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## Here's an Advantage

On any day of the week, excepting Wednesday, a "rush" order for poster work, etc., reaching the Reporter office in the morning will be completed and returned on the evening train.

### BRIGHT BASEBALL PROSPECTS

The result of the meeting held in Lamb's hall on Wednesday evening to organize a baseball club for this village was all that could be desired. The prospects of the club were talked over at length with Mr. C. R. McIntosh in the chair and Mr. Geo. Holmes acting as secretary of the meeting.

A deputation from the high school was present and signified their willingness to amalgamate the two clubs providing the high school team was kept intact.

The committee appointed to inspect the different fields suitable for playing the game, reported and recommended that Mr. A. Scott's field be engaged.

Mr. J. H. Ackland, who was appointed at last meeting to start a subscription list for receiving the names of those who wished to join the club, reported that so far about \$35 had been subscribed, with brilliant prospects for more.

The following officers were elected to manage the affairs of the club for the season:--

- Hon. Pres.--A. E. Donovan.
- Pres.--W. G. Parish.
- Secretary--Geo. Holmes.
- Manager--J. H. Ackland.
- Executive Committee--C. R. McIntosh, F. W. Barber and J. G. Rappell.

The executive committee were instructed to engage a field and have since rented two acres in the centre of the race course from the Driving Park Association.

The same committee were instructed to purchase all necessary supplies for playing the game. They have done so, and the apparatus will arrive some time this week. Practice will begin right away, or as soon as the field at the race course has been rolled and gotten into condition. Everybody is welcome to play and everyone is invited to attend the practices.

The following donations of \$1.00 each have been received thus far. If you would like to see a rattling good baseball team here this summer, which will make the neighboring clubs climb trees, have your name inscribed on this honor roll:--

"Athens, Ont., April 9.

"Feeling that every true Canadian should be developed physically, mentally and morally, and noticing the alarming decadence of perfect physiques as a result of lack of true manly sport, we, the undersigned guarantee to pay the amounts inserted opposite our names for the distinct purpose of encouraging and equipping a Base Ball Club for 1903 in the Village of Athens. The fee as decided by the organization meeting is \$1.00, but it is hoped that such will be amply increased so as to make a league team possible for the coming season."

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| C. R. McIntosh   | M. J. Stevens   |
| G. F. Gainford   | R. J. Stinson   |
| C. B. Lillie     | C. W. Arnold    |
| Wm. Karley       | N. D. McVeigh   |
| W. V. Lee        | G. E. Holmes    |
| J. R. Tye        | Jos. Thompson   |
| G. M. Fiasco     | W. G. Parish    |
| J. H. Ackland    | Jas. Ross       |
| F. W. Barber     | Isaac C. Algire |
| H. R. Lewis      | R. C. Knowlton  |
| A. E. Donovan    | J. G. Rappell   |
| B. Bullard       | A. J. Slack     |
| E. S. Clow       | W. C. Dowaley   |
| J. P. Lamb & Son | C. P. Bishop    |
| G. W. Boyce      | J. F. Purvin    |
| Ed. Taylor       | G. A. McClary   |
| Fred Bullis      | W. F. Earl      |
| G. W. Beach      | S. B. Cowey     |

### TOLL ROADS

Though many weeks have passed since a petition for the abolition of a toll-gate was circulated in this portion of the township of Elizabethtown and was signed by almost every taxpayer to whom it was presented and immediately afterwards presented to the council of the township for action no public notification of any proposed action by the council has yet been made. At the May meeting of the same council still another petition will be presented asking that council to proceed according to law to deal with the question of abolishing tolls on a certain road owned by the municipality itself, namely, the Victoria road.

It may be that this council feels reluctant to take any action towards relieving a burden of taxation that the people of the municipality have heretofore patiently submitted to almost since the organization of the municipality, but this reluctance cannot relieve them from the responsibility that

rests upon them to take action when a petition properly signed according to statute is presented to them.

It has been said, too, that there is a tendency in this township to try and shelve the matter by referring it wholly to the counties council. If this statement is true, we believe it to be a mistaken idea, for with the collapse of the counties road million-dollar in ten-years scheme the question of dealing with toll roads was practically taken out of the hands of the counties councillors. It is true that at the last session of the counties council of these counties the members by their votes showed a decided disposition to materially aid the township municipalities in abolishing these barriers to trade and hindrances to travel but felt that they could not grant such aid to any particular locality.

We believe that if the different local municipalities interested in the abolition of toll gates will meet at the counties council with a fair proposition for such abolition they may meet with substantial aid from the counties authorities.--Times.

### THE CIGARETTE CAMPAIGN

A member of the W.C.T.U. writes as follows: The first step in the cigarette campaign has been successful beyond our most sanguine expectations. The bill for which we ask--one prohibiting the manufacture, importation and sale of the cigarette--would involve a small revenue loss to the government. According to our parliamentary usages no private member can introduce any bill that affects revenue. But if the government is unwilling to introduce such a bill private members can introduce a motion calling for the bill, and if the motion carries the government must introduce the bill.

The government, while not disapproving of cigarette legislation, would not promise to introduce the cigarette bill, but two government supporters, Mr. Bickerdike, of Montreal, and Mr. Homes, of Clinton, kindly consented to become the mover and seconder of a cigarette resolution.

The resolution was carried by 103 to 48 votes and Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick, Minister of Justice, is preparing the bill.

The success achieved was a surprise both to ourselves and to our opponents.

When the bill is introduced it will have to run the gauntlet of three readings in the Commons and a like number of readings in the Senate.

### MISS GREEN'S CONCERT

The concert given in the H. S. hall, on Thursday evening last, under the auspices of Miss Marian Green, A.T. C.M., in aid of the Athens Public Library fund, was a success in many ways. Although the attendance was not as large as the merit of the concert deserved, those who were present had the pleasure of enjoying one of the most delightful musical events of the season. The selections given by the Brockville Ladies' Mandolin and Guitar Club were far in advance of the expectations of the audience, two of their numbers--"Foolish William" and "Angela's Serenade"--being especially good. Other numbers on the programme were a piano duet by Misses Carrie and Lucie Leggett; solos, "The Banderolo" and "Love's Coronation" by Mr. J. Gill Gardner, of Brockville; cello solos by Mr. Sidney Stockwin, of Brockville, and vocal solos by Miss Ethel Richards, of Frankville; all of which were enthusiastically applauded and responded to with encore. Mr. A. H. Howell, of Brockville, acted as accompanist and proved a most sympathetic one. The whole entertainment was greatly enjoyed, and no doubt a similar event would be more liberally patronized.

### AUCTION SALE

Dr. D. G. Peat, V.S., has decided to go out of the livery business and will offer his entire livery stock for sale by public auction on Wednesday, May 13th, commencing at 10 a.m. The stock consists of 7 horses, double and single carriages and cutters, commercial wagons and sleighs, robes, blankets, harness, etc. Arrangements may be made for the purchase of the good-will of the business. G. N. Young, auctioneer.

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If ever a man wants smart clothes, handsome clothes, it's when the first warm days appear.

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CENTRAL BLOCK

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### HOUSE OF INDUSTRY NOTES

Died, at the House of Industry, Athens, April 23rd, Rachel Froom, in the 73rd year of her age. She was sent to the home Feb. 23rd, 1898, from Edwardsburg. She was buried on the farm. The Rev. Mr. Reynolds, of Athens conducted the burial service.

The many friends of Mrs. Joseph Steacy, now visiting her son, Wm. Steacy, at the House of Industry, will be pleased to hear that she is on the gain, although not much hope of her recovery was entertained at one time on account of old age. She is in her 80th year. As soon as she has fully recovered she intends to return to the Northwest.

### B. W. & S. S. M.

#### RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

	GOING WEST	
	No. 2	No. 4
Brockville (leave)	9.30 a.m.	4.00 p.m.
Lyn (Jct. G.T.R.)	4.15 "	4.15 "
Lyn	9.45 "	4.22 "
Seeleys	9.52 "	4.31 "
Forthton	10.02 "	4.45 "
Elbe	10.07 "	4.50 "
Athens (arrive)		4.58 "
" (leave)	10.14 "	5.04 "
Soperton	10.31 "	5.24 "
Lyndhurst	10.38 "	5.31 "
Delta	10.44 "	5.39 "
Elgin	10.57 "	5.58 "
Forfar	11.03 "	6.05 "
Crosby	11.10 "	6.12 "
N-wboro	11.18 "	6.45 "
Westport (arrive)	11.30 "	6.40 "

	GOING EAST	
	No. 1	No. 3
Westport (leave)	7.00 a.m.	3.30 p.m.
Newboro	7.12 "	3.45 "
Crosby	7.20 "	3.55 "
Forfar	7.27 "	4.01 "
Elgin	7.33 "	4.09 "
Delta	7.46 "	4.27 "
Lyndhurst	7.52 "	4.35 "
Soperton	7.59 "	4.40 "
Athens (arrive)		4.59 "
" (leave)	8.16 "	5.04 "
Elbe	8.22 "	5.09 "
Forthton	8.28 "	5.15 "
Seeleys	8.38 "	5.28 "
Lyn	8.45 "	5.42 "
Lyn (Jct. G.T.R.)	9.00 "	5.50 "
Brockville (arrive)	9.00 "	6.06 "

At Brockville, trains connect with G.T.R., C.P.R., and Morrisburg ferry, and at Westport with Rideau Lakes steamer.

R. A. Gidger, Supt. Samuel Mack, Gen'l Mgr.

### A CARD

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My long experience as a furniture dealer and undertaker assures patrons of prompt and efficient service. In the future, as in the past, I shall continue to give the best value possible for your money, and place before you a complete line of goods suited to the needs of this community.

When you require furniture of any kind, call and see my stock. Watch this space for future announcements.

T. G. STEVENS

WESTPORT

LINKS WITH ENGLAND'S PAST.

Curious Customs Still in Vogue Which Have Come Down From Mediaeval Times.

When the King at the recent Privy Council selected new sheriffs for the counties of England and Wales by picking a hole with silver bodkin opposite to each of the favored names on the list, His Majesty was carrying out one of quite a score of interesting customs that still survive to link the England of 1903 with the England of the Middle Ages.

There is hardly an important county in the land that does not cherish some noteworthy custom, hailing from early days in English history. Probably the most interesting feudal ceremony in existence is planting the horn-garth, an act of penance which dates from the thirteenth century of commemoration, and which has been carried out every year at Whitby without a single break.

The penance is for the death of a hermit who sought to protect a wounded boar, but who was slain by its furious pursuer. The horn-garth, or penny hedge, itself is formed by planting a hedge of stakes in the tidalway in the upper part of Whitby Harbor, in the presence of the lord of the manor. When the penny hedge is complete, three blasts are blown on an antique horn, the notes of which is in accordance with the prescribed stipulations. This horn is a good 500 years old, so it has seen considerable service.

A very long way back in the history of England was a time when the high festival of Ceres was exceedingly popular. To this day we have a remnant of the strange rites of the Temple of Eleusis in the Greek surviving in the form of the kern-baby. In various parts of the country kern suppers are held to celebrate the conclusion of the sowing, gathering, and the kern-baby is carried on high by the reapers. The baby is a straw image made from the last sheaf of the harvest, adorned with flowers and ribbons, and is usually dressed in a white gown, and is usually carried by the kern-baby, appears at harvest festivals of to-day as the representative of an ancient Ceres.

Worship the Sun. The most ancient of customs is still observed in Ireland on May 21, and in the Highlands of Scotland on May 1, according to the old reckoning. This is Beltain, the festival in connection with the sun-worship; fires are kindled on the summits of hills, and a variety of ceremonies are gone through.

Burning the clavie is another antique ceremony, and is still carried back far into the mists of antiquity. Probably the rite is still observed at Bingham, on the Moray Firth, have been performed since the days of the Druids. A tar barrel is sawed in halves; one half is filled with tar-covered fuel given by the townsfolk, and is lighted with a piece of glowing peat. The fiery clavie is borne slowly high around the town, and in grand procession, and is placed finally on the ancient freestone altar to burn high over the waters of the Firth. There are various minor weird ceremonies observed as the clavie burns away.

Perpetual Fires. Perhaps even more singular are the domestic fires of certain old-fashioned farmhouses in the Yorkshire dales. These great fires are veritable links with the past, as they never go out. Some have been kept alight for hundreds of years, and have warmed the feet of generations of dwellers. One Witley district is rich in these, and there is one at Osmotherly which, it is claimed, has been burning 500 years.

A handsome quain is to be seen on the village green at Offham, in Kent. The local custom is to hoist married men who are not fathers to its top and then to set the quain revolving rapidly.

Throwing the dart is a picturesque custom which is observed in Cork. Every third year the chief magistrate proceeds to the mouth of Cork Harbor in full state. Following in memorial custom, he throws a dart into the sea—a dart with a head of gold and a shaft of mahogany—saying, "I cast this javelin into the sea, and declare that so far seaward as it falls extends the right and dominion of the corporation of Cork to and over the harbor as well as the rivers, creeks and bays within the same."

Bumping the Master. One of the most quaint of ancient customs is the bumping of staid and dignified elderly gentlemen against stones set in the Thames. Every year the court of the Watermen's Company is bound to inspect certain boundary marks on the river. The farthest upstream ferry under control of the company is at Teddington, the spot being marked by stone posts. At the inspection the headles seize hold of the worshipful master and the other members of the court

A Common Bred Cow. When toned up by Dick's Blood Purifier will give much as rich milk as highly bred aristocratic Jersey cow. DICK'S BLOOD PURIFIER will wonderfully increase her yield of milk. It saves feed too, because a smaller amount of well digested food satisfies the demands of the system and every particle of nourishment sticks. 50 cents a package. Leeming, Miles & Co., Agents, MONTREAL.

and gravely proceed to bump the solemn gentlemen on the stone. This is done so that the exact location of the boundary may be thoroughly impressed upon their memories. Some very peculiar ceremonies are observed when the Court of Brothwood and Questing of the Cinque Ports meet. The full-robed mayors, aldermen, councillors, town clerks, sergeants and macebearers of the thirteen boroughs form an imposing sight when in massed. Curious extracts are read from the decrees of Queen Elizabeth contained in the Black Book before the "ancient towns and their limbs" set down to business in earnest.

Every year for over 700 years the corporation of London has discharged the peculiar duty of cutting some faggots and counting out a certain number of horse-does and nails. This is done before the King's Remembrancer by way of quit rent for certain lands in Salop and Middlesex held from the Crown by the city corporation.

Paying Debts at Dawn. In the semi-darkness of dawning day is carried out the ancient custom of the payment of "wroth silver" to the Duke of Buccleuch, Lord of the Manor of the Hundred of Knightlow, near Coventry. After the steward has read out the old charter and called out the amounts due from each parish, the representatives each place the sum required in a hole in a stone said to be the base of a cross. This is a weird scene as the shadowy figures glide up, place in their pence, and hoarsely whisper the words "wroth silver." Defaulter incur the penalty of forfeiting a white bull tipped with red at nose and ears and tail. A hot milk and rum breakfast concludes the ceremony. The origin of the custom is not clear, though some antiquaries declare that "wroth silver" was originally "wroth money" and was exacted for the murder of some relative of the lord of the manor.

Cheese-rolling is one of the most peculiar customs we have, and is observed at Bredford, near Cheltenham. A cheese is sent rolling down the side of a very steep hill. In its wild flight the rolling cheese is followed pell-mell by an excited crowd, each individual trying to gain it.

Women Pined a Penny or a Kiss. Hungerford rejoices in an ancient custom which is rapidly becoming extinct. This is lockede, the Tuesday following the second Sunday after Easter, when the usually quiet town gets into a state of excitement and plunges into wild gaiety. All work is brought to a standstill by a blast from John of Gaunt's horn. Formerly on Rock Monday the men went into the streets with cords, stopped and bound every woman they met, the prisoner being released on payment of 1d or a kiss.

The following day the women went out to capture stray men—and the women invariably extracted the most money. Last year certain residents put an end to the kissing observance as being out of accord with modern ideas of propriety, and the "kitt-men" the jury drank punch and smoked instead. The "locking" consisted of capturing some unwary female and chaining her in a ribbon-locked chair, after which quiet ceremony she was taxed with the usual option of kissing, the officials still are given a supper, consisting of mackerel, watercress, spring onions, and bread and butter.

Among picturesque provincial survivals is the ceremony of weighing the Mayor of High Wycombe. The Mayor is weighed as soon as he succeeds to office, and is weighed again when he leaves it—presumably with the object of discovering whether the duties agree with him.

Oh! Tr-Bis. Husband—Darling, I believe that I am failing. Wife (in alarm)—Gracious! How do you feel? I have warned you, George, against your foolish speculations. Husband—I don't mean in business, dear; I mean I'm failing in health. Wife (relieved)—Oh, is that all? Oh! City, Feb. 5, 1903. Massey-Harris Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen—Please send me one of your 1903 catalogues of farm machinery. I have used no machinery that gives as good satisfaction as Massey-Harris. JOHN MARRIOTT. Editorial Amenities in Missouri. Bethan, Mo., Oct. There is a gaunter eyed, yonk jawed, long nosed, hatchet faced man in the Pleasant Valley neighborhood that wants to always keep up a fuss in his neighborhood. He is running for office now. Wash greasy dishes, pots or pans with Lever's Dry Soap a powder. It will remove the grease with the greatest ease. 36 Precise. "James," said mamma, apprehensively, "have you ever heard Hugh use any bad words?" "No," answered the little fellow. "Then, 'Well, yes, I did, too, mamma. The other day he said get for get."—Little Chronicle.

Association of Ideas. Wife: "Mother writes that she will be here to-morrow for a short visit, my dear." "Very well," replied her husband. And as he left the house he patted his little boy on the head kindly, and said: "Bob, my dear, didn't you ask me to buy you a tin whistle and a drum the other day?" "Yes, pa." "Well, I will bring them home to-night."

Women and Pain. An Italian scientist of distinction declares that women are less sensitive to pain than men, and actually feel less of it in a given operation. Experiments on a hundred women led him to the conclusion that they were not more than one-half as sensitive to pain at the top of the forehead as the average man. This is confirmed by a well-known fact to surgeons and dentists.

Overdid it. Pennsylvania Punch Bowl. Josephine—Yes, our trip was all right, but we had an atrociously fresh export. Elizabeth—I thought they had personal conductors on those trips. Josephine—That was the trouble. Ours was too darned personal.

8 Cents

Eight cents a pound is what a young woman paid for twelve pounds of flesh.

She was thin and weak and paid one dollar for a bottle of Scott's Emulsion, and by taking regular doses had gained twelve pounds in weight before the bottle was finished.

Eight cents a pound is cheap for such valuable material. Some pay more, some less, some get nothing for their money. You get your money's worth when you buy Scott's Emulsion.

We will send you a little free.

SCOTT & BOWNE, CHEMISTS, Toronto, Ontario. 50c. and \$1.00; all druggists.

Guessed Offhand. Ardupp—I wonder what my ancestor, Adam, said when he first met Eve? Digby—Are you sure he was an ancestor of yours? Ardupp—Certainly. Digby—Then I guess about the first thing he said to her was 'Lend me \$2.'

Trernehe, Jan. 6, 1902. Massey-Harris Co., Limited, Winnipeg, Man.

Gentlemen—It gives me very much pleasure to inform you that the No. 4 Binder which I purchased from your Agent here last summer has given me the very best of satisfaction, doing its work to perfection and drawing light—very much lighter than I expected. My crop was very heavy and some of it very badly down, but your binder did its work splendidly. I had no trouble whatever. I hope you will sell lots of binders for 1903 and save my brother farmers lots of trouble. I wish you every success. R. M. FERRIS.

Two Masters. Little Chronicle. In the primary class of a certain Sunday school the lesson was reviewed by a visitor. When she finally asked for the Golden Text, a little boy on the back row eagerly raised his hand and proudly repeated, "You cannot serve God and women."

I know MINARD'S LINIMENT will cure Diphtheria. JOHN D. BOUTILLIER, French Village.

I know MINARD'S LINIMENT will cure Croup. J. F. CUNNINGHAM, Cape Island.

I know MINARD'S LINIMENT is the best remedy on earth. JOSEPH A. SNOW, Norway, Me.

Minard's Liniment Lumberman's Friend. How He Got Even. N. Y. Sun. Hi—Say, ye know that roll of green paper that they call feller horse-wog? I used to inter buying last week? Si—Yes. Hi—Wal, I jes' wrapped a couple of \$20 bills round it, so's to make it look real, an' bought a \$1,000 gold brick off the same feller with it. Minard's Liniment is used by Physicians. A Cautious Apologist. Peterboro Review. We do not wish to be misunderstood; we do not intend to defend every detail of the redistribution of 1861. There may be blots in it, as in every case of complex arrangements devised by human beings.

It is universally conceded that to properly appreciate a trip to New York or Boston, one must take the best road. That road is the New York Central.

OF Long Standing. Harvard Lampoon. First New York Girl—Is your acquaintance with Jack of long standing? Second Ditto—Yes, I rode uptown with him in the elevated.

The Overworked Monument. She followed him unto his grave, And reared a marble rare, And chiseled on this sentence sweet: "My grief I cannot bear." She mourned a year, and then was wed, And they chiseled on that stone A single word, and now it reads: "My grief I cannot bear—alone."

Not long she walked in darkness lone Around this marble patch. The bells rung out, the sculptor wrote: "I've struck another match." She's happy now with number four, But all the neighbors say That she will be a busy girl On resurrection day. —Syracuse Post-Standard.

Whatever reduces the drudgery of house-work is worth having. The New Century Ball Bearing Washer does away with all hand rubbing. You do not require to touch the clothes to thoroughly clean them and a tubful can be done in five minutes. It is needed in every home and you cannot afford not to have it. If your dealer has it you should see it at once. If not, write us and we will be glad to send you a descriptive booklet. The Downell Mfg. Co. Ltd., Hamilton, Ont.

At the Trimming Counter. "When a woman comes up and says, 'Have you got those—or—' and then begins to paw her breast, we know she wants pendants," said the tired looking woman at the trimming counter. "And then to ask if we have them—when we have been selling them all winter," she went on wearily. "It's queer, but not one woman in ten knows the name. No matter what they ask for, we bring out pendants and it's the thing. 'Most women ask for 'those hanging things.' 'Once in a while some one will strike us for 'flub-dubs.' 'Flattery things,' is quite popular. 'Dingle-dangles,' are called for by many. 'So, also, are 'bobby ends.' 'Best black women just paw their breasts and ask, 'Have you got those—those—' 'And we say yes.' 'Just then a little woman with a worried look fluttered up to the counter. 'Have you got those jiggly little fly-about that everybody is—' 'And the saleswoman said in a tired voice: 'You mean pendants. Yes, we have them.' 'That's it. I couldn't just recall the name. Let me see them, please.'—Philadelphia Evening Telegraph.

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CANADIAN.

The Ontario budget speech will be delivered on Tuesday. Mr. Sharrett, the new Papal Delegate, spoke to large congregations in St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, on Sunday.

Mrs. Catherine Begley, Toronto, is in a serious condition as a result of using kerosene in starting a fire on Saturday evening.

The Ontario Government has at present under discussion what action should be taken to erect or purchase a suitable residence for the new Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. J. D. McGregor, who was formerly a member of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, takes the place of Senator Carmichael, who resigned owing to ill-health, and who was appointed in 1898.

Wm. McCabe, LL.B., managing director of the North American Life Insurance Co., and considered the greatest life insurance expert in the Dominion, died in Toronto after a two weeks' illness on Thursday evening, aged 58 years.

Hamilton—Philip Tabb, aged nine years, who lived with his parents at 287 Wellington street north, while crossing the C.T.R. tracks at Elm-street Friday morning was run down by the express train from the east and instantly killed.

J. A. McAndrew was sworn in as registrar of the Court of Appeal on Thursday, succeeding Mr. Cartwright, now Master-in-Chambers, of the Ontario Court of Appeal.

Ottawa—The Winnipeg eastbound train was delayed 12 hours Sunday by an accident about two miles east of Sudbury, at Marksy Station. A landslide piled up on the track and the engine plowed into the obstruction and was wrecked, with two cars. Engineer Barnhart of North Bay was killed.

Toronto.—The Hon. William Lount, Justice of the Common Pleas Division of the High Court, died this afternoon at 8.30. The deceased judge had been suffering from Bright's disease for a long period. Mr. Justice Lount was a son of the late George Lount, formerly Registrar of Simcoe County, and a nephew of Samuel Lount, who was executed for his participation in the rebellion of 1837. Born on March 3, 1840, at Holland Landing, Ont., he was educated at Barrie High School, and graduated from the University of Toronto. He was called to the bar in 1863. He was representative for Simcoe in the Local House from 1867 to 1871. He represented Centre Toronto in Liberal interest in 1896-7. He was appointed Queen's Counsel by the Ontario Government in 1876, and by the Dominion Government in 1881. On Jan. 30, 1901, he received his judicial appointment, succeeding Mr. Justice Rose in the Court of Common Pleas.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

12,000 persons took part in the recent riot at Kronstadt, Russia. The rioters tore up paving stones and wrecked houses.

Hague.—The First Chamber of the States-General has adopted the treaty of arbitration between Holland and Venezuela. St. Petersburg.—No special permits are now required for travel in Central Asia, excepting in certain portions of the military defence.

Madrid, April 23.—A special despatch from Melilla, Morocco, says Muley Mohammed, the Sultan's brother, has been proclaimed Emperor at Fez.

Berlin.—The Governments of Prussia and Saxony have decided to expel 100,000 missionaries, of whom there are 120 in Germany and 90 in Prussia.

Vienna.—A band of Macedonians recently surrounded and slaughtered five Bashibazouks and fifteen Gendarmes, near Petrich, Macedonia, out of revenge for the murder of their leader.

San Domingo, Santo Domingo.—The Government forces at Jarabona, San Pedro de Macoris and Selbe have joined the revolutionists in the northern part of the island, and the overthrow of President Vasquez is complete. A provisional Government has been formed.

Stockholm, Sweden.—Despatches from Finland announce that an ex-Senator, two editors, former British consul and several leaders of the Young Finnish party, have been ordered to leave Finland within a week, under the recent decree prescribing measures for the maintenance of order.

Paris, April 23.—Alfred Dreyfus has submitted to Minister of War Andre a lengthy letter, in which he earnestly asks for a reopening of his case by means of an investigation by the Minister, as the supreme source of military justice. The letter, which is dated Paris, April 21, confirms the reports that Dreyfus has been living quietly here for some time past. It promises to cause a tremendous agitation among the various elements of the political groups for and against Dreyfus.

THE UNITED STATES.

Buffalo.—Hon. James O. Putnam, at one time Minister to Belgium, is dead, aged 84. Philadelphia.—Judge Michael Arnold is dead, from cancer. He heard the case of Holmes, multi-murderer. Buffalo.—The body of Benedict Madonia, the barrel-murder victim,

was brought here from New York and buried. There was no demonstration or display. In a collision between a Grand Trunk passenger train and a local freight near Lenox, Mich., Sunday night, Engineers Leonard Neill, Fort Huron, and Patterson, Detroit, were killed.

Washington.—Chandler P. Anderson of New York has been appointed assistant counsel for the United States in the presentation of its case to the joint commission, which will consider the Alaskan boundary question.

Washington.—Steps have already been taken by the United States State Department to ascertain the true inwardness of Russia's latest move, but the United States will not enter into any entangling alliances to make a joint protest.

Chicago.—Judge Grosscup Friday entered an order in the United States Circuit Court of Appeal, enjoining six railroad companies from discriminating against small shippers in the Western territory. The decision is the first under the new Elkins law.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Mrs. Jeanie Flood of this city was arrested Friday for the alleged murder of John London, who was shot to death in Grattan Township last Tuesday. An accident insurance policy for \$1,000 had been taken out recently by London, with Mrs. Flood as the beneficiary.

Washington.—Herbert W. Bowen, the Venezuelan Plenipotentiary, has drawn up a new protocol for the determination by The Hague Arbitration Tribunal of the question whether the blockading powers shall be entitled to preferential treatment in the payment of their claims against Venezuela.

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The announcement is made at London that the Australian Government have finally decided against penny postage.

London, April 23.—Premier Balfour announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the Irish Land Bill will be taken up May 4, or May 5.

London.—The appointment of the Prince of Wales as President of the Royal Commission, which is to represent Great Britain at the St. Louis Exposition, will be made at the special request of King Edward.

DOMINION HOUSE.

Adjourns For a Day in Memory of Sir Oliver Mowat—The Budget Debate.

Ottawa, April 20.—The House adjourned today in memory of the late Sir Oliver Mowat this afternoon, when it adopted a resolution, moved by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and seconded by Mr. R. L. Borden, to adjourn to-morrow night, and stand adjourned till Thursday at 3 o'clock p.m., to allow all who so desire to attend Sir Oliver's funeral. Both gentlemen delivered eulogies to the late Lieutenant-Governor's memory. The budget debate was continued by Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. J. I. Tarte.

Ottawa, April 21.—The entire afternoon session of the House of Commons to-day was taken up by Mr. John Charlton, who spoke in favor of reciprocal trade relations with the United States in natural products. The election of Dr. Wallace to succeed Mr. W. C. Edwards, now a member of the Senate, in the representation of Russell, was announced by the Speaker, Dr. Wallace was introduced by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. D. C. Fraser.

Ottawa, April 23.—Three contributions were made to the budget debate to-day, James Clancy, T. O. Davis and Dr. T. S. Sproule were the contributors.

Ottawa, April 24.—The budget debate was continued in the House of Commons to-day, and when the hour of adjournment arrived the Speaker still had before him a long list of members who desired to speak before Mr. Borden's amendment is put to vote. Speeches were delivered to-day by Mr. C. B. Heyd, Mr. Richard Blain, Mr. Frank Oliver, Mr. Jabel Robinson and Mr. Vrooman.

THE GAMEY INVESTIGATION.

Prosecution Practically Concluded on Saturday—Newspaper Contempt of Court.

Toronto, April 27.—The prosecution has only two or three witnesses to call and it will rest its case in the Gamey bribery charges. The Commission did not sit on Wednesday afternoon in respect to the memory of the late Sir Oliver Mowat. The defence will begin its case to-day, and book officials will be the first witnesses. Later of Mr. Stratton will testify in his own defence. The defence has now received \$1,800 for witness fees and the prosecution \$2,000 from the Government for the same purpose.

Murder and Sudden Death.

Dawson, Y. T., April 27.—Alexander Coutts of Eastern Canada was shot through the lungs and probably fatally wounded at the new town of Fairbanks, in the recently discovered Tanana diggings by William Duggie, former mining recorder at Fairbanks, on April 7. The shooting is the first to occur in the Tanana Basin, and excitement among the miners runs high.

Horbert Crane from Ontario and known in Dawson was killed at Nome Feb. 17, by a slide of earth and met instant death. He was 40 years of age.

Col. Hudson's Suspension.

Ottawa, April 27.—Col. Hudson of the R.M.C. has been suspended. It is said that it is owing to a disagreement as to the pay of the men. The amount totals \$1,200 of \$1,500. Sir Frederick Borden, spoken to regarding the matter yesterday, said that an official of the department had been sent to Kingston to investigate the matter. Sir Frederick says that Col. Hudson has not been well for some time.

SIR OLIVER MOWAT AT REST

State Funeral in Toronto Was an Imposing Scene.

Many of the Leading Statesmen of the Dominion and Men Prominent in All Walks of Life Were in the Funeral Cortege—The Honorary Pallbearers—The Chief Mourners—An Hour in Fasting.

Toronto, April 23.—Under a clouded April sky, with a sullen north-east wind murmuring threats of rain or snow, the remains of Sir Oliver Mowat, once Premier, and late Lieutenant-Governor of the province of Ontario, were laid away in Mount Pleasant Cemetery yesterday afternoon, with all the circumstances of public grief.

Amid the mournful tolling of city bells the State funeral procession, in the order already published, wended its way through city streets lined with tens of thousands of citizens. All the business houses of the city were closed, and along the route buildings were heavily draped.

The cortege was the largest and most imposing ever witnessed in Toronto. In the procession were noticed many of the leading statesmen of the Dominion and of the pro-



vinces: exalted members of the judiciary, men eminent in the professions, and individuals prominent in every walk of life.

The Religious Services.

Shortly after two o'clock the funeral service was begun at Government House, conducted by Rev. Principal Caven, of Knox College; Rev. Dr. MacLaren, Knox College; Rev. Armstrong Black, St. Andrew's church; Rev. Alexander Gandier, St. James' square Presbyterian church. The order of service was:—

Prayer and psalm to worship, by Rev. Mr. Gandier. Scripture reading, by Rev. Dr. Armstrong Black. Address, by Rev. Principal Caven. Closing prayer, by Rev. Dr. MacLaren.

An Imposing Scene. About 2,800 the bells began to toll, and at three o'clock the body borne to the hearse by six members of the Calthness Society. They were: Wm. Banks, Sr., Daniel Rose, Sr., Donald Imrie, Dan. A. Rose, Jr., and Gilbert L. Sutherland.

Then the cortege formed and began its long and slow march to Mount Pleasant, via Simcoe, King and Yonge streets. Col. Grasset, chief of police, was marshal of the procession. The colonel was followed by a squad of mounted police, and the cortege followed by the Royal Canadian Dragoons under Captain Van Straubenzie. Then came the bands of the Queen's Own and Grenadiers.

The chief mourners were Sheriff Mowat, Arthur Mowat, Mr. A. M. Mowat, Master Geo. G. Mowat, Messrs. C. R. W. Biggar, Thomas Langton, L. L. Biggar, F. C. Biggar, Justice MacLennan, C. O. Strange, H. Strange, George Strange, Joseph S. Ewart, McGill Mowat, H. M. Mowat, Geo. L. Mowat, J. McDonald Mowat, George L. B. Fraser, Norman Fraser, J. Mowat Duff, Dr. Duff, Andrew Drummond, J. H. Ewart, Joseph J. Keble, Joseph Henderson, Ernest Henderson, G. S. Ewart, Frank Ewart, E. R. Craig, R. J. MacLennan, Neil McLean, and F. F. McLean.

An Hour in Fasting.

The procession occupied over an hour passing a given point. One hundred and seventy-five rigs were in line. Twenty-two carriages were used by members of the Legislature, and the clergy, the bench, the bar and many other branches of professional life were fully represented. Names of cities and towns in Ontario were given a place in the line, with the City Council, educational boards and secret and fraternal societies, some of them being on foot.

The procession moved off from Government House about ten minutes to three, and it was just five minutes to five when the first of the line arrived at the graveside. There were two bands, the Queen's Own and the Royal Grenadiers, the bands played alternately all the way to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, the following being the musical program: Dead March, in Saul, Chopin's Funeral March, Nearer My God to Thee, and Parted Comrades. At the gate, the bands massed and rendered Chopin's Funeral March until the last of the procession had entered the grounds.

Evergreens lined the open grave. The coffin was lifted from the hearse, and lowered into the grave, and

2,000 KILLED BY BRITISH

Col. Cobbe Has Been Relieved by Brig.-General Manning.

Mad Mullah's Forces Receive a Severe Check—How Plunkett's Column Met Disaster—Wobly They Fought and Well—Major Gough's Mobile Column Engaged the Enemy Near Danop and Lost Two Officers and 11 Men, With 4 Officers and 28 Men Wounded.

Aden, Arabia, April 24.—The reported British defeat in Somaliland has been confirmed by official statements from Berbera, the capital of Somaliland, East Africa. The officers of the Hardinge say that 10 officers and 180 men out of a total British force of 220 men, were killed recently in an engagement with the Somalis.

Heavy Death List. The despatch closes with a list of the officers and men missing, and no doubt killed in action, viz: Col. A. W. V. Plunkett, Captains Johnston, Stewart, Olivey, Morris and McKinnon, and Lieutenants Gaylor and Bell, all of the King's African Rifles; Capt. Visey of the Second Sikh Cavalry; Staff Sergeant of the Indian Medical Staff, two white privates, 48 men of the Second Sikhs, and 124 men of the African Rifles. The two Maxim guns were also lost.

Adria, Arabia, April 27.—Brigadier-General Manning, after an engagement with the Mad Mullah's forces, has relieved Colonel Cobbe, near Gumburru, Somaliland, 45 miles westward from Galedi. About 2,000 of the Mullah's men were killed. The British loss is not known.

The few details obtainable of the reverse to Colonel Plunkett's detachment, April 17, show that the Mullah's forces consisted of 2,000 horsemen and 10,000 spearmen. They surrounded Colonel Plunkett's force in the open, and the Somalis, after a heavy rifle fire, charged repeatedly with their horsemen and spearmen on all sides. The British detachment held out until its ammunition was exhausted, and then charged with the bayonet, but it was ultimately overwhelmed by weight of numbers. The British force fought until all its officers and 170 men were killed. Most of the handful of men who reached the camp were wounded.

The Somali's losses are reported to have been enormous. The Mullah's forces are reported to aggregate from 3,000 to 4,000 mounted men and about 80,000 spearmen. Bobote, Somaliland, East Africa, Saturday, April 25.—Major Gough, in command of a mobile column engaged the enemy near Danop. He lost 13 men killed, including two officers, and four officers and 28 men wounded. The enemy had two hundred killed. Major Gough praises highly the conduct of his force under trying conditions, and while fighting at close quarters. He recommends several men for gallant behavior. He is now retiring on Bobote, and is expected to arrive there April 28. Supplies have been sent to meet him.

GRAIN DUTY ABOLISHED. British Peace Budget Brought Down by Chancellor of the Exchequer.

London, April 24.—The budget, which was introduced in the House of Commons yesterday, shows an estimated expenditure for 1903-08 of \$719,770,080.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Ritchie, fixed the national debt charge at \$185,000,000, of which \$81,500,000 is available for the sinking fund. The estimated revenue on the existing basis of taxation is \$778,850,000, giving an available surplus of \$54,030,900.

Grain Duty Abolished. Mr. Ritchie's proposals included the following: The abolition of the duty on grain. Four pence (8 cents) taken off income tax.

The taxes on sugar and coal are unchanged. Sir William Vernon-Harcourt (Lib.), former Chancellor of the Exchequer, followed. Sir William said he thought it was scandalously unjust that the well-to-do classes should be relieved to such an extent, while the wage earners' only advantage was the remission of \$10,000,000 in indirect taxation. The grain tax, he added, was an infamous one and he was glad, therefore, that it was repealed.

The speaker vehemently complained of the proposed expenditures for South Africa, which he claimed ought to pay for the war. The Colonies, he further asserted, ought to contribute towards the support of the navy.

No sober-minded man could justify the enormous expenditure of the Government.

King's Visit to Gay Paris. Paris, April 27.—Elaborate arrangements are being carried out rapidly for the welcoming of King Edward. They are on a scale of truly royal splendor. The fetes will follow those held at the time of the visit to Paris of the Czar of Russia, and will include a number of events affording opportunity for brilliant spectacular effects. When King Edward arrives, at 3 o'clock next Friday afternoon, President Loubet, the members of the Ministry, and the staff of the British Embassy will proceed to the Bois de Boulogne station to meet him. The station will be hung with rich golden tapestry. The meeting between the President and King will occur under a silken canopy. Throughout the entire route soldiers will be massed on either side of the thoroughfares. King Edward will stay at the British Embassy, which, during his sojourn, will be regarded as a royal residence.

MANCHURIA. Great Britain, United States and Japan to Make Formidable Joint Protest Against Russia's Demands.

Peking, April 24.—Russia has demanded that China sign an agreement practically ceding to her the sovereignty of Manchuria and excluding other nations from the country. The Russian Charge d'Affaires, M. Plancon, has informed Prince Ching, president of the Foreign Office, that no further steps in the evacuation of Manchuria will be taken until this agreement is signed.

Yokohama, April 23.—Three Japanese warships have been ordered to New Chwang. Marquis Ito has held a secret conference with the leading Japanese statesmen.

Joint Protest to Be Made. London, April 25.—There 'is in contemplation a forcible joint protest on the part of Great Britain, the United States and Japan against the Russian demands in the matter of the sovereignty of Manchuria.

Sir Ernest Satow, British Minister to China, in a despatch to the Foreign Office, has confirmed the published synopsis of the note addressed to China by M. Plancon, Russia's Charge d'Affaires at Peking. Further official advice regarding the intentions of the Chinese Government, and explanation from St. Petersburg, are awaited anxiously. In the meantime the British Government is not taking active measures, although Foreign Secretary Lansdowne intends to circulate four papers looking to joint action from Washington, London, and Tokio, provided further information sustains the present abstract of the Russian demands. The Foreign Office states that if the Chinese Government correctly represents Russia's claims these claims constitute an absolute breach of all the undertakings given in connection with Manchuria and utterly abrogates existing treaties.

The U.S. Position. Washington, April 25.—U. S. Minister Conger has called to Secretary of State Hay a synopsis of the demands made upon China by Russia respecting control of Manchuria. The account agrees precisely with the press report of Russia's last coup. Secretary Hay will take no action in the matter until he has communicated the facts to the President and has learned the latter's wishes.

The present impression here is that the Russian action is a distinct breach of faith with the United States.

THE ONTARIO ASSEMBLY.

Short Session Tuesday Afternoon, and an Adjournment Till Thursday—The Estimates For the Year.

Toronto, April 21.—The Ontario Legislature re-assembled at 3 o'clock this afternoon after the three weeks' adjournment for the investigation of the Gagey charges. At the opening of the session the Premier, the leader of the Opposition referred to the death of Sir Oliver Mowat, and expressed the sincere regret of the House at the loss of the head of the Province's administration.

After tracing Sir Oliver Mowat's long career, Hon. G. W. Ross concluded his tribute to his memory in these words: "The Liberal party has lost a great leader; the country has lost a great man. His strength was in his conviction of duty, true to his country. That conviction has never been shaken by any act of his career."

Mr. Whitney followed the Premier. He said he wished to add to the eloquent tribute paid by the Premier to the late Lieutenant-Governor. His loss was a loss which this province and all Canada deplored. In conclusion, Mr. Whitney said: "We, on this side of the House, do not intend to allow our political opponents to be alone the mourners. We, as the opponents of Sir Oliver Mowat, too, say we are thankful that he lived; we are proud of his services; we, too, deplore his death, and we, too, offer our earnest sympathy to his family."

Fifty-One Bills Read. Toronto, April 24.—The Legislature received fifty-one bills this afternoon, after a first reading they were assigned to their proper committees. This occupied the House for nearly an hour.

Estimates For 1903. Toronto, April 23.—The estimates for 1903, which were to be presented to the Legislature today, call for a total expenditure of \$4,537,428, as compared with \$4,004,238 a year ago, an increase of \$533,200. This large increase is made up from various sources, the largest individual items being \$124,000 for completion and equipment of the new Science building of Toronto University, \$86,000 increased grant for surveys and other surveys, \$20,000 for additions to the normal school, Toronto, to \$18,500 for an infirmary building at the London Asylum, and \$18,000 for the estimated deficit of the University of Toronto. The cost of civil government is increased by a new administration of justice \$17,000, education \$137,000, public institutions maintenance \$50,000, agriculture \$70,000, hospitals and charities \$38,000, charges on Crown lands \$85,000, while miscellaneous expenditures are decreased \$108,000. Only four Conservatives and thirty-four Liberals were in their seats when the Legislature opened.

The address in reply to the speech from the throne was passed pro forma, the understanding being that it will be discussed later on.

GRAIN DUTY ABOLISHED. British Peace Budget Brought Down by Chancellor of the Exchequer.

London, April 24.—The budget, which was introduced in the House of Commons yesterday, shows an estimated expenditure for 1903-08 of \$719,770,080.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Ritchie, fixed the national debt charge at \$185,000,000, of which \$81,500,000 is available for the sinking fund. The estimated revenue on the existing basis of taxation is \$778,850,000, giving an available surplus of \$54,030,900.

Grain Duty Abolished. Mr. Ritchie's proposals included the following: The abolition of the duty on grain. Four pence (8 cents) taken off income tax.

The taxes on sugar and coal are unchanged. Sir William Vernon-Harcourt (Lib.), former Chancellor of the Exchequer, followed. Sir William said he thought it was scandalously unjust that the well-to-do classes should be relieved to such an extent, while the wage earners' only advantage was the remission of \$10,000,000 in indirect taxation. The grain tax, he added, was an infamous one and he was glad, therefore, that it was repealed.

The speaker vehemently complained of the proposed expenditures for South Africa, which he claimed ought to pay for the war. The Colonies, he further asserted, ought to contribute towards the support of the navy.

No sober-minded man could justify the enormous expenditure of the Government.

King's Visit to Gay Paris. Paris, April 27.—Elaborate arrangements are being carried out rapidly for the welcoming of King Edward. They are on a scale of truly royal splendor. The fetes will follow those held at the time of the visit to Paris of the Czar of Russia, and will include a number of events affording opportunity for brilliant spectacular effects. When King Edward arrives, at 3 o'clock next Friday afternoon, President Loubet, the members of the Ministry, and the staff of the British Embassy will proceed to the Bois de Boulogne station to meet him. The station will be hung with rich golden tapestry. The meeting between the President and King will occur under a silken canopy. Throughout the entire route soldiers will be massed on either side of the thoroughfares. King Edward will stay at the British Embassy, which, during his sojourn, will be regarded as a royal residence.

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**From Neighboring Firesides.**

**WASHBURN'S**  
 Miss Julia Washburn's parents recently presented her with a new piano. Sunday-school opened here the 26th inst with Mr. Lewis Washburn as superintendent. A number of the young people were present and every effort is being put forth to make the Sunday-school work interesting. Mr. and Mrs. Beaumont Bilance, of Montreal, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Washburn last week.

**FERN BANK**  
 Mr. Elliott, of Ottawa, it is reported, is building a fine cottage at this very popular mainland tourist resort on the St. Lawrence.

Lawyer Hutchison, of Brockville, is building a fine boat-house here. It is a fact that there is a redistribution of some of the houses on Fernbank farm. Buildings rarely move without a cause. It may be that Mr. Herbert Bresse has been premeditating. We will call on him to rise and explain.

**FRANKVILLE**  
 Our Easter visitors have all returned home except Miss Maine, who is the guest of Miss Gertv Countryman. The Swiss Bell Ringers' concert on Wednesday evening was a grand success, the building being filled to its utmost capacity, and some had to go away.

The ladies keep our popular painter, Mr. Redmond, busy painting and repapering. Mrs. O. L. Munroe, who has been ill a long time, passed away on Sunday. She was a great sufferer and death was a happy release; funeral held on Tuesday, 27th.

**DELTA**  
 Jerry Judd, the painter, has started a shop at the swamp for painting carriages.

A. J. Flood was injured by a fall from his buggy at the station. He broke his collar bone, but is doing well at present. F. H. Cameron, of Carleton Place, has moved his household goods to Delta to live. He is running his line-kiln every day, turning 150 bushels out each day. A number of the members of Delta Lodge, I.O.O.F., attended church at Athens on Sunday.

Mr. George Brown wears a happy smile and the cause of that smile is the arrival at his home of a little baby girl.

Omer Brown, ex-warden, has three men digging and blasting the cellar for building a new brick house.

**TREVELYAN**  
 The farmers in this vicinity, are all busy with their spring's work.

Mr. Robert Dixie had the misfortune to lose a cow last week. His breakfast and dinner are dished up by thee.

Mr. Robert Nunn has been confined to his bed for the past week with a bad attack of rheumatism, but is now much better.

Mrs. J. R. Tye, with her little daughter, Bernice, Athens, has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. R. Dixie, for the past week.

School re-opened on Monday the 20th, with an average attendance of 19.

Mr. Peter Flood has completed his new machine house.

Mr. C. Williams, of Cardinal, is renewing all acquaintances here.

Mr. Wilson and J. Dixie, masons, have completed their work on Norman Marshall's new house.

Mr. Dixie is now building a cellar wall for Fred Tennant Caintown.

**SEELEY'S BAY**  
 Miss Edith Kelsey, of Black Rapids, who has been staying with her uncle, Mr. Norman Kelsey, to attend the school here, was taken ill with typhoid fever and died last Wednesday, aged fifteen years. Funeral on Friday, at 2 o'clock p.m., in the Methodist church, the services being conducted by Rev. Wm. Service, who preached a very impressive sermon to the large congregation present. After the conclusion of the services, the body was placed in the vault. The sorrowing parents and friends have the heartfelt sympathy of all in their sad loss.

Mrs. R. Neddow is very ill with heart trouble. She is in a very low condition and no hopes are entertained for her recovery.

Last Thursday evening a Masonic lodge was organized here with a charter membership of twenty. Prominent Masons were present from Kingston, Gananoque, and Delta, who assisted in the ceremonies. The lodge starts under very favorable conditions

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and his future success is assured. Capt John Randall is sitting out his steamer, John Milne, and getting ready for the opening of navigation.

Mr. Edgar Smith, of Pierrefield, N. Y., is visiting friends here and in this vicinity. He will return to Pierrefield on Monday.

W. L. Putnam has secured the position of second engineer on the steamer Kennerman. This steamer, which is owned and sailed by Capt. Edward Smith, is being fitted in readiness for the opening of navigation.

Joe Stevenson is getting ready to build a house with cement.

**LOSS OF APPETITE**

A person that has lost appetite has lost something besides—vitality, vigor, tone.

The way to recover appetite and all that goes with it to take Hood's Sarsaparilla—that strengthens the stomach, perfects digestion and makes eating a pleasure.

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**A NEW LOCATION**

Patrons of the popular tailoring establishment of M. J. Kehoe, Brockville, will please note that the place of business has been changed to a store in the Big block, nearly opposite the Central Hotel. His rapidly increasing business necessitated the change, and he has now large and commodious quarters, fitted with every requisite for high-class tailoring. His regular stock has received a large addition of the latest trends, worsteds, serges, etc., and he has just put in a first-class line of gents' furnishings. The general public are invited to call and inspect the stock and up-to-date premises.

**THE SPRING FEVER**

Spring, see here, With my complaint I would acquaint Your ear.

How is it that you have gaily clothed the flowers Kissed them with sun and wood them with showers! And here am I, still in winter's duds arrayed.

With coat that is rusty and trousers quite frayed? Spring, just ransack your closets and see

If you can't fix up a chap like me. You had out the trees a dress of bright green, And let me roam in an old hab-ben.

To the snake, horse and bear you give fine new suits, But you don't even hand me a new pair of boots: You give to the bird a home both cheery and breezy,

While I have a room that's small dark and wheezy. The squirrel who swings on the tall limbs of the tree, His breakfast and dinner are dished up by thee,

But my daily dinner is punched out on a ticket, By a pert little maid who sits in a wicket.

Now then, Spring, There is another thing That needs elucidating Just while you're waiting, The Spring Fever.

That fever of yours—that blamed unrest That tightens our hat and pokes out our vest, That fills us with yearnings very profound,

That tells us that plums in the distance are found, And then we pine and long for wings That we may swoot and get these things—

An hour of thee and we hate our work, Another hour and we commence to shirk,

For warm blows the breeze, cheerful the day, To throw up our job and hustle away

We feel 'twould be the proper thing. —Exchange.

**FOR THE STOMACH'S SAKE**

Certain bibulous citizens of Westport possess a thirst that objects to observing the close season established by the license law, and in order to satisfy it they have been obtaining requisitions from the medical men very freely. On Sunday the Methodist minister delivered a very pointed sermon on the subject and called for a rigid enforcement of the law. At a recent meeting of the license commissioners in Brockville, in discussing Westport affairs, the Times says, Mr. Farish and the License Inspector astonished their auditors by the statement that in that village examination

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of the records disclosed the fact that in a period of two months no less than 127 doctor's prescriptions for intoxicating liquors were issued during prescribed hours. These prescriptions were for no small quantities either. From a mental calculation Mr. Parish arrived at the conclusion that in that small village these figures represent an average of 13 persons daily who get sick while the bars are closed. He thought this was a matter requiring rigid enforcement of the law. He also suggested that all persons desirous of enforcing the liquor laws should pay attention to that portion of it that makes the purchaser who buys during prohibited hours amenable to the law as well as the seller.

**A PISCATOIAL ODE**

BY A NEW JERSEY YANKEE  
 There's an itching, and a longing, and there's trouble all around, When the ice has left the water and the frost has left the ground, When the robin strikes the orchard, and the crocus gets in sight, And the green comes in the meadow and the fish begin to bite.

There's trouble in the office, and there's trouble in the air, There's trouble in the school-room, and there's trouble everywhere; There's discontent and fever and there's restlessness at night, When the air of spring is mellow and the fish begin to bite.

In the city, in the country, in the village and the town, In the lonely way back hamlet where the brook goes winding down; There are signs of preparation, exultation, and of joy, With the old man and the young man and the freckled visaged boy.

When the fish begin to hunger, that's the time of year for me, I would rather go to Charleston Lake than to London or Poree; Cannot wait to talk of trouble, cannot even stop to write, The ice is out of Charleston and the fish are going to bite.

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BRITISH RELIEF FORCE ALMOST WIPED OUT!

Only 30 of a Party of 220 Men Escape Death.

Aden, Arabia, cable: The British transport Hardings arrived here to-day from Berbera, the capital of Somaliland, East Africa, and confirmed the report of a British defeat in Somaliland. The officers of the Hardings say that ten officers and 180 men, out of a total British force of 220 men, were killed recently in an engagement with the Somalis.

London cable says: The War Office to-day received from Brigadier-General Manning, in command of the British forces in Somaliland, a despatch dated twenty miles westward of Gaidi, Somaliland, April 18, as follows: "I regret to report that a flying column under the command of Col. Cobbe, which left Gaidi, April 10, to reconnoitre the road to Walwal, had a most serious check on April 7th. On the morning of April 7th Col. Cobbe was at Gumburu, forty miles westward of Gaidi, and had decided to return to Gaidi, owing to the serious difficulty in finding the road to Walwal and to the shortness of water. He was about to leave his zarea (protected camp) when firing was heard in the direction of a small party, under the command of Capt. Olivey, which had been sent in a westerly direction to reconnoitre.

Another despatch from Gen. Manning, who, immediately on hearing of the defeat of Col. Plunkett, started for Gumburu with 460 men, says further information reached him from Col. Cobbe to the effect that the latter, with 220 troops, was encamping with plenty of food and supplies and four days' water. He has about one thousand camels and does not think he can withdraw from his position without assistance, because the scrub is thick and the enemy's forces seem likely to act on the offensive.

At 9.15 in the morning, Colonel Cobbe despatched Colonel Plunkett with 160 men of the second battalion of the King's African Rifles, 48 men of the Second Sikhs and two Maxim guns, for the extrication of Capt. Olivey. As a matter of fact, Captain Olivey had not been engaged. Col. Plunkett, on joining the detachment, continued to push on. At 11.45 Col. Cobbe heard a heavy fire in the direction taken by Col. Plunkett, and about 1 in the afternoon a few fugitives coming in reported that Col. Plunkett had been defeated with loss.

The latest information extracted from the fugitives, is to the effect that Col. Plunkett pushed on with his forces to the open country, seven miles westward of Gumburu, where he was attacked by a strong force of mounted troops and the enemy's infantry, who attacked at close quarters. He kept back the enemy until he had no more ammunition, when he formed a square and charged with bayonets in the direction of Col. Cobbe's zarea. He moved some distance in this manner, but a great many men, including Col. Plunkett himself, were killed or wounded by the pursuing enemy.

The despatch closes with a list of the "officers and men missing, and no doubt killed in action," namely Col. A. W. V. Plunkett, Captains Johnston, Stewart, Olivey, Murray and McKinnon, and Lieutenants Gaynor and Bell, all of the King's African Rifles.

MRS. BURDICK GETS \$25,000 FROM PENNELL ESTATE.

Insurance Companies Will Not Contest Any of the Policies.

Buffalo despatch: Attorney Chas. B. Sears appeared before Justice Childs yesterday afternoon, and in behalf of J. Fred Pennell, administrator of the estate of his brother, the late Arthur Pennell, withdrew his objection to the application of the Prudential Insurance Company of America for an interpleader in the suit brought by Attorney Wallace Thayer to recover the \$25,000 insurance made payable to Mr. Thayer in trust.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CANADIAN.

Mrs. Shirley was acquitted at Quebec of the murder of her husband. Plans have been got ready at Montreal for the elevation of the Grand A young Englishman named Chas. Partridge was drowned at Rat Portage. Terrence McFarlane, a laborer, died from injuries received at Toronto Junction. The Crown will take proceedings against an alleged pool room at Toronto Junction. The Executive of the American Federation of Labor were banqueted by the Mayor and corporation of Toronto. The trial of Karl Barham for murder at the Cornwall Assizes was postponed at the request of the defence. Mrs. William Newlands, of Kingston, was found dead in the attitude of prayer in her room at Kingston last night. Four children survive. A Toronto Chinaman was buried with oriental customs. The Salvation Army barracks at Listowel were burned.

Argument on the redistribution appeal was begun before the Supreme Court at Ottawa. The body of William Jordan, missing since Christmas, was found at Swan Lake, Man. Mayor Urquhart welcomed the Ex-



WILLIAM MORTIMER CLARK, K. C., The New Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

Mr. W. Mortimer Clark, K. C., the new Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, on May 24th, 1836, and was educated at the West End Academy Grammar School, the University of Marischal College, Aberdeen, and at the University of Edinburgh. He is a life member of the general council of the Scottish Provincial Insurance Company, and founder of the Caledonian Bank. In 1859 Mr. Clark was admitted a writer to Her Majesty's Signet. In the same year he concluded his studies and came to Toronto. He was afterwards called to the bar,

and became a Q. C. a few years later. Mr. Clark is a prominent Presbyterian. He has been connected with Knox Church since his arrival in 1859, being an elder most of that time. He has been chairman of the Board of Management of Knox College for twenty-three years, a regular commissioner to the General Assembly, and for ten years past delegate from Knox to the Senate of the University of Toronto. Mr. Clark has travelled very extensively in all parts of Europe, Egypt and Palestine, and when at home finds diversion in his splendid library, in admiration of art, and in writing for the press.

SMUGGLED FROM TORONTO. Buffalo, N. Y., despatch: The operations of a well organized gang of smugglers who have, it is alleged, brought hundreds of Chinamen into the United States over Niagara River were disclosed to-day by James Fox, 22 years old, white on the witness stand. Fox was placed under arrest while riding on a street car with a "soubriahand" Chinaman named Bock Can. Upon the advice of his mother, Fox told the authorities he would make a clean breast of all he knew about the smuggling of Chinamen in this vicinity.

During his examination Fox told the authorities that there were regularly organized firms in Canada, who make it a business to bring Chinamen across the Pacific to Vancouver, thence by rail to Toronto, and finally across the border into the United States. Upon the testimony of Fox the Federal authorities have arrested George E. Judson, of this city, who, it is alleged, is the leader of the smugglers. The hearing to-day was merely preliminary to a trial, when, it is said, evidence will be brought in showing the smuggling operations and the participation therein of persons doing business in New York, Chicago and Toronto. Only a few names were made public to-day. They included Sam Lee, alleged to be head of a Toronto syndicate, and a man who does business in Port Erie, Ont.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN. The German sugar trade expresses alarm at the prospect of a tariff war with Canada. Fifteen persons were frozen to death during Sunday's snowstorm in various parts of Silesia, Prussia. Mr. Samuel Hope Morley was elected Governor of the Bank of England for the ensuing year. Butte, Mont., office of the Western Union is closed because of a strike of messenger boys, accompanied with violence. A number of U. S. army officers in Alaska will be court-martialed on charges of selling commissary supplies for their own profit. Officers of the North American Fire Insurance Co., Boston, have been notified by Insurance Commissioner Canning that their financial condition is not up to the standard required by the statutes. The management of the G. T. R. expect that the President of the company, Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, will spend about six weeks in Can-

WORK OF SLAUGHTER GOES ON IN MACEDONIA.

Fifty-five Men Murdered by a Band Near Petritch.

Vienna, April 27.—Despatches from Sofia, Bulgaria, announce that a band of Macedonians recently surrounded and slaughtered forty Bashk Bazouks and fifteen gendarmes, near Petritch, Macedonia, out of revenge for the "murder" of their leader, Capt. Saef, who was recently killed in an engagement in the district of Melnik. The band subsequently captured the district chief of Petritch and twenty-five soldiers, whom they stripped and released.

A Bloody Brawl. St. Petersburg, April 27.—It is reported here that many men have been killed or injured in a brawl between troops and marines at Kronstadt. The commander of Kronstadt, Vice-Admiral Marakoff, is among the wounded. It is rumored that some officers were killed. To Expel Mormon Missionaries. Berlin, April 27.—The Governments of Prussia and of the Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg have decided to expel the Mormon missionaries, of whom there are 145 in Germany and 90 in Prussia, on the ground that they are propagating a form of religious belief incompatible with the laws of the state and public morals, and because polygamy is not excused from their doctrines. The missionaries, who are all Americans, will be allowed sufficient time to settle up their personal affairs.

RUSSIA'S BREACH OF FAITH.

United States Regard Her Course as a Violation of Agreement.

Victoria, April 27.—Mr. Jos. Mar- letter Conger has called to Secretary of State Hay a synopsis of the demands made upon China by Russia respecting control of Manchuria. This account agrees precisely with the press report of Russia's last coup. Secretary Hay will take no action in the matter until he has communicated the facts to the President and has learned the latter's wishes. The present impression here is that the Russian action is a distinct breach of faith with the United States. The Russian Government pledged itself three times, formally, and the documents are on record,

that the "open door" should be maintained in Manchuria and that the Russian troops should be withdrawn as soon as peace was restored. Finally, the latter promise took the shape of a treaty stipulation. It was provided that the evacuation should take place within three distinct periods. The last Russian soldier should have quit Manchuria on the eighth of this month, according to that treaty. But a plausible explanation for a temporary retention of the remaining Russian troops was offered by Russia, in the claim that that vigorous military methods were necessary in the interest of sanitation.

THAT BARREL MURDER.

Victim One of Band Against Whom Was Ill-Feeling.

New York, April 27.—Stronger evidence than any yet obtained against the men who are believed to be responsible for the death of Madonia, the man whose body was found in a barrel in the east side a week ago, was found to-day by Chief Flynn, of the Secret Service, in the form of a letter written by the man who was slain to Morello, who is declared by Mr. Flynn to be the chief of the band of alleged counterfeiters. This letter, which was turned over to Assistant District Attorney Garvan, is considered by him so important that he declares he will not even produce it at the inquest, which will begin before Coroner Scholer next Monday, but will hold it in reserve for the actual trial of the men. Written from Pittsburg on March 23rd, the letter contains evidence of the close connection which existed between Morello and Madonia. It appears that Vito Ladduca, according to evidence obtained by Chief Flynn, went to Pittsburg some time ago, and with two companions was arrested on a charge of passing counterfeit money. Ladduca was discharged, but the other two were held for trial. It here devolved upon Madonia, who was then in Buffalo, to go to Pittsburg and look after the interests of these two men, but it would appear from his letter to Morello that he was not satisfactory to the chief of the band. At any rate, in the letter he announced his intention of returning at once to Buffalo, blaming Morello for not having fulfilled certain promises he had made the day before. Throughout the letter there is evidence of bad feeling between Morello and Madonia. It was in Morello's trunk, in the attic of No. 173 Chrystie street, where he lived, that the letter was found. There was also found a page, evidently torn out of a book, on which appeared the name of Madonia, written in red ink with its last two letters crossed out, which was the address. The fact that Madonia was a member of the band of counterfeiters has been established by other means, but as showing the close connection between him and the leader of the band, the latter is considered of the utmost importance. The Madonia family is reported as being in very straitened circumstances. Yesterday it was said that they were in need of the actual necessities of life and that Mrs. Madonia was wasting away because of the lack of food. Overseer of the Poor Kennigott, an Inspector Burns to make an investigation. Upon his return the Overseer directed that the Madonia be supplied with all they needed in the way of food and medicine as well as coal.

DEAF MUTES STRIKE.

Their Going Out Throws 1,000 Persons Out of Employment. Chicago, Ill., April 27.—At a signal from their business agent, 150 deaf mute electrical workers employed in the Western Electric Company's plant have begun the first deaf mute strike on record. The plant, employing about 1,000 persons, was closed down. Deaf mutes are skilled workmen, members of the Telephone and Switchboard Union. They were paid the union wages, but joined the brass workers, metal workers, polishers and buffers and platers in a demand for shorter hours.

NOT TOO SEVERE.

Torturer of Children at St. Louis Sent to Prison. St. Louis, April 27.—John Earl, who was arrested for torturing two children whom he had adopted, has been fined \$1,000, and, in default, was sent to the workhouse. Testimony showed that Earl, who is a showman, beat with sticks and straps and burned with a hot iron a boy and girl whom he attempted to train for an acrobatic show. The children were in a horrible condition when rescued by the police.

LEG TO BE AMPUTATED.

Jos. Martin, M. P. P., Will Undergo Another Operation. Washington, April 27.—U. S. Martin has decided to submit to the amputation of his leg above the knee. It has for some time been known that this alone could be counted upon to afford him permanent relief, and rather than further postpone the inevitable he will undergo the operation during his present stay in the hospital. The trouble which makes it necessary has occurred at intervals ever since childhood, his longest cessation being for a period of twenty years. It is expected Mr. Martin will be retired from active life for six months at least.

GRUESOME COINCIDENCE.

Brothers Meet Death Under Circumstances Strangely Similar. Calgary, N. W. T., April 27.—The body of John Christie, a rancher, was found near here yesterday. At the inquest it was concluded he had been thrown from his buggy which was found, along with the horse, near the body, into a pool of water, and drowned. His brother died within about 100 yards of where he was found, under circumstances almost identical. The Christie brothers came from Ottawa.

'HELL WITH THE LID OFF.'

British Labor Leader's Opinion of Industrial America. London, April 27.—During a discussion of railway rates in the House of Commons to-day, John Burns, labor leader, complained that the Board of Trade had not made any experiments with automatic couplings. To say they were unworkable in America in the present form, Burns said, was no argument. In his opinion America was industrially hell with the lid off. He said that England would never have any such a state of affairs.

T H I S O R I G I N A L D O C U M E N T I S I N V E R Y P O O R C O N D I T I O N

A CHANGE FOR CLEVER PEOPLE

It should be easy for people who drink delicious Blue Ribbon Red Label Tea to say something that will induce their friends to try it.

\$545.00 in Cash Prizes

Twenty-five cash Prizes will be awarded in order of merit to those sending in the best advertisements for Blue Ribbon Red Label Tea.

- First Prize - \$200.00
Second Prize - 100.00
Third Prize - 40.00
4th to 13th Prizes, \$10.00 each - 100.00
14th to 25th, \$5.00 each - 60.00
\$500.00

In addition, beginning with the week ending April 4, a special weekly prize of \$5.00 will be given to the one sending in the best advertisement during that week, making for the nine weeks \$45.00 in special prizes, or a grand total of thirty-four cash prizes, \$545.

CONDITIONS

- 1st. No professional ad. writer, nor anyone connected directly or indirectly with the Blue Ribbon Tea Company may compete.
2nd. Advertisements must not contain more than 50 words, and shorter ones are preferable.
3rd. One of the cards used in packing Blue Ribbon Red Label Tea—there are two in each package—must be enclosed with each batch of advertisements sent.
4th. The competition closes June 1, 1903, and all competing advertisements must reach one of the following addresses on or before that date.

Blue Ribbon Tea Co., Winnipeg, Man.
Blue Ribbon Tea Co., Toronto, Ont.
Blue Ribbon Tea Co., Vancouver, B.C.

- 5th. No person shall be awarded more than one of the main prizes, but may also take one or more weekly prizes.
6th. In case of a tie, decision will be based on all the advertisements submitted by the competitors in question.

Mr. H. M. E. Evans, of the Winnipeg Telegram, has kindly consented to judge the advertisements and award prizes.

All advertisements that fail to win a prize, but which are good enough to be accepted for publication will be paid for at the rate of \$1.00 each.

Unless expressly requested to the contrary, we will consider ourselves at liberty to publish the names of prize winners.
A good advertisement should be truthful and contain an idea brightly and forcibly expressed. A bona fide signed letter with address and date, and which has tested the tea, is a good form. An advertisement for an article of food should not associate with it, even by contrast, any unpleasant idea. The best advertisement is the one that will induce the most people to try the article advertised.

Seek your Inspiration in a Cup of Blue Ribbon Red Label Tea and the Money is yours.

The Rose and Lily Dagger

A TALE OF WOMAN'S LOVE AND WOMAN'S PERFDY

The Italian turned his pale, serene face toward Elaine, who stood looking at him and feeling that he supplied the one object wanted to complete the strangeness and romance of the surroundings, and inclined her head in greeting.
But he put out his thin, white hand, and said with his pleasant, patient smile:
"Will you put your hand in mine, Miss Delaine; I cannot see it, for I am blind."
Elaine started.
"I thought I had told you," said the marquis in a low voice, but low as it was, the Italian heard it.
"You see, the marquis is so used to me that he forgets."
Elaine put her hand in his with a faint blush, and he held it gently for a second as if he were reading her by it; but still there was an expression of attention on his face as if he were waiting to hear her speak before he could really learn what she was like. The blind seer by their ears, and their fingers, and often they see more clearly than those who are blessed with all the senses.
Lord Nairne tells me that you are fond of music, and that he has asked you to hear the organ," he said.
"Yes," said Elaine, in a low voice; the exquisite patience and resignation of the face had touched her. "If you will be so kind as to play."
The waiting, listening expression on his face gave way to one of satisfaction and ecstasy, as if her voice had relieved him of any doubts he might have had, and he nodded and smiled.
"The kindness will be on your part in listening," he said, was an "It is always a pleasure to me to play. Indeed," and he laughed, "I do very little else. And who is that standing near you, Miss Elaine?"
He must have heard the major

HOW TO GAIN HEALTH

A Simple Plan That Should be Followed by all Who are Sick.

If you could buy back your health on the installment plan—say 50 cents a week for a limited number of weeks until cured—would you do it? Here is a plan worth trying: Taking into account their power to cure, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are the most economical medicine without exception. These pills have effected cures in cases of rheumatism, partial paralysis, St. Vitus dance, indigestion, kidney trouble, anaemia, and other serious diseases of the blood and nerves. They have cured hundreds of cases where ordinary medicine had been tried and failed. They have restored helpless invalids to full use of limbs that had long been powerless. They are the best guaranteed and most reliable pills will not disappoint when used for similar ailments. Taking one pill after each meal (as required for minor troubles), a fifty-cent box of pills gives nearly two weeks' treatment. For chronic diseases, when the larger dose is required, the cost of treatment does not usually exceed fifty cents a week. If you are sick, it is not worth your while to give so effective a medicine as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial? What the pills have done for other people, they can do for you. Do not waste money on ordinary medicines, or substitutes; see that the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," is printed on the wrapper around each box. Sold by all medicine dealers or sent post-paid at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

"The Fisher Girl's Lament," of Schubert? I know it," said Luigi, eagerly, and he bent down to a music school beside him.
The marquis came forward and turned over the music.
"Here it is," he said quietly.
"Ah, yes, and my violin!"
The marquis reached it from a case, and the Italian took it eagerly, and drew the bow across it softly.
"Do not be afraid; I will not spoil your voice. I know, will you sing?"
Elaine, a little pale, sang the simple, plaintive voice, which Luigi accompanied with a musician's feeling and art, and as she sang the marquis leaned against the organ with folded arms and looked at her. But he said not a word when she had finished, and Luigi, looking up, said softly: "Yes, I know, it is a sweet voice. It is the voice I like; better, far better, than the artificial one of the concert-room or the opera. Ah, how long it is since I heard a ballad sung like that! And what shall I say to thank you?"
Elaine laughed.
"Thank you, thank you have said enough," she said. "And, papa—"

The major turned from the marquis to whom he had been speaking.
"El—going? Certainly! Tremendously long visit, marquis! But really, the—er—music!"
The marquis came across to Elaine, and she, too, have said nothing," he said. "But—"

Luigi Zanti's voice broke in suddenly, almost with a sharp surprise.
"Has she gone?" he asked.
The three looked at him questioning.
"Meaning Miss Delaine, Luigi?" said the marquis. "No, she is here beside me."

"That is strange," he said, apologetically. "I thought I heard the rustle of a dress at the end of the gallery."

They all looked round, and the marquis walked, but not quickly, to the stairs.
"Here no one there," he said. "You are mistaken for once, Luigi."
"Yes," assented the blind man, but doubtfully.

"But I am going now, indeed," said Elaine, giving him her hand.
"Will you come again?" he said, timidly, and turning his face toward the marquis, as if begging him to second the invitation.
"Will you hope so, with all our hearts, Luigi!" he said. They went down the stairs, the marquis accompanying them through the hall and into the open air, the strains of the organ following them in a kind of plaintive appeal. It sounded in Elaine's ears like a long drawn-out "Come back! Come back!"

Talking to the major, the marquis walked beside them as far as the bridge.
(To be Continued.)

OLD MARRIAGE

CUSTOMS OF BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

By William Ballantyne, Chicago, in Scottish American.

There is a very curious after-marriage custom at Dunmow, Essex. It was established in the year 1104. The original document runs: "That he which repeats him not of his marriage either eating, sleeping, walking, in a year and a day, may lawfully go to Dunmow in Essex and fetch a gammon of bacon." He had to take oath to that effect. The couple were then carried through the town on a chair on men's shoulders, while all the friends, brethren, townsfolk—young and old, male and female—made shouts and acclamations. The bacon was borne before them on a pole. The oath, according to the ancient custom, had to be taken kneeling, on two great knees near the church door. The bacon was then delivered to the couple. A year and a day was the period married when according to custom the flitch might be claimed, provided the parties could swear and proved they had lived the whole of that time in true conjugal love. This very ancient custom has been revived of late years, and carried out in all its details with as much merriment as ever. In England, before the time of Pope Innocent the Third (1195), there was no marriage solemnized in churches. When a man fancied a woman he went to the house where she resided and led her to his own home. This was all that was required of the ceremony of the marriage. The priests tried to prevent all such unions, and to prevent them the Church commanded banns to be proclaimed in the church before the whole congregation, and no marriage was to be lawful unless performed by the priest. Unlawful marriages continued, however, in London thousands were married without proclamation of banns. In 1686 the rector (Adam Elliott), of St. James, Duke Place, married hundreds without banns or license and was suspended therefor. A cynical writer of the period says: "Some give part of a sheep and other men able to take a purse of money with which he buys a parcel of dates and puts to the sea. That is to say, he furnishes a house, provides a fine suit of clothes, goes to Duke Place, and marries, and embarks on the troubled sea of matrimony."

But Fleet Street Prison was the notorious marriage place at one time. Ministers imprisoned for debt were married thousands of couples; for filthy lucre's sake and gain. In some cases tavern keepers kept a parson on their establishment at a salary of 20s. weekly to marry their customers. In fact, this was a way to draw customers, as all who desired could be married on the spot. My Fair was another of the like resort. "Free and Easy" was the name of the place. Parliament passed a law in 1754, prohibiting irregular marriages in England under penalty of transportation. A minister, named Wilkinson, and his curate, were both sentenced to banishment for marrying persons without proclamation of banns and license.

About the year 1770 a London tradesman took a curious way of disposing of his clover children in marriage. He gave each of them for a dowry on their wedding day their weight in halpence. The heaviest of them weighed fifty pounds, two shillings and sixpence.

In 1817 a man married the groomsmen and bridesmaid led the young couple. The man carried a peeled willow wand, as a mark of superiority. If once saw a bridegroom carry a white wand at his wedding, his name was John Barrie, and he married Helen Noble. That was nearly 70 years ago, in Biggar. Musicians lead the procession. When they reach the church they walk three times round it before they enter. Notice was given to all the friends of both parties. They never fail to attend, and bring with them contribution to the feast—chickens, geese, sheep and hogs. It is considered lucky to carry salt in the pocket. This was always done by the groom and the bride, to ensure luck. If any one would manage to take the bride's shoe off the groom had to ransom it.

In Gurnsey, when a young man offered himself to a young woman and was accepted, the parents of the couple gave a feast, inviting all friends. The intended bride is then led round the room by her future father-in-law, and introduced to his friends; and afterwards the young man is paraded in like manner by his future father-in-law.

There is then an exchange of rings, and some article of plate according to the rank of the parties. After this it is considered a great crime for the damsel to be seen walking with any other male person, and the youth must avoid glance at any female. In this way they may court for years after this ceremony. If the man alters his mind the woman can demand half his property; and if the female fair one should repent the unfortunate swain can demand the half of hers.

As France lies close by, I will describe two very interesting customs at some French marriages in the country district. One is, when a poor couple agree to marry, five peasant girls of their acquaintance dress themselves in their best and from among the assembled guests beg assistance for the young couple. The first girl holds a distaff and a spindle, which she presents to each one of the company, and sings a song, telling how the bride has no hemp to spin. When her song ends the second girl receives the offerings produced by this appeal in the husband's drinking cup. The third girl pours out a draught of wine, which she offers to each contributor. The fourth girl carries a napkin, with which she wipes the mouth of each guest after his drink, and this lip-cleaning prepares the way for the fifth girl's performance. This part is always done by the prettiest of the five. It is to kiss all the men who have given something to help the housekeeping of the young folk.

In another part of France—the province of Brittany—survives one of the most touching marriage customs I have ever come across. The bridegroom and his friends go to the bride's house in search, they say, of a precious jewel. An old woman is brought out. The groom says, "This seems to be a most respectable person, but not the Jew! I want; she must be younger." They bring him a child. "No, no," he answers; "she must be older than that." Next a widow, then a married woman, and afterwards one of the bridesmaids are brought; but none of them suit. At last comes the bride, arrayed in all her wedding finery, her dark eyes glancing, cheeks flushing, lips smiling. "This is my jewel," he exclaims, and he takes her hand in his, and breathes a prayer amid her sobs and tears. When the procession is about to move her mother cuts the end of the bride's sash and says: "The thread that has so long knitted me to my child is henceforth rent asunder, and I am compelled to yield to another the authority which God gave me over her. If thou art happy, my child—and may God ever grant it to thee—I am content. This will be no longer thy home, but should misfortune visit thee, a mother is always a mother, and her arms ever open for her children. Like this I quitted my mother's side to follow a husband. Thy children will grow in time. When the birds are grown they leave the nest. May God grant you peace, my child, and grant thee as much consolation as He has granted me. Go in peace, my child."

FORGOT HIS WEDDING DAY.

Busy Wall Street Man Makes a Dash for Chicago One Day Late.

"We hear a good deal about the busy men of New York," said one of the street, "but I have a friend in Wall street who has broken the record."

"I was in his apartment a few nights ago after the theatre, and he was chatting with me about the details of the day, and as he chatted he was running over a bundle of memoranda. All at once he stopped as if he had been shot. 'I'm to be married to-morrow to a woman in Chicago, and I had forgotten the date completely. Say, old man, come with me and help me to pack up. Of course, I can't make it now, to save my life, even if I hired a special engine and car, for the wedding is set for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.'

"While he began pitching his things into his trunk I wrote out a message to his sweetheart, and hurried it to the telegraph office. My friend left on the first train out Chicago after his arrival in Chicago he wired back: 'It's all right. She has the measles.'—N. Y. Sun.

The Why of the Notch.

Indianapolis News.
"Hello, Lathers! What's the matter?"
"Been shaving myself."
"What did you cut that notch in your chin for?"
"To remind me not to do it again."

Good Market for Tons in Texas.

Cherokee Banner: "Tons at 25 cents apiece! That's what some of our enterprising truckers have been known to pay for them, so great is the demand and source the supply during the cold-frame season. A few tons turned loose in a plant bed with a shallow vessel of water to drink from are sold to successfully settle the cut worm and other insect problems. No telling, in a little while toud culture itself may be a good business."

Not a day has passed in fruit and truck culture in Texas that something more has not been learned in regard to it. The first thing was learning how to raise, or rather plant; the next thing was how to market; now it is the protection of the crops. Having ascertained that tons will protect plant beds, toud raisers will soon be numerous, particularly if touds are worth 25 cents each. As the fruit business made the box-making business possible and profitable, the truck business may make the toud and other business profitable.—Galveston News.

One Way of Acting Silly.

Richmond, Va. Dispatch.
Miss Withers—I presume Mr. Flipp had his usual weekly call on you last night?
Miss Withers—Yes, and I must say that he made a feat of himself!
Miss Withers—Proposed to you, eh?

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Chronicles for Reporters

Mrs. S. Stone spent Sunday with friends in Brockville.

Mr. James Blanchard, divinity student at Montreal, is home for vacation.

Mrs. Derbyshire, Henry street, is improving her residence by the addition of a porch.

Messrs. W. A. Lewis and Albert Patterson, of Brockville, visited friends in Athens on Sunday.

There is an opening for an apprentice at Fullerton's Drug Store, Brockville.—A. FULLERTON.

An addition of one hundred feet is to be made to the grand stand on Brockville fair grounds.

Quarterly service will be held in the Methodist church on Sunday next, commencing at 10 a.m.

The entrance exam's begin on June 24. Notice of intention to write should be sent to the inspector at once.

Mr. Alex Compo has re-entered the ranks of the wielders of the paint-brush, and has several contracts on hand.

On Thursday last the remains of the late Joseph Pullah were brought from the vault at Smith's Falls to Athens for interment.

Mrs. James Kilborn has returned to Athens after spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Joel P. Reid, North Mankato, Minn.

Mrs. Ambrose Derbyshire, of Brockville, was a visitor in Athens last week, a guest of Mrs. George Derbyshire, Henry street.

The cheese curing station of Brockville will be open about May 15th. The experience of those testing the institution last season was very satisfactory.

Examinations of the Ontario School of Art were held in the high school on Saturday last, at which a number of students of the model as well as the high school wrote.

The adv't of Mr. T. G. Stevens, furniture dealer and undertaker, will be found on the first page of the Reporter. In the future, he will address the public through that medium.

The contemplated improvements to the basement of the Presbyterian church are now under way. A thorough system of drainage will be provided and a new floor laid down.

Rev. Mr. Daly, of Lyn, did not occupy the pulpit of St. Paul's church on Sunday last, as announced last week. He will, however, occupy the pulpit this coming Sabbath evening.

In addition to a number of mugs, and a fine supply of fish, Mr. Watson Robeson, of Hard Island, caught seven minks, for which he realized \$3.25 each—a creditable record for a boy.

It is said that the new train on the B. & W. came within a small fraction of netting a profit right from the start, and as the business has been constantly increasing the second train may be regarded as a fixture.

A joint meeting of the Leeds and Grenville deaneys is to be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 5th and 6th, in the parish of Trinity, Brockville. The chapters will meet for business on Tuesday, in the Trinity school room, at 10.45 a.m., and afternoon meetings for papers and discussions will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. R. Stinson has severed his connection as salesman with the grocery store of Mr. G. A. McClary and is enjoying a holiday with friends at Westport. The patrons of the store will be pleased to learn that Mrs. McClary has resumed her old position behind the counter. Thursday of every week Mrs. McClary will spend at home.

About 2 a.m. on Sunday the barn of the Ottawa hotel, Newboro, was discovered to be on fire. Prompt measures were taken to fight the fire, but it had gained too much headway, and the hotel and Miss McDonald's house were both destroyed. Miss Proud had her millinery shop in Miss McDonald's house and her loss will be about \$100. The hotel was valued at \$5,000 and was insured for \$2,500. Miss McDonald had no insurance and her loss is placed at \$1,500. Nearly everything in the hotel was saved.

There are now only a few left of those citizens who a few years ago constituted the "boos committee" of this village, to whom the pedigrees and records of all equines, past and present, were as an open book, but still the love for a good horse, has never died. Indeed, there is just now evidence of interest in trotting stock. Several promising additions to the speedy horses of the village have recently been made and a lease of the old race-track from Mr. W. G. Pariah has been secured and it is now being placed in first class shape for training. Whether there will be a meeting held this season remains to be seen, but some interesting matches events should grow out of the concentration here of so many fast horses.

Extensive repairs are being made to St. Paul's Presbyterian church shed.

Mr. Frank Blancher, late of Addison, left for the Northwest this week.

Mr. A. Neal, of Seelye's Bay, was in town last week, a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Mort Wilton.

In a quarter of a century the liquor licenses in Kingston have been reduced from over 127 to 37.

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Mr. Wilkins, of Algonquin, has engaged to make chess with Mr. Richard Henderson for the season.

Mr. Johnson Green has purchased the old Quaker property and will add the meeting house to his farm buildings.

It is reported that several parties in this section are shooting plover this spring. The law forbidding this is very strict and it should be rigidly enforced.

In a practice game of baseball, played on the H. S. campus on Wednesday afternoon last, the village boys were defeated by the high school team by a score of 8 to 1.

Messrs. Burton Hayes and William Steacy have taken the property known as the Dobs farm, at Union Valley, which, in addition to their home work, means a profitable, active and hard summer's work for these gentlemen.

Mrs. James Judson visited friends in Athens for a few days last week. Mr. Judson has been in Guelph for several weeks, in consequence of the industrial trouble at Oshawa, but has recently accepted a position in Toronto, where he may reside permanently.

March milk brought away up around the \$22.50 mark. April milk promises to do as well, and the prospects for the rest of the season are very bright. Butter is going to do a little soaring too, and 25 and 30c are given as figures that will likely be reached in a few weeks.

We note the return home for the holidays of the following students: Miss Hattie Patterson, Mr. Kenneth Berney, Queen's; Mr. W. A. Johnston, of the Kingston School of Mines; Mr. Howard Geddes, of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons, Toronto; Miss Grace Rappell, Whitby Ladies' College.

A number of little boys, aged about ten years, have made a practice lately of banding themselves together in the evening and behaving in rather a disorderly manner. Much of the disturbance is due to youthful exuberance, but it is liable to breed a spirit of mischief. Two panes of glass were broken with stones in a Reid street residence recently, and these boys are credited with responsibility therefor.

The close season for fish is as follows: Bass from the 15th of April to the 15th of June; maskinonge from the 15th of April to the 15th of June; pickerel from 15th of April to 15th of May; speckled trout from 15th of September to 1st of May. It must be remembered that both days above named are inclusive. The same restrictions on netting and the use of explosives, which governed fishing in the past are in force this year.

The Ontario Electric Railway is no dream, says the Kingston Whig. The promoters have again visited the line and have practically decided upon developing a great power by means of a dam at Glen' River, on the Trent River, seven miles from Trenton. The installation at that point will cost at least \$200,000. But nothing will be done further until amendment is secured at the legislature next month to their act of incorporation, to retrieve an oversight.

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House furnishings from the subject of Kendrick's adv't this week. Read it.

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This week Mr. Charles Wing goes to Springhill to take charge of a cheese factory.

At the reception service held in the Methodist church on Sunday evening, fourteen members were added to the church.

Mrs. F. B. Blancher went to Brockville on Saturday to attend the obsequies of her brother-in-law, the late Dr. Braze.

Howard Geddes, an undergraduate of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Toronto, returned home last Friday, and is again with Dr. C. B. Lillie.

The Salvation Army will conduct meetings in the town hall on May 5th, 6th and 7th at 8 p.m. All are invited to attend. Albert Rose, officer in charge.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid of Christ Church will be held at the rectory on Saturday afternoon next, at 2.30 o'clock.

There will be a song service in the Methodist church on Sunday evening, at which an address will be delivered by Mr. W. C. Dowsley, M. A.

This is Self Denial week in the Salvation Army, and an officer is in Athens this week endeavoring to interest the people in the Army's highly meritorious and very practical work.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Pariah, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Clow, Mrs. H. H. Arnold and Miss Ethel Arnold are to-day attending the funeral of Mrs. Arthur Bissell, of Algonquin (nee Miss Lillie Clow, of Lyn).

The Montreal conference of the Methodist Church meets in Kingston about the first of June. The conference this year will likely be of considerable interest as the questions arising out of the differences in Dominion church will come up for discussion.

Gananoque Reporter: Mr. Chas. Brennan, who recently removed to a hotel he had purchased in Lyndhurst, has failed to secure a license. The Commissioners reasoned that as one license each is all that seems to be necessary at Seelye's Bay, Elgin and Delta, there is no need of a second one at Lyndhurst. So Charlie got left.

An exchange says: One day last week a couple of girls went to a livery stable and asked for a gentle horse, as they wanted to drive out in the country a few miles. The man gave them one and told them the horse would be all right if they kept the rein from his tail. When they returned in the evening he asked them if they had any trouble. "Oh, no," said one, "there was one little shower, but we had an umbrella and we took turns at holding it over the horse's tail, so that there was not a drop of rain touched it, and we got along all right." That explains the dazed look the liveryman has been wearing the past few days.

ODD FELLOWS AT CHURCH

On Sunday last, Farmersville Lodge No. 237 I.O.O.F. celebrated the 84th anniversary of the founding of their order on the American continent by attending divine service in the Methodist church. Members of the order were present from Napanea, Kemptville, Delta, and from all the near-by villages to which the membership of the local lodge extends. The attendance was probably the largest in the history of the order in Athens. At the lodge room the members were marshalled by Mr. W. J. Birch, of Delta and marched to the church, where a sermon of special interest to the order was delivered by the pastor, Rev. W. E. Reynolds, from Gal. VI. 2. At the close of the service the brethren returned to the lodge room, and the presiding officer having called the meeting to order, brief but encouraging addresses were delivered by visiting members, and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the minister, choir and congregation for the services of the day.

Oddfellowship in this part of St. Lawrence district has made great gains within the past year and new members are being continually added to the roll.

SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

In the list of those who won degrees at Queen's appear the following: Degree of M.A.—L. L. Bolton, Portland; S. L. H. Grey, Athens; W. A. Jonnston, Athens; S. G. McCormack, Lyn. Degree of B.A.—J. V. Mitchell, Lansdowne; Katherine M. R. McConeky, Brockville; R. A. McLean, Smith's Falls; A. W. Petapiece, Merrickville; M. Reynolds, Athens; Kathleen Tenkey, Appleton. Medalists—History, Sterne L. H. Grey, M.A.; Athens; Mineralogy and Geology, L. L. Bolton, M.A., Portland. Scholarship in Theology—St. Andrew's church, Toronto, \$50. (Old and New Testament Exegesis), C. C. Whitney, M.A., Toledo. Other Scholarship—M. C. Lennan, (Greek), G. M. Roddick, Lyndhurst.

Get the Most Out of Your Food

You don't and can't if your stomach is weak. A weak stomach does not digest all that is ordinarily taken into it. It gets tired easily, and what it fails to digest is wasted.

Among the signs of a weak stomach are uneasiness after eating, fits of nervous headache, and disagreeable belching. "I have been troubled with dyspepsia for years, and tried every remedy I heard of, but never got anything that gave me relief until I took Hood's Sarsaparilla. I cannot praise this medicine too highly for the good it has done me. I always take it in the spring and fall and would not be without it." W. A. ROSE, Belleville, Ont.

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Strengthens and tones the stomach and the whole digestive system.

Holstein Calf

I have for immediate sale a thoroughbred Holstein bull—eligible for registration. BYRON W. LOVERLY, Greenbush

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The New Hardware Store has everything you want.

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SPRING FURNITURE

If anything will make housecleaning a pleasure, the addition of a nice piece of furniture to the home will do it. We can meet your requirements in this line.

Fancy Oak Rockers from \$2 up. Squab Couches from \$6 up. Fancy Tables from \$1 up. Extension Tables with new We handle only "Sanitary Mattresses. Prince of Wales slide at bargain prices

And when you want Parlor or Bedroom furniture, do not fail to see our stock and learn prices.

R. D. JUDSON & SON

It costs only 25c to put an adv't in the Reporter's "People's Column," and only 10c per week to keep it there as long as you like.

A PROGRESSIVE FARMER

Mr. Oliver Hayes, of Union Valley, out from his new place 300 cords of wood, and has a good part of it delivered. The wood will pay a good part of the purchase price. He has erected a wind-mill, which, in addition to the usual work of wind mills, delivers a constant supply of fresh water to a galvanized tank in the second story, so that a tap in the cellar supplies all the water needed in that place at any time. There are also taps in the dining room, kitchen, summer kitchen and wood-house. All these faucets respond to a light touch and yield a delicious delight. Mr. Hayes is a mechanic as well as a farmer, and does his work thoroughly. Mr. Alex. Eaton, of Athens, an expert in this line, did the work, and it is complete.

SEEDS FLOWER, FIELD, GARDEN

A complete line of reliable varieties now in stock.

See our new and extensive stock of Crockery and Glassware. The articles you want are here at fair prices.

Canned Fruit—Canned goods of all popular kinds in stock.

Our stock of General Groceries—Teas, Coffees, etc.—is, as usual, fresh, full flavored and standard in quality.

All orders delivered promptly.

G. A. McCLARY

THE MERCHANTS' BANK OF CANADA

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Capital \$6,000,000
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General Banking Business Done

Advances to farmers on promissory notes at reasonable rates and terms. Cheque accounts solicited.

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REDUCED FARES

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Until June 15, 1903, Colonist fares from BROCKVILLE to Seattle, Victoria, Vancouver, Portland, Roseland, Nelson, Trail, Robson, Spokane, Butte, Helena, Colorado Springs, Denver, Pueblo, Salt Lake, San Francisco, Los Angeles.

TOURIST SLEEPING CARS

Leave Brockville Tuesday and Thursday at 1.45 a.m., for the accommodation of passengers going first or second class tickets to Chicago, St. Paul, and West thereof as far as the Pacific Coast. A nominal charge is made for berths which may be reserved in advance. For Comfort Travel by the GRAND TRUNK RY. SYSTEM. For tickets, reservations and all information apply to G. T. Fulford, G.T.R. City Passenger Agent Office: Fulford Block, next to Post Office Court House Ave. Brockville.

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leave this end for the Pacific Coast Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, in which accommodation can be reserved in advance. Improved sleeping car service between Ottawa and Montreal, beginning March 15th. Brockville City Ticket and Telegraph Office East Corner King Street and Court House Avenue. GEO. E. McGLADE, Agent Steamship Tickets by the principal lines.



A CHANGE FOR CLEVER PEOPLE

It should be easy for people who drink delicious Blue Ribbon Red Label Tea to say something that will induce their friends to try it

\$545.00 in Cash Prizes

Twenty-five cash Prizes will be awarded in order of merit to those sending in the best advertisements for Blue Ribbon Red Label Tea.

Table with 2 columns: Prize Rank and Amount. First Prize \$200.00, Second Prize 100.00, Third Prize 40.00, 4th to 13th Prizes \$10.00 each, 14th to 25th \$5.00 each, Total \$500.00.

In addition, beginning with the week ending April 4, a special weekly prize of \$5.00 will be given to the one sending in the best advertisement during that week, making for the nine weeks \$45.00 in special prizes, or a grand total of thirty-four cash prizes, \$545.

CONDITIONS

- 1st. No professional ad. writer, nor anyone connected directly or indirectly with the Blue Ribbon Tea Company may compete.
2nd. Advertisements must not contain more than 50 words, and shorter ones are preferable.
3rd. One of the cards used in packing Blue Ribbon Red Label Tea—there are five in each package—must be enclosed with each batch of advertisements sent.
4th. The competition closes June 1, 1903, and all competing advertisements must reach one of the following addresses on or before that date.

Blue Ribbon Tea Co., Winnipeg, Man.
Blue Ribbon Tea Co., Toronto, Ont.
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- 5th. No person shall be awarded more than one of the main prizes, but may also take one or more weekly prizes.
6th. In case of a tie, decision will be based on all the advertisements submitted by the competitors in question.

Mr. H. M. E. Evans, of the Winnipeg Telegram, has kindly consented to judge the advertisements and award prizes.

All advertisements that fail to win a prize, but which are good enough to be accepted for publication will be paid for at the rate of \$1.00 each.

Unless expressly requested to the contrary, we will consider ourselves at liberty to publish the names of prize winners.

A good advertisement should be truthful and contain an idea brightly and forcibly expressed. A box file signed letter with address and date from one who has tested the tea, is a good form. An advertisement for an article of food should not associate with it, even by contrast, any unpleasant idea. The best advertisement is the one that will induce the most people to try the article advertised.

Seek your Inspiration in a Cup of Blue Ribbon Red Label Tea and the Money is yours.

The Rose and Lily Dagger

A TALE OF WOMAN'S LOVE AND WOMAN'S PERFDY

The Italian turned his pale, serene face toward Elaine, who stood looking at him and feeling that he supplied the one object wanted to complete the strangeness and romance of the surroundings, and inclined her head in greeting.
But he put out his thin, white hand, and said with his pleasant, patient smile:
"Will you put your hand in mine, Miss Delaine; I cannot see it, for I am blind."
Elaine started.
"I thought I had told you," said the marquis in a low voice, but low as it was, the Italian heard it.
"You see, the marquis is so used to me that he forgets."
Elaine put her hand in his with a faint blush, and he held it gently for a second as if he were reading her by it; but still there was an expression of attention on his face as if he were waiting to hear her speak before he could really learn what she was like. The blind see by their ears, and their fingers; and often they see more clearly than those who are blessed with all the senses.
Lord Nairne tells me that you are fond of music, and that he has asked you to hear the organ," he said.
"Yes," said Elaine, in a low voice; the exquisite and costly a set as that of any other.
"Thank you, Nairne," said the Italian in his soft voice. Then he looked up quickly. "It is not Nairne. It is—ah, thank you. That was good

HOW TO GAIN HEALTH

A Simple Plan That Should be Followed by all Who are Sick.

If you could buy back your health on the instalment plan—say 50 cents a week, for a limited number of weeks until cured—would you do it? Here is a plan worth trying: Taking into account their power to cure, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are the most economical medicine, without exception. These pills have effected cures in cases of rheumatism, neuralgia, St. Vitus' dance, indigestion, kidney trouble, anaemia, and other serious diseases of the blood and nerves. They have cured hundreds of cases where ordinary medicine had been tried and failed. They have restored helpless invalids to full use of limbs that had long been powerless. That is the best guarantee that these pills will not disappoint. A used for similar ailments, such as kidney trouble, a fifty-cent box of pills gives nearly two weeks' distinctness of vision. When the larger dose is required, the cost of treatment does not usually exceed fifty cents a week. If you are sick or ailing, is it not worth your while to try a course of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills? What the pills have done for other people, they can do for you. Every dose makes the new rich red blood, brings robust health and strength. They are the best tonic medicine to take at this time of the year, when the blood is sluggish and impoverished. Do not waste money on ordinary medicines, or substitutes; see that the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People" is printed on the wrapper around each box. Sold by all medicine dealers, or sent postpaid at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

SAVE THE BABY.

"I can truly say that had it not been for Baby's Own Tablets, I do not believe my baby would have been alive to-day." So writes Mrs. Albert Luddington, of St. Mary's River, N. S., and she adds: "He is now growing nicely; is good, and is getting fat." It is gratifying to know that in all parts of Canada Baby's Own Tablets are proving a real blessing to children and a boon to mothers. These Tablets give a special relief and prompt cure for constipation, sour stomach, wind colic, diarrhoea, worms and simple fevers. They break up cold, prevent croup and allay the distressing cough, soothe the cutting of teeth. Baby's Own Tablets are good for children of all ages from birth upwards, and are guaranteed to contain no opiate or harmful drug. Sold by medicine dealers, or sent by mail, post paid, at 25 cents a box, by writing direct to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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