



LESSON VIII.—MAY 28, 1912.

Truthfulness.—Matt. 5: 33-37; James 3: 1-12; 5: 12.

Commentary. 1. Untruthfulness and oaths forbidden (vs. 33-37; James 5:12). 33. Said by them of old time. Reference is made to the ancient Jews who interpreted the law, and made additions to it, which were handed down as traditions with the force of law. Shall not forswear thyself. Thou shalt not swear falsely, or commit perjury. In vs. 19:12 are the words, 'Ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither shall thou profane the name of thy God.' A repetition and explanation of the third commandment, and from this passage the elders probably drew the law against perjury. Perform unto the Lord thine oaths. Any vows or promises made to the Lord must be kept, but promises made to men were not considered binding unless accompanied by a solemn oath. 24. But I say the words of Jesus were uttered with an authority in striking contrast to the traditions of the elders. Swear not at all. This refers to rash swearing in matters of every-day concern, and not to the taking of oaths before magistrates. The latter was allowable. See Matt. 26: 63, 64; Rom. 1:9; 2 Cor. 1:13. Oathswearing is almost universally given to the constant use of oaths. Dr. Thomson says: 'The people now use the very same sort of oaths that were formerly condemned by our Lord. They swear by the head, by their life, by Heaven, and by the temple, or what is in its place, the church. The forms of cursing and swearing, however, are almost identical, and fall on the profaned ear all day long.'

25. Not by the earth, neither by Jerusalem.—There is a sacredness bestowed on each that must not be violated by using them in vain. 26. By thy head. This was a common form of swearing in the ancient world, and not merely among the Jews. God made the head and 'to swear, therefore, by life or head, is to swear by the act, power and person of God. The presumption of the oath reaches the divine being. 27. Nay, I say a simple, clear statement of truth is all that is required, and no number of oaths can make falsehood truth. Cometh of evil. All swearing, gentled or otherwise, cometh of evil, that is, of an underlying consciousness that simple assertion is not enough. If truth were perfect there could be no occasion to emphasize our assertion by such appeals; and, in point of fact, falsehood and profanity are generally close companions. Abbott, James 5:12. The words of James are strikingly similar to those of our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount.

H. Tongue a power (vs. 10, 11). 1. Be not many of you teachers (R. V.). By way of introduction to the important subject of the power of the tongue, the apostle James warns against a general assuming of the responsibility of teaching religion. Let those enter the sacred office who are divinely called. Greater condemnation. Those who take upon themselves important obligations will rest under heavy curses if they fail to discharge their duty faithfully. 2. In many things we offend all. The word 'all' belongs to 'offend,' the subject of the verb. The Revised Version is clearer: 'In many things we all offend.' Offend, not in word, but in deed, the man has or has not attained to it. Plumptre. To bridle. To control. The whole body. All the desires and powers of the body are wisely directed.

3. Behold, we put bits in horses' mouths. Illustration is used to show how a small instrument can be used to control the horse, an animal of strength and intelligence. Man is able to make the horse do his bidding. 4. Says a farmer. Another familiar illustration is given. The writer of this passage was familiar with the size of the bit, put in the horse's mouth. The bit is a small instrument, with the size of the bit, put in the horse's mouth. The bit is a small instrument, with the size of the bit, put in the horse's mouth. The bit is a small instrument, with the size of the bit, put in the horse's mouth.

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nounce Jehovah, blessed, and at the same time were free with their curses upon the Gentiles. 10. These things ought not so to be. The tongue that comes in and under the control of the tongue of God. It is compared to a fountain from which but one kind of water gushes forth. Many of the springs of Palestine sent forth brackish or sulphurous water. 12. Can the fig tree, etc. Another very familiar figure is employed by the apostle. The courtyard of well kept every house had its vine and fig tree (2 Kings 18: 31). The Mount of Olives supplied the other feature. Plumptre.

IN POULTRY WORLD

Just about one-third of the chickens that are kept by different people have ceased to be profitable as layers. A great many people have an idea that a few, after she makes two years old, is imprudent. To a certain extent that is true, but there are a great many instances where hens that are two or three years old and even older, have proved profitable to the profitable layers. In nine cases out of ten these hens have been bred from parents that were bred ahead of them and a great deal depends on the way a hen has been raised as to her future laying capacity and if she will be profitable to keep for this purpose. Any one, by carefully selecting their hens with certain characteristics that go hand in hand with great layers can soon build up a flock of great egg producers and there is no reason why these two things should be very thin on the end and when they become very close together, when usually ceases with their usefulness, the end of their laying period, and form a gristle or fat on the end of their legs, and a great deal depends on the way a hen has been raised as to her future laying capacity and if she will be profitable to keep for this purpose.

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One important fact in relation to growing legumes should be remembered. While these plants can use free nitrogen under certain conditions and store it on their roots, they must nevertheless have other plant food constituents, such as lime, phosphoric acid and potash. Legumes require a liberal amount of these constituents for vigorous growth, so that they may fulfill the requirements of storing nitrogen for future use. Where the soil is deficient in phosphate, lime and potassium, these constituents should be added in commercial forms. Especially is this desirable with some of the more exacting legumes, such as alfalfa, clovers and vetch. But the nitrogen in the soil is easily leached out, plants use it freely, and it is apt to be the first that is lacking. Thin soils are apt to have enough of the other elements to grow such legumes as peanuts, cow peas, soy beans. Hence the supply of nitrogen and organic matter may be supplied cheaply and quickly by growing these valuable crops.

Cutworms are apt to get a start in cool, damp weather. A good way to destroy them is to take a light search for them at night. They are then on top of the soil, and can be easily destroyed. They may also be poisoned with Paris green in sweet bean.

Cow peas and soy beans have a large leaf surface and these leaves pump moisture from the lower depths of the soil; they transpire and cause a movement of capillary water, thus making these plants remarkably drought-resistant.

The largest average of potatoes was found in 1911 in New York, Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania in the order named. These four States had a total average of 1,312,000.

The Department of Agriculture at Washington sounds the note of warning that within the next 10 or 15 years, unless the disease which is attacking the chestnut trees is checked, they will become extinct. The disease has started with New York as a centre, and has already spread into ten different states, carrying its ravages as far south as Virginia. It is estimated the result of this blight in New York City and the surrounding neighborhood alone lies between five and ten million dollars.

Well-rotted barn-yard manure is the best garden fertilizer. For late crops it is not necessary that it be thoroughly decayed as there is time for it to decay before the plants need it. Nitrate of soda and some other commercial fertilizers are occasionally used for special crops, and will probably have to be used more by market gardeners hereafter on account of the difficulty in getting stable manure.

Any soil especially adapted to the growing of white potatoes will usually be satisfactory for apples. If any difficulty is to be distinguished it would be in the way of allowing a larger amount of gravel or loose broken stone in an apple orchard than in a potato field. Indeed, there seems to be no limit to the amount of loose stone which may be present in an apple orchard, except the limit of cultivation.

The soil cannot continue to produce good crops if all the vegetable matter is taken off and nothing returned.

Small seeds planted just before a heavy rain sometimes have difficulty in germinating and pushing the plumule (the plant part of the embryo seed) through the soil. Cultivate as soon as possible after the rain, making a mulch on top soil with the rake.

After hard rains the soil around tender garden plants should be cultivated and a mulch re-established. Should the land "bake" much moisture will be lost, air and sunshine excluded by the crust and the plants stunted.

The surface plants for all small fruits is very valuable, especially with berries. Success with small fruits, other things being equal, lies in keeping the soil clean and moist during the fruiting season. A good mulch of straw or other litter along the rows will hold the moisture in dry weather and promote heavy and perfect fruiting.

It is a fact that the pigs of large litters are usually more uniform in size and fatten more quickly than those of small litters. Here is where the good breeding sow comes in.

It is claimed that the most profitable period in the life of a peach tree is from four to eight years. From a peach crop was taken last year in Orange county, New York, it seems that thorough cultivation is more essential to the peach tree than either pruning or spraying.

One reason why potatoes have degenerated in the past is that the potato growers of the United States have planted their culls and seedlings under the erroneous impression that such methods in seed selection would produce as good results as any other. It is best to prune shade trees in summer. Never leave a ragged wound. Such is likely to cause decay. Summer pruning induces fruit bearing, while winter pruning encourages a heavy growth of wood.

IRISH IMMIGRANTS. Toronto despatch: At noon today a specially conducted immigration party of fifty from Ireland for Ontario reached the city. They consisted of farm laborers and domestic servants and were sent over by J. W. Rigby, the Ontario Immigration agent at Belfast. "We will place all these people to-day," said H. W. Macdonnell, director of colonization for the province. "Domestic servants are in great demand and requests for farm help numerous."



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FOR AGRICULTURE. Three Maritime Provinces Will be Consulted First. Ottawa, Ont., May 20. The government of the three Maritime Provinces will be the first consulted as to the manner in which the Dominion shall give aid toward agricultural development. Parliament last session voted a half million dollars for this purpose. C. C. James, the new commissioner of agriculture, will go to the Maritime Provinces next week and after a study of Eastern Canada will go west to look into needs there. After his return an announcement will be made of the terms upon which the money will be distributed.



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The Wives of Pine Flat

A New Version of an Old Roman Legend
By F. A. MITCHEL

There were two settlements among the Nevada silver mines in which from the first was a rivalry. These were the Quartz Gulch and the Pine Flat people. Both were a bad lot. The Quartz Gulchers had one good man among them, while the Pine Flatlers were all bad. The good man at Quartz Gulch wasn't good because he was naturally inclined that way, but because he owned property in the Gulch that he would like to make valuable, and he was prevented from doing so by the reputation of the town. No one would invest money there, no one would even come there to investigate.

Pete Wilkins, this so-called good man of Quartz Gulch, sat down one day for a job of thinking with a view to finding some way to better the morals of his fellow citizens. He considered the feasibility of shutting off their liquor supply, or corraling all the weapons in the settlement under lock and key, of inducing an evangelist to come among them and impregnate them with religious principles. It didn't seem to Mr. Wilkins that any of these plans were feasible.

At last Wilkins got down to the fountain head of all refinement—woman. If he could only get some respectable women in the camp he believed they would act as a palliative upon the men and eventually bring about a better state of morals. The first difficulty was to find the women, the second to get them to the Gulch and the third to keep them there long enough to penetrate the outside coating of villainy and get a hold on the men's better nature. He didn't mind the disappointment the women would experience in expecting to secure husbands and homes, but he didn't like to be put in for a failure. It occurred to him to interest the men in his project. There would be no difficulty in securing their approval of bringing in the women. The trouble would be to induce them to behave in such a fashion as to induce their more delicate partners to remain. He called a meeting of the citizens and thus addressed them:

"Gents, I been thinkin' of some way of gittin' the better of them 'gloos down on the flat, and I think I've hit the nail square on the head. I'm goin' to send for a carload of the best lookin' and most respectable women to be found in the east to be sent out here to beautify the town."

There was a yell of approbation, and the orator continued:

"What we want is decent homes, and you can't make a home without a woman in it. All I'm afraid of is that if we induce good women to come in and start homes for us you fellows'll sneer 'em away."

"Cries on 'We won't! 'Try us! 'Bring 'em on and see!"

A collection was taken up, and a sufficient sum was raised for the purpose. The scheme was popular both because of the coming of the fair sex and topping the inhabitants of Pine Flat. Pete Wilkins was appointed a committee of one to carry out the project and at once opened up a correspondence with a society called the Helping Hand in an eastern city, and arrangements for a first shipment of young women who needed homes were made. If these reported favorably on their reception and the prospects before them another shipment was to follow.

The probability is that all would have worked well had it not been that certain citizens of the town were so puffed up with pride at their prospective outdoing of Pine Flat that they must needs crow over their rivals before their chickens were hatched. When it was learned by those of the Flat that the Gulchers were going to have a cargo of women sent out from the east there was a feeling among the latter that something must be done. Various propositions were made to see this invasion and go their rival one better, but they were either impracticable or absurd. One stupid churl suggested that they send for a cargo of monkeys; another that a number of wax figures be bought up and placed in the windows of the shanties, suggesting the presence of a housekeeper.

One suggestion was received with a howl of delight. Aaron Skinner, who before going to the bad had taught school, thus spoke to a crowd of his fellow citizens who were debating the question:

"It seems to me," he said, "that by blabbin' the Gulchers have given us an advantage over 'em. What we want to do is first to lay our plan and then shoot any one of our number we see heading for the Gulch, so that he can't give it away. There was once a lot of fellers who started a town they named Rome. Not far off was another town, the people of which were called Sabines. The Romans were so bad off for want of women as we or the Gulchers, but the Sabines had plenty of 'em. The Romans invited the Sabines with their wives and daughters to a banquet, and at a signal the Romans picked up the women and run 'em off. Now, what I propose is to go out and meet these gals that's coming to the Gulchers before they get to the end of the journey and run 'em in here!"

Nothing from the city of opportunity that met this proposal, the schoolmaster had touched a responsive chord. A hundred pistols were furnished to shoot any man who gave the scheme away. The proposer agreed to get himself posted as to the route, and the time of arrival of the women in the neighborhood, and volunteers were forthcoming to watch the territory between the Flat and the Gulch to make sure that the secret was not transmitted.

Deadhead station—so called from the fact that no man who boarded a train there would pay his fare—was the point of junction between Quartz Gulch and the railroad. The station was fifteen miles from the Gulch and ten miles from the Flat. The schoolmaster rode over and learned from the telegraph operator the day and hour the women would arrive. Their train would reach the station at 6 o'clock in the morning.

At 3 o'clock the same morning a company marched from the Flat escorting several empty wagons to a station on the railroad six miles farther east than Deadhead. When the trains drew up at the platform a committee purporting to be Gulchers went aboard the train and politely invited the ladies to alight, stating that they had decided to take them off there instead of Deadhead. The women immediately gathered their belongings and left the train. There were twenty of them, and they filled the wagons that had been brought to carry them to Pine Flat, whither they were escorted by the citizens of that place.

When the trains arrived at Deadhead without their precious freight and the Gulchers learned how they had been tricked their fury was like that of a raging prairie fire. They held a conference, at which for half an hour all talked at once, thus losing half an hour. By the time they were ready to listen to reason it was evident that their property would arrive in the enemy's camp long before the Gulchers could get there and the Flatlers would have abundant time to plan a defense. Wilkins, who saw that they had been outwitted beyond hope of recovery, counseled a return to their shanties and sending for another carload of the same kind of freight. He contrived to bring enough of the men to his way of thinking to render it impossible for the rest to recover the women by force. The disappointed men returned to the Gulch, some cursing the mismanagement of those in charge of the affair, some swearing vengeance on the Flatlers, while one crusty old fellow who had been married, but had gone west to escape from a termagant wife, said they didn't know when they were well off.

Wilkins set himself energetically about getting a new shipment, but the eastern parties who had made the consignment would do nothing further till they had heard from the women who had already been sent. The reports they made were at first reassuring. At least the consignors looked upon the carrying off of the women by those for whom they were not intended as indicative of a very wild social condition and wrote Wilkins that they would take no further steps as to future consignments.

When this communication was received the men of Quartz Gulch, who were called together to hear it read, resolved, every one, to march against their enemies and either get the women or die. Six weeks had elapsed, and though the distribution of twenty women as partners for more than a hundred men came very near breaking up the settlement, it was finally left to the former to choose their mates, which they did, and soon the women were all married. They did not know till the last wedding had taken place that they were captured property. But this made no difference to them. Indeed they rather admired their husbands for their enterprise.

But one day a citizen of the Flat came galloping into town shouting, "The Gulchers are coming!" Every able-bodied man, some with rifles, the rest with revolvers, were marching on the town. The Flatlers had at first looked for this invasion and prepared themselves for it, but after so long an interval it was unexpected. The long roll was beaten, or, rather, a big dinner bell was rung in the center of the town, the signal that had been agreed on six weeks before when the robbery had been perpetrated. On the arrival of the enemy the defenders of Pine Flat, or, rather, of the twenty wives within it, were drawn up in battle array, and as soon as the former were within shooting distance the fight began.

But a few had fallen, and they only wounded, when the wives ran out and, rushing in between the hostile lines, forced the contestants to cease firing. Then they told the men who had come for them that they were married, were already engaged in beautifying their homes and that nothing would induce them to leave their husbands. The Gulchers, they said, might as well go back home, for even if they conquered the women would not go with them. Wilkins said he thought he could draw off his men if the women would promise to write such accounts of their situation as would induce a new bevy to come out to Quartz Gulch. This the ladies agreed to do, and the enemy marched away.

In due time another consignment arrived tickets for the Gulchers, and, hearing another raid upon their property, the latter marched under cover of the night to a station where they were quite sure they would find their yet unsewed wives. But their enemies scorned to be plighted—indeed, they had no need to be, for they had arranged for a shipment on their own account. The Gulchers' load arrived safely, and both Quartz Gulch and Pine Flat are now mutually respectable places.

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TRUTHFULNESS
(Golden Text, May 26.—Eph. 4: 25)
Lord, fill us with Thy spirit,
Of perfect purity,
That by Thy grace and merit
We always true may be—
True in our thoughts of others,
In words and actions true,
Esteeming all men brothers
To whom the truth is due.
Putting away all lying,
In manhood as in youth,
With honest purpose trying
To speak and live the truth—
With consecrated labor
Obeying God's command,
Enlisting every neighbor
In truth's triumphant band.
In all commercial matters,
In theme of church or state,
He who deceives or flatters
Will find—perhaps too late—
That truth alone prevaileth
In all we do or say,
While falsehood ever faileth,
And paves perdition's way.
As we of one another
Are members, one and all,
For every struggling brother
Let us attend the call
To serve with true endeavor,
As unto Christ the Lord,
Who fully and forever
The faithful will reward.
—W.W.W.

DISTRICT MEETING
There was a large attendance at the meeting of Brockville district of the Methodist Church, held at Elgin last week.
Rev. Wm. Pearson applied for superannuation relation for one year and the meeting, while deeply regretting its necessity, agreed in recommending that his request be granted. The vote on church union showed ninety per cent. in favor of the union with the Presbyterian and Congregational churches, indicating that the Methodists of this vicinity are at one with others throughout the country in this movement. Though two or three circuits are still to be heard from it is not expected that it will change the total result. The vote in favor of union stood 2811 with 355 against.
It was decided that the next meeting be held at Lym.

CHEESE PRODUCTS
Montreal Trade Bulletin has this to say of the cheese market:
Although lower prices are looked for on both sides of the Atlantic, it is doubtful if we shall see them much if any less during the present month, owing to the backwardness of the pastures, and the belief that the May make will be less than that of last year. This opinion was expressed by a Belleville dealer Saturday, and is shared in by those who have travelled the whole length of Western and Eastern Ontario. They found the grass good west of Toronto, but none to speak of east of that city. Added to the predicted short make of this month is the clean-up of the old make of Canadian cheese in England. And yet in face of this private cables from the other side were received stating:—"Buyers holding on for lower prices" But should the May make fall below that of last year it is believed the June make will be larger than that of 1911, and will more than make up for the small production of May. Lower prices therefore may be expected in June rather than in May.

CARDIFF DISCHARGED
Recorder: The King against George Cardiff. The prisoner, who pleaded guilty on the 10th inst. to a charge of perjury in swearing when obtaining a marriage license that the girl to whom he was to be married was the full age of 18 years, was brought out for sentence on Friday morning last. M. M. Brown appeared for the crown and R. J. Driver for the prisoner.
The judge stated that as the result of careful enquiry he found that the prisoner is the age of 19 and the girl 16. Some time ago, while still of the age of 15 years, she had become intimate with the prisoner and improper relations were had between them. Eventually she informed him that she had become pregnant and the prisoner, although not being criminally responsible owing to his age but being anxious to save her good name, agreed to marriage. Upon going to obtain a license he was confronted with the fact that he must swear to her being 18 years and on the spur of the moment he did so. Subsequently they went alone to a clergyman and were married, the girl returning to her father's house and he to his father's. After a short time she joined her husband, but having unpleasant relations with his family, the husband and wife came to Brockville. Not having the means to keep house they boarded. She informed him that her statement as to pregnancy was not correct and so conducted herself with men other than her husband that she was charged on a charge of vagrancy. In the meantime she had torn up her marriage certificate. The

husband was asked to attend the police court and being there told his story, upon which the charge was laid against him for perjury, and he was committed for trial.
The judge also called attention to the importance of more care being taken by ministers in marrying young people who come to them unattended. Under the circumstances of the case and there having been presented to him two petitions numerously signed, he discharged the prisoner upon suspended sentence.

QUEBEC LIBERAL VICTORY
The Provincial elections were held in the Province of Quebec on Wednesday last and resulted in a pronounced victory for the Liberals. A determined effort was made to defeat the Couin Administration and the campaign is understood to have been directed from Ottawa. The effort failed however, and the Liberals scored a sweeping triumph. The returns show 63 Liberals elected to 19 Conservatives.

Potatoes Plentiful
Respecting Saturday's market in Brockville the Recorder says:—
A big feature was the unexpected large offering of potatoes, many farmers coming to town with nothing else. Every other rig had tubers for sale and more than one farmer was disappointed as the market was glutted. The first price asked was \$1.50 per bushel, later some were willing to take \$1.40, and before leaving others were quite content to accept 1.30. Not more than half the offerings were disposed of and whole loads went back to the bins. The weather of the past week has been such that little out-of-doors work could be done and the farmer contented himself in his cellar by picking over his potatoes for seed and the market. That was all there was to it. The goods had been held in the hope that the price would keep up, but the importations of the past few weeks from the Old Country curbed the market.

MONEY FOR ROAD
The counties are to be relieved of a large share of the burden of road construction. The Ontario Government has decided to apply to the county good roads system a portion of the grant for highways that will ultimately come from the Federal Government, and an amendment making the necessary provision has been incorporated in the Highways Act.
The Act has been amended in another important particular, allowing cities or separated towns to co-operate with counties in road construction. A radical change in the system of meeting the cost of county road construction also made. In the future counties will be able to build a partial road system or single county road and levy the cost upon the township benefiting.
The levying of a special rate for construction in certain sections is also provided for, a township requiring more expensive type of road being permitted to have a different rate to meet the cost.

AFTER MORE RECORDS
The Prize List of the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, August 24th to September 9th, has been issued. It shows the usual liberal prizes in all departments of live stock, agriculture and home work, amounting to a total of \$55,000. It is also evident that the list has been carefully revised to have it in keeping with up-to-date conditions.
A few of the innovations that might be noticed are provision for competition in breeding horses for strings of five horses; a number of sections added to provide for the newer breeds of poultry; \$100 in prizes for onions, tomatoes and celery in baskets. The last named is a government suggestion meant to encourage export of these commodities.
On the whole, the list shows a distinct advance on its predecessors, and as the attractions will include a review of cadets from all the overseas dominions of the Empire, the Scot Guards Band and a brilliant historical spectacle, the Siege of Delhi, it is safe to predict another record year for the Canadian National.

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EXCURSION TO MONTREAL
To be held on
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Under direction of Delta Fair
Special low rates on B.W. & N.W. and G.T.R. See bills for time table and rates.
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Concrete walls, feeding floors, dairy-barns, ice-houses, root-cellar, well-curbing, fence posts, silos—which of these does your farm need most? Whatever you want to build, it's best to build it of concrete.
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It's a book of 100 pages, telling how other farmers have used the "handy material" to good advantage. Published to sell at 25c. a copy, it is now being offered free to all farmers who write for it. Address
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TRAVELER'S EXCURSIONS

The Canadian Pacific, in line with the usual custom has arranged for this season a series of cheap excursions on regular trains leaving Toronto on Tuesday, April 16 and 30, May 14 and 28, June 11 and 25, July 9 and 23, August 6 and 20, and Sept. 8 and 17, to that great land at present so much in the public eye. Tickets are good to stop over at certain points; are most liberal in terms and conditions; are good for 60 days with privilege of extension up to two months on payment of \$5 for each month or part thereof. This extension applies to tickets sold in April, May, June and July only. The following are return fares to a few of the principal points: Brandon, \$38.00; Calgary and Edmonton, \$44.50; Deloraine, \$38.75; Lethbridge, \$44.25; Medicine Hat, \$43.25; Moose Jaw, \$40.50; Regina, \$40.25; Saskatoon, \$41.25; Winnipeg, \$36.50 etc. The whole territory is covered at proportionate fares. Children, five years and under twelve, half fare; 150 lbs. baggage checked free of charge on each full ticket. Tickets are colonist class and passengers are given the use of colonist sleepers free. Reservations can be made however, in the elegant tourist sleepers run on these trains, which are fully equipped and in charge of porters, at a slight extra cost. Tickets can be exchanged at Winnipeg to travel by divers routes on payment of slight additional charge. The C.P.R. is the old established line running through the heart of the great western country and carrying passengers to their destination with the best possible inconspicuous right through their own country thus avoiding changes and transfers, baggage examination, customs regulations, etc. Secure sleeper accommodation well ahead and further particulars from Geo. E. McGlade, City Agent, Brockville.

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Witness Insists Gordons Objected to Boats Saving People.

Was Seaman Symons Tamped With by Duff-Gordon Agents?

LONDON Cable—Lord Mersey, the President of the Board of Trade...

After a preliminary hour of opening...

Charles Hendrickson, whose cross-examination had been postponed...

Mr. Duke suggested Lady Duff-Gordon returned to go into the boat...

Mr. Duke also suggested Hendrickson was the first to jump at a rowed boat...

Further cross-examination brought out that another fireman in the Duff-Gordon boat had made a statement...

had headed to Duff-Gordon to enable him to make out cheques...

A SEAMAN'S STORY.

C. Symons, an able seaman, and one of the look-outs of the Titanic...

Symons—Yes, but Murdoch ordered the boat to be lowered and there was not another passenger in sight.

Lord Mersey—There were more people on the ship and I cannot understand why Murdoch ordered the boat to be lowered...

Sir Rufus Isaacs—You could have gone back and secured some without going into the lifeboat...

Lord Mersey—What were you afraid of? The ship had sunk and she was no longer a danger?

Symons—No. I was afraid the boat would swamp.

Sir Rufus Isaacs—Was the question of going back raised?

Symons—Never.

Sir Rufus Isaacs—You mean that none of the twelve people in the boat suggested going back?

Symons—No one.

Sir Rufus Isaacs—So you let an hour pass in a party filled boat listening to people crying for help?

Lord Mersey—Why were you surprised?

Symons—It seemed reasonable some one should have mentioned it.

After some difficulty Sir Rufus Isaacs drew from Symons the admission...

Symons later suggested Hendrickson might have suggested going back...

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NEWS OF THE DAY IN BRIEF

Prince of Wales Going to England for Birthday.

Man Killed by Train Dropping Forty Feet.

Industrial Workers of the World Sent to Jail.

The "Made-in-Canada" train begins tour at Montreal.

The Anchor Manufacturing Company, Niagara street, Toronto, sustained a loss of \$25,000 by fire.

Navy delegates from the Toronto A.C. Club went to Halifax, N.S., to the A.C. Club Convention.

Mrs. Julia Buchanan, of Penitence, has been acquitted of the charge of attempting to poison David Meier.

John W. S. Fielding has returned to Ottawa after an absence of several months in England...

A work train with twenty workmen dropped through a bridge at Rossmore, B.C., a distance of 40 feet.

The Toronto Board of Education announced last night that the schools would close for the summer vacation on June 25 and reopen on September 2.

The Railway Commission has ordered the suspension of the press service in the Maritime Provinces...

A London whiskey dealer lost David Purdell his life in the common of Waterloo Bridge...

Simon International Corporation of the World, limited of Montreal...

The Prince of Wales, after the new departure of the British fleet in the Mediterranean...

The building of skyscrapers and the pouring of them with pride as the highest buildings in the empire...

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RAT BITES

A London Boy Dies From Their Effect.

Rome Sensation

Charge of Murdering Holman's Lady-in-Waiting.

Life Sentence

"I Wanted a Baby Boy, Why Would I Kill It?"

Fatally Burned

Mitchell Girl's Apron Caught Fire at Stove.

Boy Jumped in

Skipper of Canal Boat Saves Youth.

Wisconsin Objects to Canadian Exhibit at Fair.

Don't Want It

Can't Agree

Found Dead

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A SHAM BATTLE

The King and Queen See One at Almerahat.

Queen Had to Hang on to Her Hat in Gale.

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The Three Bodies Found Were Set Adrift.

ASTOR WILL

Disposition of Large Estate Without Protest.

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THE DEAD KING

Frederick's Body Arrives in Capital at Denmark.

ONE TRUE WALL

That One Fuzed in Hamilton, Says Toronto Man.

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JUST LIKE A NICE PINK TEA

Judge Showed Much Deference to Mrs. Pankhurst.

The Trial of Suffragettes a Poetic Fiction.

Miss Christabel Didn't Show Up in Court.

Miss Christabel Pankhurst's name was called, but there was no response...

While Attorney-General Isaacs was reading extracts from the speeches...

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Local and General

Next Friday is the 24th of May and a public holiday. A number of committees are now at work on a resolution. Clarence A. Howard, M.D., is visiting at his home here. Mr. Sheriff Robinson has returned to Toronto. Mr. Geo. E. Riddick is preparing to extend his electric light power to Sney's Bay and Delta.

Interest in the Sunday school at Washburn's is growing. There were twenty-five present on Sunday, May 12. Miss Madeline O'Connor of Long Point spent a few days last week with her mother, Mrs. Chas. Riddick.

Following his return from a week's visit, Mr. Andrew Hamilton has returned to his home at Sney's Bay. It will pay you to come to the Athens Grain Warehouse at Athens Grain Warehouse.

The Township League has decided to purchase an acre of land at Sney's Bay for a playground. The League has also decided to purchase an acre of land at Sney's Bay for a playground.

Line items and children thought the morning at Sney's Bay. Mrs. M. R. Riddick has returned from a week's visit to her mother, Mrs. Chas. Riddick.

Chase, who is at 113 in Brookville last week, was advised to sell out over the price paid for the property.

The Brookville district court (Sney's Bay) has decided to purchase an acre of land at Sney's Bay for a playground.

The name of Rev. E. W. Coats, of Sney's Bay, is mentioned as the next president of the Kingston Methodist conference meeting in June.

The case is closed every day and the old case this week on December 15th will be dismissed with costs for every day.

The Kingston-Adelphi Board of Brookville has decided not to purchase the lot at \$100,000 for the purpose of purchasing themselves for the maintenance of the same.

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