

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gillis, whose golden wedding was celebrated on April 7th.

DENOUNCED PENSIONS

Sir Richard Cartwright speaking on the Senate denounced old age pension proposals as destructive of thrift. Sir Richard said the worst enemies of the working classes were those who seek to pauperize or degrade them into being recipients of pensions they had not earned, and further, that Canada should not make preparations to relieve the submerged tenth, but to see that no submerged tenth exists in Canada.

DISTRIBUTION OF BIBLES

Sixty-seven thousand Bibles were distributed during 1911 by the Upper Canada Bible Society. These figures far exceed those of any previous year. During 1910, 48,000 were distributed and that was a record year. In 1910, \$53,000 was collected from the eastern boundaries of Ontario west to the coast. The net gain over the previous year was in the neighborhood of \$15,000, the balance having been collected in the eastern provinces.

LEACH BUYS A HOTEL.

Bobby Leach, who made himself famous by his exploits at the Falls, has purchased the Arderley Hotel at Dunnville.

Alteration of Cheques

A machine designed to prevent the alteration of cheques or the forging of signatures to negotiable paper has been patented by a convict in a California prison.

Expensive Joking.

No I don't believe in expensive practical jokes, said a business man, except by way of retaliation.

Once I received a telegram from a friend who was travelling in Italy. It came collect and cost me \$7, and when I opened it, all I read was, "Thank you, I am well."

Then I sallied forth and sought me out a cobble stone—a nice, large cobblestone weighing about eleven pounds. And I wrapped it in excelsior, pink cotton and white paper, and I boxed it in a handsome box, and I sent it by express collect to my facetious friend far across the bounding billows.

And when he had paid his little \$15 and had opened it at St. Petersburg, if I remember rightly, he found in addition to the precious contents a note from me that explained, "This is the load that rolled off my heart on receipt of the news of your good health."

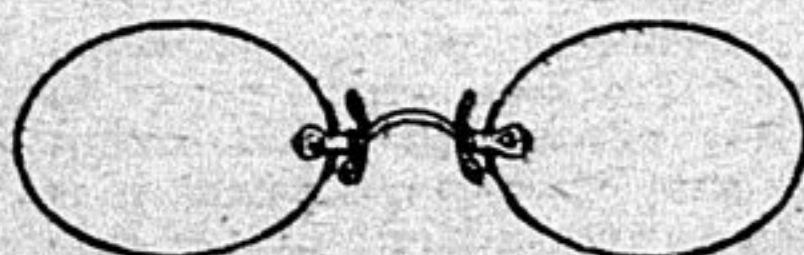
Hard to Swallow.

My little girl, aged four, came running into the room.

"My dollie's sick," she said "and I don't know what's the matter, I gave her water and she can't swallow that; the doctor gave her a pill, and she can't swallow that."

"Then," said I "I don't see but what you had better try Christian Science for her."

"We have tried it," said she, "and she can't swallow that."



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BOARDS OF TRADE

An energetic programme has been recommended to the Governments.

In their two days' convention the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade were practically unanimous in urging the following for immediate action on the part of the Provincial and Dominion Governments, respectively:—

- (1) Prevention of the practice of bonussing industries.
- (2) Wide prosecution of the good roads policy.
- (3) Extending the Hydro-electric system throughout New Ontario.
- (4) Appointment of a Colonization Commission for New Ontario.
- (5) Extension of the Government railroad to Toronto, Hudson Bay and to Georgian Bay.
- (6) Establishment of a prison farm in New Ontario.
- (7) Better provision for physical welfare of New Ontario people.
- (8) Care of the levels of the great lakes.
- (9) Improvement of St. Lawrence water route.
- (10) Enlargement of the Welland Canal.
- (11) Making the French River navigable.
- (12) Appointment of a commission to regulate Canadian marine shipping rates.

ROAD RACING IN ENGLAND.

Not everyone is acquainted with the conditions which govern cycling road racing in England. The competitors are started at intervals; if one man overtakes another he must not stay behind the leader—that is, "hang on." He is obliged to go to the other side of the road and stay there, disqualification following the neglect to do this. The rule is to apply in the Swedish race, and marshals and umpires will be there to enforce it. Pacing is a protection from windage, and makes a vast difference in the speed. It is calculated, indeed, that to have a man in front is worth anything between 100 to 200 yards in a mile. But for the rule which penalizes hanging on competitors in road racing would be apt to wait in a string from end to end.

KICKED IN THE FACE.

While clutching a girder seventy feet in the air at the new Arena, Toronto, Abraham Listoff claims that he was kicked in the face by Charles Homer. Both men are ironworkers. According to the police, they had been engaged in a dispute, which had frequently "bopped up" while they were both occupying dangerous positions in mid-air.

FORTY-SEVEN "LIFERS."

There are 47 life prisoners in the penitentiary, the largest number in the history of the institution. Two women are among the number. One man has been in the penitentiary 44 years.

SWITCHMEN'S WATCHES.

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