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DISTRICT DOINGS

Interesting Items in Condensed Form.

Montreal wants to annex its suburbs so as to show 400,000 population.

Alexander Church died at his home west of Tyroneville Thursday, aged 67 years.

The ratemakers of Napanee, by a vote of 435 to 1, voted in favor of a bonus for a manning factory.

Philip Ashton, of Orford, had the misfortune of breaking his leg at the ankle, while loading lumber at Reid's mill, Bothwell.

Chas. Little, 69 years of age, one of the oldest settlers of Essex county, is dead. His widow is in a critical condition, and is not expected to live.

Miss Annie Loretta, only daughter of Rev. W. C. and Mrs. Beer, formerly of Dutton, was married in London to Mr. P. R. Allen, of Minto, Man.

There passed away at the home of J. G. Moore, near Shelden, on March 21st, 1905, Mrs. John H. Schutts, at the ripe age of 81 years and 8 months.

The wedding took place in Churchville Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hanner, of Miss Florence Hanner to Wm. Krieger.

Arthur W. Stringer, the Chatham novelist, has just returned from a trip to Europe. Mr. Stringer is now living at his summer home at Cedar Springs.

George Heatherington, owner of the Rodney flour mills, died at his residence there March 27, from brain trouble with which he was afflicted several months.

Alex. Cameron, a former school teacher of Zone, and brother of J. G. Cameron of Thamesville has accepted a call to preach in the Florence Presbyterian church for the summer.

Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick was sentenced in the United States District Court at Cleveland to ten years in the Ohio State Penitentiary. Her lawyer will try and have her case reviewed.

Henry Osborne, of Zone, has been appointed fishery observer on the Thames River from Louisville to Middlesex county line, succeeding Mr. R. B. Osborne in clerk of Zone.

Miss Alma Johnston, of Highgate, has gone to Redpath, Assa., where she has received a situation on the school staff at that place. Miss Mary Tape succeeds her as teacher in Highgate school.

The eighth pair of twins has just been born to Mr. and Mrs. James Bradley, of Chatham, Ia. He is 78 and she 65. Besides the twins, one other child was born to the family, making seventeen children.

The audit of the books of the township of Tilbury North was made by F. H. Macpherson, C. A. He found them in good shape and complimented the clerk of the township, J. A. Trombley, and also the treasurer, J. T. Chauvin.

Hiram Walker & Sons, Walkerville, will next summer erect two rack warehouses, each having a capacity of about 15,000 barrels. The firm contemplated the erection of a new distillery, but later abandoned the idea for this year.

Jas. A. Smyth, principal of the Essex public school, has been appointed license inspector for South Essex. The appointment was recommended by Dr. Anderson, of the Defeated Conservative Association, for the South Riding in the recent Provincial elections.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rishborough of Kent Bridge are just back from a three months' visit to England. It was a visit interesting from start to finish, the snail being the Parisian's memorable race the other day at Halifax harbor with nine hundred lives the stake.

A force of Michigan Central engineers are busy in the Windsor yards. They decline to enlighten any one as to the nature of their work, but as a tug is also taking soundings in the river, it is believed they are locating the best place at which to begin the tunnel under the Detroit River.

The London, Chatham and Western Railway Company is asking the Legislature for an act of incorporation, and purposes to construct an electric railway from London to Windsor, passing through Glencoe, Bothwell, Thamesville and Chatham and the counties of Kent and Essex.

Speaking of Mr. Whitney hiring a United States book-keeper to go over the books of the province, the Buffalo Courier says: "It may be the most efficient way, though. Still what a row would ensue if a Canadian accountant were imported to pass on the ways of doing public business here!"

The Speech from the Throne contains the announcement that the northern boundary of Ontario is likely to be extended to Hudson Bay. The country affected is about 500 miles from east to west, and from 300 to 350 miles from north to south. It includes a large section of good agricultural land, countless water powers, and good mineral locations.

Less than a year ago a crude oil well was struck in Moore township, about six miles west of Petrolia. Since the first well from 20 to 30 drilling rigs have been constantly at work. A short time ago Mr. Alex. Brace and Henry Shaw struck two wells which now produce about 60 barrels each per day.

AMERICAN CAPITAL IS BECOMING INTERESTED AND THE FIELD PROMISES TO BE A PROFITABLE ONE.

The general store business at Moll was last week purchased by Messrs. Wylie English and Harry Saddington, two well known and highly respected Harwich young gentlemen. The business was for many years conducted by Watson & McCorrie but was sold by them a short time ago to Mr. Baker, from whom it was purchased by its present proprietors.

The "gusher" oil well which was drilled on Thursday about a mile north of Leamington, on the Wales farm, is considered to be the best yet struck. It is flowing now fifty barrels an hour, and in 20 hours flowed one thousand barrels. This is the second gusher that has been struck on this farm, and the owner of the farm, Mr. Wales, is consequently greatly elated.

The Baby mansion, one of the landmarks of Essex county, and one that is intimately associated with the history of that part of Canada, has just been sold to Dr. Broacic. The house was built by the late Charles Baby, in 1779, upon the ground given him by the crown. It is built of walnut logs with stone and brick trimmings. Its architecture will be preserved.

The Windsor Record says: The political axe has fallen both in North and South Essex. License Inspector McInloch has been deappointed in the south riding and J. A. Smyth appointed. In the north constituency Charles Quillins, game warden, has been dismissed, his place being given to W. D. Wigle, of Thamesville. There were about 100 applications for this minor position.

With a view to establishing an immense steel plant, 12 millionaires officials of the United States Steel Trust visited Sarnia Friday. The magnates came on their own train and met a delegation of Sarnia business men. They inspected the river front property. For some time the steel trust has been looking for a good outlet into Canada and has opened negotiations for establishing a monster steel plant.

Aubrey White, Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands, stated the other day that the 12,000 veterans, whose claims had been approved, and who had located their lots, would be allowed to dispose of the timber on it as any time without performing settlement duties.

The opinion has prevailed that a string was attached to the timber, and that it was a contingent upon certain conditions. Any terms proposed by the timber owners, as well as the price of the timber, is the Raisin River Valley.

Little Japan is not so small—most of our maps of Asia are drawn to a small scale, and on such maps the Japanese archipelago fills little space, says "World's Work." But she is larger than England and more populous. She has 6,000,000 more people than France. She sent six armies over sea within six months, every one of which was as big as either army that met at Waterloo. She has sent to Manchuria twice as many soldiers in six months as England sent to South Africa in two years.

In the course of a week or so Mr. I. H. Coffell and family of Glenwood, expect to leave for Botany, near Ridgetown, where Mr. Coffell has rented a farm. His farm in Glenwood has been purchased by Mr. J. N. Halliday. Mr. and Mrs. Coffell will be much missed from Glenwood and Merlin where they have been closely connected with church lodge and social interests during their residence here. They will no doubt frequently visit here after removing.

Mrs. Coffell has relatives near their future home.—Merlin Mirror.

The Windsor Record has the following to say of Percy O. McIntyre, the young Englishman, who was committed to Chatham jail for trial by Judge Watson last week, for attempting to assault Maurice Eastlake, near Highgate, with a sledgehammer: "Percy McIntyre, the young Englishman who was locked up here, has been in charge of the Chatham police for several days. McIntyre was pretending to be simple, but Judge Houston woke him up considerably when he sent him up to jail for a week. The young man forgot his mask and got quite angry."

The death occurred at the family residence Leeton, Mich., on Sunday, March 19, of William Bloom in his 73rd year. Deceased was at one time a resident of Dawn township, but has resided in Michigan for upwards of 30 years. He leaves to mourn his loss a widow and grown up family of nine children, seven sons and two daughters also two brothers, Messrs. Robert and George Bloom of Dawn and four sisters Mrs. Allan Christner of Dawn, Mrs. P. L. Switzer of Thamesville, Mrs. Lucinda Shaw of Dresden and Mrs. James Brown of Lapeer Co. Mich.—Florence Quill.

How To Ward Off An Attack of Rheumatism.

"For years when springtime came on and I went into gardening, I was sure to have an attack of rheumatism and every attack was more severe than the preceding one," says Josie McDonald, of Man. Logan county, West Va. "I tried everything with no relief whatever, until I procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and the first application gave me ease, and before the first bottle was used I felt like a new person. Now I feel that I am cured, but I always keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm in the house and when I feel any symptoms of a return I soon drive it away with one or two applications of this liniment. For sale by all druggists."

The Late John Lammiman.

The death of John Lammiman at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Andrew Teeple, Currie's Crossing, in his 84th year is announced. Mr. Lammiman was born in Lincolnshire, England. At the age of 7 years he came to this country with his parents, who settled in Port Hope. In 1872 he settled at Currie's Crossing, where he took up a farm of three hundred acres. He was a Liberal in politics and a member of the Currie's Crossing Methodist church. For ten years he has been living retired from active farm work. He is survived by his wife and four children, T. J. Lammiman, of Currie's Crossing, John, of California; Mrs. A. H. Teeple, of Currie's Crossing, and Mrs. Wm. Lampman, Woodstock.

FIRE AT CHATHAM

Five Firms Put Out of Business.

Chatham, March 21.—Two business blocks in Chatham were destroyed by fire early this morning, and as a result five firms were put out of business. The loss will approximate \$64,000, made up as follows: S. Jahnke & Sons, \$21,000; J. C. Wanless, hardware, \$18,000; A. H. Patterson, hardware, \$17,000; W. S. Richards, confectioner and baker, \$8,000. The fire was discovered about 8 a. m. by Will Jahnke, who had just returned from Detroit on the early morning train. Jahnke found the members of his family, who lived over the store occupied by themselves and J. C. Wanless, hardware, all asleep in attempting to rouse the family he was overcome by smoke, and is in a serious condition. The family escaped by jumping from the windows. The blocks were all frame and burned rapidly the fire having attained considerable headway before the arrival of the fire brigade. The burned buildings belonged to Mr. Jahnke and to W. S. Richards. Mr. Richards' buildings are badly damaged, but the Jahnke block is completely gutted. This includes the Jahnke undertaking establishment and the store of J. C. Wanless. Owing to the high insurance rates, the firms all had small insurance except A. H. Patterson. The corpse of the late Mrs. Mallady was charred beyond recognition before it was rescued. It was in Jahnke's undertaking rooms awaiting interment today.

DUART PUBLIC SCHOOL

Standing of Pupils for the Month of March.

Report of Duart public school for the month of March. Names in order of merit.

SENIOR ROOM.
Class V.—Rose Ryckman, Clarence Davey, Annie Deshaw, Mable Ramo, Gladys Davey, William Reitenmier, Bel. McKinlay, James Argo, Veda Campbell, Ernest Sinclair, Bertha Bandson, William Deshaw, Maud Kerr.
Class IV.—Alice Swisher, Lyman Wightman.

Class III.—Sr.—Leverna McPhail, Hazel McMillan, Annie Argo, Mary Wightman, Alma O'Brien, Edith Lewis, Bertha Grainger, Janet McKinlay.
Class III, Jr.—Jacob Wightman, Rosilliah McTavish, Viola Ryckman, Frances Wrinn.

Number on roll, 28; average attendance, 25.
M. T. McCordic, Teacher.

JUNIOR ROOM.
Class II.—Hazel Davey, Elsie Lora, Alfred Reitenmier, Clifford Love, Clara Sinclair, John Schuler, Louis Deshaw, Nellie Silcox, Rosa Schuler, Clifford Sinclair, Amos Lewis.

Part II, Sr.—Robert Jones, Gertrude Davey, Grace Jones, Hugh McPhail.
Part II, Jr.—Walter Wightman, Mina Cope, Lizzie Schuler, James Symington, Mary Lewis, John Silcox.

Part I, Sr.—Violet Ramo, Francis Deshaw, Sarah Reitenmier, Laura Curtis.
Part I, Jr.—Wesley Cope, Roy Rose, Ayton Thompson.

Part I, C.—Daniel Miller.
Number on roll, 29. Average attendance 24.
T. McKillop, Teacher.

To Protect Oats From Smut.

It is probable that there is an annual loss of fully three million bushels of oats in Ontario through the injury to the crop caused by smut. This could be largely prevented if the seed oats were immersed for twenty minutes in a solution made by mixing one pint of formaldehyde (formalin) in from forty to fifty five gallons of water. This solution has the power of killing the spores of smut and leaving the oats uninjured. If the treatment is made several days before seeding takes place, the oats should be spread on a floor and thoroughly dried; but if it is made immediately before sowing, it is only necessary to partially dry the seed. Great care should be taken to prevent smut spores from being blown into seeders, etc., becoming mixed with the oats after the formalin has been used. This treatment is easily performed, comparatively cheap, and very effective, and if thoroughly performed need not be repeated from year to year.

The Chosen Friends

Toronto, March 23.—By only a narrow majority the Grand Council, Canadian Order of Chosen Friends, this afternoon voted down a resolution calling for the submission of the Hunter scale of insurance rates for the one at present in existence. This would have meant an increase of about 15 cents per month per thousand. Subsequently the opinion was expressed by some of the delegates that if the matter had been brought up at yesterday's session the example of the A. O. U. W. last week in adopting the Hunter schedule would have been followed. A resolution providing for biennial instead of annual sessions of the Grand Council was carried by a three-fourths majority. This will result in a saving of \$8,000 every two years, which money will be devoted to organization. The Grand Council will meet in 1907 in Toronto.

Cement From Furnace Slag

The manufacture of cement from furnace slag for use in road building is a great industry in Germany. It is produced by grinding and thoroughly mixing 85 per cent. granulated slag with 15 per cent. of lime hydrate. Slag is also largely employed by manufacturers of Portland cement as a substitute for marl and limestone, and the claim is made that cement made with this addition is stronger than ordinary cement.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS MARRIED

Pleasing Event at the Home of Mr. F. G. McKerracher.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. McKerracher, 10th concession, Howard, was celebrated on Thursday evening last, March 30th, when guests to the number of about seventy gathered to spend the evening. Guests were present from Detroit, Blenheim, Highgate, Thamesville, Palmyra and Ridgetown, as well as friends from the community. Dinner was served in courses and was superintended by Mrs. Richard Barrett, the waiters being Miss Nellie Switzer, Miss Jennie Switzer, Misses Maggie and Etta McMullan, Miss Ethel Williams, Masters Will and Frank Rhody. The kitchen attendants were Mrs. G. Switzer, Mrs. S. Rhody, Mr. William Barrett and Mr. John Switzer. The waiters were waited upon in courses same as the guests by Mr. Robert Campbell and Mr. Dancah McKinlay. The decorations were beautiful and nothing was left undone to make those present enjoy themselves.

The presents, which included sums of money, were beautiful and costly, one worthy of special mention being a silver butter dish from Mr. and Mrs. John Maloney of Detroit, which had the date of the wedding and also the anniversary and their names engraved thereon.

Music for the evening was furnished by Miss Nellie Shaw, Mrs. A. F. Campbell, Mr. Lorne Dempster, Mr. John Switzer, Mr. Charles Vice and Mr. Robert McKerracher.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Street, of Selton, the latter a sister of Mrs. McKerracher, also celebrated the 25th anniversary of their wedding on Thursday last, both sisters being married at the same residence twenty-five years ago. Of those who were present at the wedding only two were at the anniversary, namely, Mrs. John McIntyre, of Detroit, and Miss Maggie McKerracher, of Highgate.

LETTER FROM J. W. TOMPKINS

Ridgetown Man's Impressions of the South.

In renewing his subscription to THE PLAINDEALER J. W. Tompkins writes from Rankin, Miss. as follows: I am situated about 20 miles from Jackson, the state capital, and I will tell you what I think of the South. They just finished a million dollar state building at the capital last year where things are booming. Chickamauga here as a general thing is very mild. Some winters they don't have any snow or ice at all but last month we had some cold weather accompanied by sleet. March came in fine and farmers are ploughing. All the mill folks are making gardens. The principal crops are cotton, corn, sugar cane, sweet potatoes, etc. There are great opportunities here for men with small capitals in truck farming. Land can be bought at from three to five dollars per acre. One firm from the east came here last fall and bought 3,000 acres five miles east of here. They have been building houses all winter and expect to get in a crop of early vegetables this spring. However, there is plenty of room for more. The district abounds with pine, oak, poplar, gum and other timbers, and it only requires a small capital to start a sawmill. New railroads are built yearly to reach timber that is too far away to be handled at a profit. There is also coal and iron here but it has not been discovered. The paying quantity of minerals has been discovered here known as Fuller's Earth and they are organizing a company to operate it with a capital of \$200,000. We have a mineral well right at the mill from which we get our drinking water. We call it the "Boll of Rankin." You can drink to your heart's content without ill effect. The water is splendid for kidney and other organic troubles.

THE CHOSEN FRIENDS

Grand Council Rejects A Proposed Increase in Rates.

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AUCTION SALES.

Thursday, April 6.—D. Gilbert, auctioneer, has received instructions from Mr. Campbell to offer for sale by public auction, at his premises, lot 14, concession 10, Howard, about two miles east of Ridgetown, on Thursday, April 6th, 1905, commencing at one o'clock sharp, the following farm stock, grain, etc.: Six new milch cows, three cows to calve, five fat steers, three heifers two years old, two heifers one year old, ten good store hogs, quantity hay, quantity oats, quantity selected dried seed corn, etc. reserve.

Tuesday, April 11.—D. Gilbert & Sons, auctioneers, have received instructions from Robert Hepburn to sell by public auction, at his premises, lot 6, concession 4, Orford, about one and one half miles north of Duart, commencing at one o'clock sharp, on Tuesday, April 11, his list of farm stock, implements, etc., among which are six cattle, fourteen pigs, five sheep, and some splendid farm implements.

If you intend holding an auction sale this spring leave your order for bills at THE PLAINDEALER office and have your printing done while you wait. A free notice of sale will be given in THE PLAINDEALER which circulates thoroughly throughout East Kent.

April 26 next is the eighty-sixth anniversary of Oddfellowship in America.

BIG SHORTAGE IN BEANS

Michigan Has But 680 Cars on Hand.

Monday's Detroit News has the following in reference to the bean situation in Michigan:

"The News herewith presents some original statistics in regard to the bean crop in this state. Michigan ranks as one of the leading producers of beans in the United States, and the Detroit market is the only one in which bean futures are traded in on the same basis as wheat options. Beans are shipped by Detroit and Michigan handlers to points all over new England and most of the western and southern states, and crop and supply conditions are therefore of widespread interest. With the crop year about half over, reliable statistics as to the amount of beans still in farmers' and shippers' hands and likely to come forward before the new crop becomes available have been obtained by this paper and are here presented for consideration:

One hundred and twelve Michigan dealers, reporting on 125 stations, report net holdings on March 15 as 342 cars, this including net stocks on hand as well as purchases still undelivered by farmers. They also report that there are still unsold in farmers' hands an aggregate of 228,500 bushels. According to the 1904 report of the secretary of state the total crop for last year was approximately 3,300,000 bushels. This would indicate that there is therefore less than 10 per cent of the crop still in first hands, and as about 150,000 bushels are required for seeding purposes it would appear that only about 75,000 bushels, or in round figures, 110 cars, are still to come forward.

From March 15 to Sept. 1, 1904, the aggregate sales as reported were 1,307 cars. Assuming that there are enough beans still in the hands of farmers tributary to stations not reporting to take care of the seeding demand, and providing that all the stock now in the hands of these dealers who have reported comes to market, there are approximately 680 cars in sight to supply the demand until the next crop is harvested.

The extreme cheapness of potatoes may have some effect on the demand for beans, but assuming that the demand for the rest of the crop year will be as great as last year, there is an apparent shortage this year of 627 cars. Fifteen of the dealers, who reported holdings at 52 cars, gave no statistics as to their sales last year, but estimating these at the general average would make an additional demand for 78 cars. In recapitulation, if the farmers of Michigan clean out every bin, reserving only enough for seed, and the dealers dispose of their entire stocks on hand, we have a total of 680 cars to take care of a demand of 680 cars last year absorbed 1,385 cars.

New York state dealers to the number of 26, reporting on 60 stations, gave net holdings as 197 cars, with 209,000 bushels back in farmers' hands. Approximate sales by these 26 dealers, from March 15 to September 1, last year, were 451 cars. Figured on the same basis as this state, that stations not reporting have enough to supply the seed required and that all the beans in sight find their way to market, would give 507 cars against a probable demand of 451 cars. Returns from New York State, of course, are only partial, but are probably a fair average for the entire state.

From these statistics it would appear that the reserve stocks of beans to carry the country through the coming six months are very materially short of last year's consumption. In addition to this the crop of Canada is already exhausted so far as exports are concerned, and this country will get no help from that direction, while owing to the fact that the foreign crop was a failure, few or no beans are coming from abroad. In this light beans would seem to be good property."

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SANFORD SANDERSON

Story of the Canadian Northwest.

Some good angel must have been guiding my wandering feet when I found the farmhouse of Sanford Sanderson. An observing person would guess by his glance, quick and keen, that he has known a raffle, his unflinching gaze that he knew things, by the furrows in his youthful forehead that he had suffered and, by his silence that he had a story. I had seen Sanderson once before, but he had not seen me. From my seat on the back of a calm-eyed cayuse I got a glimpse of him riding a raffle, laden with lignite, down the South Saskatchewan. I thought as I saw him shooting a rapid and poling his raffle round a sand bar that he was having more fun and more room than any other man in America.

He was captain of his ship and no mistake for there was not another soul in sight. From my saddle I saw only an endless reach of wild land, broken here and there by bluffs or trees, save to the northeast where the Eagle Hills humped dark on the distant horizon. Immediately in front of me the great Saskatchewan chiseled a deep furrow in the face of the earth an hundred feet deep and half a mile wide. Beyond the river there was more of this un-staked empire, sleeping sweetly in the sun.

That was in the early summer when the warm chinook was sighing, and the birds were brooding in the marshes, and the water was in lakes. It was early autumn when the half-bred boy who was engineering the buckboard from which I was seeing the Saskatchewan, turned in for the night at Sanford Sanderson's. By the time Sanford had sauntered down from the house to the stable the half-bred had the horses unhooked. Sanford gave us a warm, wordless sort of welcome that can be fully appreciated only after you have come to know Sanderson.

We had homemade bread, fresh butter, and fresh milk for supper that night, and we had wild chickens broiled for breakfast. At the request of our host I consented to stop over for a few days' shooting. It was during these days in the field and the evenings at his home that I got from Sanderson, by absorption, some of the things that he had done. Little by little he let me hear of it, hardly realizing that he was telling it at all. Now, as one picks up the scraps of a letter that has been torn and tossed to the wind, I piece it out for it is a typical tale of pioneering in the Northwest.

"Lena and I lived on a homestead, far from the railroad, until our baby was born. The railroad came to disturb our peace. I sold my land to a speculator and came up to Canada. I bought a quarter section on Portage Plains for five dollars an acre and paid for the land with my first crop. Having learned that the new trans-continental railway line lay across my quarter, I sold out for seven dollars an acre. I had two thousand dollars more money now than I had carried into Canada, some good horses and a few head of cattle. I did not care for the time, but I know now, that I had in my blood the pioneer microbe that had made my father and his father fight always for the land."

"I asked Lena if she wanted to go back to South Dakota; it seemed so lonely for a woman to live out on the prairie. She smiled and said: 'I just want to go where you go.' One day at the depot I met an old neighbor of mine from the south, bound for the land north of Regina. There was a great movement on."

"I went back to my temporary home and looked over the map, and when I saw how far I was behind the settlement, I told Lena to pack up and we took the next train for the front. I had the good fortune to find a man who had a homestead wife on his hands and the memory of a bank. About that time he married and married my mother who had come out to Minnesota to teach school. Our house, as I remember it, was the finest in the town, and we usually had company, people coming up from Minneapolis and St. Paul to visit. I was finished in the high school and was going to the Chicago university when Lena Swanson came to our house as parlor maid. Up to that time I have no recollection of having seen a girl who held my attention for ten seconds. But when I saw her I looked right at her and she looked at me. I took off my hat, and bowed, instinctively, and Lena blushed. My mother saw all this and called sharply to me, stamping her foot. My mother was born in Boston."

"Lena lived at our house a whole month. That was the sunniest month I had ever known, though I never saw her eyes in all that time, at least not as I had seen them at the moment of our first meeting. Of course, I was not notified when Lena got her notice. I came home one evening and found a new parlor maid. It was foolish enough to ask dinner what had become of Lena. Between the frowns of my mother and the sharp, dark glances of my mother, I gathered that it was not my business. I knew no rest that night. For days I walked and walked, searching the world for Lena. It seemed to me I could hear her calling, could see her great blue eyes accusing me. I felt that it had been all my fault. A week went by with this great sorrow tugging at my heart."

"The day at dusk as I stambled through the little park in front of the Public Square, I came suddenly upon

Lena resting on a rustic bench, one hand on the handle of a baby carriage, the other was straddling back and forth, back and forth, on the gravel walk, I sprang to her side, impulsively, dropping to the seat. She got to her feet and stood trembling like a frightened fawn. I spoke to her and she urged me to leave her, which, as I was young and honest, only maddened me.

"Presently when she had become calmer, she told me that she had found a good place as nurse in the house of Mr. Blank, the man who ran the state bank. Naturally, being jealous of my father, whose bank was a national bank, he had concealed a dislike for me. It seems the gossip of the town had already linked my name with Lena's so her new mistress had taken the precaution to warn her that I was not to see her while she made her home at that number. And that was the cause of her trembling at the sound of my footsteps."

"When I pressed her she told me that she would lose her place if I seen with me. 'Lose your place,' I repeated, with all the unreasonableness of a boy in love. 'I'd lose my life for you.' 'Then I saw her pretty chin tremble, tears started from her big bewitching eyes and I was quick to see that she was with the banker's wife, while I, from the park bench, watched her until her slender figure faded in the shadows of the shrubs that surrounded the big frame house in which she lived.'

"It would take too long to tell you all that passed that summer, of the many meetings, at first by accident but later by appointment, until she seemed to me the fairest, the best, the most abused young woman in the world. Finally, one day, I took my mother to my heart, as she had taken me so many times. In my childish troubles, and told her the story of Lena and our love. She listened calmly, kissed me on the forehead, and promised to speak to my father."

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"Lena and I lived on a homestead, far from the railroad, until our baby was born. The railroad came to disturb our peace. I sold my land to a speculator and came up to Canada. I bought a quarter section on Portage Plains for five dollars an acre and paid for the land with my first crop. Having learned that the new trans-continental railway line lay across my quarter, I sold out for seven dollars an acre. I had two thousand dollars more money now than I had carried into Canada, some good horses and a few head of cattle. I did not care for the time, but I know now, that I had in my blood the pioneer microbe that had made my father and his father fight always for the land."

"I asked Lena if she wanted to go back to South Dakota; it seemed so lonely for a woman to live out on the prairie. She smiled and said: 'I just want to go where you go.' One day at the depot I met an old neighbor of mine from the south, bound for the land north of Regina. There was a great movement on."

"I went back to my temporary home and looked over the map, and when I saw how far I was behind the settlement, I told Lena to pack up and we took the next train for the front. I had the good fortune to find a man who had a homestead wife on his hands and the memory of a bank. About that time he married and married my mother who had come out to Minnesota to teach school. Our house, as I remember it, was the finest in the town, and we usually had company, people coming up from Minneapolis and St. Paul to visit. I was finished in the high school and was going to the Chicago university when Lena Swanson came to our house as parlor maid. Up to that time I have no recollection of having seen a girl who held my attention for ten seconds. But when I saw her I looked right at her and she looked at me. I took off my hat, and bowed, instinctively, and Lena blushed. My mother saw all this and called sharply to me, stamping her foot. My mother was born in Boston."

"Lena lived at our house a whole month. That was the sunniest month I had ever known, though I never saw her eyes in all that time, at least not as I had seen them at the moment of our first meeting. Of course, I was not notified when Lena got her notice. I came home one evening and found a new parlor maid. It was foolish enough to ask dinner what had become of Lena. Between the frowns of my mother and the sharp, dark glances of my mother, I gathered that it was not my business. I knew no rest that night. For days I walked and walked, searching the world for Lena. It seemed to me I could hear her calling, could see her great blue eyes accusing me. I felt that it had been all my fault. A week went by with this great sorrow tugging at my heart."

"The day at dusk as I stambled through the little park in front of the Public Square, I came suddenly upon

the terror of the sea passes. By and by, the element of danger, the risk, you find only adds to the interest of the voyage. The professional gambler, whether in Wall street or at the small green table in a frontier town, gambles because it fascinates him as surely as the gambles for gain, and that is one reason why wheat growing in the Canadian west is so interesting and that is why men plant wheat to the exclusion of other profitable crops—because it's a gamble. It took me two seasons to see that. Why, we used to sit on the porch for hours when a storm was gathering at night, watching the slowly shifting clouds. Then Lena would put the baby to bed and come and sit with me again until the storm broke or passed, or we were too sleepy to watch longer.

"Then would come another day, another sixteen hours of sunshine, until at last the gold of the grain field faded to the green in the west when the long day died. It is not only interesting, it is really wonderful to watch this emerald sea springing from the sod, ripening to grain to be ground to flour and made into bread that will feed millions of men."

"So, as I said before, we were all gamblers, not only in the degree and the relative respectability of the bank we bank, I gambled when I planted that 400 acres to wheat. I won, and my late neighbor is at this moment preparing four thousand acres for crop in 1905. If I had not perhaps a dozen years ago, I had risked so much, but I was threshing out 16,880 bushels, for which I received \$13,504.

"That half section attracted as much attention as the winner in a selling race. I had scarcely sold my last load of wheat, when a Minnesota man came and tempted me with an offer of ten dollars an acre. It was a foolish thing to do, but I took the money. The place was becoming altogether too civilized, and to add to my troubles, the locating engineers were setting stakes along my north line. I shall long remember the day I sat down, Lena at my side, to figure up our fortune. After paying for seed and seedling, for some new building, for reaping, threshing and marketing my grain, I had to the credit of this account \$11,740. The profit on the land transaction brought the total up to \$23,240, and I was suffering a loss of \$331 on implements bought and sold, leaving a net profit for my summer's watching of \$13,710."

"I asked Lena again, if she wanted to go home, and she said nothing, but smiling shook her head slowly, looking at me through her hair, and the figures on a slip of paper that told the simple story of our summer's work. As we sat there trying to realize how it felt to be 'rich,' one of my men drove up. He had been down to Davidson to have the horses pulled, and a pair of horses I had bought from him had swung round by Hanley for the mail. He handed me a letter, and I found an envelope. I opened it and found a New York check for \$100,000 and a sand dollar. The sight of this draft drove all the happiness out of my heart and flooded my soul with the old bitterness that I had hoped was passed."

"Presently, I read the letter, the first that I had received from home since I left. It was full of the love that survives so often when all else perishes. She begged me to return, to bring Lena and the baby and make our home with them. My father, she said, would be only too glad to turn over the burden of his growing business to me, and she had not said so in any of her words, she felt confident he had forgiven me. Right there I made a mental note to inquire as to the nature of the crime for which I was about to receive the paternal pardon, but by the time I had finished my letter, all the resentment was gone."

"I could see how her pride had been hurt and how helpless she had been against the sentence of my step father. So I wrote her, thanking her for the draft, which I returned, and for the assurance of her love. I treasured and told her how impossible it would be for us to go back home as if we had failed, ending with an urgent request for her to visit us at our new home of which I still had possession. To my surprise she came, stayed a month, and when she went back she brought her husband and the baby."

"After selling my section in the 'bad lands,' I came over here and squatted in the shadow of the Eagle Hills—here where the great Saskatchewan sweeps over the hills and valleys, where the summers are milder and the winters milder, where the warm chinook comes crooning over from the coast range, making March as balmy as May on the North Atlantic. Beyond the river, over in Alberta, I have gathered a goodly herd of cattle and a fine bunch of horses. These hardy horses hunt for themselves from Christmas to Christmas, as do the cattle, save for a few hundred tons of wild hay we cut for them to feed on in the hardest of the winter. We never house them. Open sheds for the calves and colts are the only out-buildings we have on the horse or cattle ranch. It is not so exciting as wheat growing, but it is nice quiet work and doesn't hurt the country. 'God's country' is a truth, just as He left it when He rounded out the world."

"Such is the story of Sanford Sanderson, I remember when, as we drove home after our last day's shooting, Sanderson grew eloquent, as he pictured his Paradise as it lay before us, bathed in the faint flush of the sunset's gold. As we topped a low ridge and came in view of the ranch, Sanderson shook the reins out, the cayuse slipped along the train in that easy trot so common in the western range and heed horse. From the chimney we could see a thin column of smoke ascending. Lena was cooling her feet in the bath, and Sanderson grew silent, and later

but his silence to the impressive scene. Presently I noticed that his glance was leveled at the ranch house. I asked what interested him and he said he saw a new object in the corral, and when a few minutes later we turned in at the gate we found a strange craft in port. It proved to be a buckboard. 'I thought so,' said Sanderson, lifting a nose-bag from the back of the raffle. 'I thought so,' he repeated, more to himself than to me. 'They have routed me from the Red River and again from Portage Plains, driven me from the 'bad lands,' I sought me out Saskatchewan and I presume they will follow me to the Peace and finally push me to the Pacific, just as the buffalo and the Indian have been pushed.'

"While we were still discussing them the pathfinders, four of them, came up from the river. The chief of the party introduced himself. They had passed through a month ago, he said, but most notably he had met me. 'I've been anxious to see you,' said the chief, 'for, unless we spoil a sixty-mile tangent, we must ask you to let us move your house over about fifty feet.'

"Certainly," said Sanderson, and for the first time I could not say whether he was joking or in earnest. The engineer was obviously embarrassed but managed to thank our host. 'Q. don't mention it,' said Sanderson, as he led the way to the house. 'It's no trouble at all. I had just lost a dozen dollars, half starved men, not to mention my boy and Sanderson's boy for Lena to feed, but she met her husband and his hungry guests with a happy smile and in half an hour was making us welcome at her good table. It was no trouble, as Sanderson said, when they asked him to move his house.'

"Good-bye, Sanderson," said I. "This has been a pleasant visit here, and when the road is open I'll drop in on you again. There'll be a town here at the crossing, I fancy. I'll be sure to see you there, I'm going to pull out for the front."—By Warpan in American Agriculturist.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

Interesting Gossip About Some Prominent People.

The King of Portugal is the best Royal rider-shot in the world. He is also quite as good with a revolver as with his rifle, and has done some wonderful feats at the Paris Pistol Club, of which he is a member. The Duchess of Cambridge is one of the best of women platform speakers, and sometimes takes her place in the pulpit. She has a private chapel at Northwold Castle, and occasionally conducts the whole service, sermon and all. Mr. Asquith, K.C., M.P., the famous English politician, is an expert amateur golfer. He has concentrated many of his best golfing moods in his time, and he has been able to play some of his best golf in his possession of the Prince of Wales. The Duke of Devonshire possesses, as an heirloom, a Claude Lorraine's 'Book of Truth,' which is said to be one of the rarest and most valuable volumes in Europe. It is worth six times as much as the 'Mazarin' Bible, the most costly book that the British Museum can boast. The late Duke refused an offer of \$100,000 for it. Mr. Alexander Siemens, President of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, is the possessor of a unique distinction, inasmuch as he is the only Englishman who wears the Order of the Most Exalted Order of the British Empire in the trenches at Metz in 1870, and was rewarded by the coveted decoration. Mr. Siemens, who was twenty-three at the time, went all through the Franco-Prussian war as a private soldier.

Of the world's monarchs probably the most popular in France is King Edward. The story goes that on one occasion a piece of paper was served that she wished His Britannic Majesty might be in very truth that the Kings of England once claimed to be—'Sovereign of France and of Navarre.' King Edward only smiled as he made the reply, 'You use your Kings too quickly in this country.' The story of the Czar's betrothal is quite interesting. Although the great question had been planned and thought out for the Royal couple by their respective parents, they were both determined to have a say in the matter. That they were in love with each other everyone knew, and between themselves a mutual understanding had been arrived at. As the Czar, the future Czar, had to make the formal and old-fashioned offer of his hand. 'The Emperor, my father,' he said, addressing the blushing bride-to-be, 'has commended me to make you the offer of my hand and heart.' 'My grandmother, the Queen,' replied the present Czarina. 'Has commended me to accept the offer of your hand.' She broke into a rippling laugh, 'and your heart I take of my own free will.'

Here is an instance of the Kaiser's prowess with the rifle. While waiting with Baron Hentze for the approach of some wild boar, His Majesty whiled away the time by practicing on objects at a distance of about 150 yards. One of these was a sign-post, inscribed 'To the Drakengraben.' Turning with a laugh to Baron Hentze, the Emperor said, 'Which letter shall I hit?' 'The capital B,' was the answer. The Emperor fired accordingly at the letter 'B.' 'And now?' inquired His Majesty. 'The K,' replied the Baron. 'Which letter shall I hit?' 'The letter K,' asked the Emperor. 'In the left, your Majesty,' said Baron Hentze. When the party reached the dead boar they found the Emperor had shot him in the left eye, and on coming up later to the sign-post they found the capital 'B' and the 'K' both shot through.

About the House

MAPLE DELICACIES.

Parfait—Yolks of 5 eggs and 1 cup maple syrup boiled together in a double boiler. When thick, remove from fire and beat until cold. Add 1 pint whipped cream, pack in ice and salt and let stand three hours.

Delicious Cakes—One cup grated maple sugar, 2-3 cup rich, sour cream, 2 eggs, 1 teaspoon soda dissolved in tablespoon hot water, a pinch of salt and 2 cups sifted flour. Beat sugar and eggs together, add dissolved soda to the cream, mix and bake in a loaf.

Maple Custard—Make a custard of 4 well beaten eggs, pinch of salt, 3 cups milk, 1 cup maple syrup. Strain into buttered cups and bake in a pan set in hot water, in a slow oven. When centres are firm, chill the custards. Turn from moulds and serve with whipped cream which has been sweetened and flavoured with orange.

Maple Rolls—Sift together 2 cups flour, salt and 2 teaspoons baking powder. Rub in 3 tablespoons butter and mix to a soft dough with sweet milk. Roll out on a dough board and spread, thickly with finely-chopped maple sugar. Roll up as for a rolled jelly cake and with a sharp knife cut into slices 1/4 inch thick. Place in a greased tin and bake 15 minutes. Serve hot.

Cream Walnuts—Break 1 lb. fresh maple sugar into pieces, put into pan with 2 tablespoons boiling water and 2-3 cup cream. Cook 30 minutes, add 1 cup chopped English walnut kernels, beat until creamy, pour into buttered pan and mix off into squares.

Maple Ice—Cook together 2 cups grated maple sugar and 1 cup cream, without stirring. When thick enough to form a ball, when dropped into cold water, remove from fire and whip hard until ready to spread. Use Cream—Scald in a double boiler 1 pint new milk. When hot add 1 cup maple syrup. Beat 3 eggs till thoroughly mixed, return to the boiler and cook, stirring constantly. When the mixture thickens, strain, cool, add 1/2 cup whipped cream and freeze.

Waffles—To 1 pint of milk add 3 eggs, salt, sugar and enough flour to make a stiff batter. Add lastly the beaten whites of the eggs. Have waffle irons well greased and hot.

Maple Sugar Biscuit—Sift together 1 quart flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder and a teaspoon salt. Rub in 2 tablespoons butter and mix with milk to make a soft dough. When ready to roll out stir in 1 cup maple sugar, which has been shaved into fine pieces. Roll out and cut into fancy shapes.

VALUABLE HINTS.

To keep moths from furs and woollen articles: When putting away furs and woollen articles for the summer, carefully wrap each article separately in newspaper, and put pieces of carbon away with them in a tin box or cupboard. Printer's ink is death to moths. Mince is one of the most difficult stains to remove. Wash well with brown soap, then apply a paste of chalk and water, and put the article in the sun. After two or three applications the milder will be bleached out. The fire can be drawn from a burn by applying cloths, wet in strong alum water. It will also assist in relieving the pain. Stains on black cloth can be removed by rubbing with a freshly cut raw potato. Afterwards rub with a clean cloth. Always put the sugar used in a pie in the centre of the fruit, not at the top, as this makes the paste soggy. Oxalic acid will remove stains from ivory, silk, piano keys. Ordinarily the keys may be kept in condition of whiteness by simply rubbing with alcohol. Bananas are very good with beef steak. While the steak is on the broiler slice two bananas in rounds about half an inch thick. Fry them in a little butter, and arrange over the broiler on a hot plate. The things for a woman to eat whose complexion is not above reproach are: cooked vegetables, raw and cooked salads and stewed fruits. The cooked salads are those that are made of vegetables and the Russian salads, which are composed of shredded beets, cold potatoes, string beans and peas, all beautifully dressed with mayonnaise, a dish fit for the Czar. A Novel Cranberry Pie—Take a good-sized cupful of cranberries, cut them in two and put them in cold water to draw out the seeds. Mix a tablespoonful of flour with a cupful of sugar, and then add slowly a scant cupful of boiling water and half a cupful of raisins stoned and cut in two. Lift the cranberries out of the water which should be thrown away, and mix them with the other ingredients. Bake between two crusts. Sometimes a teaspoonful of vanilla is added.

SHIRT WAIST FASTENINGS.

No hooks and eyes on wash waists; should be the motto of the amateur dressmaker. Buttons wherever possible, for, under any circumstances, they are far preferable to hooks. In the dressy waists, buttons and buttonholes can be hid under a fold. In the wash waists handsome buttons may be fastened on with tiny split ring and readily removed when the waist has to go to the wash. In the waists which fasten at the back, buttons are much more reliable than

books and eyes, or hooks and loops. So few people make good buttons that the temptation to use hooks and eyes as being less trouble, is very great. But it is a mistake, just as is the using of strings, in lieu of buttons on undergarments. The best fitting garments, whether those that are visible or those that are hidden, last none the less require smoothness in order to make the garment set properly above them, or those securely fastened with plenty of buttons which will not break in the wash. The need of plenty of buttons should be emphasized, because the tendency seems to be toward fastening a shirt-waist in the back with about five buttons, and this means unsightly and untidy gaps.

A WASHING HINT.

The other day, when away from home, and with only a few clothes in our bag, my little daughter upset a bottle of shoe dressing down the front of her dress, ruining a light-colored gingham blouse, and her new blue serge skirt, writes Mrs. Henry Wright. 'I was in despair for a few moments, but went right to work to see what I could do. I washed both garments in clear water, without a particle of soap, and after passing through three waters, to my surprise every stain of the dressing disappeared. Now she could get along without the blouse, but I did not see how she could dispense with the skirt. I was unable to obtain any more to wash to see what I could do. I washed the skirt through an additional water, took it out without wringing it, and with my hands smoothed the pleats in place and pinned it to the line by safety pins through the belt. It dried in a few hours (there was a strong wind blowing, and bright sunshine) and when I took it in, no one would have guessed that an iron had not touched it, and better still, it had not shrunken one bit, as it had been in cold water only.'

POTATOES AND CHEESE.

One of the most delicious of French vegetable dishes is potatoes prepared with cheese, but it is so delicious that it is fast becoming almost as well known here in America. And potatoes are so staple a thing—so necessary a part of every day's meals, that the pleasant blending of cheese and potato is a change that is almost piquant. After six or seven potatoes have boiled until they are nicely mashed, then as smooth as possible, adding a couple of tablespoonfuls of butter, salt and pepper, and enough hot milk to make them quite creamy, add a half cupful of cheese and beat it into the mashed potatoes, and grate a thin layer of cheese over the top, set in the oven until the cheese has melted and served.

Or cut thin boiled potatoes for frying, large pieces, as if for fricassee, and arrange in a bake dish. Grate cheese over each layer of potatoes, pour a thin cream dressing over all the layers, grate a layer of cheese on top, and brown.

HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT DO.

When Patrick received an order he followed it implicitly as far as he could—sometimes even further than his Celtic brain realized. 'He wants a pane of windy-glass (in inches by foot),' said Patrick one day, as he entered a shop where his employer, a master carpenter, traded. In the shop was a young clerk, who never missed a chance for a little joke at the Irishman's expense. 'If we haven't any ten-by-four-teens,' he said, 'I may have to give you a fourteen-by-ten.'

Patrick rubbed his head thoughtfully. Then he stood pondering for a moment, and at last remarked: 'He's in the great room for it, and there's no other place near to get it. Give me what I want, four teen-by-ten, and if he turns it sideways and upside down, there's not a soul would know the difference.'

SABBATHARIAN CYCLIST.

'Major' Taylor, a negro, is admittedly one of the greatest living racing cyclists. But since the championships were held at Montreal in 1899 he has been debarré from competing, because of the races being held on the Continent, where all the more important events are decided on Sundays. He has religious scruples against Sunday racing, and as a sacrifice of thousands of dollars has steadfastly refused to race anywhere on the first day of the week. Last year he refused an offer of \$10,000 to compete at a series of race meetings in France, because of the same reasons. He has refused to accept the offer of a fortune to race anywhere on the first day of the week.

CHILDREN'S WORKING HOURS.

Important physiological experiments have been made in Russia to test the endurance of school-children. The results prove that in the lower four classes study may be continued for a period not exceeding twenty-two or twenty-seven hours per week, but that excessive fatigue results from longer continuance of brain work. This time for teaching these classes has been fixed by the latest order of the Ministry of Public Instruction. It is a large, however, that this should be the outside limit, and that no lessons should be studied at home.

MONSTER WAVES.

The size of the Atlantic waves has been carefully measured for the Washington Hydrographic Bureau. In height the waves usually average about 30 feet, but in rough weather they attain from 40 feet to 48 feet. During storms they are often from 500 feet to 600 feet long and last ten or eleven seconds, while the longest yet known measured half a mile, and did not spend itself for twenty-three seconds.

HANGING IN PERSIA.

The Persians very seldom hang a man for crime. If he kills another he is fined \$15 and allowed to go. If he kills ten or twelve, and the people finally decide that he ought to be put out of the way, he is hanged. But he is not hanged as they hang men in this country. He is suspended by his feet, and a heavy weight is tied to his head. Then he is allowed to die.

KING'S PECULIAR TASTES

BLACK BREAD AND TEA WITH LEMON.

His Majesty Likes Good Coffee, and Is a Great Lover of Salsad.

King Edward is never conventional when he can avoid being so with satisfaction to himself and satisfaction around him. His Majesty is particularly individual in regard to his tastes in food, and has many peculiarities in this respect which are known to few beyond his intimate friends.

For example, the King is very fond of his afternoon tea, and having a sweet tooth, as Queen Victoria had, likes to see confectionery on the table. But it is not so well known that His Majesty never by any chance partakes of butter, and that, moreover, he never takes tea made with milk, but in the Russian fashion, with a piece of lemon instead. Similarly he has a special way of his own of making coffee, or, rather, it is the way of his own particular coffee-maker, Ibrahim, a dark-skinned Turk, with whose skill in this particular department of kitchen work His Majesty was at the first experience so pleased, that he brought him home with him from one of his journeys abroad, and installed him in the Royal household to do nothing else but make the King's coffee. So indispensable is Ibrahim to the King that he is often taken abroad with him. His method of making

THE KING'S COFFEE

is as follows: First of all the water is boiled, and then the coffee is put in and allowed to 'infuse.' Ibrahim then warms it again until the coffee grounds 'rise to the top, turn over, and descend.' The grounds are then allowed to settle, and finally Ibrahim pours off the liquid with a flourish of his long, dark arm, the coffee, as he makes it in this way, being superb.

Another peculiarity of the King's taste is for the German black bread which is known as 'schwarzbröt.' It has been a favorite with him for many years; but it is an acquired taste and needs much assiduous cultivation for the person who tastes it for the first time feels that he would never care to do so again. However, two varieties of rye bread baked in the German fashion are regularly supplied by a German firm in the City of London for His Majesty's use. One variety has a large proportion of Vienna flour added to the rye meal, and in the case of this bread the peculiar sourness is not so noticeable. Beginners who wish to train themselves to eating 'schwarzbröt' usually begin with it. But it is the real 'schwarzbröt,' the genuine sour black bread, which most frequently finds its way to the King's table, and His Majesty

THOROUGHLY ENJOYS IT.

The King is a great lover of salad, and has a particular preference for a special preparation of hearted lettuce or romaine, and asparagus. The best French cooks say that lettuce of this kind, being naturally protected by its manner of growth from the intrusion of dust or insects should not be washed, but merely stripped carefully leaf by leaf, and wiped with a perfectly clean cloth.

A small quantity of Geynere cheese, which has been broken up into short lengths like the vegetables in a soup, is in this way scattered over the salad, and in this way the precise flavoring which His Majesty prefers is given to the salad.

One of the King's favorite dishes at the dinner-table is a minute chicken on a moisel of toast. These little 'pousins,' as they are called by the poulterier, yield but two or three mouthfuls of delicate, white flesh, and in London they are retailed at such high prices that they are a rare dainty. Nevertheless, in the West of Ireland they are sold by barefooted peasant girls, who charge only 6d. each for them.

STRANGE LIBRARY.

There is at Cassel a library probably unique in the world. It is bound in timber, printed on timber pages—possibly from wood blocks—and deals exclusively with timber. The library in question is the Holzhof, which was compiled more than a century ago by Karl Schleichbach, and is composed of about 500 volumes, made from trees in the park at Wilhelmshöhe.

RIVETS IN STEAMERS.

The important part which rivets play in the construction of modern steel steamships is well illustrated by the fact that in the new Cunard liner Caronia, the largest ship ever constructed in Great Britain, no fewer than 8,900,000 rivets were used, the total weight represented being about 600 tons. The greater part of the riveting work was done by hydraulic power.

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The Gypsy's Sacrifice

OR
A SECRET REVEALED

CHAPTER XXIII.

Seymour pretended to be surprised at the question.

"My dear Royce," he said, "I don't know what to say, or how to say it, perhaps it is because my heart is so full!"

Irene took her hand and kissed her. Then followed an exchange of girlish confidences, and in a few minutes those two congenial spirits separated for the night.

When Royce, Joseph Madge, in her private apartment, he kissed her rapturously, and said that she had acted splendidly, and extolled the neat way in which she had turned the tables upon Seymour.

"Then, with another kiss, he passed into his own chamber."

After he had gone, Madge stood in front of the fire looking down at it thoughtfully, trying to realize her new position. Then she began to feel the heat of the room; she had lived all her life in the open air, and there was something oppressive in the luxury around her.

"She went to the window and opened it, and looked out." A crescent moon was sailing in the sky, and she could see far-stretching lawns fading away into the park beyond. The scent of flowers rose from the Italian gardens, an owl flew with a screech from one of the turrets towards the woods.

It was a lovely scene, and Madge leaned upon her elbow and gazed at it dreamily. It was, in the moonlight, as vague and strange as the new life of hers; and it all belonged to her husband's brother, the earl!

She was about to close the window and begin to undress, when suddenly she saw something moving along the path below the terrace. It was a woman, and Madge, thinking it was one of the servants, was not much interested; but presently the figure passed out of the shadow of the terrace wall onto the moonlit path. Then something in the woman's height and bearing struck her, and she saw it was the countess.

If it were indeed she, her ladyship had exchanged the rich gray satin for a plain black dress, and had drawn a shawl around her, and to the edge of her black bonnet, as if to avoid recognition.

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Irene, the silly maiden, the purest sweetest girl-in all the world—Seymour's wife! And only the other day she had given him, Royce, her locket, and shed tears as she bade him farewell!

For the moment, thinking of Irene, he forgot even Madge.

Meanwhile Madge was waging her battle in the dining-room.

The half-hour after dinner—the intermission, so to speak—during which womanhood shut up alone, pines for the appearance of the men, is said to be the most trying thirty minutes of the day.

Some women coil themselves in an easy chair, or on a sofa, and cheerfully find a familiar and trusty friend, and exchange gossip—that is, scandal; while others resign themselves to fate and indulge in fancy needlework. But all unanimously sigh for the tea-tray and the sound of masculine footsteps.

The countess went straight to her easy chair beside the fire and, holding a screen between her and the blaze, maintained a profound silence.

Madge stood irresolute, not knowing what to do, but Irene drew her to an ottoman, just out of hearing of the countess, who looked like a statue in gray satin, and from an exquisitely decorated work-basket took some embroidery.

"Madge," you found of embroidery, Madge?" she said.

Madge looked from her to the work and shook her head.

"I don't know," she replied. "I have never done any. I used to mend Tony's clothes—and—and Jack's, I mean Royce's." Madge looked at her, and said: "And who was Tony?" asked Irene, her white fingers twinkling above the work.

"Tony" was a little boy in the camp—she stopped and crimsoned, but I must not talk about him, nor of my people here.

"May I come in, dear?"

"Will you?" responded Madge, delightfully. A great fire was burning in the luxuriously appointed room, and the two girls stood before it in silence for a moment, then Madge said in a low voice:

"I want to thank you, but I don't know what to say, or how to say it, perhaps it is because my heart is so full!"

Irene took her hand and kissed her. Then followed an exchange of girlish confidences, and in a few minutes those two congenial spirits separated for the night.

When Royce, Joseph Madge, in her private apartment, he kissed her rapturously, and said that she had acted splendidly, and extolled the neat way in which she had turned the tables upon Seymour.

"Then, with another kiss, he passed into his own chamber."

After he had gone, Madge stood in front of the fire looking down at it thoughtfully, trying to realize her new position. Then she began to feel the heat of the room; she had lived all her life in the open air, and there was something oppressive in the luxury around her.

"She went to the window and opened it, and looked out." A crescent moon was sailing in the sky, and she could see far-stretching lawns fading away into the park beyond. The scent of flowers rose from the Italian gardens, an owl flew with a screech from one of the turrets towards the woods.

It was a lovely scene, and Madge leaned upon her elbow and gazed at it dreamily. It was, in the moonlight, as vague and strange as the new life of hers; and it all belonged to her husband's brother, the earl!

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She watched the dark figure, and she saw it slowly make its way along the path toward the lodge; then she got under the shadow of the time of shrubs, Madge saw it turn its head and look back watchfully.

FARM-FIELD

GROWING PEAS.

A good clover seed makes an excellent basis for a crop of garden peas. For the earliest crop I select a warm, well drained eastern or southern slope, plow and prepare the ground in March, if possible, writes Mr. T. L. Wait. In 1903 I planted As we are 1900 to 1700 feet above sea level and about latitude 41 degrees, it is necessary to be ready to work the first day it is fit, if the frost is out of the ground.

After plowing I first use a clod crusher to level the ground, and then according to my own formula I mix nitrate of soda, dried blood, acid phosphate, muriate and sulphate of potash, at the rate of about 1800 pounds to the acre. This year I have applied about the half of it, where the row of peas is to be cultivated, or harrowing it in thoroughly, about putting the ground in the best condition possible so early in the season.

The rows are staked out 3 1/2 to 4 feet apart. Four feet is best unless the furrows are made very straight. A single shovel plow is used. A furrow is first made a little to one side of the row of stakes and peas, and in it, using a quart to a 230-foot row. The shovel plow is then run close above, and just near enough to nicely cover the peas (in first furrow about 3 inch deep. In the second furrow thus made in covering the peas in the first, peas are planted as in the first furrow, and covered with the plow in the same way. Thus a double row is made with about:

6 INCHES BETWEEN THEM.

In this space in the row, small sharpened locust stakes are driven every 15 to 20 feet as soon as the peas are up, so that the rows can be plainly seen. On these stakes poultry netting is stretched and fastened at upper and lower edges with staples.

For Alaska, my favorite early variety, 12-inch wire is used. For Gradus and other kinds of about the same height, 24-inch wire is necessary, but above that width the cost of wire is too great, so I rarely plant the high growing kinds. The remainder of the fertilizer will be applied between the rows about the time wire is put up, and cultivation will follow. One or two applications of nitrate of soda are made before the vines reach the top of the wire netting, to keep up the growth and keep the color deep green. Other plants are made same as the first, according to season. The second and later plantings are of the best varieties as given in the last year's first, for example, Hero and improved do not do so well. Later plantings are covered 2 inches or more.

Alaska is selected for the earliest planting on account of its extreme hardness. It does not often rot in the soil, and its quality is good if growth is quick and peas are picked early. For putting on fertilizer a distributor is used, which is run by hand, very much like a wheelbarrow. Any quantity can be put on in a width of from 8 to 30 inches, between or along rows. I do my own marketing and by having peas ready to sell, the color and quality are practically no competition, and they come in directly with strawberris, the two forming an irresistible temptation to the average housekeeper.

Some may say that a machine planter could be used to advantage, but I have not seen a machine that will plant clover and peas. As soon as the soil is warm, and the seed is in, such a machine that would plant peas 1 inch apart in double rows with 5 or 6 inches of space between or along rows, would be very convenient. I have not been successful with a medium season crop or second crop, as these.

MILDEW DESTROYS THEM.

One year I had a fine late crop coming on in August and September, but the pea leaves were ruined. As soon as the crop is off, early in July usually, the vines are removed and fed to stock. The stakes and wire are taken down and stored away for next year. The ground is well cultivated and red clover is sowed.

The land on which we grow peas is an old field that has been farmed in for many years, until the soil was practically exhausted. We first limed it and with some fertilizer succeeded in getting a fair catch of red clover. We have never used any barnyard manure on it, depending entirely on commercial fertilizers of fertilizers insured us a good catch of clover. We usually now sow the clover twice a year and then plant again in peas.

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get a young male every two years, securing the best stock possible.

In spring, when clover is large enough to furnish feed, I turn the sows and pigs when it is quiet and send in a small lot of clover or into the orchard where there is a place made to shelter them from the sun and rains. There they are kept during summer and are fed milk and slop or water with middlings or a little corn and oats chop. Feed is given three times a day during the winter season. With these hogs also allow my sows to run and they like on clover, fallen apples and milk slop until they are to be penned up for fattening. In this way hogs can be carried cheaply over the summer and kept healthy.

When a sow is nearly due to farrow, she is placed in the pig house in a compartment by herself and kept there until the pigs are a week old. Then she and the little ones are let out during the day to get exercise. This prevents thumps. All the promising young sows are allowed to run and are either allowed to breed or are sold readily for breeders.

At five or six weeks the young pigs are taken from the sow and put into a pen by themselves, where they are kept clean and comfortable and fed on milk, oats, middlings and a little corn.

During winter the sows and boars are kept in the stable at night and allowed the run of the yard during the day. They are fed about the same as in summer. More feed is given in connection with ashes and clover chaff by way of variety.

The hogs and sows in the orchard may be run, or not as one sees it, but I bring mine so they do not root up the sod.

Other breeds may do as well, but I find a demand for Berkshires, and then they can be fattened at any age. Any hog that will dress from 100 to 175 pounds is more ready sale and can be produced cheaper than one weighing over 200 pounds. Fall fitters are usually kept until March, when there is a good demand for shots. I seldom keep pigs for fattening until they are a full year old.

FARM NOTES.

The manure of cattle, like that of hogs is generally poorer than that of other farm animals on account of its large percentage of water. It decomposes slowly and develops little heat.

Humus-forming materials, like decaying animal and vegetable matters have the power of combining with the potash and phosphoric acid of the soil to form humates which are readily assimilated by plants when acted upon by the proper soil organisms.

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Mother stopped. For a minute Henry looked at her solemnly with wide-open eyes. Then his lips parted, and a frightened little voice said: "Tell me 'bout it again!"

She hesitated, divided between the longing to make a lasting impression and the fear of shocking his tender sensitivities. But he was waiting, and again she told the story, sparing no touch of dramatic effect in the calling and the ringing of the bell—and herself thrilling with the memory of that sad night.

When it was finished he leaned closer and closer. Looking steadily up into her face he spoke at last in a husky half-whisper: "You don't know any stories 'bout bears, do you?"

Miss Young—"Would you be willing to have 'em in the service at your marriage?" Miss Elder—"I don't think I should mind. As we used to years we cease to be particular about trifles!"

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"They searched me and found cipher despatches which were to be delivered to another branch of our army. They were important in that they would have given the Boers information regarding our armament, etc. Great God! said the leader, whom I took to be a sergeant, and he thrust the despatches into my hands. 'I won't,' I answered promptly.

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A TALE OF THE BOER WAR

ENGLISH OFFICER'S GRATITUDE FOR A KIND DEED.

His Life and Honor was Saved By the Commander of a Boer Troop.

One of the English soldiers who passed through the South African war is Lieut. Roger L. Armstrong, of Manchester, England. He was lately in Buffalo, N. Y., on his way to Chicago, Ill., to find the mother of a Boer soldier who was killed at Spion Kop. At Chicago he will deliver to her a package entrusted to him by the dying man.

"It has taken me a long time to locate George Voorhees's mother," he said, when interviewed, "for the only address I had when I commenced my search was Boston, United States of America. I first came to this continent in April, 1902. Since then I have been all over the country and had a corps of detectives looking for Mrs. Voorhees, but not until last week did I learn her address. I am now going to Chicago, where she lives. When I put the package into her hands my mission will be ended, but not till then.

"Even though the search has been a long one, I still feel that I am indebted to George Voorhees, for he not only saved my life, but what was dearer to me, my honor. Shortly after I went to South Africa during the Boer war the colleague of our regiment sent me to the front, where for some days we scouted about on the veldt, heliographing reports of things we thought we saw.

"One moon we camped on the banks of an insignificant stream, as the Boer river. While awaiting lunch I took a walk through the forest of scrub oaks about

HALF A MILE FROM CAMP.

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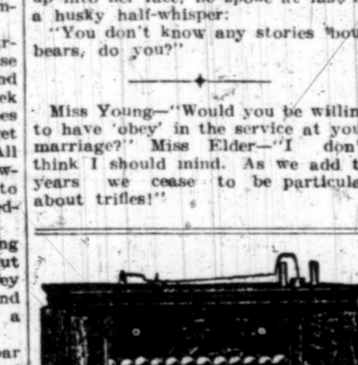
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You cannot raise chickens successfully with a setting hen. She is wasteful time setting when she should be laying. While she is hatching and brooding a few chickens she could be laying five or six dozen eggs. The percentage of chickens she hatches is much less than that produced by the Chatham Incubator.

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Don't think you are justified in being laid up with a cold half the winter merely because it's the season when everybody is supposed to have colds. At first a cold may not amount to much but it is likely to hang on, long enough to give you trouble if it is not stopped with

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These colds that hang on weaken the throat and lungs and make the way easy for pneumonia and perhaps consumption. It is just as well to reduce the chance as much as possible. Scott's Emulsion soothes, heals and cures a cold and does it quickly—that's a good point to remember.

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ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

The first session of the eleventh Legislature of Ontario began Wednesday. As was to be expected, there was a greater crowd than has been, it was Restoration Day for the Conservative party, and the members of the historic party which is said only to bloom to fullness in court favor, came out of its Cromwellian gloom of thirty-three years and bloomed in the glad sunshine of power. As a social affair, which, after all, outside its formal necessities, it has resolved itself into, it was a distinct success. The ladies were as handsome as ever, and there was more of them; the sides de-amp and staff were as glittering, and there were more of them; the Hamilton soldiers looked well; the mace glittered, and the new Speaker, Hon. Mr. St. John, looked as unctuously happy as the very easily can look. The Premier, in moving the appointment of the new Speaker, was, if not happy—for Mr. Whitney is seldom happy—gravely decorous and discreetly historical. In a more than usually long speech for an occasion of the kind, the Premier strove to impress upon his auditors the importance of the Speaker of a British Legislature, as one of the bulwarks of constitutional freedom, while Mr. St. John beamed upon him, and it is to be believed, was convinced. Everybody, except the ladies, from the new Ministers congregated about the Speaker's chair to the doorkeepers, seemed a bit new at the job, but there was nothing of more sensational interest than the sitting of a stout lady on a Minister's high hat left unprotected on a vacant chair. The speech from the throne contained no surprises. The numbered ballot is apparently doomed. There will be a department of mines, to be placed under the charge of a Minister who will be known as the Minister of that department. Instead of Commissioners of Crown Lands and of Public Works, those in charge of these departments will be called Ministers. A satisfactory answer has been received from the Dominion Government as to the extension of the boundaries of the province northward to Hudson Bay. The extension of the Temiskaming Railway will be proceeded with to a junction with the proposed Grand Trunk Pacific. There were other matters touched upon, but they were of sufficient burning interest at the moment to explain the strenuous efforts of a surging crowd outside the packed Assembly to get inside and hear them formally referred to.—Saturday Night.

CHARLES CAREY DEAD

Passed Away at Palmyra on Monday Last.

There passed away at the residence of his father, Thomas Carey, sr., Palmyra, on Monday, April 3rd, Charles A. Carey, aged 52 years. About five years ago deceased suffered a stroke from which he never entirely recovered and a second stroke on Friday last culminated in his death. The funeral takes place today with services in the Baptist church at Palmyra and interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Ridgetown. Deceased's wife was Sarah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Knight, of Northwood, who survives him with one daughter Miss Edith, about eighteen years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carey, of Palmyra, are parents of deceased, and six brothers and three sisters also survive him as follows: Peter, minister at Yorkton, Man.; Thomas, of Palmyra; Daniel, civil engineer in Dakota; Calvin, veterinary surgeon in Michigan; Chester, an M. D. in Michigan; William, of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Susan, at home; Mrs. Colin Luxton, of Michigan; and Minnie, married and living in Chicago.

BIRTHS.

McKENNIE—At Rossdale, on Saturday, March 25th, 1905, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKennie.

STEWART—At Highgate, on Friday, March 24th, 1905, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart.

ORTON—In Thamesville, on Monday, March 27th, 1905, a son to Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Orton.

BURTON—In Ridgetown, on Tuesday, April 4th, 1905, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. James Burton, Victoria street south.

PIKLEY—In Ridgetown, on Wednesday, April 5th, 1905, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. William Pikley, Jane street.

WALKER—In Ridgetown, on Wednesday, April 5th, 1905, a daughter to Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Walker, Main street east.

M. S. NO. 5, HOWARD.

Report of S. S. No. 5, Howard, for month of March.
Fourth Class—Harry McDonald, Tom Gossell, Albert Bowling, Walter Johnson, Voyle O'Connor, Kathleen Dillith, Norman Rhody.
Third Class—Myrtle Cunas, Maud O'Connor, Ethel Schrader, Roy Schrader, Clifford O'Connor, Lillie Boothroyd, James McDonald.
Second Class—Frank Gossell, Norma McDonald, Bruce McDonald, Pearl Howie, Edward Rhody, Merton Gossell, Elsie Smith.
First Second Class—Enna Wilson, Mary Beader.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Prices Firm for Exporters and Feeders Strong.

Toronto, April 4.—Receipts of live stock at the cattle market were 68 car loads all told. The quality of fat cattle generally speaking, was not good, although there were a few good to choice. Trade was brisk with prices a little firmer than last week.

Exporters.—Prices ranged from \$4.40 to \$5.25, the latter price being for picked lots, no loads bringing that amount. The bulk sold at \$4.80 to \$5 per cwt. Bulls sold at \$2.50 to \$4.15.

Butchers.—The market was strong, especially for best lots, all offers being bought up before 8 a.m. Picked lots ranged from \$4.40 to \$4.75; loads of good at \$4.15 to \$4.35; medium at \$3.75 to \$4; common \$3.25 to 3.50.

Feeders.—The demand was greater than the supply. Short keep feeders, 1,100 to 1,200 lbs., sold at \$4.30 to \$4.50; steers, 900 to 1,000 lbs., each, at \$4.00 to \$4.25 per cwt; lighter weights at \$3.25 to \$3.50.

Milch cows.—About 25 milch cows sold at \$25 to \$50 each. One extra cow sold at \$67. The bulk sold at \$35 to \$45 each.

Veal calves.—The bulk of offerings sold at lower prices at \$3.50 to \$5.00 per cwt.

Sheep and lambs.—The run being light, prices were firm. Export ewes at \$4.55 to \$5.50; bucks, \$3.75 to \$4.35; choice yearling lambs, \$7 to \$7.50 per cwt.; spring lambs at \$4 to \$7 each.

Hogs.—Deliveries of 2,900 sold at \$6.25 for selects and \$6 for lights and fats, all fed and watered.

Ridgetown Markets.

Wheat per bushel.....\$1 00 to \$1 10
Oats per bushel.....35c to 40c
Beans per cwt.....80c to 85c
Lard Hogs.....\$1 35 to 1 40
Butter per pound.....6 25 to 6 25
Eggs, per dozen.....13c to 13c
Potatoes, per bushel.....40c to 40c
Onions, per bush.....\$1 00 to \$1 00
Corn.....50 to 50

RIDGETOWN LADY DEAD

Dies From Injuries Received in Runaway Accident.

Miss Jean Ward, a well-known Ridgetown young lady, who worked at the drapery trade here before moving to London about a year ago, died last night from injuries received in a runaway accident. The London Free Press gives the following account of the accident:

Miss Jean Ward, the young woman who was thrown from her buggy while driving on the Worley Road, on Monday morning, died in Victoria Hospital last night at 9 o'clock. Miss Ward never regained consciousness, and the operation which was performed yesterday afternoon, with the object of relieving the pressure on her brain, caused by the congestion, afforded no relief.

Miss Ward was a sister-in-law of Mr. Charles F. Prettie, of 575 Colborne street, this city, and lived with her brother at Lambeth. Mr. Ward is a bridge foreman in the employ of the Grand Trunk, and only recently purchased the farm at Lambeth, where he and his sister resided. It was returning from driving her brother to the G. T. R. station, that Miss Ward's horse took fright, causing the fatality.

MURKIRK

April 4.—Lewis Lalonde left last week for Manitoba with a carload of horses and implements. He intends to put in a spring crop on his farm there and return to take off his large crop of wheat here.

Large deliveries of fence wire and posts have been made here by Messrs Attridge and Ferguson. The old rail fence is fast disappearing and before many years will be a thing of the past. Messrs Tape, Leitch and W. Cavers shipped two carloads of hogs on Monday.

Mr. Robert Heppburn has sold his farm of 60 acres to Mr. A. W. Campbell for the sum of \$2,700.

Wedding bells will ring in the village on Wednesday.

Mr. H. H. Hill is seriously ill.

Rev. Mr. Russell, of Highgate, will occupy the pulpit of the Methodist church next Sunday.

Miss Maggie Templeman is visiting in Wardville.

Miss McCoig spent Sunday at her home in Mull.

Mr. Joseph Seely, of Delaware, was in the village today.

Mr. A. Bradt and family moved to Taylor last week.

Mr. W. Gurett and family moved to their new farm near Highgate last Thursday.

SLABTOWN.

March 27.—Some of our townsmen are plowing this week.

Miss Iona Hardy and Miss Edna Ralston, of Chatham, spent Sunday at the former's home here.

Last Friday night a grand house-warming was given Mr. and Mrs. Burton Handy's new home. About fifty people were present and all had a good time.

Sugar making is the order of the day and in another week we expect our boys and girls will be some of the sweetest in existence.

Mr. B. C. Hardy is seriously ill. Drs. Charlesworth and Stevenson were called in consultation and give hope of his ultimate recovery.

Wm. Pinder has been buzzing up wood for Messrs Fred Handy, George Fisher, Sparham Bros. and Franklin Handy, lately.

April 3.—Mr. Archie Decote moved on the Dillith and Schindler farm, Monday. Evidently he wanted to get away from Scotland.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Hall have returned home after spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Hall's parents, near Tupperville.

Mr. Free Smith will move on the McCain property this week.

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All Druggists and Dealers. TAKE NO OTHERS.

MULL.
April 3.—Once more our general store has changed hands, the present proprietors being Messrs. Harry Saddington and Willie English, two well known and highly respected young men of this vicinity. For years this business was conducted by Messrs. Watson and McCorvie, but was sold by them a few months ago to Mr. J. S. Baker, of Tupperville. Mr. Baker and family had not yet moved to Mull, but the business was most ably and successfully carried on by his sons Ray and Ernest. Mr. Albert Campbell and family, this week left for Elkhorn, Man., where they will in future reside.

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If you have a Cold, Cough, Hoarseness, Bronchitis, or any affection of the Throat and Lungs, what you want is a harmless and certain remedy that will cure you at once.
There is nothing so healing, soothing, and invigorating to the lungs as the balsamic properties of the pine tree.
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Notice to Creditors.
In the Estate of Walter B. SIMONS, Late of the Township of Mowbray in the County of Kent, Farmer, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given pursuant to R. S. O. 1897, chapter 126, that all persons having claims against the estate of Walter B. Simons, who died on or about the 26th day of February, 1905, are required to present the same to the undersigned Executors of the last will and testament of the said Walter B. Simons, or to L. J. ROBERTS, Auditor of the Township of Ridgetown, before the 15th day of April, 1905.

MILLINERY
And Fancy Goods Our Specialty
We are now displaying our new importation of novelties in Flowers Straw Braids, Ribbons, Chiffon Malines, Etc. Also a superb line of patterns hats and ready-to-wear. You are cordially invited.
The Misses Shaw
Parsons' Carriage Works
McKay's Corners
We manufacture fine Carriages of all kinds with steel, cushion or pneumatic tires. Also a full line of wagons, cutters and sleighs. All hand made work and only the best of materials used. Blacksmithing and all kinds of repairing promptly done.
Wm. Parsons
Proprietor.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM
Special Settlers' Train to Northwest
Special train with colonist sleeper will leave Toronto at 9 p. m. every Tuesday during March and April for Manitoba and Northwest. Passengers travelling without live stock should take the Pacific Express leaving Toronto at 1.45 p. m.
JAS. D. McDONALD,
District Passenger Agent, Toronto.

PATENTS PROMPTLY SECURED
Write for our interesting books "Inventor's Help" and "How you are swindled." Send us a rough sketch or model of your invention or improvement and we will tell you free our opinion as to whether it is probably patentable. Rejected applications have often been successfully prosecuted by us. We conduct fully equipped offices in Montreal and Washington; this enables us to promptly dispatch work and quickly secure Patents as broad as the invention. Highest references furnished.
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Specialty—Patent business of Manufacturers and Engineers.
MARION & MARION
Patent Experts and Solicitors.
Offices: New York Life Bldg., Montreal
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Piano for Sale.
A good chance, a handsome "Lansdowne" piano, made by Nordheimer, of Toronto, will be sold by auction on Saturday, the 16th of April, 1905, at the hour of 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at L. B. Tape's warehouses on North side Main street, Ridgetown. The piano will be at the said warehouses all next week for inspection. For further particulars apply to Walker Mills, Municipal Building.
W. A. Gossell,
Balliff, D. O.
Dated, 5th April, 1905.

DAWE THE TAILOR
And servicable are the Sack Suits we are now making in
BLUE SERGE
Light Weight Cheviots, etc. In our cutting, fitting and tailoring, we have reached a degree of perfection that few have attained.
DAWE THE TAILOR

The Northway Co. Limited. Busy Cash Store. The Northway Co. Limited.

New = Spring = Carpets.

WE START OUT with the new month to do the carpet business. No house in the trade owns its carpet stock for less than we do ours. We buy largely and direct for six stores. No commission paid and no doubt as to qualities. You couldn't deal to much better advantage with the manufacturers, and there's no better place outside of the mill to deal than here. You are in search of the patterns and colors which your taste approves, and for the carpet which will give value for every dollar expended. This store comprehends every worthy quality.

Wool Carpets.
Large range in Union carpet in extra heavy weights and a full yard wide, in good reversible patterns. wear and quality guaranteed, special at..... 25, 35, 40 and 50c
This season we are showing a very large range of the best 3-ply all-wool carpets we ever had in Brussels pattern, very dainty colorings, suitable for parlor or sitting room, good reversible patterns, very heavy weight and a yard wide at 1.00
Choice range of pure wool 2-ply carpet, new spring colorings, the best carpet that can be bought at..... 75 and 85c

Floor Mattings.
25 pieces choice Japanese matting just to hand; choice range of patterns and colorings such as blue, green, garnet, and fancy mixtures, full yard wide, extra firm quality and we start them at..... 10, 12 1/2, 15, 18, 20 and 25c
Fine showing of American matting; all new carpet patterns in blue, green, and garnet, extra heavy weight, very soft and pliable, colors all warranted, full yard wide, special at..... 50, 60 and 75c

Window Fixtures.
All the little things you need to make your windows pretty are here now for your choosing, and some of the prices are about half what you generally pay, for instance 4-foot white enameled cottage rods with brass or silver trimmings, very special at..... 12 and 15c
Brass Extension Rods at..... 5c
Window blinds in cream, pale green, dark green, terra, and slate, mounted on Hartshorn roller, warranted best spring 8 1/2 feet, special at..... 35 and 45c

Floor Cloths.
Fine scotch and English linoleums in 4 yards wide, floral or block patterns, beautiful colorings, and extra good quality, special at..... 50, 60 and 75c
New oilcloths in 1, 1 1/2, 2 and 2 1/2 yards wide, choice new patterns and very pretty colors, special at..... 25, 35 and 45c

Curtains, Curtains.
450 pair choice new Nottingham lace curtains, taped or lock stitch edge, new dainty patterns in 2 1/2, 3, and 3 1/2 yards wide, 38 to 54 inches wide, special at..... 25, 35, 50, 75, 85, 100, 1.25, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50 and..... 3.00
Fine Brussels net and Nottingham laces with very dainty scroll and plain center, with double borders 3 1/2 yards long, very fine goods at..... 3.50, 4.00, 4.50, 5.00 and..... 6.50

One Price Store. **The Northway Co. Limited** Always the Lowest

White Star Grocery—Ridgetown
New Importation of.....
Teas
And Coffees.....
We have just to hand choice importations of high grade Teas and Coffees. Give them a trial—they will please you.
Canned Goods.
Our Canned Goods always give satisfaction. Tomatoes, Corn, Peas, Beans, and different kinds of Fruits put up by the best canneries.
WE SELL BREAD.
W. H. ELLSWORTH
T. G. Guest's Old Stand, Opp. The Presbyterian Church.

WALL PAPER
Sidewall, Geiging and Border, all one price per roll at this store.
Over 10,000 Rolls of new and up-to-date papers just to hand.
Papers suitable for any room in your house and prices to suit any purse.
It costs you nothing to see them. Come in and have a look.
All orders trimmed (if desired) free of charge.
Routledge & Co.
Telegraph Bookstore.

Our New Styles

In Men's Shoes are the newest. Shapes are a shade different from last year, slightly narrower toes are in the majority. The qualities in our estimation are just what they should be. We'll be more than satisfied though when you've been in and passed your judgment upon them. We have medium toe, flexible soled shoes for men at \$3.00. The best you ever bought at the price.

Dunkley THE SHOEMAN
Locke Block.

Ladies' Rain Coats

Our spring stock of new and up-to-date Raincoats are now open for inspection; and we invite the ladies of Ridgetown and surrounding country to call and see them. Over 150 garments to select from. You will not find a better selection in the large cities.
Swell Cravenettes in plain and trend effects, price from \$1.75 to \$15.00
A nice line in Misses' and children's from \$1.50 to \$5.50.
A special line of Men's Cravenettes and Waterproof Coats from \$1.75 to \$10.00
Boys' \$1.50 to \$5.00.

John Porter
THE HARNESS MAN,
Opp. Hotel Anderson.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

Ridgetown council meets Friday evening. Read the Steel Simpson Co's advt. on page 5.

Fred Bates had his auto out for a spin Friday.

For spring mitts and gloves, call on John MacGregor.

Suit cases of all grades at John MacGregor's harness shop.

J. S. McBrayne, Rushton's Corners, is ill of pneumonia.

J. B. McKay, injured in J. B. Coates' mill at Dutton, is progressing nicely.

J. O. Locke is preparing to add another store to the rear part of his furniture store.

Call on John MacGregor for a first class, hand stitched set of beam harness, at close prices.

Frank O'Connor has accepted a position in the grocery department at the Steel Simpson store.

Lewis Bennett, of Rondeau, has bought John Arnold's fifty acre farm, lot 18, concession 2, L. E. R.

Vulves and tapestry carpet squares at bargain prices at Steel Simpson Co's retiring from business sale.

The Ridgetown Assembly Club hold a hop in the town hall tonight. Music by Finney's Orchestra, of Detroit.

Don't fail to hear Dale's Famous English Opera Singers at the opera house Friday evening, April 14th.

For sale—Second hand Berliner Gramophone good as new, cost \$17, will sell for \$8 cash. Routledge & Co.

THE PLAINDEALER staff desires to thank Mr. A. Long for about a peck of choice apples of the greening variety.

A. McGregor and family have moved into the residence on Erie street, formerly occupied by Dr. James R. Craig.

Rev. Wm. Spencer, who has been in Wheatley for the past week assisting Rev. Davies with special meetings, returned home today.

The bowling club purpose holding a concert on Friday evening, April 14. The programme will be given by an English mixed quartette.

We are agents for the best sporting goods on earth, "Spaldings," and carry a full line in baseball and lawn tennis. Routledge & Co.

The energetic proprietors of the Diamond Mills are erecting a sixty foot platform to the east of the mills for the benefit of customers.

Buy your spring dress at Steel Simpson Co's retiring from business sale and save money.

Mr. John McIntyre, of Detroit, is quite poorly and was unable to attend the wedding anniversary of his sister-in-law, Mrs. F. G. McKerracher, last week.

A feast of music at the grand opera house, Ridgetown, on Friday evening, April 14th, when Dale's Famous English Opera Singers appear under the auspices of the Bowling Club.

Chas. Lovely, of Dresden, has purchased the Halls Waste farm, one mile east of Sheddou, for \$9,500. Mr. Waite will move to a 100-acre farm which he has bought near Dresden.

Revival services continue in the Baptist church this week. Rev. W. Spencer, of Ridgetown, assisting. Mr. Spencer is a clear, forceful speaker, and his efforts are not without effect.—Wheatley Journal.

Mr. F. G. McKerracher, 10th concession, had the misfortune to step on a nail on Thursday last, which ran into his foot, causing a nasty wound. Prompt attention saved him from an attack of blood poison.

Remember, if you purchase your wallpaper at Routledge's you get a full roll of border (16 yards of 9 inch border or 8 yards of 18 inch) for the same price as you pay for the sidewall or ceiling. Big Saving.

W. J. Heron, who was taken and nearly ill with appendicitis on March 25th, has recovered. His mother, Mrs. Thos. Heron, of London, came up to see him, and will visit here a few days before returning.

The Collins Bros. our town dyers, have removed their works to the Eastman building, two doors west of the White Star grocery, where they will continue the business of cleaning and dyeing of ladies and gents clothing. All work guaranteed.

The Ladies Aid of the Methodist church will hold a bazaar and hot dinner and hot supper in the Howard township hall on Saturday, April 15th.

Articles both useful and fancy will be on sale. Dinner from 12 to 2 o'clock and supper from 5 to 8 Meals 20c.

Mr. H. R. Noble, of McMaster University, Toronto, occupied the pulpit in the Baptist church on Sunday last, preaching two excellent sermons. Mr. Noble is an able and fluent speaker. Services will be held in the church on Sunday next at the usual hours.

In the report of the anatomy exams at McGill University, Montreal, which are just out, twenty five out of seventy five were plucked. W. E. Lake, of this place, passed with honors in both written and oral anatomy. He also passed in physiology, taking honors in the written exam.

Robert Hepburn, one of Orford's best known and most highly respected residents, who lives between Duart and Muirkirk, has sold his farm and will remove to Delaware, near London. Mr. Hepburn will dispose of his farm stock and implements by auction on Tuesday, April 11th.

J. E. Middleitch's new-foundry building on York street is completed and ready for the machinery to be installed. The building, which is two stories in height, is splendidly laid out for a foundry and machine shop. There is also a work department in connection.

The company that put "Alvin Joslin" on at the opera house here Thursday night was a humbug pure and simple. The play itself, when properly portrayed, is a splendid one, but it was certainly "murdered" Thursday night. The music was the only redeeming feature and it was far from the first order.

The eighteenth annual meeting of the W. A. M. A. of the Diocese of Huron, is being held in London this week in Bishop Cronyn Hall. The delegates from this section are: Ridgetown, Mrs. Brownlee, Mrs. P. Bawden and Mrs. E. Ryall; Morpeth, Mrs. Soffley and Miss Smith; Highgate, Mrs. Johnston.

Men's and boy's suits at bargain prices at Steel-Simpson Co's retiring from business sale.

The Ridgetown Bowling Club has succeeded in securing Dale's Famous English Opera Singers for a benefit concert for the Bowling Club, to be given in the opera house on Friday evening, April 14th. The success of these singers lies in their excellent choice of good tonal music, which they render with such faithfulness.

Chief Justice Sir William Meredith and Justice Tetzal have granted a commission to Miss Oser Mills, of Ridgetown, for taking affidavits in the High-Court of Justice in and for the county of Kent. Miss Mills is the talented law clerk in the office of Walter Mills, and has won distinction for her skill in debate and as an essay writer.

Floor oil cloths and linoleums at bargain prices at Steel Simpson Co's retiring from business sale.

A. S. Vogler, L. D. S., of Springfield, Ont., formerly of Ridgetown, was a school mate of Samuel Yobe, father of Miss May Yobe, who took the theatre-going public of Old London by storm a few years ago. Both were born of Dutch parentage in Eastern Pennsylvania. Miss Yobe appeared in St. Thomas Friday evening.

We have completed arrangements with the Toronto Weekly Globe whereby we are enabled to give that excellent journal and THE PLAINDEALER both to January 1st, 1906, for \$1.00 if you wish to take advantage of this remarkable offer, call at once. To those who are already subscribers to THE PLAINDEALER, The Weekly Globe will be sent the balance of the year for 50c.

You can save money on your lace curtains at Steel Simpson Co's retiring from business sale.

A very enthusiastic meeting of lovers of baseball was held in the parlors of the Hotel Anderson Friday evening, when the following officers were elected: Honorary president, Fred Dauphin; president, N. Hartwick; vice presidents, P. Bawden and H. W. Patsel; manager, Dr. D. Marr; as assistant manager, C. H. Routledge; captain, George Davis; managing committee, C. Lousberry, D. Morrison and F. Goshell. The game promises to boom in Ridgetown this year. A four club league is talked of which should do much to bring out players and develop the new blood.

H. Cotton, who has been in Pontiac for some time finishing up a large painting contract, has returned to town and opened up a shop in W. Waters old stand, opposite the Diamond Milk Carriage painting done in the best style of the art, also sign painting of every description.

PERSONAL MENTION

N. Couts, stock buyer, has returned to town.

Mrs. Archie Campbell is visiting friends in Buffalo.

Mr. S. English, of London, is in town for a few days.

Miss Ethel Armstrong, of Erieau, is visiting friends in town.

Mr. H. A. Thomson spent over Sunday with Detroit friends.

Mr. Allen, of Kingsville, is here on a short visit to his son George.

Rev. G. B. Brown, of Blenheim, spent Sunday with friends in town.

Mrs. George Brown, of London, is enjoying a visit at her old home here.

Mr. H. Thutcher has gone to Sarnia to resume his old situation with the G. T. R.

Miss Lizzie Law, of Chatham, has been paying a visit to Mrs. C. H. Eastlake.

Messrs Henry L. Buller and Melvin Bright left for the Northwest Friday morning.

Mrs. Thomas Brown and Mr. Thomas Geary, of London, are visiting friends in town.

Mrs. James Allen has returned to town after spending the winter with her son at Sobwing, Mich.

Miss Linda Hummel and her friend, Miss Marie McNeill, returned to Ypsilanti, Mich., Monday.

Farrell Scarlett returned to Dresden on Monday to resume his position in the electric plant at that place.

Dr. J. R. Craig left yesterday morning for the Alberta District where he proposes practicing his profession as dentist.

Mr. William Gillanders, Broadway, who has been confined to the house most of the winter, was able to be down town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Russell and children, of West Sumpter, Mich., are guests at the home of Mr. A. Mills, Erie street south.

Mrs. W. G. Day will be at home to her friends on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's of each month. Residence south west corner of King and Ebenezer Streets.

Mr. Alfred Street, of Selton purposes taking a trip to the North west the coming summer for the benefit of his health. Mrs. Street will accompany him.

The marriage of two of Ridgetown's popular young people has just leaked out, the parties interested being Miss Ethel Delmege and Mr. Harry Hunter. The ceremony was performed last summer while the young people were holidaying in the east.

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MAPLE LEAF.

April 3.—Some of our farmers have already started their spring work.

Mrs. Hy. Loneks is reported some better.

A number of friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Hy. Graburg met on Friday evening and presented each with a handsome easy chair, accompanied with a well worded and suitable address, prior to their removal to Ridge town.

Mrs. Fred Galbraith is reported quite ill.

Miss Grace Taylor is visiting friends in Orford.

Mrs. S. McAllister's children who have been ill for the past two weeks, are much improved.

Harry Tape, son of J. B. Tape, is able to be up again.

Mrs. A. McLaughlin and son Bert and Irene, of Forest Home, visited friends in Ridgetown on Sunday.

Mrs. Gilbert Scarlett and Mrs. A. McLaughlin called on friends on Talbot Street one day recently.

W. Marchbanks has been engaged busying wood in our midst.

Mr. Ben Loucks is busy making maple syrup.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Scarlett visited the latter's sister, Mrs. W. Smith, 7th concession Howard, one day last week.

A number of our young people attended the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. McKerracher, 10th concession, Howard, on Thursday evening last and report a good time.

Mrs. John Murry has engaged Mr. Boothroy, of Thamesville, for the coming season to manage her farm.

Want Column FOR SALE

Brick Block.—Main Street West. Known as the Moody Block. This property has recently been put in good repair and will be sold at a low figure. Apply to The Molsons Bank.

STRAWBERRY PLANTS FOR SALE—Apply to L. Her, 110 Erie Street South. 26-27

BICYCLE FOR SALE—Good as new. Only ridden a few miles. A snap if bought at once. Apply at this office.

CHICKENS—White Leghorn Cockerel for sale at a bargain. Apply to S. J. Wilson, PLAINDEALER OFFICE.

FARM FOR SALE.—Corner Talbot street and Johnston Sidewalk, east of Palmyna. Contains 50 acres, all cleared and well drained. Good frame house, bank barn and other outbuildings. Small apple orchard and quantity of other fruits, such as peaches, pears, cherries, etc. Well at both house and barn. Possession on short notice. For further particulars apply to E. W. McTavish, Palmyna P. O. 25-44

FARM TO RENT.—Or will let out on shares—Fifty acres on Talbot St., half mile east of Morpeth, known as the Palmer estate. For full particulars apply to H.L. Stewart, Ridgetown. 25-47

MILK BUSINESS FOR SALE.—Owing to poor health, I have decided to dispose of my large milk business. Further particulars can be had by applying to H. L. Stewart, Ridgetown. 25-47

SEED CORN FOR SALE.—I have a quantity of first-class selected dried Yellow Dent Seed Corn for sale. R. M. Campbell, 10th Concession, Ridgetown P. O. 25-56

BUFF LEIGHORNS—Large pure buff birds. Perfect laying machines from eggs direct from best pair of Harry Lamson, Watertown, N. Y. Eggs for hatching \$1.00 per 13. A good hatch guaranteed. N. P. Campbell, Ridgetown, Ont.

WHITE ORPINGTONS—Pen headed by 2nd prize cockerel (showing against both black and white) Ontario Stock Show, and first prize wherever else shown. Every bird in pen hatched from eggs direct from the best pens of Fille Knowles & Co., North Adams, Mich. This firm took nearly every prize at the St. Louis World's Fair, and have beaten Cook, the originator, every time they have competed against him. Eggs for hatching reasonable price and a good hatch guaranteed. N.P. Campbell Ridgetown, Ont.

COCKEREL FOR SALE—\$1 buys beautiful buff leghorn cockerel. Apply at this office.

TOWN PROPERTIES FOR SALE.—Three houses for sale and one house to let in town of Ridgetown. Apply to Walter Mills, barrister, municipal building.

FOR SALE—4 x 5 camera, nearly new 3 double plate holders, carrying case and tripod, also No. 2 Brownie Kodak. Apply at this office.

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Steel Simpson Co's. Great Retiring From Business Sale

IS GROWING more and more interesting every week; wonderful opportunities to save money at this Great Retiring-From-Business Sale; splendid stock of new, bright, high-class dependable merchandise being cleared out at big reductions. If you can make it convenient to do your spring buying here we will make it worth your while, it will be money in your pocket if you can.

New Dainty Wash Goods. Some new arrivals just passed into stock, see them, soon they are pretty and will sell quickly. 2 pieces fine dress eaten in grey and pink, bought at half price and will be sold at half price. Regular value 25c, Sale price 12 1/2. 5 pieces flaked cotton voile in ox-blood, light blue, Nile green, champagne, and grey, sold regularly for 12 1/2. Sale price 10c. 6 pieces fine French printed dimity in shades of navy, pink, light blue, champagne, and black and white, sold regularly at 20 and 25c. Sale price 15c.

Winsome Beauties in New Spring Dress Goods. Only a few more days before Easter; what about your new spring dress? We can solve the problem for you quickly and economically at our big retiring-from-business sale. All the correct weaves and fabrics for this season's wear in every wantable shade: mohair, brilliantine, English mohair sicilians, Panama cloths, satin cloths, crispines, broad cloths, French voiles, crepe de chenes, eolians, all priced for quick selling at our big retiring-from-business sale.

Dress Trimmings. Everything that is new in this season's dress trimmings is here in profusion, all with big reduction red ink price marks. If you buy your dress at this sale we can save you enough money to pay for the trimming.

Correct Style Corsets. A woman can walk into almost any shop that sells women's wear and buy a pair of corsets, but the important point is: can she secure a corset that will adapt itself to her figure and give her clothing that correct balance without which the most expensive clothes will look common place. Our corset department is stocked with the latest styles of the famous D. & A. and E. T. Corsets. It is most important that you should get the correct model for your figure; we can fit you and save you money at the same time, every number reduced in price for our big retiring-from-business sale.

Bargains in Shoe Section. Every pair reduced in price. Bargains in men's shoes, bargains in boys' shoes, bargains in ladies' shoes, bargains in Misses' shoes, bargains in children's shoes, bargains in slippers, bargains in rubbers. Come to the big Retiring-From-Business Sale and save money.

Terms Strictly Cash or Produce. The Steel-Simpson Co., RIDGETOWN, ONT.

The Waukerz Shoe. Men's Fine Shoes in velours, patent leathers and tans, very finest American makes, on latest lasts. A full line of Fancy Shirts and Neckwear; and all the latest styles in Felt Hats. Clothes made to order at low prices. Eggs Taken as Cash. J. McCulloch Proprietor Corner Store.

CHARLIE LEE Best Hand Laundry in Ridgetown. Wash days—Tuesday and Thursday. Wash shirts as they look like new. Collars as they do not break nor hurt the neck. Woollen goods washed by hand. Prices for family washing furnished on application. If we please you tell others; if not tell us. Ladies' work solicited. Work called for and delivered. All work guaranteed. Rates very reasonable. Main Street East. Ridgetown

Prunes. One more big splash in the Prune Market. For the next week we will sell 5 lbs. Prunes for 25c, regular 3 lbs. for 25c. These prices will only last for one week.

E. Gillings Palace Stores.

Graham's Drug Store In New Quarters. I wish to announce to the public of Ridgetown and vicinity that I have moved my drug store into the premises one door west of my old stand, where I will be pleased to cater to the wants of all who favor me with a call. Everything usually kept in a first class drug store will be found here, pure and undiluted. I take this opportunity of thanking my many customers for past favors and would earnestly solicit a continuance of same. My store will hereafter be known as The White Drug Store. W. B. GRAHAM, Prop. Opera House Block. Ridgetown, Ont.

Blouse Sets... Newest styles in Blouse Sets, at 25, 35 and 50c per set. See them in my window. WATCHES—A reduction in the price of watches in all lines, for a few days. DIAMOND RINGS.—My sales of these rings are increasing, engagement rings, diamonds combined with rubies, emeralds and opals \$15.00. See them. Remember the Sta-Zon Eye Glasses at \$3.00.

Jas. E. Nelson Opposite Hotel Anderson.

NO MUD IN OURS! WELLS, RICHARDSON & CO.'S Gives the True Golden June Tint that Guarantees Prize Butter. The Largest and Best Creameries and Dairies in the World Use It. LOOK FOR THE DANDELION TRADE MARK. BEWARE OF SUBSTITUTES AND IMITATIONS. ALL DRUGGISTS AND DEALERS.

JAPS' WIDE MOVEMENT

Transferring the Bulk of Their Armies to Vladivostok.

AT GUNSHU PASS.
A despatch from Gunshu Pass, 108 miles north of Tie Pass, says: The situation here is unchanged. Gen. Mitschenko has moved forward into close touch with the Japanese, and keeps up constant skirmishing. Elsewhere everything is quiet.
Gen. Mitschenko, when he learned of the beginning of panic during the retreat from Mukden, though an unhealed wound forbade his walking, drove in a carriage to his force, and assumed command, which he has since retained, though he is unable to ride over the deeply mired roads, which are beginning to dry.
Native reports, which may be taken for what they are worth, state that the Japanese are leaving before the Russian front only a screen, capable, with the help of the Mukden and Tie Pass fortifications and garrisons, of holding in check Gen. Linvitch, and are transferring the bulk of their fire armies to Vladivostok, and by means of a wide movement, through Mongolia to Tientsin. Considering the great distances involved, the plan appears too bold, and almost impracticable; but Japanese intonation from continued success, bold initiative, and determined perseverance must be regarded. The situation affords an opportunity for Russian cavalry, which thus far has played an insignificant role, to distinguish itself by neutralizing the Japanese positions. The soldiers are much attached to the new commander on account of his simple, soldierly style of living.
The army is being restocked with equipment for the summer, which the officers especially need, several regiments having returned, throwing away all the officers' baggage.

GREAT SCOUTING EXPLOIT.
A despatch from Gen. Kuroki's Army in the Field, via Fusan, says: Two detachments of Japanese cavalry have returned to the rear after the most extensive and dangerous scouting exploit of the war. The detachments were sent north early in January under the leadership of Col. Nagatsuma and Major Sasawara, and each numbered 150 men. Only 100 men of each detachment returned. They covered the Russian positions west of Mukden. They encountered and eluded many Russian units of cavalry, and penetrated Gen. Mitschenko's lines. Then, going northward, they crossed the railroad, cutting the road and the telegraph line during the battle. Afterward, they visited Kirin and explored that place, and finally returned to the army north of Kalyuan.

A FLANK ATTACK.
A despatch from Harbin says: Business is paralyzed and a general lack of confidence is shown. A majority of the women are leaving.
It is believed that the Japanese are preparing for a decisive movement eastward, and the Russian cavalry is operating widely to avoid a repetition of the surprise at Mukden.
NO TRUTH IN PEACE-REPORTS.
A despatch from London says: The Standard says that it has high diplomatic authority for stating that there is no truth in the reports that peace negotiations are in progress, and that President Roosevelt is acting as mediator. The paper asserts that up to the present time no step in the direction of peace has been taken, by either Russia or Japan.

JAP ATTACK REPULSED.
A despatch to the London Standard from St. Petersburg states that official reports from Harbin and Gungshu say that Japanese scouts are daily approaching nearer to the Russian advance posts, which are occasionally bombarded. A Japanese attack on Gen. Mitschenko's rear guard has been repulsed. Chinese say that the Japanese are receiving large reinforcements without interruption.
JAPANESE ACTIVE.
A despatch from Gunshu Pass says: Reconnaissance disclose special activity on the part of the Japanese on the west, near the Mongolian frontier.
It is reported that an anti-foreign propaganda is being conducted among the Chinese, who are being stirred up to a renewal of the Boxer disturbances. The Hun-Yuan-Min societies of Mukden and Kirin, and the Nan-Shi Society, which is strong in Tsitsihar and Northern Manchuria, are said to be working to spread this agitation among the Manchurian population, and Japanese success in doing much to augment the movement. Many Chinese bandit societies, extending throughout China, and their influence may have a powerful effect on the attitude of the Chinese Government and population.

RUSSIA LOST 435,000 MEN.
The Echo de Paris says that official documents show that 14 months of war has cost Russia in dead, wounded, sick and prisoners 435,000 men. Gen. Linvitch can muster only 300,000 men. The preliminary cost has been \$1,041,000,000.
JAP PRISONERS SUICIDE.
A despatch from St. Petersburg says: The Bourse Gazette prints a report that a number of Japanese prisoners at Medved have killed themselves by hari-kari, and with arsenic. Gossip in some circles in St. Petersburg attributes the suicides to ill-treatment. The American Embassy has not been advised on the subject. A short time ago, at the request of Japan, the Embassy sent a representative to Medved to investigate complaints by prisoners of war, and reported that with the exception of a few minor details, which the Russian Government undertook to correct, the Russian arrangements were admirable.

A BATTLE EXPECTED.
A despatch from Harbin says: Japanese scouting parties are active in endeavoring to pierce the screen of the Russian vanguard posts and develop the disposition and strength of the positions, their attempts at times verging on the nature of reconnaissance in force. A few Japanese batteries, which have pushed forward, occasionally drop Shimane shells in suspected places. On Wednesday there was a smart brush where Gen. Mitschenko is stationed, the Japanese pressing forward in a determined endeavor to make a breakthrough, and learn the dispositions in this quarter. The Russians repelled the advance without uncovering their dispositions. There were insignificant losses. Aside from these reconnaissance affairs are generally quiet on the southern positions.
Chinese state that heavy Japanese reinforcements are constantly arriving.
TO QUIT SAGHALIN.
A despatch from Tokio says: Nothing has occurred here to indicate the possibility of peace. The Ministry of War and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs are busy preparing for war for years. New levies are being constantly sent to the front. It is officially stated that fighting columns are following the Russian northward. Interest here is being kept up by reports transferred to the eastward. It is reported that the Russians are preparing to abandon the Island of Saghalin when its waters are frozen. The Russians are strengthening points north of Tumen River, Corea, in the vicinity of Hunchun, northwest of Possiet Bay, and at points along the railroad in the vicinity of Ninguk, 100 miles east by north of Kirin. A good highway extends from Possiet Bay northward to Ninguk, which adjoins the Kirin Road.

ANOTHER RETREAT?
A despatch from St. Petersburg says: Paris states that the Japanese have cut the railroad between Harbin and Vladivostok. They have sent Hunan siege guns, captured at Port Arthur, in the direction of Vladivostok.
The Russians, after a severe fight, have evacuated Gunshu Pass.
FIX THE DATE.
A despatch from St. Petersburg says: Japanese proclamations have reached Harbin after a circuitous flight. Japanese intend to occupy Harbin about the middle of April.
CONTROL OF MANCHURIA.
A despatch from Gunshu Pass, Manchuria, says: Chinese merchants arriving here after a circuitous flight from Mukden relate that the Japanese have taken over the administration of Manchuria. They have installed Japanese officials in place of the Chinese, have taken possession of the Russian administrative buildings, and have established a Japanese police force at Mukden.
The work of converting the railroad from Port Dalny to Mukden into a narrow gauge road has been completed, giving the Japanese three railroad lines of supply, from Segul by way of Fenz-Wang-Cheng, from Port Dalny to Mukden, and over the Simons Road, which the Japanese are reported to have captured.
Fresh Japanese troops are reported to be arriving at the front.

A PLAGUE PREVENTIVE.
Carbolic Water Will Ward off "Spotted Fever."
A Chicago despatch says: A preventive of cerebro-spinal meningitis, "spotted fever", the dread plague which is ravaging New York and eastern cities, has been suggested by a physician of the Health Department. An atomizer, a little carbolic acid and water, are the safeguards.
"The disease is contracted through the throat," the physician says. "While the most reliable preventive consists in staying away from infected places, and in perfect cleanliness, the disinfection of the air passages should help to ward off the disease."
"Use an atomizer and spray the nasal passages and throat with water containing 1 per cent of carbolic acid."

TIRED TO KILL TREPOFF.
Assassin Fires at Governor-General of St. Petersburg.
A Berlin despatch says: The Lokal Anzeiger says that an attempt was made to murder Gen. Treppoff, the Governor-General of St. Petersburg, on Monday. A revolutionist fired two shots at Treppoff as he was driving to the Winter Palace.

RAILWAY WRECK.

Twenty-eight Homeseekers Hurt in C. P. R. Accident.

A Winnipeg despatch says: One of the sections of the westbound Colonial extra train on the Canadian Pacific, in charge of Conductor McDonald, of Rat Portage, was derailed at Dryden, a small station about 200 miles east of Winnipeg, on Thursday morning. Two people, Miss Clara Bailey, of Madoc, Ont., and Mrs. Wm. Desau, of Dundalk, were seriously injured. The other passengers escaped with the exception of 28, who sustained slight injuries.

The train consisted of 12 passenger coaches and a caboose, and it is supposed that a broken rail was the cause of the accident. Four coaches left the rails. Immediately after the accident the train crew and railway men from Dryden took charge of the injured, who were removed to the hotel in Dryden, where the doctor of that place, assisted by medical men summoned from Ignace, Wabigoon, and Rat Portage, looked after their wounds. Miss Bailey was bruised about the chest, and Mrs. Desau had her right leg broken. The names and addresses of those who sustained slight injuries are—Mr. and Mrs. Pickersgill, Simcoe; Lena Elliott, Fairfield Plains; W. A. MacLeod, Berlin; James A. Anderson, Oreston; Sime Loyette, Meaford; Harry Wilson, Bloomfield; James Pomaton, Toronto; Mrs. McClary and Miss Gladys McClary, Napawan; Lily Houchard, Talbotville; John Bailey, Allan Bailey, Madoc; Daniel McKay, Whitechurch; James Morris, Kaladar; D. F. Stuart, Mrs. Stuart, Ailsa Craig; Wm. Thom, Sandridge; H. J. Fough, Wellington; James M. Brown, Toronto; J. H. Calderwood, Brougham; John Lane, Waverton; Edward Lennox, Cornwall; John Bold, Morrisburg; Annie Gibson, Warton; Frank Jacob, Brantford; O'Leary, Hastings. Total, 28.

The majority of the passengers on the train and all those injured were Ontario people on their way West on the special homeseekers' excursion. The wreckage was cleared away by noon, only five hours' delay to traffic having been caused.
WHEAT FIELDS FAILING.
United States Farmers Must Change Their Methods.
A Washington despatch says: "Our great wheat fields along the northern border are refusing to grow wheat," said James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, on Wednesday, "and unless the American farmers change their method of growing this product there will be a large increase in the price of breadstuffs. The evil day cannot long be postponed, 12 to 15 per cent of the farmers of the Northwest believe they had solved the problem by permitting the lands to lay fallow alternately each year.
At present the average production of wheat in the acre is eight bushels, while in Europe the farmers grow thirty. Last year the American wheat crop was sickly due to the fact that the land refused to grow wheat any longer on a profitable basis. In order to save the wheat fields of the United States we have sent an expert to the northern part of Norway and Sweden to find legumes which will grow in cold climates.
"If the wheat farmers of the great Northwest expect to grow wheat at a profit they must rotate their crops. At present we have no leguminous plants which will grow in the North, but that can be done with wheat. "With a continued decrease in the yield in the Northwest the farmers of Iowa, Illinois, Kansas and Nebraska will begin growing wheat again, but they will not do so until they can get at least a dollar a bushel for it."

ENDED LIFE IN CANAL.
Insane Farmer Commits Suicide at Port Dalhousie.
A Port Dalhousie despatch says: John McDonald, a demented farmer, was found drowned here in the canal on Thursday night about 8 o'clock. He wandered towards the canal and jumped in. When the body was recovered it was found that his watch had stopped at 9:24 p.m.
SEVENTY PER CENT. DIE.
Fearful Mortality Among Cerebro-spinal Meningitis Cases.
A New York despatch says: Thirty-two cases of cerebro-spinal meningitis have been reported during one day in the boroughs of Greater New York. Several cases are also reported in Passaic, N. J., where one of the public schools will be closed, two deaths having already resulted among the pupils. The Board of Health, appointed by Health Commissioner McKim, continues its labors, but as yet has found no cause of the prevalence of the disease. The death rate in well-defined cases averages to more than 70 per cent.

STAMPEDE FROM DAWSON.
Twenty-Five Ounce Nugget Picked up in Yukon.
A Victoria, B. C. despatch says: News was received from Dawson of a rich strike on Big Gold Creek, tributary to Sixty Mile River. A stampede resulted when the news reached Dawson. Two large nuggets, one weighing 25 ounces, have been found at Hunker Creek.
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THE WORLD'S MARKETS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese, and Other Dairy Products at Home and Abroad.
Toronto, April 4.—Wheat—No. 2 white and red are quoted at \$1.04 to \$1.05 outside. No. 2 white quoted at 89 to 90c east. Manitoba wheat is easier, with No. 1 Northern quoted at 90c lake ports at opening of navigation. No. 2 Northern at 95 to 96c, and No. 3 Northern at 89 to 90c.
Oats—No. 2 white are quoted at \$1.02 to \$1.03 outside points, and at 44c here. No. 2 white at 43 to 44c east.
Barley—No. 2 quoted at 46 to 47c middle freights. No. 3 extra at 45c, and No. 3 at 43c middle freights.
Peanut—The market is steady, with dealers quoting 67 to 68c at outside points.
Corn—Canadian yellow quoted at 47 to 48c, and mixed at 47c west. Guaranteed sound American No. 3 yellow, 55 1/2c Toronto, and No. 3 mixed at 56c.
Rye—No. 2 is nominal at 69 to 70c at outside points.
Flour—Ninety per cent. patents are quoted at \$4.45 to \$4.50 in buyers' sacks, east or west, straight rollers of special brands, for domestic trade in bbls. \$5 to \$5.10. Manitoba flours unchanged. No. 1 patents, \$5.50 to \$5.60. No. 2 patents, \$5.30 to \$5.40, and strong bakers, \$5.20 to \$5.25 on track, Toronto.
Milled—At outside points bran is quoted at \$15.50 to \$16, and shorts at \$17.50. Manitoba bran in sacks, \$18 to \$19, and shorts at \$20 to \$21.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.
Apples—Choice stock, \$2.50 to \$3 per bbl.; cooking apples, \$1.50 per bbl.
Peanut—Primes sell in small lots at \$1.60 to \$1.65, and hand-picked \$1.70 to \$1.75 per bushel.
Hops—The market is unchanged at 32 to 35c, according to quality.
Honey—The market is quiet at 7 1/2 per dozen.
Comb honey, \$1.75 to \$2 per dozen.
Evaporated Apples—Dealers quote 5 1/2c, and dried at 3 to 3 1/2c per lb.
Maple Syrup—Genuine syrup quoted at \$1 to \$1.15 per imperial gallon, and mixed at 90c. Sugar is quoted at 9 to 10c per lb.
Hay—Car lots of No. 1 Timothy are quoted at \$8 to \$8.50 on track here, and No. 2 at \$6.50 to \$7.
Straw—The market is unchanged, with car lots quoted at \$6 to \$6.50 on track, Toronto.
Potatoes—Car lots of Ontarios are quoted at 60 to 65c per bag, on track, and jobbing lots at 70 to 75c. Potatoes—Spring, chickens, 12 to 13c per lb.; hens, 9 to 10c; ducks, 11 to 12c per lb.; geese, 10 to 11c per lb.; turkeys, dried, 15 to 16c; do., scalded, 11 to 12c per lb.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.
Butter—Finest 1-lb. rolls are quoted at 22 to 23c per lb.; large rolls at 20 to 21c; tubs, 20 to 21c, and low grades at 16 to 18c. Creamery products, 25 to 26c per lb., and solids at 23 to 25c.
Eggs—They sell at 16 1/2 to 17c per dozen in case lots.
Cheese—Large cheese are selling at 11 1/2 to 11c, and twins at 12 to 12 1/2c.
HOG PRODUCTS.
Dressed Hogs—Car lots quoted at \$7.75 to \$8 on track. Bacon, long clears, 9 1/2 to 9 3/4c per lb. in case lots; mess pork, \$10; short cut, \$19 to \$19.50.
Smeared Meat—Hams, light to medium, 12 to 13c; heavy, 12 1/2c; rolls, 9 1/2 to 10c; chowides, 9 to 9 1/2c; backs 14 to 15c; breakfast bacon, 13c.
Lard—Tierce, 8 1/2c; tubs, 9c; pairs, 9c.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.
Milwaukee, April 4.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.14; No. 2 Northern, \$1.09 to \$1.08. May, 88c asked.
Rye—No. 1, 85 to 85 1/2c. Barley—No. 2, 35c sample; 38 to 40c. Corn—No. 2, 46 to 47c; May, 47c asked.
St. Louis, April 4.—Wheat—Cash, \$1.04; May, \$1.04; July, 83 1/2c; September, 81c.
Minneapolis, Minn., April 4.—Wheat—No. 1, \$1.07 to \$1.07 1/2; July, \$1.02; Sept., 84c. No. 1 hard, \$1.10—10 cents lower; first patents, \$5.11; No. 1 Northern, \$1.10; Flour 90 to 95; second patents, \$5.70 to \$5.80; first clears, \$4.25 to \$4.35; second clears, \$2.80 to \$2.90. Bran—In bulk, \$14.25.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.
Toronto, April 4.—Though the offerings of cattle at the Western Market today were considerably larger than for some weeks, an active tone dominated the trade and a pronounced firmness obtained in the prices recorded throughout the day.
Export steers, choice \$4.50 \$5.20
Do., medium 4.25 4.50
Do., light 4.15 4.40
Do., bulls 3.25 3.90
Butcher's Cattle:
Do., choice 4.15 4.40
Do., fair to good 3.90 4.20
Do., medium 3.40 3.85
Do., common 2.75 3.20
Do., cows, good 3.00 3.70
Do., medium 2.50 3.00
Do., canners 1.25 2.00
Do., feeders 2.00 3.25
Feeders, short-keeps, 1,000.
Do., 1,200 lbs. 4.40 4.75
Do., 850 to 1,100 lbs. 3.80 4.35
Stockers, 700 to 900 3.25 3.80
Sheep and Lambs:
Export wools, per cwt. 4.75 5.30
Do., backs, per cwt. 3.50 4.25
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Lambs, graded, per cwt. 6.75 7.85
Do., baryards, per cwt. 5.50 6.50
Do., Spring, each 3.50 4.00

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

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Telegraphic Briefs From Our Own and Other Countries of Recent Date.
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Guelph people object to the C.P.R. line to Godrich crossing the Union cemetery.
The Pere Marquette Railway mechanical force is being reduced 15 to 20 per cent.
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Guelph City Council have granted ten acres of land to the Canada Glue Company as a factory site.
At a meeting at Government House steps were taken to establish in Toronto a receiving home for girl immigrants.
It has been reported to Hon. L. P. Brodeur that spices sold throughout the country are greatly adulterated.
London capitalists are obtaining options on lots and the intention of erecting a first-class hotel in the Forest City.
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The London Council will issue \$9,000 in debentures to cover the cost of the proposed water-works main and hydrant extension.
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DOMINION PARLIAMENT

NOTES OF PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

CANADA TEMPERANCE ACT.
Mr. Gervais introduced a bill to amend the Canada Temperance Act. The bill proposes to make the right of appeal applicable to the Canada Temperance Act.
GOVERNMENT ORDERS.
Sir Wilfrid's motion, that on and after Monday next Government orders should have precedence, immediately after questions by members, was passed.
CENTRE TORONTO.
Sir Wilfrid informed Mr. Borden that he would write for the election in Central Toronto. He had been asked to nominate for the election. He had had at first thought that it would be necessary to have a registration of the method of suffering voters, but upon enquiry had found out that this would not be necessary as last year's lists would be suitable.

DAIRY INDUSTRY.
Mr. J. A. Ruddick, Dairy Commissioner, gave some interesting figures to the Agricultural Committee on the growth of the dairy industry in Canada. He said the total value of dairy products made in Canada last year was \$80,000,000. An example of recent growth was condensed milk. In 1898 we imported \$69,101,000 of that product, while last year we exported \$150,094 worth. Our hold on the cheese market of Great Britain is strengthening, as Canada now supplies 72 per cent of the cheese imported there, and the brand which is our specialty, the Cheddar, we supplied 85 per cent of their needs. The demand for Canadian dairy products in the West Indies was growing.
Prof. Ruddick suggested that there was possibly an opportunity for our Canadian farmers to commence the manufacture of soft cheese for home consumption.
Replying to questions by members, Mr. Ruddick stated that there can never be any trade in butter between New Zealand or Australia and Canada, with the excessive freight and duty of four cents per pound. The Japanese are commencing to use butter, and there is a prospect of a profitable trade with that country. Canadian butter is also recapturing the market in the Yukon.
Prof. Ruddick believed there was more cheese and butter being produced in Quebec now than in Ontario.

HE SHOWED THAT THERE IS ROOM FOR A GOOD DEAL OF IMPROVEMENT IN THE AVERAGE PRODUCTION OF MILK BY CANADIAN COWS.
In Denmark, the investigation of one of his officials had shown the lowest average for herds was 5,000 pounds of milk per cow per year, while some herds went up to 11,000 pounds. In Canada the average is more like 8,000 pounds, with a few as high as 5,000.
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TELEPHONE QUESTION.
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The London Daily Chronicle publishes the following from Berlin: A learned donkey in a circus at Warsaw has been declared to be a danger to the State.
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BRITAIN MORE PROSPEROUS
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HOWARD COUNCIL

The municipal council of the town-
ship of Howard, met at the township
hall, Saturday, April 1st, 1905, as per
adjournment.

All members present.
Minutes of previous meeting read and
confirmed.

COMMUNICATIONS.
From J. J. Sinclair, owner of the w. j.
lot 13, con. 9, stating that he had asked
several times to have the drain on 12
and 13 sideroad repaired, but as the M.
C. R. has not done so please notify
them to have same repaired at once.

From the Muskoka free hospital for
consumptives, wishing contribution for
same.

From the Clerk, city of Toronto,
wishing the co-operation of this council
to pass the necessary amendments to
the Municipal Act to confer upon
married women who hold property, the
same privilege of voting as is accorded
to widows and unmarried women.

From K. W. McKay, Clerk county of
Elgin, asking this council to appoint
one or more representatives to join
with them in the formation of a deputa-
tion to wait upon the government to
urge the amendment of the Municipal
Act so that municipal corporations will
not be civilly responsible for damages
in respect to obstacles or obstructions
left upon the public highways.

From the Good Roads Machine Co.,
Hamilton, quoting prices for machinery.
From Geo. M. Baird, Clerk of Har-
wich; Arthur Smith, Clerk of Dresden,
and Henry Osbourne, Clerk of Zoro,
acknowledging communication re-
amendment to the Municipal Act.

From Mac. McLean, assessor, stating
that he had now completed his roll, but
not returned same to clerk. Wished
council to remit part of his salary.

REPORTS.
From W. J. Challis, stating that he
had received the sum of \$4.50 as
poundage (see and fines for 1905).

From Alex. Greenway, stating that
he had received the sum of 70 cents
poundage fees.

From Hiram McLarty, Reeve, stating
that he had inspected the South Marsh
drain and found the lands badly
flooded, do not think that in its present
condition will give satisfaction, but as
he by-law for repairing is now passed
he work will have to be done in ac-
cordance therewith; also met on two
drains D. & W., but came to no agree-
ment.

From J. C. Williams, stating that the
iron bridge over the Arnold Creek is
now completed according to contract.

From W. E. Galbraith and A. D.
McDiarmid, stating that they had in-
spected the various sites for gravel
pits and consider that there is still
enough gravel left in the Jackson pit
for the present year. As to the pur-
chase of pit on Talbot Street, consider
that the offer made by Mr. Scott is the
most satisfactory.

From Hiram McLarty and A. E.
Arnold, stating that they had procured
piles for the abutment of Duffin bridge
cost of sum \$140 a for co. one m.
\$80; also met the trustees of the
Everett cemetery in reference to pur-
chasing land for road, consideration
\$20 for same; also seen Mrs. Watson for
same purpose, she asking \$12 for
amount of land required.

PETITIONS.
From Neil Rose and forty others
asking for a grant for the lake shore
road, stating that said road was in need
of repair.

ACCOUNTS.
A. D. McDiarmid, one day com.
purchasing gravel pit \$2; H. McLarty,
one day com. South Marsh drain \$2,
one day Duffin bridge \$2, one day
Tinline drain, Howard and Orford \$2,
one day Duffin Creek \$2, one day
Everett cemetery \$2-\$10; W. Harris,
supplying and delivering 35 piles Duffin
Creek bridge, \$100; J. C. Williams, re-
ceiving and reporting on Arnold Creek
bridge, \$2; A. E. Arnold, three days
Duffin bridge, one day Everett
cemetery, \$2-\$8; W. E. Galbraith, one
day com. gravel pit site, Div No. 4, \$2;
P. D. McKellar, registering two drain
by-laws, \$4; T. L. Buller, 1,200 feet three
inch oak, \$36; Municipal World,
stationery supplies, \$29.90; Geo. Mc-
Donald, postage from Dec. 15 to March
31, \$4.50.

The following persons addressed the
council:
H. Spencer, in reference to culvert
over Brown and Campbell drains.
Wm. Mowbray, in reference to charge
on Anderson drain in 1903, as he con-
siders it an unjust one, but would be
willing to have same settled by
arbitration.
R. Simons, in reference to charge for
dog tax on collectors roll.
H. Addeman, in reference to water on
concession 5 opposite his lot.
A. St. John, in reference to complet-
ing township portion of Milton and
Marshall drain, concession 8.
P. Shewburg, in reference to extend-
ing sewer pipe on ridge road opposite
lot 7, concession 9.
J. A. Crawford, asking to have the
township portion of Scafe drain re-
paired.
Neil Rose, in reference to petition
signed by himself and forty others,
grant for lake shore road.

RESOLUTIONS.
Galbraith-Leatherdale, that the ac-

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