

The Planet

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WHAT THE STARS AND STRIPES HAS DONE FOR THEM.

The advantages conferred by United States citizenship on Porto Ricans may be fully estimated by the following despatch from San Juan:

At a special meeting of the chamber of commerce, it was decided to close all business houses on Monday afternoon, to enable the merchants to attend an open air meeting on the plaza, with the object of drawing up a petition to Gov. Gen. Davis demanding immediate congressional action on the tariff one-way or the other. The agreements were sent to all towns throughout Porto Rico, requesting like demonstrations. The feeling of uncertainty regarding the tariff holds business practically at a standstill, the merchants being afraid to order goods or to advance funds on the planters' accounts.

Sixty country women marched into Naranjo, and petitioned Gov. Gen. Davis to save them from starvation and to provide work and food. The women presented a most pitiable sight. They were barefooted and ragged, half naked, dust covered and weary from their journey. Some of them were lame, all discouraged.

The petition which they presented tells the story of the depressing times, no work and the prices of rice, beans and bread beyond reach, fruits destroyed and the relief supply discontinued, bringing them and others where they came from almost to starvation.

Gov. Davis' reply was that there was not a peso in the treasury and that the police were yet unpaid for their last two months' work.

INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPERS.

The Liberals are getting very restive under the criticisms of the Montreal Star, an independent journal, and are making personal attacks on its proprietor, Hugh Graham. They allege that he is getting even with them through his paper for cancelling a senatorial nomination which Sir Charles Tupper had made for him before giving up office. Whether this is true or not we do not know, but it is a small piece of business in any case to bring it up. Independent papers, as well as party papers, must lean against the Government in power, because it is much more open to criticism than an opposition. The party in office is, or should be, the party of action and therefore the party that creates the subjects for criticism. An opposition having no administrative powers is much less liable to be found fault with. So, no matter how fair a newspaper desires to be, if it criticizes public matters on their merits it must strike the powers that be and do or don't do when they should do the most frequently. Hence, to class a journal which does that as partisan is absurd, and to seek for ulterior motives governing its course is silly. The present Government at Ottawa has left itself more open to honest and impartial criticism than any of its predecessors, because of its absolute disregard of its ante-election pledges. We do not believe there is an intelligent and well posted Liberal elector in the whole Dominion of Canada who will honestly affirm the Government has kept faith with its own party, and the people in general. Whether the reasons it advances for its broken promises are sufficient to justify them is simply a matter of argument to be fought out when the Government returns to the people for endorsement. The Montreal Star, in common with many other papers, including hitherto good Liberal journals, expresses dissatisfaction in certain respects with the policy of the administration and we think it has excellent cause to.

ROSS & CO'S SUGAR BEET POLICY.

Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, has given notice of a resolution authorizing the granting of aid to encourage the establishment of the beet sugar industry in the following ways: First, providing samples of seed for their production; secondly, suitable instructions to farmers where it is proposed to locate such industry as to the best methods of preparing and cultivating the soil in order to produce the highest quality of beets; and, third, analyzing the beets so grown in order to obtain accurate knowledge of their suitability for the manufacture of sugar.

Broad was asked for and a stone is offered. It was pointed out to the Government that a bonus was necessary to encourage the establishment of sugar factories in this province and Hon. John Dryden responds with the above tom-fool resolution.

Hon. John Dryden may not know it, being Minister of Agriculture, but almost every rural school boy in the province can tell him that the farmers know as much about growing sugar beets as any of the instructors he can send out, that the seed can be bought at any seed store for a few cents, and that the beets have already been tested in nearly every part of the province, and have been found to contain from 11 to 18 per cent. of sugar.

"Welcome, Evil, If Thou Comest Alone."

One evil that cannot come alone is impure blood. If this is allowed, it is attended by kindred ailments galore. This condition means that every vein and artery of the body, instead of carrying to the organs a health-giving flow of life, is laden with a slow and impure fluid that is harmful instead of healing.

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gar. That is quite sufficient to warrant the establishment of factories, for twelve per cent. of sugar is all they look for or ask.

The Ontario Government were not asked to teach the farmers how to grow the beets. They were asked to provide a market for them after they were grown. They seem to have totally mistaken what was required of them and are now proposing to do something totally uncalculated for and unnecessary.

The Orangemen of Windsor flew the Irish flag from their hall on Saturday. Windsor's a great town for ideas. Next the brethren will be asking Father Flannery to deliver their twelfth of July oration.

In our enthusiasm over the Patriotic Fund, the Red Cross Fund, the Century Fund and all the other funds, we seem to be forgetting that sixty millions of British subjects are starving to death in India at the rate of thousands a day.

It will now be in order for the late President Steyn, after having reached a place of safety, to issue another proclamation announcing that he is prepared to fight to a finish.—Woodstock Express.

In other words, that he will sustain the Boer cause to the bitter end.

Rev. Mr. Shearer, who is lecturing on behalf of the Lord's Day Alliance, is quoted as saying that the Sabbath in the States is rapidly being obliterated. Can he prove it? Can he name one encroachment on the sacredness of the Sabbath in any State in the Union in 20 years? We don't believe it.

The Irish Fenian element of Detroit observed St. Patrick's Day by twisting the lion's tail with their mouths. It is a safer way than that indulged in by their compatriots in South Africa, most of whom are now decorating the inside of traitors' graves. The Irishmen of Windsor for the first time for years, refused to have anything to do with the Detroit show, and publicly expressed their disgust with the whole disreputable orgy.

To those who are so industriously "killing Kruger with their mouth," it might be as well to recall the story of Horace Greeley, who was holding a sparring match with one of the famous women suffragists of the day. It was at the time of his "On to Richmond" cry, and the woman in question was advocating her cause with eloquence worthy of success. Horace Greeley pook-pooked the idea of women having any political rights and as a clinching argument asked what they would do if called upon to defend their country, if they would go to fight for the Union? "We would do as you do, Mr. Greeley," sweetly replied the fair advocate, "We would stay right in the house and urge others to go."

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The whole wide English speaking world on Saturday celebrated St. Patrick's day in a peace on earth, good will toward man spirit, except Detroit. It produced the only snarl. But what better could be expected from Detroit.

THE LAW OF MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE.

We take pleasure in quoting from a review in the Canadian Law Times of a book written by Barrister Edwin Bell of this city in conjunction with H. Dunn, of Toronto, on the Law of Mortgages of Real Estate. This is the second book on legal subjects brought out by Mr. Bell and his co-writer within the last year and a half. These books have been well received by the profession, not only in Ontario, but in the Maritime and Western provinces, and the authors are entitled to great credit for the industry and ability they have displayed. It is likely that the book on the Law of Mortgages will be put on the list of books to be used in the Law School at Osgoode Hall—a commendable thing, rarely paid to Canadian writers. The review is as follows:

"This is a work of considerable compass, by all means a more widely useful and yet such a one as may well serve for a student's text-book. By eliminating everything which does not strictly bear upon the law of mortgages as administered in the courts of the provinces of Canada other than Quebec, the volume has been kept down to a moderate size. The authors—already favorably known by reason of their book on Forms of Pledges—state the law as they find it laid down in decided cases, without expressing their own views on points which have not been raised in the courts, or upon which there is a conflict or uncertainty of opinion, there is probably no subject—unless it be Municipal Corporations—on which there is a greater abundance of Canadian authority than Mortgages of Real Estate. The task of collecting, digesting and collating all the Canadian cases has been a heavy one, and that of making a selection of English cases no less arduous. The industry displayed is commendable; the division of the work into parts—a very important matter—is upon a good plan; and there are other features which are worthy of praise; but these must be left for the reader to discover."

LITERARY NOTES.

"The Smart Set" the new monthly magazine that has been so widely heralded, has made its appearance, and fulfills all the promises of its promoters. It is handsomely printed, and contains 100 pages of contributions from such brilliant writers as Julian Hawthorne, Edgar Saltus, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Bliss Spang, Charles Garrison, Oliver Herford and Gelett Burgess. New York Society is represented by contributions from "Julien Gordon," Mrs. Burton Harrison, Caroline Duer, Sarah Cooper Hewitt, Elliot Griggs, H. H. Chadfield-Taylor and Reginald de Koven contribute a novellette entitled, "The Idle Born," which is somewhat sensational in its entire. The magazine is unique in the periodical field, and will doubtless be read by all who profess to be "smart."

The witticisms of Sydney Smith have been quoted broadcast among English-speaking peoples. "The whole story of my life," he says, "has been passed like a razor in hot water and a scrape." "There is the same difference between his tongue and mind as between his minute and the hour hand: one goes twelve times as fast as the other signifies twelve times as much." My house is all first cousins, and I wish them—once removed." "The Church's ordinances of feasts and fasts are tolerably well kept up. The rich keep the feasts and the poor the fasts." "Gout is the only enemy which I don't wish to have at my feet."

Lord Brougham once defined a lawyer as "a legal gentleman who reaches your estate and keeps it himself." Hicks and Thackeray, walking together, stopped at a doorway over which was inscribed in gold letters these words, "Mutual Loan Office." They both seemed quite puzzled. "What on earth can that mean?" asked Hicks. "I don't know," answered Thackeray, "unless it means that two men, who have nothing, agree to lend it to another." Even the ponderous lexicographer invaded the realms of humor on occasions. When he finished the work which laid the foundation of most English dictionaries he asked the man who had carried the last sheet to Miller, the publisher. "What did he say?" "Sir," said the messenger, "he said: 'Thank God I have done with him!'" And Johnson, in his grandest style, replied, "I am glad he thanks God for anything."

"Marriage," says Selden, "is a desperate thing. The frogs in Aesop were extremely wise; they had a great mind to some water; but they would not leap into the well because they could not get out again." "They say a parson invented gunpowder," observed Douglas Jerrold; "but one cannot believe it until one is married." The same lively wit tells us: "My notion of a wife at 40 is that a man should be able to change her, like a banknote, for two twenties."

Very pungent was the remark of the old Scotch woman who, when advised by her minister to take snuff with her, to keep her awake in the kirk while he was preaching, replied: "Why dinna ye put the snuff in the sermon, mon?" "Some men preach," said Sydney Smith, "as if they thought sin was to be taken out of a man as Eve was taken out of Adam—by cutting him into a deep slumber." The Rev. Rowland Hill said once to some people who had entered his chapel to avoid the rain. "Many people are to be blamed for making religion a cloak, but I do not think those much better who make it an umbrella."

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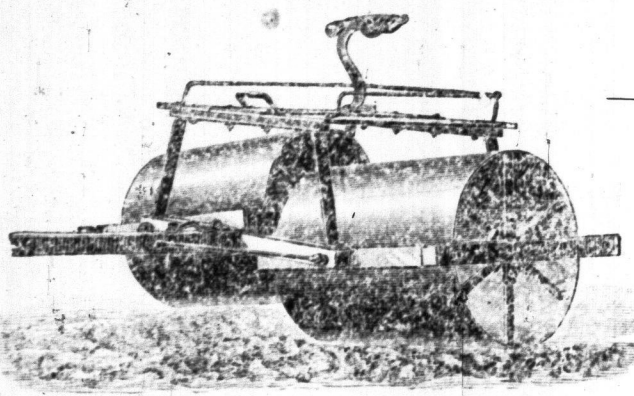
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"I have listened to your stories, gentlemen," he said, "and I confess that had I not known that you were all men of unquestionable integrity, I would have been compelled many times to express incredulity. The torturing experience of our friend in the red shirt, when he did battle with a gray-bellied rattler, reminds me of a little adventure that I had myself with a hoop snake, or to be more exact, with several hoop snakes.

"You are aware, no doubt, that the hoop snake derives its name from its peculiar habit of seizing its tail in its mouth and rolling along like a wheel or hoop. The adventure occurred while I was out in Omaha searching for red ants, of which I now have a fine collection. One day, passing through some woods, when I saw a hoop snake and a skunk in a battle. The snake was getting the worst of the contest, as the skunk had no trouble in dodging its attacks, and then dilying a fierce return bite. I determined to put an end to the contest in spite of the pleasure that the struggle gave me. And I once despatched the skunk. I admit that it was not because I had any particular regard for the snake, but all my life I have had a peculiar dislike for skunks.

"The rescued snake began to show signs of the most lavish affection toward me. And it made many outward signs of gratitude. Upon seeing me pick up a red ant it at once conducted me to a place where I found a horned variety that had hitherto been unknown. You can imagine how delighted I was with this discovery.

"The next day as I was passing by the scene of my adventure, the snake that I had rescued made unmistakable signs that I should follow it. It also appeared to be in a state of abject misery. I had wished to ascertain the cause of its trouble, so I allowed it to lead me to a tree, where I found its mate in a most unpleasant predicament. She was suspended by the middle from a thick branch of a vine and in spite of her wriggling she was unable to disengage herself. I seized her and put her on the ground, whereupon both snakes left me.

"I was very much surprised and feared that I had offended them unknowingly. But presently they returned, attended by a large number of followers. All the snakes formed themselves in a circle around me, and by gesture showed me that they would be glad to accept me as their chief and leader. It was thus to my taste, however, to spend my life among snakes. So I left them and went on with my hunting.

"About a week after this I was returning after a particularly successful day's hunting, when I met a large black bear. I was unarmed except for my ant-taking contrivance, which was wholly inadequate to overcome so large an animal as a bear. I knew that it would be useless to take refuge in a tree, because, as you all know, no doubt, the black bear's flexible forepaws enable him to ascend trees with ease. Therefore, with out further reflection, I fled. I was rapidly distancing my pursuer when misfortune overtook me and I stumbled and fell. As I lay there, expecting any minute to feel the bear upon me, I suddenly heard the sound of a furious battle. I looked about, and there were my faithful snakes doing battle with the bear. The combat was short and fierce. The snakes struck many times, but were unable to penetrate the long hair and thick hide of the monster. Seeing that the snakes gave me a farewell look and hurled himself down the bear's throat. Thus the bear and snake perished together. The surviving snake, seeing that I was unable to rise (for I had injured my arm) called for a house, where I was cared for.

"How," said the man in the red shirt, "were the snakes able to take hold of you to raise you from the ground?"

"Sir," replied the little man, "it is obvious that if the first year was No. 1, it would take 100 complete years."

"But without more ado they hurried him off to the bar."

New Theory of Cause of Hunger.

We all know when we are hungry, but do we know why we are hungry? The unscientific person will reply that we are hungry because we need food, and this is certainly true. Professor Appenheimer, of Heidelberg, agrees with this, but he maintains that there is much more to be said on the subject.

According to the professor, the sensation of hunger is felt by a human being whenever the blood supply that nourishes the stomach is deficient in quantity. On the other hand, the longer for food disappears, the more the stomach is filled for then, through the process of digestion the necessary supply of blood is furnished for the nourishment of the stomach. This rule does not hold good in the case of many invalids, as, for example, those suffering from chlorosis, show various tests show that they do not feel hungry even when there is no food in their stomachs.

The reason for this, says the Professor, is because there is, as a rule, too much blood in the vessels that serve for purposes of nutrition. The stomach is filled for less out of order in consequence a deficient blood supply, a certain stimulus acts on the supply, which are thus excited until they cause the well known sensations of hunger.

Of special importance, continues the professor, is the fact, now well established, that the nerve which causes the sensation of hunger is of common origin with the nerve that is provided for the service of the mouth and tongue. Hence it is that a stimulus, such as spice, is able, through contact with the tongue, to increase the appetite.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

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An acre contains 4,840 square yards.
A quarter section contains 160 acres.
A square yard contains 9 square feet.
A solid foot contains 7.48 solid pints.
A solid foot contains 1,728 solid inches.
A pint of water holds 28 7-8 solid inches.
A gallon of water holds 231 solid inches.
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An inch of rainfall is equal to 14,500,000 gallons per square mile.

GOOD STORIES.

It is notorious, says a Christian Commonwealth correspondent, that extemporaneous preachers of the more florid type fall into mannerisms from which they do not easily extricate themselves. A preacher of this type had acquired a trick of apostrophizing his hearers as "dear London souls" or "dear Manchester souls," according to the place in which he was preaching. In Dublin this rhetorical device was much admired, and "dear Dublin souls" drew tears from many eyes. But when the worthy preacher extended his tour into the south of Ireland, and addressed his appeal to the "dear Cork souls," the effect was less felicitous.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Samuel Sloan, of Harwich, is very low.

James H. O'Rourke spent yesterday in Merion.

P. T. Barry, of Fletcher, is in the city today.

A child of Theodore La Rite, River Road, Dover, is seriously ill.

Messrs. M. J. Doyle & T. L. Doyle, R. Stroud and T. Hurley spent Sunday in Blenheim.

Misses Lillie and Florence Orollo, of Kingsville, are the guests of Miss Stark and Miss Kennedy, Baldon St.

The firemen wish to thank J. R. Thomas, Manager of the Bank of Commerce for a number of magazines.

Frank Ritchie, of Ridgetown, was in the city last night and left on the midnight train for Alberta, N. W. T.

Mr. Majiloux, of Talbury, and Miss Sunday with the Misses Robert, Margaret Mahoney, of Sarina, spent Emma street.

The great amount of design work done at the Victoria Avenue Green Houses is sufficient proof of the excellence of the work. Nothing but the best at the lowest prices. Telephone 181.

Chancellor Wallace, of McMaster University, gave a most edifying address at the meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society at the First Presbyterian Church last evening.

Frank Phelps, who injured his knee by a fall Thursday night, officiated at the organ in Holy Trinity yesterday. He is still unable to walk, however, except with the assistance of a crutch.

Nellie Harris, a colored woman, was assisting the Red Cross girls, was severely burned about the head and face Saturday morning at the L. O. O. F. hall. She was working around the gas stove and opened the oven door to put in a shelf when there was an explosion. One of the lower burners had permitted gas to escape into the oven and when the door was opened, the gas ignited from the top burner.

FOR A GOOD CAUSE.

A special collection in aid of the Indian famine fund was taken at the services in the First Presbyterian Church yesterday. Over \$50 was realized.

A LETTER FROM LONDON.

Dr. James Rutherford writing to his father from London, Eng., says:—The London Medical Society dinner is a thing of the past, it having taken place last Thursday evening at 7:30 and it was the swiftest affair of the kind I ever was at. It was held in the Hotel Metropole, one of the finest hotels here. Just think of it, we were dining with all the leading people here. Dr. Rutherford, who was chairman, in making his remarks, mentioned that he had as his guests on his right four young Canadian doctors and he gave us honorable mention by announcing our names. The whole assemblage cheered and yelled. I thought they would lift the roof of the building. The English over here think the Canadians are the entire program, due to their stand in the war. I suppose you have seen by the papers that the Queen made a visit to London last Thursday and remains until today, March 10th. We had the pleasure of seeing her as she passed on her route to Buckingham Palace. We had a good view of our very own as she drove in an open carriage. The people gave her a great send-off and the noise was deafening. The pictures you see of her are very much like her but she is beginning to look feebler. A great crowd was out to see the Queen. She does not often come to London.

STUDENTS' CONCERT.

The Canada Business College Literary Society have had under consideration for some time the advisability of giving a concert in the interests of the Patriotic Fund. Some few weeks ago they selected the \$2d as the date upon which they propose giving this concert. Before they advertised this date they learned that the Red Cross Society had selected the same evening and as one of the city churches has chosen the following Friday evening for a concert of a similar kind the students decided to give theirs on Thursday evening of this week. A week ago last Thursday when Mr. Rankin was up to deliver his law lecture, they learned that he intended to send a portion of the sum raised by the concert given some time ago to the Chatham boys in South Africa and that he was calling it that evening. They decided to instruct Mr. Rankin to add \$20 to the amount he was sending as their contribution, and propose raising the amount by this concert. We trust the public will heartily support the generous donation by attending on Thursday evening. An excellent program is being prepared and a first-class evening's entertainment may be looked for.

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BY TWO ROUTES

Lord Roberts May Advance Towards Pretoria.

British Prisoners in Danger—They Have Been Removed For Safety.

London, March 19.—Judging from Lord Methuen's presence at Warrenburg and the capture of the nearby passages of the Vaal at Fourteen Streams, keen observers believe Lord Roberts meditates an advance in force on Pretoria by way of Rustenburg. This might start either from Fourteen Streams or Klerksdorp, and would probably coincide with an advance via Bloemfontein and Natal. Thus, Lord Methuen may be given the chance to redeem his reputation, as has been done with Gen. Gatacre.

Commandant Oliver has accomplished another step in his retreat from northern Cape Colony, evacuating Rustenburg and going toward Kroonstad, where President Steyn is. The British officers now in Pretoria have been removed from the prison where Winston Churchill left them to new quarters in the outskirts of the town under Daspoort ridge. The reasons for this change are not stated, but it is evident that Gen. Roberts' army will have to expose a large number of British prisoners to exceptional danger when Pretoria is invested.

ROMANTIC STORY.

A Chatham Boy Finds his Brother in Woodstock.

Father Floped and Came Here Many Years Ago—is now Dead.

Woodstock, March 19.—A romantic story came to light yesterday. A W. Thurlow, secretary-treasurer of the Woodstock fire department, was visited by a brother, Richard, who had long been lost to his family, and of late had been given up for dead. Mr. Thurlow's father lived formerly in Tilsburg. On May 25, 1871, he eloped with a Miss Johnson, who had been employed in the household as domestic, taking his son, Richard, who was then four years old with him, and leaving behind his wife and other children. The three went to Ingersoll, presumably to sell a team of horses, but never returned. Inquiries of all sorts were made, but without success. The family moved eventually from Tilsburg and nothing was heard of the fugitives.

It now appears from the story Richard Thurlow tells that the pair took up land near Chatham under the name of Robert and Richard and was taught to believe was his own. Later they moved to Belle Isle, from there to Detroit, to Chatham, and to Salem, Michigan. One child was born, who grew up and is now married in that State. Two years ago the father died. Mrs. Johnson, in August of last year, married a German named Wit. Richard himself had married and settled on a farm near Rochester, Minn. Recently Mrs. Wit's conscience began to bother her and she revealed the secret of Richard's identity. He immediately started for Tilsburg, and after making enquiry there, came on to Woodstock, where he hunted up his brother. Their mother lives at Bolton, north of Toronto, and has been telegraphed for.

GOING TO MUNISING.

Samuel A. McCormack leaves tomorrow for the land of his nativity, after a residence of 33 years in this city. Mr. McCormack has accepted a lucrative position with a large lumber firm in Munising, Mich., and will assume his duties immediately. In the departure of Mr. McCormack, the City loses a highly esteemed citizen, who has been connected with the Erie & Huron Railroad as master of construction, acting road master and other responsible positions for many years. His many Chatham friends unite in wishing Mr. McCormack continued prosperity in his new sphere.

A BAD FALL.

This morning Ed Hardaker, chief engineer at the Kent Mills, met with a bad accident. He was standing on the Kent Mills' derrick and fell off landing on his head. He was picked up and taken to the office of Dr. Hall and Tye where on examination it was found that his head had been cut open and he had received a serious shaking up. He was at once removed to his home where he now lies in a rather serious condition.

GEN. LOCKHART DEAD.

Ottawa, March 19.—Gen. Sir William Stephen Alexander Lockhart, commander-in-chief of the British forces in India, died yesterday. He was born in September, 1841.

TORONTO DRESSED HOGS.

Toronto, March 17.—More dressed hogs coming in and the market is steady and fairly healthy. Choice weights, dressed hogs, ear lots, delivered, at \$2.25 to \$2.75; sows, at \$2.00 to \$2.50 off these prices. On the street, in farmers' loads, choice bring from \$2.50 to \$7, according to quality.

FIVE VIEWS OF A MAN.

A healthy man, a man with a cough, a man with congested lungs, a man in consumption, a dying—now dead man. All from neglecting, when the cough started, to take Four T's, the great guaranteed one day cough and cold remedy. Price 25c. a bottle at the Central Drug Store.

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THE MARKETS

CHATHAM GRAIN MARKET:
Plant Office, Saturday evening, March 17.

J. B. Stringer & Co. give the following grain gossip:

Wheat—The American market in the west is acting better. The feeling is that prices are going higher. Receipts are light locally, millers wanting all offerings.

Outs—In limited supply. All offerings are readily taken for local consumption. The demand has been very much stronger this week.

Pease—None offering locally. Several car loads have come in this week for seed, which are offered at 90c. per bushel for choice stock.

Beans—Receipts are extremely light. Practically the farmers' stocks are all marketed. The dealers report demand improving again, after a spell of dullness extending through February, and present conditions point to a still better market. Dealers are offering handpicked beans in car lots at \$1.65 per bush, package included, f.o.b. cars, Chatham.

Barley—No receipts of any moment, and although there is a demand for export, there are no stocks here to meet it. What little is left is offered for seed at from 90c. to \$1 per cwt.

Wheat, 65c.
Mixed oats, 25 to 27.
White oats, 27 to 28c.
Corn, shelled, 35c.
Pease (seed), 90 to 90c.
Beans, \$1.30 to \$1.40.
Buckwheat, 65 to 75c.
Barley, 80 to 82c. per cwt.
Clover seed, \$4 to \$4.75.
Alfalfa, \$5 to \$6.50.
Red clover, \$5 to \$5.50.
Timothy, \$1 to \$1.25.

HAY AND HOGS.
Hay, timothy, per ton, \$7 to \$7.50.
Hay, clover, \$5.50 to \$7.
Hay, baler, \$6.50 to \$10.
Live hogs, \$5 for hogs weighing from 160 lbs. up.
Dressed hogs, \$6 to \$6.25.

EAST BUFFALO LIVE STOCK.
East Buffalo, March 17.—Cattle—Unchanged. Calves—Were in good supply, moderate demand and lower choice to extra were quotable at \$6.25 to \$6.50; good to choice, \$6 to \$6.25.

Sheep and lambs—Offerings liberal; demand fair for choice offerings, but prices ruled lower.
Lambs, choice to extra, \$7.25 to \$7.50.
Good to choice, \$7 to \$7.25.
Common to fair, \$6 to \$6.75.
Sheep, yearlings, \$6.25 to \$6.50.
Mixed, \$5.50 to \$6.
Wethers, \$6 to \$6.25.
Ewes, \$5 to \$5.50.

Hogs—In good position, being 5 to 10 cents higher; heavy, \$5.20 to \$5.25. Good weight Yorkers, \$5.15 to \$5.20. Light, \$5.05 to \$5.10.
Pigs, \$4.80 to \$5.
Roughs, \$4.50 to \$4.75.
Stags, \$3.50 to \$4.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Toronto, March 17.—A total of 45 carloads of live stock was received at the Western cattle yards, including between three and four hundred sheep and lambs, and 1,300 hogs.

We had a dull trade in export cattle and prices are weaker at from \$4.25 to \$4.80, the latter being the best price paid here.

All the butcher cattle was sold that we had here; prices for the best stuff were unchanged from yesterday, but medium and common cattle were weaker, while scarcely quotable changed. For good to choice butter cattle, the range is from 33-4 to 41-8c, and occasionally 41-2 per lb. Prices for second and common stuff can only be approximately given.

There were not many stockers here but the demand was fair at unchanged prices.

There was no change either in feeders, and only a few came in. Export bulls were dull at from 33-4 to 41-2c. per lb.

A few good milkers will sell; only a dozen here yesterday; prices from \$25 to \$45 each.

Small stuff was weaker, solely on account of a large supply of sheep and lambs of inferior quality. Choice lambs are a ready sale up to 6c. per pound, and good export sheep are wanted at unchanged prices.

About 1,300 hogs came in; prices are steady and unchanged.

For prime hogs, the top price was 51-2c. light and fat hogs are bringing 47-8c. per lb.

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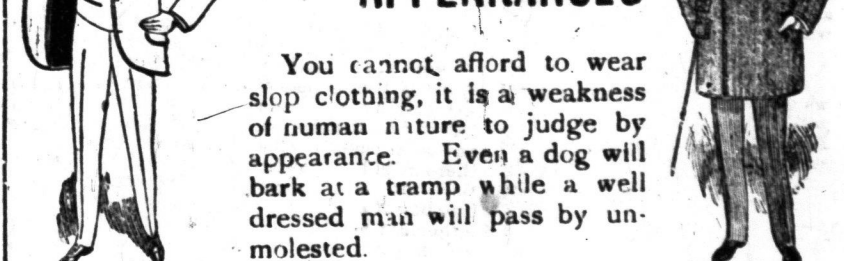
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ONTARIO'S STATISTICS

Issued From Provincial Government Departments.

POPULATION AND ASSESSMENT.

Includedness of the Various Municipalities—Statistical Tables, Compiled from Returns Embracing Thirteen Years—Some Startling Facts and Figures.

The Provincial Department of Agriculture has just issued Part V of that useful publication, the annual report of the Bureau of Industries, for 1898, comprising the municipal statistics of the Province as gathered from the returns sent in by the local officials. From this document can be learned the condition as to population, assessed valuation and indebtedness of every municipality. Statistical tables compiled from returns embracing 13 years show the progress of the country in these respects. The total number of municipalities in the Province in 1898 was 498 organized townships, 100 towns, 136 villages, 13 cities and 38 counties.

During the period 1886-98 the total population increased from 1,828,495 to 2,001,350, while the aggregate assessed value rose from \$694,380,659 to \$809,184,833. Taxation for all purposes increased from \$9,009,659 to \$12,232,966, or from \$4.93 to \$6.10 per head of the population. The most noteworthy conclusion to which an analysis of these figures points is that the growth in resources and population indicated has been wholly confined to the towns and cities, the purely rural districts having been stationary in these respects. The township population was 1,148,856 in 1886. It suffered considerable diminution from emigration to the Northwest and the tendency to migrate to the large centres and the increase of late years has been very slight. It was 1,110,894 in 1898. The cities had an aggregate number of 319,634 inhabitants in 1886 and 440,889 in 1898. They added ten thousand to their numbers in the latter year, as compared with a small decrease in the towns and villages. The increase in the 13-year period was from 360,005 to 419,567.

The assessed valuation of the townships amounted to \$452,097,645 in 1886 and the figures for 1898 were \$488,810,000, having been practically stationary for some years. City assessments have increased from \$154,204,921 in 1886 to \$236,077,376 in 1898, and towns and villages from \$88,078,093 to \$124,297,397. The statistics concerning municipal debts include the year 1897, later returns not being available. During 12 years the total municipal debt has increased from \$29,924,863 to \$53,577,475. This augmentation, however, is solely due to urban municipalities. The aggregate of the township debt has been slightly decreased and county debts have been reduced one-half, or from \$3,505,744 to \$1,808,107. City debts on the contrary have doubled, the aggregate value being \$37,446,277 in 1898, as compared with \$18,469,893 in 1886. Town and village liabilities have grown in equal proportion. It is worthy of notice, however, that, taking the aggregate amount of all municipal debt, the increase has been much less in the earlier portion of the 12-year period under consideration, as of late years the increase has been much less rapid.

This year a table is published giving the financial conditions of the leading American cities which is instructive for purposes of comparison. It will surprise many, no doubt, to observe that the debts of cities like Chicago, Buffalo and Cleveland are much smaller in proportion to their population than those of Toronto and some other Canadian cities. One factor in the case which should not be overlooked is that the water-works, which are a valuable asset in Canadian cities, are often in private hands in the States or managed like the parks by townships, so that any liabilities incurred in connection with them would not appear in a statement of the general debt. But, even after making ample deductions on this score it is a little startling to find Canadian city liabilities so formidable as compared with those of much larger communities.

PROVINCIAL INSANE ASYLUM.

Recommendation of Changes to Meet the Increase in the Number of Applicants.

The annual report of Mr. R. Christie, Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities, dealing with the insane asylums of the Province, has just been published, and contains several recommendations for changes in the system rendered necessary by the increased number of applicants for whom accommodation cannot be found in existing institutions. The average number of inmates for 1899—the year being reckoned to the end of September—was 1,411, as compared with 1,268 in 1898, and statistics covering the last ten years show that the yearly average number has increased by 1,274 during that period. The Inspector does not regard this as evidence that insanity is becoming more common, pointing out that owing to the increased scope of medical science many cases of subtle brain disease now receive treatment which formerly were not considered to fall within the sphere of the alienist. As increased accommodation must be obtained the Inspector strongly urges that a separate building be provided for this class. Formerly none but the maniacal and violently excited were considered fit for asylum treatment, but as a scientific and practical character, a knowledge of the subtler forms of brain diseases is being developed, and many of this afflicted class are receiving treatment as insane. To this enlarged scope in judging of in-

sanity a considerable percentage of the increase must be attributed.

Premising that increased room must now be had for the augmented number of patients, the report strongly recommends an extended means of classification for the insane. There are 77 criminal lunatics in the Provincial asylums who have been found guilty of crimes, but released by the courts as insane. There are also over 400 patients who have pronounced homicidal tendencies and need special attention, and some 500 epileptics who could be much better cared for if confined in a separate asylum. Provision has to some extent been made for the separation of the criminal insane by setting apart a building at Hamilton, known as the East House, for the occupation of such as have been found guilty of serious crimes. The homicidal insane who have not been charged with crimes are, however, equally dangerous, and should be placed under similar restrictions. It is urged that a separate institution for these classes would relieve the asylums from much of the rigid and exacting discipline and the arbitrary restraints which now have to be imposed, and that special structural arrangements, conducive to security, are requisite in dealing with the criminal and violent class. Were the separation effected the cost of maintenance would be lessened. The removal of the epileptics would also tend to lighten considerably the pressure on asylum accommodation. As a class they require different treatment from the ordinary lunatics, as many of them are afflicted mentally with a degree of insanity to warrant their continued residence among the insane, and are fit for useful employment, such as could be supplied, if an institution for their accommodation were established with land attached.

The number of inmates at the close of the year was distributed among the different institutions, as follows: Toronto 716; London 996; Kingston 580; Hamilton 1,021; Mimico 601 and Brockville 513. There were 657 in the Asylum for Idiots which, together with the insane prisoners in the penitentiary and jails and the inmates of the Homewood Retreat, Guelph, bring the total for insane and idiotic persons cared for in the public institutions to 5,210. The average per capita rate of maintenance for each inmate was \$125.05 per annum and the total expenditure of the year was \$652,974, as against \$621,737 for the year previous. The revenue from the institutions amounted to \$74,364, as compared with \$72,042 for 1898.

It Saves the Boys.

The argument I have found in Maine for prohibition was by an editor of a paper in Portland, that was for political reasons buildily opposed to it. I had a conversation with him that ran something like this:

"Where were you born?"

"In a little village about sixty miles from Bangor."

"Do you remember the condition of things in your village prior to prohibition?"

"Distinctly. There was a vast amount of drunkenness and consequent disorder and poverty."

"What was the effect of prohibition?"

"It shut up all the rum shops, and practically banished liquor from the village. It became one of the most quiet and prosperous places on the globe."

"How long did you live in the village after prohibition?"

"Seven years, or until I was twenty-one years of age."

"Then I went to Bangor?"

"Do you drink now?"

"I have never tasted a drop of liquor in my life."

"Why?"

"Up to the age of twenty-one I never saw it, and after that I did not care to take on the habit."

"That is all there is in it. If the boys of the country are not exposed to the infernalism, the men are very sure not to be. This man and his schoolmates were saved from ruin by the fact that they could not get it until they were old enough to know better. Few men are drunkards who know not the poison till after they are twenty-one. It is the youth the whiskey and beer men want."

Kathie Christie, Toronto to Lady Smith.

London Golden Penny prints a portrait of Kathie Christie, who made her way through the Boer lines to Lady Smith. Says G. P.:

In the early days of the siege, Kathie, who was most anxious about her son imprisoned at Ladysmith, from which no news had arrived for three weeks, volunteered to attempt the dangerous journey. A despatch was secured in the hen at the bottom of the trench. He was stopped a number of times by the enemy, and at one kraal was kept a prisoner for twelve hours. While the Boers were holding a prayer meeting he escaped, and succeeded in slipping through to Ladysmith.

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WORTH REPEATING.

Oriental physicians have practiced vaccination for over 1,000 years.

The largest locomotive works in the world are in Philadelphia.

Over 60 different languages are spoken in the Philippine Islands.

Queen Victoria has not worn her crown more than 20 times during her whole reign.

Vienna policemen are required to understand telegraphy and to be able to swim and row a boat.

Rain has never been known to fall in that part of Egypt between the two lower falls of the Nile.

A pair of herrings, if left undisturbed 20 years, would yield an amount of fish as large as the globe.

A sign of politeness in Tibet on meeting a person is to hold up the clasped hands and stick out the tongue.

The wool on the back of a sheep is the shepherd's barometer. The colder the wool the finer will be the weather.

A schoolgirl in Wabash, Ind., is suffering from paralysis of the muscles of the mouth, caused by too persistent chewing gum.

Russia is a country extremely rich in horses, the number of which has been estimated at 20,000,000, of which at least 1,000,000 are saddle-horses fit for the purposes of war.

A Lynn, Mass., man, in answer to the question of the registrars of voters as to what his business was, said he was a "wealth producer" but would not explain how he produced it.

The Duke of Devonshire possesses a book for which his father refused an offer of \$100,000. It is Claude Lorraine's "Book of Truths," the rarest book in Europe, and a bedroom in the family.

In Bavaria each family on Easter Sunday brings to the church ward-fire a walnut branch, which, after being partially burned, is carried home to be laid on the hearth during tempests, as a protection against lightning.

The richest milk is that which comes near the close of milking. A test disclosed that the first half pint of milk at a milking contained only 1.07 per cent. of cream, while the last half pint contained 10.36 per cent.

Wood tar is still made as it was 400 years B. C. A bark is chosen and a hole dug, into which the wood is placed covered with turf. A fire is lighted underneath, and the tar slowly drips into the barrels to receive it.

A firm of fish dealers in Mobile, Ala., is experimenting with a railroad tank car, in which it successfully will transport Spanish mackerel, pompano, gulf bluefish and other Southern fishes alive to Northern cities.

When a burglar wants to break into a Peruvian house he takes a sponge and bucket of water and moistens the walls, which are covered with only a thin coating of mud, and easily dissolved upon the application of moisture.

In the ambulance and patrol department of a Chicago police station, two hennies with one chick have established themselves as the companions of the officers. Their favorite perch are on the wheels of the ambulance or patrol wagon.

One of the oldest cannon in existence has just been fished out of the bottom of the river Thames near Twickenham. This archaic cannon is 28 inches in length and about 4½ inches in diameter, being made of brass and strengthened with hoops of the same metal welded together.

Among the numerous things considered sacred in India is the banyan-tree, one of the fig genus, remarkable for its vast rooting branches. The horizontal branches, sending down shoots which take root when they reach the ground and enlarge into trunks, which in their turn send out branches.

Five hundred L'Esperance girls have petitioned to be allowed to form the sole guard of honor of the German emperor during the hunting season this year. These girls are of a race that became famous under the Jagellons. Their offer was provisionally accepted.

The leasing of Covent Garden in London by the opera syndicate until 1948 includes everything except one box and two stalls. These the Duke of Bedford, owner of the property, reserved for his own use at any performance in the next forty-nine years without the payment of an entrance fee.

One of the latest German inventions is beer lozenges. These are made of the powder obtained by evaporating lager beer, and contain all the ingredients of this popular beverage. The only useful thing to turn them into a sparkling ale is to dissolve them in water in which some carbonic acid gas has been added.

It is probable that time was first divided into the year by the observation of the movement of the sun, that among the other heavenly bodies; that the revolution of the moon about the earth decided the length of the month, and the rising and setting of the sun marked the duration of the day.

It is said on good authority that when the mills in Manchester, N. H., shut down the last time they had on hand about 64,000,000 yards of cloth, or enough to stretch a band a yard wide around the world, with sufficient left over to form a magnificent driveway wide enough for three spans to drive abreast from New York to Tokyo.

The smallest coin now current in Europe, and the one having the least value, is the Greek lepton. The lepton is, according to the decimal money system, current in all countries belonging to the Latin union. Some idea of this valueless little disc of copper may be gathered from the fact that the value of the one-hundredth part of a drachma. The Greek drachma usually passes for the value of 20 cents.

A curious incident of the bee world is reported from Hampshire, Eng. A cottager took two large bars of honey and a square section of comb and put it into a large hive.

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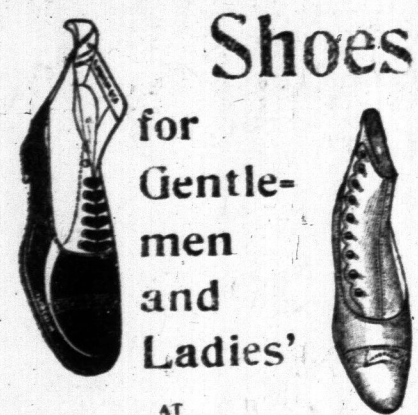
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CASE OF INQUIRY.

Lord Methuen's Conduct now Coming Under Criticism.

He Sent Col. Gough Home but the Same Bluff did not Work With Col. Paquet.

London, March 18.—The Outlook publishes under the heading "Lord Methuen and his colonels: A case for inquiry," what appears to be the first authoritative statement of the internal friction which occurred at Modder river in the early part of the campaign, and is responsible for the frequent and repeated rumors that Methuen was to be recalled. The account is furnished to the Outlook by an unnamed correspondent who writes:

"Now that the military stress and anxiety of two months ago have been in a measure removed, it may be as well to give a précis of what passed between Lord Methuen and Col. Bloemfontein, after the first engagement, in which they both took part, and as also to refer to the subsequent disagreement between Lord Methuen and Col. Arthur Paget.

AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK.
"When the horses of the 9th Lancers were jaded and the men completely exhausted after many hours' fighting, Lord Methuen expected them to charge an absolutely impregnable position. Col. Gough sent a respectful refusal. Lord Methuen then returned to the head of his regiment and severely rebuked him. Col. Gough again pointed out the impossibility of executing the order, and Lord Methuen left the regiment after uttering remarks which made the ears of every man sting.

"Early next morning, it is said, Lord Methuen sent a note to Col. Gough to this effect: 'My Dear Colonel: Please come over to my quarters as quickly as you can. I wish you to spend the day with me.'

"Col. Gough was able to perceive the sun, at noonday. He answered: 'My Dear General: I quite see your meaning, and as I must decline to leave my regiment, please let me know whether you wish to put me under arrest or whether you would prefer that I should return to England.'

GOUGH SENT HOME.
"Lord Methuen replied: 'Thanking my dear colonel for his perspicacity and indicating that Col. Gough had to return home.'

"Col. Gough returned to England, nominally on sick leave. He at once sought the authorities at the war office, laid the facts before them and demanded a court-martial. This had to be refused because of the impossibility of recalling Lord Methuen for the purpose of giving evidence. Three days after his dispute with Colonel Gough, Lord Methuen gave an order to the 9th Lancers, which their commanding officer, Col. Arthur Paget, declared was impossible to execute. He absolutely refused needlessly to sacrifice his men in a vain attempt to take an impregnable kopje. However, he told Lord Methuen that he would himself walk up to the position and be shot. Lord Methuen declined to allow this, but told him he might go back to England. Col. Arthur Paget declined to blank to leave his men except upon the instructions of Sir Redvers Buller, and he wrote to the latter to the same effect. Sir Redvers Buller is reported to have written in reply that he hoped that by the time his answer was received the two old brother officers would have forgotten their differences. There the matter ended, and Col. Paget is still at the head of his men."

CHICAGO MARKETS.			
	Open.	High.	Low.
Wheat—Dec.	67 1/2	67 3/4	66 3/4
May	67 1/2	67 3/4	66 3/4
July	68 1/2	68 3/4	67 3/4
Corn—Sept.	38 1/2	38 3/4	37 3/4
May	38 1/2	38 3/4	37 3/4
July	39 1/2	39 3/4	38 3/4
Oats—Sept.	24 1/2	24 3/4	24 1/4
May	24 1/2	24 3/4	24 1/4
July	25 1/2	25 3/4	25 1/4
Pork—Dec.	11.30	11.32	11.20
May	11.30	11.32	11.20
July	11.30	11.32	11.20
Lard—Dec.	6.17	6.17	6.17
May	6.17	6.17	6.17
July	6.17	6.17	6.17
Ribs—Oct.	6.17	6.17	6.15
May	6.17	6.17	6.15
July	6.17	6.17	6.15

THE CANADIANS.

Repairing the Railroad is Now Their Occupation.

It is Practically in Operation Between Bloemfontein and Cape Town.

Bloemfontein, Orange Free State, March 16.—The Canadian troops were this morning ordered to the outskirts of Bloemfontein to guard the northern section of the line of railway between this point and Springfontein. General Pole-Carew has arrived at Springfontein with a detachment of mounted infantry, and will patrol the lower portion of the line between here and there. Thus the entire line of railway between Bloemfontein and Springfontein is now in our hands, and there is practically an all-rail communication between the late Free State capital and Cape Town.

There are a number of repairs to be made to the railway line between Bloemfontein and Springfontein, and the Canadians will be engaged in this work for some days. The despatch with which our men did similar work on the line of communication between Dr. Aar and Kimberley has evidently impressed the British commanders with the engineering skill, as well as the fighting qualities, of the Canadian troops.

A body of 1,800 Boers have surrendered to the British, giving up their equipment of arms and ammunition, and asking to be allowed to return to their farms. A full camp equipment and a supply of new clothing for the Canadian troops have been ordered to be sent here by railway, so it would seem probable that we shall be occupied for some time in this neighborhood. It is not unlikely that the Canadians will be given almost exclusively the task of keeping open the railway communication between Bloemfontein and Cape Town, so that apart from occasional skirmishes with small bands of Boers in Northern Cape Colony we are not likely to see severe fighting again for some days.

STILL BESIEGED.

But Making is Successfully Holding Its Own.

Horrible Tortures Inflicted on Natives—Advance of the Relief Force.

Lourenço Marques, Sunday, March 18.—A despatch from Mafeking dated Saturday, March 10, says:—The garrison is holding its own. We have heard numerous rumors that the siege will be raised, but so far that is not the case. We are pegging away patiently on our quarter rations, supplemented by the occasional capture of cattle. Our home-made gun erratically bombards the Boer trenches.

Horrible stories are current that the Boers are inflicting senseless tortures upon captured native runners. These may not be true, but they are tending to inflame native passions to such an extent that it may soon be impossible to hold the natives in check. Owing to the Boers having deliberately massacred the natives in Stadt, which is full of women and children, Colonel Baden-Powell has armed the natives, but he has only allowed them to act on the defensive, although they have claimed to be allowed to go out and attack at the point of the assegai. They will be prevented as long as possible from inflicting reprisals on the Boers.

THE BOERS RETREAT.

Cape Town, March 19.—The mounted force from Kimberley, proceeding to the relief of Mafeking, has arrived at Wardenburg. As the force neared Wardenburg, the Boers evacuated the town, blowing up the bridge. It is reported that the rebels who refused to accompany the Transvaalers when the latter vacated Tanga and Vryburg are preparing to flee into Namaqualand on the approach of the British, but that the Hottentot chiefs are getting ready to bar their escape.

The Mafeking relief column, Colonel Drummond and Peckham commanding, had a sharp engagement at Fourteen Streams. The British succeeded in driving the Boers off. They had only a few casualties.

THE POLYPHONE.

The opera grand polyphone that is going to be given at the Patriotic concert Friday, March 23, is a marvel. It uses two reproducing machines, one making an echo, being on the same principle as a sounding board on a piano. The invention is partly due to Thos. A. Edison and the machine has only been patented about 10 days. It is the musical marvel of the 20th century, reproducing band marches, orchestra selections with all the volume of the original. Its announcement is perfect and the machine is to such a stage of perfection that it is destined to do away with human talent to a certain extent. An exhibition of the machine was given in Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, and its utterances could be heard in the remotest corners of the theatre. The magaphones are so arranged that the sounds of the instrument are distributed to every part of the opera house. The size of the record is 7 inches in diameter and when this is slipped upon the cylinder and starts revolving the two reproducing machines come in contact with the record and the music is reproduced. It is the first time that the machine has been shown in Canada and it will be a rare treat to hear the machine both to critics of music and also to the general public.

SPRING TERM.

The Spring Term in the Central Business College, Stratford, Ont., opens on Monday, April 2nd. This College is now closing its winter term, which has been the most successful in the history of the school. Students are shown in attendance from Canada, United States and Newfoundland. All interested in securing a business or shorthand education should write to Mr. W. J. Elliott, Principal of the College, for a catalogue containing full information.

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THE PROBABILITIES.
G. N. W. Social.
Toronto, March 19.—10 a. m.—Strong southerly winds, mild, with occasional rain; Tuesday high westerly winds, snow flurries, turning colder again.

LOCAL BRIEFS

The late cold snap sent the river down nearly a foot. The Mattheus Wade, of Morpeth, was in the city this morning.

Under the direction of Supt. E. B. Jones new wire lines are being placed upon all the city lamps.

The city council will hold its regular meeting this evening. The session will probably be occupied entirely with routine business.

At the morning service in the First Presbyterian Church yesterday the choir rendered the anthem "Nazareth" with exquisite soprano solo by Miss Clara Budge.

The grandiose walk on Head Street beside the Victoria Avenue Methodist Church is so far below the slush and water line that it is worse than rain. The engineer should make an attempt to raise this water-way when the weather permits.

The date of the sacred concert to be presented under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society, at William St. Baptist Church, has been definitely set for Tuesday, April 3rd. The program is under the musical direction of Mrs. Alice James, conductor of the choir, and will be an exceptionally fine one. An unfortunate divorcee, who had filled up on bad whiskey on Saturday, raised quite a commotion by running up and down the streets striking pedestrians with a chain of chain he carried. Officer Beetz saw him, however, and he was temporarily housed and paid \$1 and costs to the police court this morning.

ANOTHER INCENDIARY FIRE.

This morning at 1:15 the watchman in the lower righted a blaze on Colborne St. The firemen turned out and discovered that the house on Colborne St., next to the Park house, was on fire. The place has long been an eyesore to the street, and was known for years as the "Marble Mansion." It is now inhabited by colored people. The fire was found to have started in the rear and by the time the firemen arrived had reached the roof impelling around the corner. The water was soon turned on and the fire put out. The only occupant of the house was a colored woman, Mrs. Maya, and shortly after the appearance of the brigade she rushed out in decidedly hasty attire. Kenneth Campbell had a carload of corn in the elevator which was damaged by water. The loss on the house would be about \$50 and on the elevator \$25. The fire was of incendiary origin.

THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

The Detroit papers yesterday announced the organization of the Straits City Association Football Club, for the purpose of landing the Walker cup this spring in the Peninsular League series. The team, it is reported, will start south this week on a training tour to play the southern clubs, the first game to be played next Saturday at St. Louis with the cycling team of that city. The Detroit team is announced as follows: Goal, Stewart; backs, Switzer and Stricker; halves, Gilbrath, Gibson and Gauthier; right wing, Wilson and Meinke; centre, Scherer; left wing, Bowman and Boehmer.

This is a remarkably strong team on paper and their southern touring should put them in the pink of condition, yet their names are not a sure cause for an attack of fever and ague on the part of all of their opponents. Before our Detroit friends indulge further in their fantastic pipe dreams as to the use to which they will put the handsome trophy, it should occur to them that it is not won yet and they will have to first conquer Captain Laurie and his Maple City Braves.

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THAMESVILLE.

March 19.—The town was brilliant on Saturday with displays of green bunting and Union Jacks, and every body was decorated with shamrock. The storm on Friday night eclipsed any previous one of the season. Travelling was impossible. Everybody who went out of town for the evening remained where they were until the storm was over. The phonograph concert was fairly well patronized. Mr. and Mrs. Albertson and daughter went down to Chatham on Saturday night to hear Mantel. There promises to be a great boom in the building line as soon as the spring opens. Warden Davidson was in Chatham on Saturday. Mr. May, a representative from the Book Supply Co. of Toronto, was in town on Saturday. Our pessimistic citizens are predicting for this season the greatest flood of the century.

"Better late than never. It is best, however, to be never late about taking Hood's Sarsaparilla to purify your blood. Take it now."

IT WAS A FINE PLAY.

The presentation of "The Beggar and the Cross" by the eminent romantic actor Robert B. Mantell, and a splendid company at the Grand on Saturday evening was without doubt one of the best and most brilliant productions that ever pleased Maple City theatre patrons. It was greeted with a splendid house and the play well deserved it. In the difficult role he assumed Mantel was certainly without a peer, and repeatedly he was brought before the curtain to respond to the enthusiastic appreciation of the audience. Miss Marie Booth-Russell as Francesca was also the belle ideal of the coquette acting was most heartily honored. The entire company was an exceptionally strong one, and Manager McVean is to be congratulated upon booking such an excellent production.

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DRESDEN.

March 19.—Rev. Mr. McTavish preached two excellent sermons in the Methodist Church yesterday, it being the occasion of the anniversary services. To-night a concert will be given in the church at which addresses will be given by Revs. H. W. McTavish and Mr. Yorton. Special music will also be rendered by the choir. Alfred Feste and family, of Chatham, visited relatives in town on Sunday. Miss Ethel Sharpe left for Detroit on Saturday evening to visit Mrs. E. Miller. Mr. Dowsewell, of Hamilton, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. G. B. Rush, North Dresden. An unfortunate accident occurred at McVean's factory on Saturday by which an employe named Joseph Carroll lost a part of one of his hands. Carroll also conducted a barber shop in the evening in the store on Main street formerly occupied by the steam laundry.

WALLACEBURG.

March 19.—Miss Ruby Gordon, after a short visit home, has returned to Toronto. A very pleasant social was given at the home of Mrs. W. H. McLean Thursday evening by the ladies of the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Thos. Forhan gave an "at home" to a large number of friends. J. R. Stone, of Chatham, was in town last week. A number of excellent books are to be added to the library soon. M. Doyle is building a dock at the foot of Creek street. Clayton Baughman has left for Wyoming. Solvay & Sauvey have purchased a bankrupt stock in Wyoming.

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