a personal character, and said: "My dear Sir Richard—I decline positively to open negotiations with the man in Toronto. The proposition was his own, and when the matter reached a critical stage he backed out. That ends it in so far as I am concerned. The appointments made are all right."  
"What do you mean by saying—"  
Mr. Ritchie here broke off in the reading of the letter to state that it was pretty evident the letter was in reply to one of Sir Richard's.

Sir Richard—I think that it is in reply to one of mine, and I may say I had a warm argument with Mr. Cameron in regard to the tone of it.  
Mr. Ritchie then inquired whether in the rest of the letter Mr. Cameron did not discuss the possibility of there being an early vacancy in the senate, and ask Sir Richard whether there was going to be one or not.  
Sir Richard—He proceeds, as you will see, to argue against the probability of an early vacancy.

**DID NOT REFER TO COOK MATTER.**  
The committee discussed the propriety of admitting further extracts from the letter, and this additional sentence was read: "What do you mean by saying—"  
The question was again put to Sir Richard Cartwright whether he was in a position to swear that the reference in the letter to negotiations did not refer to the Cook matter. Sir Richard replied: "I think not. I remember that letter distinctly, and I remember that it was a very warm argument with Mr. Cameron in regard to the tone of it."  
In reply to the question: "Will you take your oath positively that this did not refer to the Cook matter?" Sir Richard replied: "I think not. I remember that letter distinctly, and I remember that it was a very warm argument with Mr. Cameron in regard to the tone of it."

**TO CLEAR MR. CAMERON'S NAME.**  
Dr. Wilson, in reply to Mr. Ritchie, said that he is Mr. Cameron's executor, and his solicitor brought these matters before him shortly before he communicated with Sir Mackenzie Bowell, but he was unable to do so until it appeared from the line of defense that an attempt was made to do so. He said he was a friend and father-in-law. But after reading the papers he believed it to be his duty to do so. He said he was a friend and father-in-law. But after reading the papers he believed it to be his duty to do so.

**A LIFE SAVED.**—James Bryson, Cameron, writes: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs, and was given up by the physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, stating that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on his advice, I procured the medicine, and less than half a bottle cured me. I certainly believe it saved my life. It was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, as I was reluctant to such a state that I doubt the power of any remedy to do me any good."

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**Amusements.****ST. THOMAS "BOYS" GETTING READY.**

Railroad City Will Be Well Represented at Old Boys Gathering This Year.

The London old boys held an enthusiastic meeting last night in the parlors of the Grand Central Hotel, says the St. Thomas Times. Dr. Fred Guest, the president, occupied the chair. Chas. W. Regan acted as secretary. In opening the meeting, Dr. Guest, in a few timely remarks, stated that it was encouraging to see so many of the "old boys" present. It showed that while they were all loyal citizens of the city of their adoption, there was still a great pleasure in visiting the place of their birth and their former homes. While the annual meeting last year, said the president, was a great success, from present indications the outlook for this year is still brighter. The qualification for membership in the association were to be either a former resident of London or Middlesex. The doctor said that "London Old Boys" formed a club, and the novel idea of visiting the former homes in the way of an excursion was adopted. Their efforts were so highly appreciated that it has become an annual outing. The president explained that the objects of the association were to renew old acquaintances, to form new ones, and return once a year to visit friends and scenes, and to spend a few days with "the old folks at home."

The election of officers then took place and resulted as follows: Honorary president, his Honor Judge Hughes; president, Mr. Frederick Guest; vice-president, W. H. Oke, secretary, Harry Flowers; treasurer, Charles Farmer; executive committee, C. W. Regan, Fred Arncliffe, Chas. H. David, David Britt, Frank Curran, Alfred Meaden, and John Owen.

A committee was appointed to revise bylaws, and an adjournment was made till Monday, May 6, when all the "Old Boys" are expected to put in an appearance.

The United Kingdom has 30,000,000 sheep; France 20,000,000, Argentina, 74,600,000.

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**ITALIAN SOCIETY'S ANNUAL BANQUET.**

Successful Event in Knights of Pythias Hall Tuesday Night.

The annual banquet of the Christopher Colombo Society was held Tuesday night in the Knights of Pythias Hall, about 60 guests being present. The affair was one of the most successful yet held by the society, and was marked by the innovation of inviting outsiders, in addition to members of the society. An attractive menu was served, followed by an enjoyable toast list, interspersed with songs and music. The banquet was presided over by the combined Opera House Orchestra and the Italian Harpers. Mr. Joseph Dambr, president of the society, acted as chairman.

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## A STERLING HEART.

"Then came this way, please: there is an opening in the wood a fine view, and the young man turned back in the direction from which he came, walking beside Shirley and talking in an affable, entertaining way that was peculiarly charming. Shirley, who had been afterward learned was one of his many fascinating characteristics.

Nets, however, instead of following at his master's heels, as was his custom, kept close beside Shirley, who had evilly charmed every man who came near and then patted him caressingly on the head.

A walk of five minutes brought them to the opening that Lord Wallace had mentioned, and there, spread out before him, admiring eyes were the grandest place that Shirley had ever seen.

A magnificent park lay at her feet—for they were standing on a gentle rise of ground—and this was dotted here and there with venerable and magnificent beeches, interposed with many other varieties of trees, while out of the midst of them there arose a great stone mansion, of imposing appearance, which was rendered most picturesque by the wealth of ivy and other vines which were almost entirely overgrown. Back of it, and beyond another wide stretch of park, gleamed the beautiful St. Charles, which at that moment, with the bright sunlight streaming full upon it, seemed to be a picture of the fairest of the world.

"How beautiful," Shirley exclaimed involuntarily from Shirley's lips, while her animated eyes roved admiringly over the exquisite picture before her.

"Is it not?" queried her companion, with a thrill of tenderness in his voice. "To me it is the most beautiful place in all the world, and I have seen much of it. And yet, he added, with a quick suppressed sigh, "I should have rather than any other spot, it is very lonely, and a place of sorrow to me just now."

"Lonely?" Shirley repeated, a grave, sweet look of inquiry in the glance she lifted to him, for his tone seemed to imply that he had suffered some recent and heavy grief.

"Yes," he answered, as he turned his pale face slightly from her and speaking in a subdued, repressed tone, "for one short year, and now just about your age, and now my aged mother, with my little crippled sister, and the exception of the servants, are the only inmates of my mansion."

"Years involuntarily spring to the fair girl's eyes, for the quiver in her companion's voice, even more than his words, touched her deeply, while the mere fact that he had made no mention of his child's mother, conveyed to her some domestic tragedy must also have left its blight upon him."

"He had been married, and evidently had lost his wife, but Shirley was somehow impressed that she had not died."

"He had a living trouble, while the recent death of his sister had apparently been a blow from which he had not yet recovered. She made no comment upon what he had told her, for she felt that words of sympathy from her, a stranger, would be meaningless, and grate harshly upon his bleeding heart."

"So she stood quietly by his side and gazed on the enchanting scene before her, while she tried to draw his thoughts that were fast flying to rally pity for him, that with so much to make life enjoyable, he should have been so stricken thus early in life."

"Presently he turned to her, and, observing how much she was his own eyes, softened, while a smile of infinite sweetness curved his lips, for he felt that her unspoken sympathy was far more powerful than the choicest verbal expression could have been."

"You have no doubt noticed the beeches," Miss Livingstone, he remarked, to turn her attention from the sad train of thought which he had aroused.

"Yes, and they are magnificent," she replied, with eager appreciation.

"My grandfather imported them from the home of his ancestors, and set them out with his own hands," the young man explained, smiling, "so you will understand that they are over a hundred years old, and, of course, they are a perfect relic of a sacred heirloom because of this fact."

"Of course, and you would almost feel as if you had sacrificed the life of a friend if you should allow any of them to be cut down," he said, with a regretful air.

"Indeed I should; they are the pride of my heart, and not one of them will I ever be cut while I live," said Neil Wallace with grave positiveness.

"I wonder," Shirley began, then, flushing rose, suddenly stopped short. Lord Wallace smiled, and a gleam of amusement shone into his handsome eyes.

"You are wondering if it is possible that I am a descendant of the notable Sir William Wallace, he quietly remarked. "Yes, I am obliged to confess," he went on, his eyes still twinkling as he saw the look of dismay which overspread her face, "that I can trace my ancestry back to him in a direct line. I trust, however, that all elements of danger which so distinguished him were long since obliterated from the race. At all events, I assure you that I am as good and loyal a subject of England as he was."

"That fact is patent from the title which you have inherited and now bear," Shirley responded, perceiving that people need to be careful what they think in your presence, since you are such a thorough physiognomist," she remarked, merrily. "I trust that you will pardon me for even associating you in my mind with that ancient outlaw, and believe that I had not thought of casting any reflections on account of him."

"I assure you that I bear you no ill-will, Miss Livingstone, and it was a natural thought," the young man returned, with a ready smile; "and now, if you are not weary, will you come with me and let me show you myhurst from another position?"

Shirley readily assented. He was so kind and genial, so courtly in his manner and bearing, so entertaining in conversation that it was a perfect delight to be with him.

There was not the slightest sign of arrogance about him, and though she could see that he was very proud of his ancestral home, it was an affectionate pride, rather, which did him no honor.

She found, too, that his mind was richly stored with facts and fancies upon every subject that came up for discussion, and she had not had a more delightful time since she left the dear old home in Colorado.

Another short walk brought them to a little higher bank, where, looking down, Shirley saw the side and rear of myhurst, with its stables, its kennels and its hot-houses, which were very extensive, while now she obtained a much broader view of the river beyond.

"It is an ideal home," she murmured, drawing in a long breath of admiration and delight.

"An ideal home," repeated the young man, in a tone which smote her heart with sudden pain; "what is your conception of an ideal home, Miss Livingstone?"

Shirley darted a searching glance at him, afraid that she had wounded him,

though unintentionally, by her remark. "It was referring only to the natural beauties of the place when I spoke," she said, after considering for a moment how best to reply without hurting him more deeply, while she lifted her grave, sweet eyes to him. And surely, Lord Wallace, one could not conceive more delightful spot than myhurst as it lies before us at this moment.

"That is true," he answered with a heavy sigh. "I realize that few people are so happy as I am, and yet, Miss Livingstone, it takes something more than 'natural beauty' to make an ideal home."

Shirley wondered if there was a double meaning to his words. Had his wife been killed by nature with great beauty, and had she made his life wretched? She felt that he had some terrible secret sorrow, but of course she shrank from prolonging a conversation so painful, and after a moment of silence, she remarked, while her eyes rested on the exquisite landscape:

"I think that the master of myhurst must be a very fine and an almost perfect man, from the little world of glass and of stone."

"You are passionately fond of flowers, Miss Livingstone, and I derive great comfort in watching their growth and development. There are certain plants that take to me almost like companions. Does that sound extravagant to you?" Lord Wallace inquired with a smile.

"No," said Shirley, her face all aglow, "for I have often had the same feeling. Pansies, for instance, seem almost like a thing of life and feeling, but I am afraid that sounds sentimental to you," she continued, with a slight blush.

"Not at all," her companion responded, complacently, "I am an almost perfect man, and I will show you my conservatories."

"And," he added smiling, "you will be amused when I tell you that my garden is in the place exactly as if they were children. Some day you must come to myhurst, Miss Livingstone."

"Thank you," Shirley said; "that will be a great treat, and no doubt, madame, will be glad to accept the invitation, although she concluded, with a smile of amusement dimpling her cheeks, "she cannot be said to be very fond of flowers."

Her companion laughed out heartily at the observation.

[To be Continued.]

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"About six weeks ago someone, I forget who, suggested Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets as a probable cure for me. The first box relieved me, and I used altogether three boxes, and am now free."

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**TORONTO HORSE SHOW**

Competition as Keen as in Former Years—Sailors and Marines Give Gun and Cutlass Drill.

Toronto, April 24.—The features of the horse show and military tournament today were the sailors and marines from His Majesty's ship Charleydis, who gave a gun and cutlass drill. A band from the Royal Military College, Kingston, were also present, and their drill was one of the most interesting of tonight's programme.

In the horse show, the competition for the second Canadian Artillery, Montreal, won first prize from 22 competitors. In the heads and post competition for officers, Capt. H. A. Panet, Royal Military College, Kingston, carried off the honors; Major G. A. Petrie, 4th Canadian Dragoons, beat the others in the preliminaries of the mounted tug-of-war the teams from the Royal Canadian Artillery beat the 48th Highlanders, and the team of the Royal Canadian Dragoons beat the Governor-General's Bodyguards. The finals will be decided later. Lord and Lady Minto are expected to be present on Friday. The competition in the horse ring is as keen as for several years, and most of the big breeders are shown.

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American League Baseball Season  
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Good Shooting of Canadians—Englishman Would Row Jake Gaudaur—St. Alfred Beating Club.

**BASEBALL.**  
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The Toronto team took their final practice on the Charlotte grounds yesterday afternoon, and while the men are not in perfect physical condition, they are in fair shape and full of confidence as to the outcome of today's game. To Atrook will be given the honor of catching the opening game, and if he continues the work he has been doing in practice games, should win easy laurels. He is still unable to join the club, and Bruce will take his place in left field.

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## Meteorological.

Toronto, April 24-8 p.m.—The weather has improved considerably today

from the lake region to the Maritime

Provinces, showers being only reported

from Southern Ontario; while through-

out the west it continues fine and for

the most part warm. Pressure is still

low along the United States Atlantic

coast, indicating more rain for East-

ern Canada.

Minimum and maximum tempera-

tures: Victoria, 42-50; Calgary, 26-50;

Qu'Appelle, 28-56; Winnipeg, 46-74; Port

Arthur, 32-56; Parry Sound, 44-64; To-

ronto, 46-58; Ottawa, 46-58; Montreal,

46-58; Quebec, 34-44; Halifax, 36-48.

Local temperatures Wednesday—

Highest 57 above, lowest 48 above.

Today (Thursday) the sun rose at

5:19 a.m. and sets at 7:12 p.m. The

moon rose at 11:34 a.m. and sets at

1:11 p.m.

## FINE WEATHER PROMISED.

Toronto, April 24.—The weather man

once more promises fine weather, and

no later than tomorrow. The present

depression, which certainly has been a

depression for the last five or six days,

is gradually moving off towards the

Atlantic coast, while from the south-

west comes a wave of the balmy

spring weather, laden with sunshine

and joy, which is due in Toronto on

Thursday.

## LOOK FOR THE STAMP.

XXXX Jersey

Cream Bread

Is Unexcelled.

None is so appetizing and

nutritious as baked as it

should be baked—light, crisp,

wholesome and digestible.

See the vision of young

Her skirts of freshness across the lawn.

—Mrs. R. D. McDonald, of London, is

spending the week with her father,

Mr. Wm. Ewart, of Ingersoll.

—P. S. Marden & Co., of this city,

are preparing to start work on their

cement walk contract in Chatham.

—Mr. Hugh Loveless left the city

yesterday for New York, having been

home attending the funeral of his fa-

ther.

—Brantford Courier: Mrs. (Canon)

Smith, of London, is the guest of her

sister, Mrs. R. F. Snider, 157 Market

street.

—Mrs. E. Masales and Miss Masales,

who have been residing in London for

the past six months, have returned to

Ridgeway.

—Chatham Banner-News: Miss

Mary Blakburn is in Mitchell attend-

ing the marriage of her brother

George. She will spend a few days in

London with friends on her way home.

—Mr. T. H. Norman, secretary to

C. P. R. Superintendent Williams, will

go with that gentleman to the new of-

fice on the Soo division. Mr. and Mrs.

Norman's many friends here will re-

gret their departure from the city.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, widow of

James Williams, died Tuesday night,

in the 85th year of her age. She was

born in Devonshire, and had lived in

St. Thomas for 27 years. She leaves

one son, Thomas Williams, G. T. R.

engineer, of London, and five daugh-

ters, Mesdames F. Judd, of Toronto;

James Jenkins, North Yarmouth; R.

Farley, J. Pearce and W. Heywood, of

St. Thomas. The funeral takes place

Thursday at 2 p.m.

—Mr. A. B. Cox presided at a very

pleasant social given last evening by

the Christian Endeavor Society of St.

Matthew's Church. Among those who

assisted in the enjoyable programme

were Mr. Wilson, Mr. Chas. May-

nard, Misses Cripps, and Miss McDon-

ald, solos; recitations, Miss Scarrow,

Miss Burke and Miss Burdick; and

the Messrs. Penny, a musical selection.

Refreshments were served at the close

of the programme.

## COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

At a meeting of the Local Council of

Women, held at the Y. M. C. A. on

Monday, a good deal of business was

transacted, in preparation for the com-

ing meeting of the National Council in

May. The following ladies were ap-

pointed as delegates of the London

Local Council: Mrs. English, nomi-

nated by president; substitute, Mrs. Yar-

kerr; Mesdames F. Leonard, Burns, Mc-

Mechan, Misses Fridella and Jarvis.

Other substitutes were Mesdames Win-

nett, Graham, Campbell, Kent, Misses

Graydon, Loughed and Rumball; also

as representing absent councils, Mes-

dames T. Machin, McMechan, Gra-

ham, Robinson, Gahan, Merchant, Pud-

dicombe, Yarker. Miss Graydon was

present.

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