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DUNLOP MAKES STRONG SPEECH

Hero of North Renfrew Proves Himself a Fine Debater.

Telling Criticism of the Current Course of the Ross Government—Worthy Son of Worthy Sire.

Toronto, February 17.—E. A. Dunlop, the youthful and newly-elected member for North Renfrew, made a decidedly favorable impression as a debater by his maiden speech in the Legislature this afternoon. The incident evinced in the victor of the recent by-election fight was responsible for the largest attendance of members since the Premier's budget speech was delivered. Mr. Dunlop's speech was full of keen sarcasm. His criticisms of the Government had a telling effect, and were applauded vigorously by the Opposition, who realize that they have in the member for North Renfrew quite as valuable a supporter as his father had been during the years he represented the constituency in the Legislature. Mr. Pettypiece followed in a speech largely antagonistic of the Government's New Ontario policy. Mr. Powell, Ottawa, moved the adjournment of the debate.

Mr. Dunlop, in opening, said he was glad that North Renfrew was again represented in the Legislature. If the members of the Government had not visited the riding during the campaign he, though he would not have won so easily, would be wished to thank them. He also desired to thank the members of the Opposition, who had assisted him, especially the member for Manitoulin. Mr. Gagey had told the people his story; they heard it and believed him. It had been said that North Renfrew had lost nothing by its disfranchisement. That might be quite correct, for a great deal of money had been spent on the colonization roads in the riding—twice as much as estimates called for. Considerable money had also been spent on the riding that was not spent on colonization roads, although spent by the same officials. The practice of governing the province by order in council was not to be commended. The disposal of so many of the valuable assets by the province by order in council was one of the crying abuses which the people objected to. The Government had claimed great credit for having developed New Ontario. In his judgment there was no portion of the province where the Government was better and more satisfactorily known than New Ontario. He believed that a lot of the money which was used to oil the wheels of the machine came from the disposal of valuable franchise by order in council and by private agreement. In this connection it was significant that the granting of valuable water power privileges at Niagara Falls by order in council, in December, 1902, preceded by only a few weeks the by-elections in the Three Norths. Perhaps some of the money spent by the machine in those ridings came from the disposal of this franchise.

"I know that in North Renfrew the machine had some money," said Mr. Dunlop, "because I have seen some of it, and I think some of that money came from the disposal of our public lands, fishing concessions and water powers at less than what they should bring to the treasury." It should be laid down as a fixed rule that no public asset should be sold excepting by public competition. Peter Ryan, if he were called upon often to officiate as an auctioneer of timber at the rate he was paid for three hours' work at the last sale, \$9,400, would be soon a millionaire, and the Government would have to look around for a substitute. They would probably light upon Cap. Sullivan, who it was to be remembered, obtained \$9,200 for about one and a third miles of timber.

Mr. Dunlop concluded by showing that it was time for a change in Government.

RELEASED FROM JOE

St. Johns, N. E., Feb. 17.—The ice blockade along the coast raised sufficiently to-day to permit the steamer Glenora to leave. The disabled steamer Polynesia which is now at Harbor Breton, will probably be brought here for repairs. She has a hole 21 feet long and eight feet wide on her starboard bow, which resulted from contact with a submerged wreck. Several members of the crew were injured. Two men had their legs broken, another had his breast crushed and a fourth sustained a dislocated shoulder. When she was towed into Harbor Breton her decks were covered with four feet of ice. She is leaking badly and makes five feet of water a day. Her upper works have been dismantled.

Conductor Pierce, who comes in on the Lake Erie from the north at nine o'clock each morning, was delayed for an hour in the local train yards this morning. He was on time coming into the city, but when he was backing down to the depot the axle on his engine broke. He was able to leave for the south at 10.30 on time, so that no delay was caused in the traffic.

AFTER THE G. T. R.

Simcoe Paper Will Not Patronize the Line Any More.

Simcoe Reformer—A shipment of several tons of news print left Windsor Mills, P. Q., directed to us, on Dec. 23.—It has not reached us yet; nor do the G. T. R. people manifest any ability to even give us an idea where it is. It should have gotten to Simcoe long before the blockade; but that doesn't appear to bother the Grand Trunk in the least. For a month we have existed on the generosity of our neighbors, and by getting supplies from Toronto by express—our father expending resources on the latter case. In future, if we find it possible to do so, we propose to patronize the C. P. R. and Wabash. We haven't much railroad business, but we are firm believers in the old saw, that many nickles make a muckie. If the people of Simcoe will unite to teach the Grand Trunk a lesson, it can be taught to even so handsome a corporation. Simcoe's grievance against the Grand Trunk Railway antedates the late blockade by many moons. A recent answer of the two roads to a demand on them was only one of the two corporations. The Simcoe Gas Co. was out of coke and the town was threatened with a real hardship in the cutting off of the supply of gas, an event that would have been the paralyzing of half the town. The company had a car of coke at St. Thomas and another at Bridgeburg. The Grand Trunk was appealed to to make a special effort to make a special effort to move one of them. The reply was a curt refusal to accept the freight on any condition. The Wabash being solicited to help the town out, their answer was, "if it will be conferring any favor on the town of Simcoe, we will get one of those cars of coke there if we have to carry it on an express train." You pay your money why not take your choice—when you can!

WALK UPRIGHTLY

Qualifications of Those Who Would Abide in the Sacred Presence—An Evangelistic Address.

The revival services were held in the Sunday School last night in view of moderating weather they will be continued in the church.

Mr. Moorhouse took as his topic the 15th Psalm—"Lord, who shall abide in Thy tabernacle, who shall abide in Thy holy hill?"

When we consider that the tabernacle is being the church of today, it represents the church of today since the holy hill was the abode of God it is typical of Heaven. So we ask, of the Lord, the question, who is the one who has a right to belong to the church here and who has the right to enter Heaven?

The Psalmist answers us,—"He that walketh uprightly, and he that worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart."

These are the people who have accepted Christ as their Saviour and are doing His will.

Then, again, he that backbiteth not with his tongue nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor. These have taken as their motto, "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." They love their neighbors and will protect them when they are spoken falsely against. He, in whose eyes a vile person is condemned, but he honoreth them that fear the Lord.

The Christian will condemn a ungodly life, whoever it may be, rich or poor, small or great, and on the other hand, he will honor a godly life, no matter who it is, if they fear the Lord.

He that sweareth to his own heart and changeth not; for this man keeps his promises.

He that putteth not out his money to usury nor taketh reward against the innocent.

He that doeth these things shall have the right both to the church on earth and to a home in Heaven.

WANTS LAW

Sam. Kovinski, the local scrap iron dealer, visited the police court this morning looking for law. He claimed that he had lent as much as \$206.50 to another man to buy iron and the fellow had not returned the change or even the principal.

Judge Houston said that the Division Court was the place to collect debts and that the Police Court only dealt with crimes. He, however, referred Samuel to the Crown Attorney to see if the latter could find any crime on the part of the debtor.

A DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Pittsfield, Mass., Feb. 17.—Lyman Jordan, a farmer of Washington, a mountain town about six miles from here, committed suicide to-day by shooting himself with a shotgun. Jordan's housekeeper, Mrs. Ellen Frumma, was later found frozen to death in a field near the house. Jordan was 35 years old. Mrs. Frumma is 36. It is believed Jordan quarrelled with the woman, after a carousal, and drove her from the house. The woman's son found the body, and while he was away from the house arranging for its disposal, Jordan blew the top of his head off.

BEAR TRAPPED AND FORCED OUT

Japanese Troops Surrounded Liao-Tung Peninsula and Russia Expects to Lose Both It and Pt. Arthur.

Appeals For Patience, Admits Unpreparedness But Promises Japan a Good Licking Later On.

(Special to The Planet.)

London, Feb. 18.—Despatches from both Japan and Russian sources are to the effect that the Russian army on the Liao-Tung peninsula has been surrounded by Japanese troops. It is estimated there are 10,000 Russian troops on the peninsula.

Port Arthur and Dainy, situated at the southern end of the peninsula, have been cut off.

Admiral Alexieff, with Gen. Pflug and the entire headquarters staff, has evaded the Japanese lines and removed the headquarters to Harbin, sixty miles north of Port Arthur, at the junction of the Manchurian and East China branches of the Siberian railway.

By military experts this step is regarded as showing that the Russians have given up all hope of holding the peninsula and Port Arthur against a joint attack by the Japanese land and sea forces, which is now expected at any moment.

Reports from Tien Tsin say that the land battery of the Russian fortifications on Golden Hill at Port Arthur have been destroyed by the blowing up of the powder magazine. No details have been received, but it is believed the explosion was the result of an accident. A number of Russian troops in the battery at the time are reported to have been killed.

RUSSIA THREATENS REVENGE.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—An official proclamation explaining the unpreparedness of Russia for war and the necessity for the exercise of patience by her people has been issued here. It is as follows:—

Eight days have now elapsed since Russia was shaken with profound indignation against an enemy who suddenly broke off negotiations and by a treacherous attack endeavored to obtain an easy success in a war long desired. The Russian nation, with natural impatience, desires prompt vengeance and awaits feverishly news from the far east.

The unity and strength of the Russian people leave no room for doubt that Japan will receive the chastisement she deserves for her treachery and provocation to war at a time when our beloved sovereign desired to maintain peace among the nations. The conditions under which hostilities are being carried on compel us to wait with patience news of the success of our troops which cannot occur before decisive actions are fought by the Russian army. The distance of the territory and the desire of the emperor to maintain a peace were the causes of the impossibility of more complete and earlier preparations for war. Much time is now necessary in order to strike at Japan blows worthy of the dignity and might of Russia, and while sparing as much as possible the shedding of blood of her children, to inflict just chastisement upon the nation which has provoked the struggle, Russia must await the event in patience, being sure that our army will avenge a hundred fold that provocation.

Operations on land must not be expected for some time yet, and we cannot obtain early news from the theatre of war. The useless shedding of blood is unworthy the greatness and power of Russia.

Our country displays such unity and desire for self-sacrifice on behalf of the national cause that all true news from the scene of hostilities will be immediately due to the entire nation.

The general staff announced to-day that the war office is willing to accept volunteers for service in the far east. They must be under 40 years of age and have had military training. These volunteers will be enrolled in the reserve battalions under Viceroy Alexieff.

RUSSIAN LOSS AT CHEMU-PO.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—A despatch to the Cologne Gazette from Chemungpo reports that 17 officers and 439 men of the Russian warships Varig and Korietz were either killed or drowned.

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Beads

Are the Fad of the Hour.

Can you think of anything nicer to make than bead work? It will be the rage all summer. We have made arrangements accordingly and now have in stock a full assortment of all shades. We would be pleased to have you call and make inquiries about the work.

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Just at hand 2,000 of the best and most popular novels, at the price of 10c. each. Call and look them over.

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Woman's Empress Box Bals, this season's goods, sizes 1-3, 2-4, 2-5, 2-5 1/2, 1-6, 1-7, regular \$3.00 shoes for **\$2.50**

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

THE TEMPERANCE QUESTION

The Express cannot be accused of holding out for measures that infringe upon the rights of the people, nor does it think that it will be charged with so doing when it utters a word of protest against the granting of an additional license to the town of St. Marys. The St. Marys council took a vote on the question of whether the number of licenses should remain at five or be increased to six, with the result that it was decided by the Mayor's casting vote to tack another hotel onto the list. Thus St. Marys, with its 4000 population, and a good sized temperance majority, as far as the recent plebiscite goes, is having a sixth hotel unloaded onto them, while at the same time, by the same act, no inconsiderable amount of doubt is cast on the sincerity of the prohibitionists of the town. It is hard to understand that the town's representatives could go in opposition to the wishes of the temperance people who so largely predominate. Where was the influence that made itself felt when the people of the town piled up the large majority in response to the question, "Do you want the bars to go?" Was the prohibition question only an issue when the fever was abroad in the land for temperance legislation? Unfortunately there have been too many instances where temperance people have failed to achieve the local results that an overwhelming sentiment of antagonism against the drink habit should command. Why this is so it is hard to say unless it be due to a lapse of effort on the part of those crying out for reforms. Aside from the instance under consideration, there has been too much disregard of the temperance sentiment which the referendum and plebiscite votes have shown to be existing in Canada. To what extent the government's promised measures in regard to the present license system will respond to that sentiment is hard to say, but the fact remains that Premier Ross has juggled with the question of prohibition, and shelved the issue whenever it threatened to imperil his political position. It would be a great source of satisfaction to the people of the province if the government would outline a straight line of temperance policy and carry it out, in spite of the political influences that will be bound to hedge it in. Whether it be a policy that would carry with it the stricter enforcement of the present license laws, the reduction of the number of licenses or a straight prohibition measure. The government should define at once and for all and then carry it into effect. It is time they were at. With government sympathy behind them they would not so frequently be called upon to suffer defeat in local measures as in the case we have cited from St. Marys. There is probably not much difference between the number of hotels in Woodstock to the population, proportionately, and those in St. Marys and yet no one would hardly venture to demand an increase in the number of hotels here. Indeed we don't know but that the list here might be decreased with a good deal of profit from a moral standpoint. There are hotels in nearly every place of any size whose only excuse for doing business is the handing out of drink. These dives—for many of them are little else—could very well be dispensed with. Their abolition could not be said to discommode the travelling public, for the same law that can reduce the licenses can provide for greater and better accommodation in the hotels that are left. In Woodstock, for instance, if it were operating against the interests of morality they could be struck off the list, and the better class of house would not hesitate to make provision for any additional business that might accrue as a result. Woodstock, with a population of over 9,000, has eleven hotels. Are they all necessary in the public interest, and is each of them living up to the requirements of the Liquor License Act? Are any of the hotels in this city proving detriments to the public good? Have any of them resulted in the downfall of young men? Can they all base their claims to existence on the exigencies of the public welfare? These are some of the questions that the license commissioners might well give a little extra consideration to when they meet to award the licenses for the year. The license law is probably being better observed in Woodstock at the present time that it has for some years. The authorities can only force the laws that are given them. We are not sure but that the strict enforcement of the early

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closing hours, which the authorities have committed themselves to, could be followed with profit by the commissioners exercising a closer scrutiny of the claims of all the hotelmen in the city applying for licenses.—Woodstock Express, Independent.

There is something reminiscent of the South Oxford election trial in the somewhat startling disclosures of political methods revealed at Osgoode Hall on Saturday in the course of a motion to dismiss the petition to unseat Mr. A. E. Dunlop, local member for North Renfrew. In support of the allegation by the Conservatives that the petitioners were induced by fraud to sign the petition, affidavits of the three petitioners were read by Mr. Hellmuth. One petitioner swore that at the time of signing the petition he was partially intoxicated and unable to understand the nature of his act. Another swore that he could not read or write, and did not know what he was signing, and the third said that he lacked the proper qualification of a petitioner. The history of protest trials in Ontario teems with instances of this sort. Evidence is bought, stolen or manufactured, false oaths are taken and perjury is considered a necessary attribute to the securing of a conviction. All this is frequently done on behalf of a candidate who has pursued a perfectly honorable course.

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For Seven-Fifty we are doing wonders. It's a whooper Overcoat and Suit Sale we are having. To do a hustling February business means to hustle prices.

Smart, refined, safe Overcoats and Suits, to wear anywhere. Correct in every way.

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Yet, because of the cupidity of political grafters and hangers-on, he has to stand by and witness the nefarious means that are being taken to color his character the same dark hue as his persecutors. It must have caused a blush to the cheeks of Donald Sutherland when he realized that he had been up against such opponents as J. B. Jackson, who is now enjoying the fruits of his work in South Oxford by drawing a good salary as trade commissioner in Leeds. From the incident quoted above, it would appear as if the South Oxford trial did not stand alone in the shady methods of its prosecution.—Woodstock Express, Independent.

THIS WINTER SUMMARIZED.

Kincardine Review.
Not a man of us has now one word to say, we who criticized Kipling so freely for libeling us with Our Lady of the Snows.
Express companies won't accept perishable goods, so there is no use trying to express an opinion of the weather.
If anyone wants to inspect Mars now is his chance. But hurry up. The banks won't always be so high.
Never before did we understand why The Good Old Summer Time was such a popular song.
If the law of averages holds good we shall have a very dry summer, particularly if a prohibition act is passed.
Rolling stock never becomes rolling fat by being stalled.
The snow is pretty evenly distributed this winter. Still, there is too

For Another Busy Friday.

More goods and better goods for your money than can be had elsewhere in the city. This fact is so well and so widely known that we firmly believe that without a line of advertising this store would be crowded anyway with people who have been here before and know just what to expect. Here are a few of the many special bargains that await you FRIDAY.

Grey flannels at 12 1-2 yard—Fine heavy quality, soft finish, in plain and twill, light, mid and dark shades, really worth 18c a yard, sale price Friday 12 1-2c.

75c flannellette gowns at 49c—2 dozen only ladies' gowns, in fine plain or stripe flannellette, cut full size, trimmed with ruffles, regular 63c and 75c each, sale price Friday 49c.

50c flannellette drawers at 39c a pair—Fine quality ladies' flannellette drawers, in plain colors, trimmed with lace, insertion and embroidery, our special 50c line, sale price Friday 39c.

\$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00 and \$5.50 skirts at \$3.68—Your pick of 34 handsome skirts, in fine chevrons, flasks, serge, tweeds, etc., cut in latest styles, handsomely trimmed and finished, colors navy, Oxford, flaked mixtures and black, worth up to \$5.50 each, sale price Friday \$3.68.

New lapses—10,000 yards new Valenciennes, Torchon, and Cluny laces and insertions, the biggest range of patterns and best values ever shown in the city, at per yard 2c up to 25c.

New Swiss Embroideries—Thousands of yards of new Swiss embroideries, insertions, beadings, etc., just opened out. All new designs, from 1 in. to 15 inches wide, marked for quick sale at

25c Feather Ticking at 19c a yard—Extra quality stripe feather ticking plain and herringbone twills, worth 25c a yard, sale price, Friday 19c.

\$1.00 Gauntlets at 69c a pair—2 dozen Ladies' black and grey astrachan, also seal cloth gauntlets, kid faced, wool lined, regular 90c and \$1.00 a pair, sale price Friday 69c.

Ladies' Waists worth up to \$1.25 for 99c—3 doz. Ladies' waists, fancy flannellette, chambray, satens, etc., in range of pretty styles, regular 75c, 90c, \$1, and \$1.25 each, clearing at sale price Friday 69c.

20c Black Mercerized Satens at 15c a yard—200 yards rich heavy black mercerized saten, fast dye, good value at 20c a yard, sale price Friday 15c.

New Prints—3,000 yards fine heavy prints, 32 inches wide, in immense range of patterns, fast colors, worth 12 1-2c a yard, sale price 10c.

\$1.00 and \$1.25 Wrappers at 79c.—The balance of our Ladies' Flannellette Wrappers, handsome styles, prettily trimmed, deep flounce on skirt, lined waists, regular up to \$1.25 each, clearing at sale price Friday 79c.

Ladies' Coats worth \$4.00 to \$5.00 sale price \$2.90

Ladies' Coats, regular up to \$7.50 sale price \$5.90

Ladies' Coats, worth up to \$10.00 sale price \$6.90

Ladies' Coats worth up to \$15.00 sale price \$9.90

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TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL STATEMENT

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1903.

Dec. 30, 1902 To Net Ledger Assets.....	\$ 477878
RECEIPTS	
Dec. 31, 1903 To Cash for Premiums.....	\$ 1132616 91
To Cash Income on Investments.....	24746 78
	1381
	\$6165149
DISBURSEMENTS	
Dec. 31, 1903 By payment for Death Claims, Profits, etc.....	\$ 423217 86
By all other payments.....	356720 43
	779938 29
Balance net Ledger Receipts.....	\$ 576210 75
ASSETS	
Dec. 31, 1903 By Mortgages, etc.....	\$ 1008904 06
Stocks, Bonds and Debentures (market value \$3170047 47)	3142245 38
Real Estate, including Company's buildings.....	374296 62
Loans on Policies, etc.....	363969 63
Loans on Bonds and Stocks (nearly all on call).....	443310 34
Cash in Banks and on hand.....	42584 22
Net Ledger Assets.....	\$ 576210 75
Premiums outstanding, etc. (less cost of collection).....	298227 14
Interest and Rents due and accrued.....	40829 69
	\$ 625260 78
LIABILITIES	
Dec. 31, 1903 To Guarantee Fund.....	\$ 60000 00
Insurance and Annuity Reserve Fund.....	4974197 00
Death Losses awaiting proofs, Contingent Expenses, etc.....	41367 02
	\$ 5075564 02
Net Surplus.....	\$ 550236 76

Audited and found correct.—J. N. LAKE, Auditor.
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The discovery is beyond doubt the most scientific and comprehensive that our attention has ever been called to, and we cannot urge our gentlemanly readers too strongly to find out for themselves how it is that this new treatment makes such a wonderful change in a man in so short

IMPORTANT DECISION

Drainage Referee J. B. Rankin, K. C., on Tuesday gave judgment in the drainage suit case of Langford et al. vs. Camden. This was an appeal to set aside a by-law passed by Camden Township Council. The arguments were heard some time ago, and the Drainage Referee in his judgment set aside the by-law as asked, on the grounds that the proposed drain was practically a new drain and not a continuation of the old Hillson drain as the by-law purported. The by-law was objected to also on the ground that the Council hadn't power to construct the drain without it first being petitioned for. In addition, it was claimed that many of the lands affected were improperly described in the by-law. The respondents have to pay all costs. Houshion, Stone & Scane for appellants; Wilson, Pike & Gundy, contra.

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Township Councils.

HARWICH COUNCIL. The municipal council of the township of Howard met Saturday, Feb. 13, 1904, as per adjournment. All members present. Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

COMMUNICATIONS. From J. C. Fleming, treasurer county Kent, stating that during the year ended December 31st, 1903, that he had paid to the treasurer of the municipality \$450.75 as follows: For arrears first half 1903, \$2.49; Legislative school grant, \$410.00; arrears re government audit \$38.25.

From W. J. Cryderman, clerk of Thamesville, wishing to know what action the Howard council intend taking re G. T. railway bridge across the Thames river, as it is understood that a new bridge is to be constructed and to be made narrower than the present one, which will have a tendency to impede the free flow of water.

From Henry Watson, clerk of Orford, enclosing copy of award D. and W. Howard's cost of same \$7.00. From Geo. Barker, notifying the council that Mr. Drader is blocking up the river road with logs and hoping that council would take action in the matter.

From Geo. M. Baird, clerk of Harwich, in reference to the Alexandria drain, stating that they had appointed a committee to meet a similar one from Howard to adjust said drain.

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supplied pathmasters and commissioners in various divisions. Alex. Dick and Alex. Greenway, in reference to repairing of McGargon drain.

W. E. Bottoms, in reference to purchase of road machine. J. Shewburg, R. Gilbert and Chas. Scott, calling attention of council to snow drifts on side road.

L. J. Poulin re charge to T. Nelson for statute labor, claiming that same was performed by his son.

RESOLUTIONS. Brien-Wilson, that the accounts as read be paid, with the exception of D. McGeachy's, which should have been certified to by H. McLarty, commissioner, and that Jas. Leatherdale, commissioner No. 1 division, be charged to look after the lanterns belonging to township.—Carried.

Wilson-Galbraith, that the certificate of county treasurer re amount money paid to E. D. Milton \$450.75 be received and placed on file.—Carried.

Wilson-Brien, that after hearing the application of H. McLarty, wishing council to accept his resignation as commissioner on the Balmer and Campbell drains, we accept his resignation on the Campbell but not on the Balmer drain, as said drain is under construction and should not have a change.—Carried.

Wilson-Galbraith, that Thos. White be refunded the sum of \$4.77 paid on Crulshank drain.—Carried.

Galbraith-Leatherdale, that the rates charged against personal property of Wm. Buckler be struck off as said party has left the municipality.—Carried.

Brien-Leatherdale, that the application of A. Dick and A. Greenway for repairing and improving McGargon drain be accepted, and Thomas Soane, C. E., be appointed to make necessary survey and report.—Carried.

Wilson-Brien, that the clerk be instructed to correspond with the several parties having gravel for sale to ascertain their prices.—Carried.

Wilson-Leatherdale, that the report of J. A. Clark, collector, be received, he having collected \$21,170.44, leaving a balance of \$13.10 uncollected and that he be paid his salary of \$9.00 and \$5.00 postage.—Carried.

Brien-Wilson, that this council is willing to meet a committee from Harwich on March 5, in township hall, Harwich, re Alexandria drain, at 2 p. m. and clerk notify as to same.—Carried.

Wilson-Galbraith, that the reeve be instructed to inspect where M. Drader is placing logs on river road and have same removed if an obstruction.—Carried.

Wilson-Galbraith, that Thos. Simpson be paid \$9.00 for two ewes killed and C. E. Brien \$4.66 for two sheep worried by dogs—charge to dog fund.—Carried.

Wilson-Galbraith, that the clerk be instructed to notify M. Wilson, C. to take proceedings to have the size of McGregor Creek and Buller division reduced and the formal order of the court issued.—Carried.

Brien-Leatherdale, that Court of Revision on McGregor Creek and Buller drains be adjourned until March 5, at 2 and 2.30 o'clock respectively.—Carried.

Galbraith-Wilson, that Jas. Leatherdale be commissioner on Campbell drain instead of H. McLarty, resigned.—Carried.

Brien-Wilson, that whereas the present G. T. R. bridge over Thames river is too small and inadequate for free flow of water and in view of the company's decision to build a new bridge in the spring, this council request A. Blair, commissioner on railways to have a larger one built, so that it would not impede the flow of the water.—Carried.

Eyler for releasing the Campbell drain was read a third time and finally passed.

Leatherdale-Galbraith, that the council resolve to adjourn to meet March 5, at 10 a. m.—Carried.

Thoughts on Mathematics.

A number is a unit. "Quite a number" means any old thing—possibly "a whole lot." Mathematics is called an exact science, probably because it exacts so much brain work.

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CARNATION WEDDING.

A very pretty and elaborate house wedding was solemnized at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stephens, King street west, last evening, when Miss Edna Pearl Stephens, their eldest daughter, was united in marriage to Samuel Mathew Newcomb, son of the late Andrew Newcomb, of Blenheim. Carnations prevailed in all the decorations throughout the spacious rooms of the beautiful house. The drawing room, where the ceremony was performed, looked splendid with the window banked with palms, asparagus ferns and carnations. The dining hall was decorated in pink and white, and electric lights, shaded with the same colors making an artistic and beautiful effect.

At six o'clock the bride entered the drawing room on the arm of her father, attended by Miss Ada Campbell, of Northwood, as bridesmaid, and Miss Ila Stephens, her sister, as flower girl.

The bride looked indeed charming in white silk organdie, over white taffeta silk, with Valenciennes insertion and lace trimmings, and carried a shower bouquet of white carnations.

The bridesmaid, Miss Campbell, looked very pretty in white silk organdie over pink silk-carrying pink carnations. The flower girl, Miss Ila Stephens was attired in white organdie, with coral necklace.

The groom was assisted by Bert Burroughes, of Toronto.

Rev. G. H. Cobbedick, pastor of the Park St. Methodist church, performed the ceremony at six o'clock in the presence of about sixty invited guests.

Immediately afterward a sumptuous wedding dinner was served upstairs in the dining hall. The wedding cake was imbedded in white tulle dotted with white carnations and smilax.

The going away gown of the bride was royal blue broadcloth, and Mrs. Newcomb also wore a beautiful Persian lamb coat, one of the wedding gifts of her father.

The happy young couple left on a short honeymoon trip to London and other points east. On their return on March 1st, they will reside at Northwood.

The gifts received were many and most elaborate. The bride's father presented her with a cheque for \$100 and her mother's gift was a full dinner set of china, while her grandmother, Mrs. John Ball, presented her with a set of sterling silver spoons.

Among the invited ones of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Struthers, London, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Struthers of Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. Burroughes, and sons, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Struthers, St. Michaels, Alaska; Mrs. Ball, and Miss Spence, Ridgeway; Mr. and Mrs. Rose, Blenheim; Mr. and Mrs. Whelan, Blenheim; the Misses Coeswa, Thamesville; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hales, Northwood; Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, Dresden. While among the guests from town were Geo. Stephens, M. P., and Mrs. Stephens, and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Smith.

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At \$10.00— Smart Eton Suit, skirt 9-gore flare, welted seams, new two piece sleeve, jacket lined with very fine sarah twill.

At \$15.00— Natty shirt waist suits of green flake, trimmed with tabs, piped with green or white. Waist is made military style with high collar and trimmed with buttons.

At \$17.50— Very stylish shirt waist suit of brown. Skirt full flare trimmed with Persian braid. Waist is double breasted with shoulder capes, trimmed with braid and ball buttons.

At \$25.00— Handsome suit of navy voile, box pleated skirt, Eton jacket with vest of taffeta. Capes finished with taffeta. Suit trimmed with black and gold braid and buttons.

Geo. A. Young

OUR GROCER. PHONE 151

learned from other sources that it was the Boyaria.

A despatch from St. Petersburg, dated Feb. 16, stated that the Boyaria was blown up with a loss of 190 officers and men, Feb. 13, by a mine which it accidentally struck.

London, Feb. 17.—The correspondent at the Chefoo of the Paris edition of the New York Herald, in a despatch in which he reports the arrival of junk bearing Japanese wounded from the Port Arthur engagements of Feb. 14 considers this to show that something more than a torpedo attack took place there.

The correspondent at Tokio of the Standard reports that two battleships were destroyed in this attack, while the correspondent at Tientsin of the Standard says under date of Feb. 17, that a private despatch from Port Arthur brings the statement that the Russian squadron has again put to sea.

RADIUM IN NATURE.

Washington, February 17.—Richard Guenther, United States Consul-General at Frankfurt, Germany, has reported to the State Department that a professor of the University of Freiberg, who has been investigating as to the existence of radium in nature, has come to the conclusion that all natural springs of water and also the petroleum wells possess a heavy gas whose radiations are similar to, and probably identical with radium.

CHICAGO MARKETS

Reported by F. E. Proctor, Broker, Northwood Block, Chatham, Feb. 18, 1906.

Wheat—	OPEN.	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSE.
May (new)...	98	99 1/2	97 1/2	99 1/2
July.....	86	86 1/2	86 1/4	84 1/2
Sept.....	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2
Corn—				
May.....	55 1/2	56	55 1/2	55 1/2
July.....	53 1/2	54 1/2	53	53 1/2
Sept.....	52 1/2	52 1/2	52	52 1/2
Oats—				
May.....	43 1/2	44	43 1/2	44
July.....	39 1/2	40	39 1/2	39 1/2
Sept.....	34 1/2	37 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
Pork				
May.....	1510	1517	1495	1515
July.....	1485	1497	1485	1497
Lard				
May.....	792	777	770	777
July.....	787	790	777	790
Ribs				
May.....	722	725	717	725
July.....	735	735	727	735
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Japan did not give the arm-chair critics a chance.

Apparently the asbestos curtain in the "theatre of war" was out of order.

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Three acres of land, with new house, containing double parlors with sliding door between, dining room, three bedrooms, kitchen, pantry and large store room, verandah, etc. Small stable, for sale cheap.

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AN AWFUL ACCIDENT

The Brantford Expositor says:— "The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Berry, 137 Chestnut avenue, will sincerely sympathize with them in the loss they have sustained through the death of their young daughter, Edith Evelyn Agnes Berry, who passed away yesterday at the age of 14 months. About a week ago the little one was playing with a spindle, a long, sharp piece of steel somewhat resembling a knitting needle. She accidentally fell, and the spindle entered her nose and penetrated the brain. The best medical assistance was in attendance, but the accident resulted fatally."

MR. OREIGHTON'S DEATH

The sad news reached the city last evening of the unexpected death of Gravenhurst of Bolton Reed Creighton, an ex-Chathamite, and a young man who was universally admired by a large circle of Chatham friends.

Mr. Creighton's death was unexpected, in that it was thought that his present condition was not as critical as it has proven to be. He was taken ill last May and he then went to Gravenhurst. He seemed to improve and returned to Toronto for the summer. Last fall, however, his condition changed for the worse and he returned to Gravenhurst. It was reported recently that he was much improved so that the news of his death has come as a painful surprise.

Deceased was a young man of very high social and moral standing and he was greatly respected and admired by all who knew him during his stay in Chatham. He held the position of teller and latterly assistant accountant in the Standard Bank. He was a clever business man and a general favorite with his manager and his fellow clerks. He remained in Chatham for four or five years and one year ago he was promoted to the Bay street branch, Toronto.

Deceased was a son of Rev. Mr. Creighton, of Blackstock, near Bowmanville, and his father and a number of brothers and sisters are left to mourn his untimely end.

One very sad circumstance in connection with the death is the deceased's recent marriage to Miss Ermatinger, daughter of Mrs. Pringle, of this city. The young widow has the undivided sympathy of a very large circle of Chatham friends in her sad affliction.

Mrs. Pringle left for Gravenhurst yesterday morning, but did not arrive there until five o'clock this morning, which was after the sad blow had fallen.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

Love may be blind, but there is always a spark of feeling between lovers.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Rev. Rural Dean McCosh went to Paris, Ont., this morning.

W. H. Taylor, of the T. H. Taylor Co., went to Toronto last night.

Mrs. Thomas Stephenson, Thomas street, is visiting friends in Dresden.

Attend the Big Sale of \$4.00 Skirts at the Urban, Friday and Saturday.

Nickel plated coffee pot, solid copper, 40c. Geo. Stephens & Co., if James Hicks, of St. Thomas, is spending the day with his son, (Dr. A. A. Hicks.

Auditors McCully and Cryderman are at work in the County Treasurer's office.

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Scott Bros. have the contract for a new house for Chas. Pickard, Kent Bridge, \$2,000; and for Albert Wrigley, Selkirk street, \$1,500.

Mrs. H. A. Corville left this afternoon for Dresden to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Jos. Shaw, which takes place at that place tomorrow morning.

Letters of administration for the estate of the late Cecelia McKinley, of Chatham Township, have been granted to her father, Andrew McKinley.

The annual banquet of the Macaulay Club will be held to-morrow evening at the Hotel Garner. An excellent toast list and musical program has been arranged.

Napoleon Larin found three nuggets of coal on the road this morning. He left them at the office of J. L. Scott and the owner can have the same by paying a suitable reward.

The 24th Regiment Band will practice to-night. They are already in shape for public appearance and will make their debut as soon as their new uniforms arrive.

The suit of Smythe vs. Logan is being tried in Chambers by his honor Judge Bell. This is a dispute over the possession of a cemetery one-half acre in extent, situated in the Township of Camden. The defendant claims the cemetery as an heir, (the plaintiff claims it under the statute of limitations. M. Wilson, K. O., and W. E. Gundy for plaintiffs, J. Magee, K. C., and Thomas Scullard contra.

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BEAR TRAPPED AND FORCED OUT

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when those vessels were destroyed. Three thousand Russian troops are reported to be encamped on the Yalu river, opposite Wiju.

Chefoo, Feb. 18.—The Port Arthur Chefoo cable was out yesterday.

Sasebo, Japan, Feb. 17.—The opinion of Japanese naval officers here is a third fight has occurred off Port Arthur, some of the Russian war vessels having been reported as leaving that place.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The Japanese legation received this afternoon from the foreign office at Tokio the following despatch giving details of the torpedo attack at Port Arthur on the morning of the fourteenth: "On the 13th of February, a detachment of torpedo boat destroyers proceeded, braving the fierce north storm, toward Port Arthur. At 3 o'clock the next morning, the Asagiri, a Japanese boat destroyer, amidst a shower of shells from the enemy's fort and ships, torpedoed a Russian man-of-war and after further firing of the enemy's guard boat, safely returned to its headquarters.

"The Hayatori, another Japanese torpedo boat destroyer, at 5 o'clock of the same morning, approached to the mouth of the port, where she found two of the enemy's men-of-war and, in defiance of their firing, immediately torpedoed one of them with an effective explosion and safely withdrew."

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—A despatch received here from Port Arthur dated Feb. 17, says that in the action off that port Feb. 14, the Russian volunteer fleet steamer Kherson was struck by a 12-inch shell in her upper works. A slight fire broke out, which was quickly extinguished. There was no loss of life.

Tokio, Feb. 18.—It is the belief of the navy department that the Russian second-class cruiser Boyarin was torpedoed and sunk by the destroyer Hayatori in the torpedo attack on the Russian fleet at Port Arthur last Sunday morning. Lieut. Commander Tokonouchi did not know the name of the vessel struck by a torpedo discharged by the Hayatori, as the navy department has since

SALE OF JACKETS.

There's but one time during the entire year when you can buy \$10 fashionable jackets at the extremely low price of \$4.98, and that is now, and the several days to come, during which we hold our great annual clearance sale. These are jackets of Beaver, Tweed, Zebelines and Broadcloth, loose or semi-fitting, regular \$10 value, your choice now \$4.98.



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Great Selling at Our Continued Suit and Overcoat Sale.

NOW IS YOUR TIME TO BUY A SUIT OR AN OVERCOAT at a big Saving. Note the reduced prices: \$5.00 for \$7.50 Suits and Overcoats—\$7.50 for \$10.00 to \$12.00 Suits and Overcoats; \$10.00 for \$12.00 to \$13.50 Overcoats.

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Our Store

Fair profit and no misrepresentation
Our aim is to make everything about this grocery store exactly right. We are particular about even little things, that others very often forget on account of their littleness.

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Civility, prompt delivery, best goods and low prices are the inducements we offer you to trade here. We would like to have your orders.

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- Omelette, 15c. per dozen.
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John McConnell,

Phone 190 Park St.

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has removed to his new office, corner King and First Streets, over A. L. McCall's Drug Store. Telephone Office 104. Residence 286.

TO-NIGHT.

Revival Services, Park St. Methodist Church, at 7.45.

Chatham Encampment, No. 10, I. O. O. F., Temple, at 8.

Court McGregor, No. 6, I. O. F., will meet in their rooms at 8.

The 24th Regiment Band will practice at 8, in their rooms.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

DIED.

PATERSON—On Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1904, Alice, beloved wife of William Paterson, aged 72 years.

The funeral will take place from the family residence, 6th concession, Harwich, on Saturday, 20th inst., at 1 p. m., to Maple Leaf cemetery. Friends will please accept this intimation.

PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W. Toronto, Feb. 18—11 a. m.—Easterly winds, slowly rising temperature; light snow to-night. Friday, cloudy and milder.

The following figures were registered to-day at seven a. m. at Turner's weather bureau:

THERMOMETER.
Highest yesterday, 8.
Lowest during night, 2.
This morning, 5.
Barometer 29.78.
Direction of wind, northwest.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Robert Buller, of Ridgetown, was a Maple City visitor yesterday.

James M. Rankin, of Wallaceburg, was in the city yesterday on business.

James Sterling, of Blenheim, is registered at the C. P. R. Hotel to-day.

William H. Pool, of Wallaceburg, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

W. H. James, of the Austin store, is confined to his home through illness.

Mrs. J. H. Golden, of Kalamazoo, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. C. Oelby, Baxter street.

Roadmaster Harry Morris, of the Lake Erie, is in the city to-day on business.

Boards Wanted!—House centrally located, with modern improvements. Address H. G., Planet.

J. R. Gilleland, who is confined in St. Joseph's hospital, is somewhat improved.

A local team of junior hockeyites play in Wallaceburg to-night. A good game is expected.

Girl wanted for general housework. Mrs. Jno. Cooper, King street west.

Mrs. John Northwood, Head Street, is expected home from Wagon Mound, New Mexico, on Saturday.

Miss Dupuis, of the small wares department of the Austin store, is confined to her home to-day through illness.

Miss Ida Wanless, daughter of Mrs. Thomas Wanless, Lacroix street, is seriously ill. Her life was despaired of yesterday.

Sidney Northwood will leave for Wagon Mound, New Mexico, next week. He has secured a situation there as a book-keeper.

The rehearsal for Ordination that was to have been held to-night in First Presbyterian church, is postponed on account of the illness of Mr. E. B. Arthur, the director.

The large audience who turned out to hear the debate in S. S. No. 1, Harwich, pronounced it the best of the season. The subject was "Western vs. Eastern Canada"—W. A. McGeechy, affirmative; and Lindsay Parrott, negative, were captives. The affirmative winning by one point.

Miss C. Jordan, Grant St., had a narrow escape from serious injury last evening. She was lighting a parlor lamp, when her dressing sacque caught fire. Her father was fortunately standing near by and succeeded in extinguishing the flames with a rug, before any serious injury was caused.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gray are in Detroit to-day.

The Big 4 you read about is a \$4.00 Skirt Sale at the Urban, Friday and Saturday.

James Ross, county commissioner from Tilbury, shipped a car of cattle to Toronto yesterday.

W. M. Drader received a car of wood yesterday, the first he has received in two weeks.

Mrs. W. M. Drader, of Dufferin avenue, is in Wallaceburg attending at the bedside of her aunt, Mrs. McCrae, who is dangerously ill with pneumonia.

Messrs. McCoig & Harrington, auctioneers, are conducting a sale for Thomas Pepper, Middle Road, Harwich. Mr. Pepper is giving up farming and is disposing of all of his farm stock and implements.

The ladies of St. Joseph's church cleared about \$80 by their annual oyster supper Tuesday night in St. Joseph's hall. The success was not as large as last year on account of the extreme cold weather. Last year \$180 was cleared.

J. L. Scott has received word from the M. C. R. that they have located two of his cars. One at Kingsmill and the other at St. Thomas, and that they will be forwarded with all possible despatch. There is no trace of the other cars.

The east-bound Wabash train due here at 1.30 a. m., arrived about eight o'clock this morning, six and one-half hours late. It took over an hour to get out, though, as the engine refused to steam up. The G. T. R. mail train passed while the Wabash train was in. The 6.45 Wabash arrived at 11.30 this morning.

Duncan Robertson, an old Chatham boy, is spending a few days at his home in this city. Dunc. met with a very painful accident on a toboggan slide in Toronto, whereby his face was badly injured. His many friends are pleased to see him in Chatham again. He was formerly employed in VonGuten Bros. store here, but has now an excellent position with Ryrie Bros., Toronto.

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Furs 10 Collars and Ruffs, special lines, all styles, values \$5 and \$6, to clear, each, \$2.75	Furs \$35.00 Astrachan Coats for \$25.00	Golf Jackets 19 only Sleeveless Golf Jackets, navy blue, to clear at each, 90c
9 Collars and Ruffs, all styles, prices \$6 to \$10, to clear, each, \$4.75	\$50.00 Astrachan Coats for \$35.00	Mens's Shirts and Drawers All our 50c. qualities to clear at each, 35c
2 Alaska Sable Ruffs, prime, \$10 value each, \$7.50	Electric Seal Jackets for \$25.00 and \$30.00	Men's Tiger Brand, fine all wool Underwear, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.40 values each, 75c
5 Alaska Sable Ruffs finest qualities \$12.50 and \$13.75 values, each, \$10.00	Coats \$5.00—8 Ladies' Black Cloth Jackets to clear at \$2.50	Children's Underwear. A table full of all sizes, 12c to 25c values to clear at exactly Half-Price
3 Alaska Sable Ruffs, superb goods, \$17.50 value, each, \$12.50	6 only Black Cloth Jackets, \$10 and \$12 values for \$5.00	
\$16.00 Astrachan Jackets for \$10.00	8 only Ladies' Tan Jackets, \$10 and \$12 values for \$5.00	
\$25.00 Astrachan Jackets for \$19.00	Children's Jackets—a few left—clearing at Half-Price.	

DRESS GOODS.

5 pieces wide heavy Dark Meltons to clear at per yard, 10c
3 pieces 54 in. Cheviots in Navy, Grey, Black at per yd, 25c
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The statement shows that policies were issued for the large sum of \$5,884,890, exceeding the general business of any previous year in the company's history. (No policies were issued during the year in the monthly or provident branch, owing to that branch having been discontinued). The cash income for the year was \$1,381,333.09, being an addition to that of the previous year of \$110,523.48, the large increase affording proof of the stability of the company's business.

The payments on policy-holders' account amounted to \$423,217.85, and it is noted that notwithstanding the distribution of this large sum for dividends, matured endowments, etc., the net surplus shows a fine increase, and now amounts to \$550,286.78.

A noteworthy feature of the report is that despite the large reductions which have taken place in the market values of even the highest class of securities, the company still shows a nice surplus in this respect over book value. This is conclusive evidence of the skill and conservatism which has always characterized the company in the investment of its funds and in keeping its securities at their cost value.

The insuring public are deeply interested in the results paid under matured investment policies, and it should be a source of satisfaction to policy-holders to learn that the settlements continue to compare favorably with the returns made under similar policies by the best managed companies on this continent. With such a splendid record for the year's work, the North American certainly commends itself as a desirable company to intending insurers.

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Whether you are a floor walker or not CUTS NO ICE The Home is incomplete without a pair of nice Comfortable SLIPPERS...



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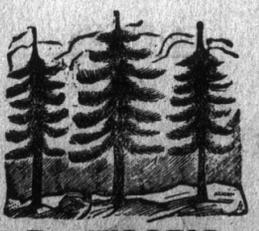
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CASE II3 By... Emile Gaboriau

CHAPTER XIV.
WHEN the Marquis de Clameran perceived that Raoul de Lagors was the only obstacle between him and Madeleine, he swore that the obstacle should be removed.
The same day his plan was laid. As Raoul was walking out to Vesinet about midnight he was stopped at a lonely spot by three men, who asked him what o'clock it was. While looking at his watch the ruffians fell upon him suddenly.
By his skillful blows, for he had become proficient in boxing in England, Raoul made his enemies take to their heels. He continued his walk home, determined to be hereafter well armed when he went out at night. He never for an instant suspected his accomplices of having instigated the assault.
But two days afterward, at a cafe which he frequented, a vulgar looking man, a stranger to him, after trying to provoke a quarrel, finally threw a card in his face, saying its owner was ready to grant him satisfaction, Raoul rushed toward the man to thrash him with his fist, but his friends held him back.
"Very well, then. You will hear from me tomorrow," he said to his assailant. "Wait at your hotel until I send two friends to you."
As soon as the stranger had gone Raoul recovered from his excitement and began to wonder what could have been the motive for the insult. Picking up the man's card, he read:
"W. H. B. Jacobson, formerly Garibaldian volunteer, ex-officer of the Army of the South (Italy, America), 30 Leonie street."
"Oh," he thought, "here is a big military man who can whip everybody!"
Raoul had seen enough of the world to understand these heroes who cover their visiting cards with titles.
But, since the insult had been offered in the presence of others, early the next morning Raoul sent two of his friends to make arrangements for a duel. He gave them M. Jacobson's address and told them to report at the Hotel du Louvre, where he proposed to sleep.
At half past 8 in the morning his seconds arrived. M. Jacobson had selected the sword and would fight that very hour in the woods of Vincennes.
"Let us be off!" cried Raoul gayly. "I accept the gentleman's conditions."
After a minute's fencing Raoul was slightly wounded in the right shoulder. The "ex-officer of the south" wished to continue the combat, but Raoul's seconds declared that honor was satisfied and that they had no intention of imperiling their friend's life again. The ex-officer was obliged to acquiesce. Raoul went home delighted at having escaped with nothing more serious than a little loss of blood and resolved to keep clear of all so-called Garibaldians in the future. In fact, a night's reflection had convinced him that Clameran was the instigator of the two attempts to kill him. Mme. Fauvel having told him what conditions Madeleine placed on her consent to marriage, Raoul instantly saw the great interest Clameran would have in his removal. He recalled a thousand little remarks and events of the last few days, and on skillfully questioning the marquis his suspicions changed into certainty. This conviction that the man whom he had so materially assisted in his criminal plans was so basely ungrateful as to turn against him inspired in Raoul a resolution to take speedy vengeance upon his treacherous accomplice and at the same time insure his own safety. He was persuaded that by openly siding with Madeleine and her aunt he could save them from Clameran's clutches. Having fully resolved upon this, he wrote

a note to Mme. Fauvel asking for an interview. The poor woman hastened to Vesinet at the appointed hour, convinced that some new misfortune was in store for her. She found Raoul more tender and affectionate than he had ever been. He saw the necessity of reassuring her and winning his old place in her forgiving heart before making his disclosures.
He succeeded. The poor lady had a smiling and happy air in an armchair, with Raoul kneeling before her.
"I have distressed you too long, my dear mother," he said in his softest tones, "but I repent sincerely. Now listen to me."
He had not time to say more. The door was violently thrown open, and M. Fauvel, revolver in hand, entered the room.
"Ah," he said, "you thought you could abuse my credulity forever!"
Raoul had the courage to place himself before Mme. Fauvel and to stand prepared to receive the expected bullet.
"I assure you, uncle"—he began.
"Enough!" interrupted the banker, with an angry gesture. "Cease this acting of which I am no longer the dupe."
"I swear to you."
"Spare yourself the trouble of denials. I know all. I know who pawned my wife's diamonds. I know who committed the robbery for which the innocent Prosper was arrested and imprisoned."
Mme. Fauvel, white with terror, fell upon her knees.
At last it had come—the dreadful day had come! Vainly for years she had added falsehood to falsehood. Vainly she had sacrificed herself and others. All was now discovered.
"Pardon, Andre! I conjure you, forgive me!"
At these heartbroken tones the banker trembled. This voice brought before him the twenty years which he had spent with this woman, who had always been the mistress of his heart, whose slightest wish had been his law and who by a look could make him the happiest or the most miserable of men.
"Unhappy woman! What have I done that you should act thus? I have loved you too deeply."
Raoul, who listened with attention, saw that if the banker knew something he certainly did not know all. He saw that erroneous information had misled the unhappy man and that he was still a victim of false appearances. He determined to convince him of his mistake.
"Monster!" he commenced.
But the sound of Raoul's voice was sufficient to break the charm.
"Silence!" cried the banker, with an angry oath. "Silence!"
The stillness was only broken by the sobs of Mme. Fauvel.
"I came here," continued the banker, "with the intention of killing you both, but courage fails me to kill a woman, and I will not kill an unarmed man."
Raoul once more tried to speak.
"Let me finish!" interrupted M. Fauvel. "Your life is in my hands. The law excuses the vengeance of an injured husband, but I refuse to take advantage of it. I see on your mantel a revolver similar to mine. Take it and defend yourself."
"Never."
"Defend yourself!" cried the banker, raising his arm. "If not!"
Feeling the barrel of M. Fauvel's revolver touch his breast, Raoul took his own pistol from the mantel.
"Place yourself in that corner of the room, and I will stand in this," continued the banker, "and when the clock strikes, which will be in a few seconds, we will both fire."
They took the places designated. But the horror of the scene was too much for Mme. Fauvel to witness any longer without interposing. She understood but one thing—her son and her husband were about to kill each other before her very eyes. Fright and horror gave her strength to start up and rush between the two men, with extended arms.
"Have pity, Andre!" she cried, wringing her hands in anguish. "Let me tell you! Don't kill!"
This burst of maternal love M. Fauvel took for the pleading of a criminal defending her lover. He seized his wife by the arm and thrust her aside.
But she would not be repulsed. Rushing up to Raoul, she threw her arms around him and said to her husband:
"Kill me, and me alone, for I am the guilty one!"
At these words M. Fauvel glared at the guilty pair and, deliberately taking aim, fired. Neither Raoul nor Mme. Fauvel moved. The banker fired a second time, then a third. He cocked the pistol for a fourth shot when a man rushed into the room, snatched the pistol from the banker's hand and ran to Mme. Fauvel. It was M. Verduret.
"Thank God," he cried, "she is unhurt! Do you know who that man is that you attempted to kill?"
"Her lover!"
"No; her son!"
The banker looked wildly from Raoul to M. Verduret, then, fastening his haggard eyes on his wife, exclaimed:
"It is false! You are all conspiring to deceive me! Proofs!"

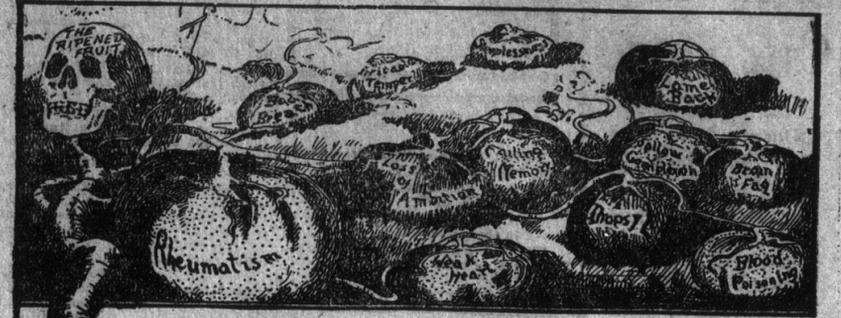
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Pen Portrait of Beatrice Harraden.

This is Mr. T. P. O'Connor's pen portrait of Miss Beatrice Harraden, the authoress—A slight-built, even fragile little lady, dark, with something of the coloring of the south, inherited from her mother, a lady of Swedish-Castilian extraction, raven, clustering hair, brown eyes obscured by gold-rimmed pince-nez, had a woman of letters and successful novelist. To her mind a pathetic personality, despite Miss Harraden's assured fame, despite her rounded happiness in her work, her many friendships, and her typically modern independence. Pathetic, yes, for she looks so frail, so very feminine, to have achieved the virile triumphs she has, and then one knows that academic success was purchased at the heavy cost of loss of health—at least of robust health—and that to this day she has to pay the penalty of overwork in her girlhood. After recovering from her illness Miss Harraden writes the never-to-be-forgotten "Ships that Pass in the Night," but prior to that she had written a book for children, entitled "Things Will Take a Turn." Intense was her disappointment when Messrs. Blackwood rejected "Ships," on the score that it was too sad for the general public, and she was glad to dispose of it for a trifle to Messrs. Lawrence & Bullen. Its success was eventually published, and few books have enjoyed so instantaneous, and few books have enjoyed, or still enjoy, a wider popularity. Mr. Blackwood, I may say, has published the remainder of Miss Harraden's books—all too few in number—and between publisher and author there exists the warmest friendship.

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DISTRICT GOINGS.

WALLACE B. JRG

Feb. 17.-Miss Edith Ralph, has returned to Detroit, after spending the holidays at her home.

The charity ball, which was given in Stonehouses' Hall on Monday evening, was a great success.

Some very handsome gowns were worn for the first time. The St. Clair orchestra provided the music and a very enjoyable evening was spent by the large number present.

The concert at Anderson Hall, last evening, in aid of the public library, was very successful.

The program was given mainly by home talent, assisted by Miss Pearl White, of Chatham, whose vocal solos were well received.

Among those in town who assisted were, Misses A. Cassidy, Eva Stewart, Pearl McLaughlin, Bessie MacLean, Stella Mailloux and Flossie Bartley, instrumental solos; Mrs. J. I. Hill, Messrs. Kippen, Lewis, Laird and Guillot, and M. Husted, vocal solos; and Rev. Mr. Uren, reading.

TILBURY

Feb. 17.-Mr. and Mrs. J. Lewis returned on Saturday, and are visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Coutts, before leaving for their home in Calgary.

Dressed hogs are worth \$5.75. Mrs. J. Anderson left yesterday to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law at St. Thomas.

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BLENHEIM

Feb. 18.-On Tuesday evening a dance was held in the opera house, Messrs. A. McIntyre and George Flurey were the committee.

The London Harpers furnished the music, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

About twenty came from Chatham. Last evening, the Harpers played for a dance held at Cedar Springs.

The Ragged Hero played at the opera house on Monday evening. It drew a very slim house, the night being so cold.

About 15 below zero was registered here on Tuesday morning.

Miss Edith Campbell entertained a number of her friends on Tuesday evening at Cedar Springs.

Miss Ward left for Toronto to attend the spring millinery openings.

Miss Blanche Powell, who has been visiting with relatives in these parts left for Toronto also to attend the openings prior to taking her situation at Edmonton.

We are pleased to report the successful operation in the General Hospital at Chatham, on Sunday last, on Leslie Bacon, who is now progressing favorably.

Our public school teachers and others are thinking of giving on a poster play in the near future, the proceeds to go towards purchasing a piano for the use of the school.

Mr. S. Griggs, the evangelist is visiting in town.

Miss Flossie Wellwood left this morning for Detroit.

Miss Jennie Campbell also leaves for Wheatley, where she is going to reside with her brother.

The Rev. D. W. Collins, former rector of Trinity church, visited friends in town yesterday.

Herr Mark Mendelson, practical phrenologist and lecturer, announces in posters distributed through the town that he will hold private examinations for those who wish to consult him, at the Erie House.

The passenger and freight trains are arriving more regularly this week and it is a good thing for the grocery establishments that they are as they were beginning to feel the irregularity in freights.

FLETCHER.

Mr. Hoye has been very ill, but is now greatly improved.

Charles Binde, of Harwich, was running a bus from T. McCarl's to Fletcher on account of the high water, and Albert Murphy took advantage of the free ride on Monday.

The dancing party given by A. G. Robertson, on Friday evening, was a grand success.

A very enjoyable time was spent at the party on Monday evening, given at Cooper's.

Mrs. Joseph Gangner, who has been visiting her parents here, has returned to her home in Montana.

BOMB OUTRAGE IN RUSSIAN CHURCH

Baku, Russian Trans-Caucasia, Feb. 17.-During a patriotic service in the Armenian church here on Monday, just as the clergy had ended chanting a Te Deum, and praying for the success of the Russian arms, a bomb was thrown at the officiating priest.

Two persons were killed and several were injured. After the excitement had been allayed the congregation marched in procession to the residence of the governor, carrying the czar's portrait, and presented the Governor with a patriotic address and \$500 for the families of the victims of the outrage.

One of the really hard things for a woman is to horse away money.

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WORLD OF SPORT

THE MAIN

BIG BATTLE PULLED OFF.

Says to-day's Detroit Tribune:-- Guided by Ald. Tony Weiler, who was dressed in genuine cooking main attire, consisting of a large black sweater of the same style as James J. Jeffries wears before entering the ring; a fur cap, and an old suit of clothes, 100 sports from Chatham, London, Detroit, Assam Arbor and Jackson, made their way from Wright & Abb's saloon at 23 Woodward avenue last night to the Grand Trunk depot, where at 11.30 p. m., they left on a special train for Monroe, Mich., where the birds of Tony Weiler, Carl Eberts of Chatham and Billy Watson, of London, were pitted against the cocks of Edward Pierce, of Appleton, Wis.

Things began to sizzle very early at Wright & Abb's saloon and there was all kinds of talk to the effect that the fight was to be one of the fiercest ever pulled off in Michigan. Plenty of Pierce money made its appearance at about ten o'clock. There were no bets made until just before taking the train when the sports pulled out large wads of money and placed it on whatever bird they thought would win.

The promoters of the affair were not going to have the sheriff's interference with their sport, so they kept the place of battle a secret until the last moment. Even the main "push" didn't know where the cocks were to clash.

"Get your tickets for the train, or you won't get on," yelled our alderman from the seventh, at about 10 o'clock. A dash was made for the back room of the saloon, where cards bearing the words "Michigan banquet," were shuffled out at \$5 each. Ald. Weiler took occasion to say to one of the London celebrities that he was a candidate for re-election.

The following is a list of the out-of-town sports: From Chatham: Jack Currier, John Pleasance, Bob Allen, Carl Eberts, Bill Ford, and Jack Thompson; London was represented by "Billy" Watson, The Wisconsin birds were "conditioned" at Mt. Clemens, while the Canadian birds were trained in Detroit.

OURLING

Owing to the bad weather the Wallaceburg curling club was unable to take part in the curling tournament for the Ferguson trophy. Chatham won out from Thamesville and now they have decided to open up the contest again in order to give Wallaceburg an opportunity to compete.

If Chatham wins from Wallaceburg, the same opportunity will be granted to Tilbury. The following Wallaceburg curlers will take part in the contest this afternoon:--D. C. McDonald, A. D. Sprague, Harry Martin, W. Dick, H. E. Johnson, Fred Dulong, Dr. A. G. Campbell and J. B. Jackson. The Chatham trial was composed of practically the same players who opposed Thamesville.

DISORDER AND BLOODSHED.

Rome, Feb. 17.-The carnival festivities have resulted in disorder and bloodshed in Southern Italy and Sicily. Troops and police were obliged to intervene and a score or more persons have been wounded. At Trania a number of socialists in masquerade costumes started the trouble by insulting state institutions and in the fighting which followed several officers and soldiers were wounded. A large number of arrests were made. At Piazza Armeria, in Sicily, the masquerading brought about a conflict between the members of two political parties and an attack was made on the city hall. The disorder became so great that troops were called out and fired on the people to disperse them. Fourteen of the rioters were wounded.

ONE WAY RATES

Every day from March 1 to April 30, 1904, the Union Pacific will sell one-way Colonist tickets at the following rates from the Missouri River:

\$20.00 to Ogden and Salt Lake City. \$20.00 to Butte, Anaconda and Helena.

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THE MARRIAGE PROBLEM

"In that interview with Magistrate Bartlett, of Windsor, which appeared in the papers there are some sensible things," remarked Judge Houston, this morning. "I quite agree with Mr. Bartlett. As it is now, there should be an officer appointed to do all the marrying. Often, now, it is hard to trace up a marriage. It isn't long ago since we had a bigamy case in the Police Court, and the offense couldn't be proved, as the minister had left the city and there was no record. If a public officer were appointed to do all the marrying there would be a record of all marriages and there would be many other advantages."

How to properly ventilate a room is told in "Care of Invalids," issued by the Medical Department of The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. This book is sent on request to those who address the Home Office of the Company, Nassau, Cedar, William and Liberty Streets, New York City.

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