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STILL MISTAKEN

The Fenelon Falls Gazette last week devoted another column to the sparrow question. Unwilling to admit the best-attested facts, or be silent before the highest authorities, the Gazette man, with a pugnacity worthy the pest he strives to defend, still seeks to refute the utterly unassailable statements we made in our first article on this subject.

But there is another. On Thursday night Mr. Martin Burrell lectured before the Horticultural Society here on "Birds in Relation to Horticulture." He declared that the sparrow destroys grain, is filthy in its habits, nips off great quantities of buds from fruit trees, and drives away insectivorous birds.

So then the Century Dictionary, Gurney, Coues, Cuvier, Nash, Burrell and Riley are against the Gazette man. From this it would seem that the "little house on a pole a few feet from a window" in the front of his office is scarcely a safe guide or worth the visit he so cordially invited us to make to it next summer.

THEIR FATE IS SEALED

During the past week the success that was begun by the advance of a powerful British army under Gen. Roberts into the Orange Free State, has steadily attended the British arms. The Boers made a stand at Poplar Grove and Dreifontein, but by wide detours the cavalry under Gen. Frencil was able to come upon their flank and compel them to withdraw.

It is impossible to tell the loss of the enemy and difficult to form an opinion as to how the week's operations have been regarded by them. It may be that they did not expect to stop the British advance on Bloemfontein. That they opposed it with only some 10,000 men and were in such readiness to retreat, makes that seem probable.

That the Republics have learned their weakness, may be gathered from their appeal to the powers for interven-

tion. There is no sign that it will avail them anything. It is too much to hope that because they have issued that appeal they are about to give up the conflict. A communication that inclines many to that hope, is the note addressed to Lord Salisbury by Presidents Kruger and Steyn. But a careful reading of that note justifies the very opposite opinion.

If Her Majesty's Government is determined to destroy the independence of the Republics, there is nothing left to us and to our people but to persevere to the end. Lord Salisbury has already replied that the Republics must be blotted out of existence, and the negotiations of this week have removed all hope that the fight between Briton and Boer will not go on to the bitter end.

EDITORIAL NOTES

IT MAY BE hoped that we shall make as creditable an appearance after our resurrection as does the Pan Cosmic Review. After a period of suspended animation it is again setting forth the wit and wisdom of the denizens of Collegiate hill. The first number is an eight page production, creditable in appearance and contents.

A MEMBER of the 45th battalion wrote us this week vigorously setting forth reasons why Col. Hughes was perfectly justified in all his actions toward Gen. Hutton. He was on the ground when the most serious difference occurred between these officers and speaks with admiration of the stand the Colonel took for his own men.

AT THE Brockville assizes last week a jury gave Rev. T. J. O'Connor-Fenton of that town \$750 damages against two girls called Macdonald for defamation of his character. Hon. Mr. Justice Robertson, who was on the bench, spoke in the severest terms of the offence of which these women were found guilty. His remarks should be reproduced in every town, for every one of them is disgraced by numbers of empty-headed women of nasty disposition and villainous tongue.

Mr. W. H. HOYLE, the energetic and versatile member of the legislature for North Ontario is doing good work for the province. Following his motion, the Heir and Devisee court established some years ago by the legislature to attend to the settlement of estates, has been abolished. It consisted of four judges who each got \$1000 a year.

SERGT. MCCREA WRITES AGAIN

A Letter Telling More About the way Things are going With the Canadian Boys.

SAND STORMS—IMPORTANT SERVICE OF R.C.R.—A BATTLE IMMINENT—TROOPS MOVING—THE CAMP PETS—HE IS WELL.

Here with we publish another letter from Sergt. McCrea in South Africa. We have it by the kindness of his sister, Mrs. Mulligan.

BELMONT, JAN. 29th, 1900.

DEAR MOTHER,—

We were busy as usual yesterday. Just after dinner to-day I took a bath, washed my clothes, had part of them out to dry, when an order to load two wagons instantly came in. Before we got the wagons in place to load a regular sand blizzard came up. It was impossible to work for an hour-and-a-half, then rain came on and stopped the dust and the loading went on.

From the papers by the last mail I learn that it was generally expected that Methuen's column would have to retreat to Orange River, so our presence here has been of some value. A large number are dissatisfied with our stay here and don't seem to realize that we hold a dangerous and important place. Jan. 30th. Fine day after the rain.

10th—Lancers from India passed up "Q" Battery, 39 days from England, also passed up. Australians marched down from Enslin, going to be turned into mounted infantry. Our column is fortifying Richmond. Report says there will be a sorap at Magersfontein to-morrow.

Jan. 31st—The Cheshire regiment went up last night, and this a.m. "I" Battery, Feb. 1st—The Buffs and York passed up. D. & E. Co., R. C. R., went to Graspan last night. Could see two search-lights flashing and a steady red glow to the southeast of them.

Saturday noon—Received yours, Anna's, Flora's, Ella's, R. J. M's and Amy's New Year's letters. Pleased to know that mine reached you all. Pleased, too, that I got them this a.m., as we leave here this afternoon for Graspan, and I believe Modder River. A great number of troops of all arms are going up by train and marching. We march 16, 8 miles to Graspan. Have not time to write much. Am in fine condition. Is pretty warm. I enclose letter and stamps to Clifford. Love to all.

P. S.—I sent my Queen's chocolate by registered post. Tell Miss Cornwall I hope to drink some of it with her.

MARCH 1st, 1900.

DEAR CLIFFORD,— I am sending you some stamps. I forgot if I told you about the big monkey one of our men bought. He is as big as Don was and is quite tame. It is great fun to see him with a looking-glass. He holds it in

his hands and looks into it in every direction, feels behind it with one hand, raises it up till he falls backward, bends forward till he turns summersaults over it, lays it on the ground, turns it over and round in every comical and imaginable way. The R.C.R. have a young nannyoat. It spends most of its time around the storehouse and is quite a pet. It is very playful, and jumps up on boxes, barrels or bales of any kind. We often catch her eating a hole in a loaf. To-day she went to a box of clay pipes and took one by the stem out of the box and sucked away just as if she were smoking. Another animal that we have is a guinea pig that came from Douglas. He is not very tame, but runs about the storehouse with trying to get away. We had a mare-cat, but it went away and has not come back. It is much the size and shape of a red squirrel and grey colored. So you see we have quite a menagerie. If you could send me some maps, jubilee and maple leaf stamps I could exchange them for you.—Truly yours, UNCLE JOHN.

A Loyal Subject

There is a man in town who will vouch for the following: Scene—Picture shop. (Enter young man from wayback) "How much do you want for those war pictures?" Dealer—"31.50 per pair." Young man—"Is that all? That's too cheap; any man ought to be willing to pay twice that in a patriotic cause. Why, I take eight papers a week and never miss an item of war news." (Enter Salvation lassie.) "War Cry, sir, War Cry?" Young man—"You bet; gimme a copy; everything about the war goes with me."

The Biograph in Lindsay for the Schools

Since the Biograph moving pictures of the parades and departure of the Second Contingent and war scenes in South Africa in aid of the Patriotic Fund have been shown the enthusiasm has been most remarkable wherever they have been seen in Canada. In Ottawa in two days \$12,000 was netted for the fund. In Toronto the largest hall, Massey Music Hall, seating 4,000 was crowded at every performance and the fund will be swelled by the Toronto performances alone by several thousand dollars. In Halifax the performances were given for two days netting \$700 and arrangements were made for a return date for a whole week. In every city and town the schools have been given a holiday and large numbers of children have attended these views on account of their highly educational value. In no other way can more vividly before the eyes of the public than by these pictures which are an immense improvement on the old type cinematograph or other moving picture machines.

Friday afternoon is a special half-holiday for all the town schools. Admission 10c, adults 25c. On Saturday afternoon the country schools and their friends—within reach of Lindsay—are expected to turn out in large numbers. They should all make use of the opportunity to see these wonderful moving pictures. The exhibition will commence at 2 o'clock. So be on hand in good time. Admission 10c, adults 25c, to any part of the house.

GET AN HOTEL AT STURGEON POINT

An English Syndicate that Ought to Come This Way

The Barrie correspondent of Mail the and Empire wrote last Friday as follows:

"The Tourist and Hotel Committees of the Board of Trade had a conference this afternoon with Mr. Smily, representing an English syndicate, who purpose erecting several first-class summer hotels in this part of Ontario. They will build one or two hotels in Muskoka, and after that it is their intention to erect one at nearest point to Toronto.

Jackson's Point has first claim, a large trade having been established there last year, the accommodation having been exceeded by about three thousand people. Barrie comes next, then Orillia, and then Gravenhurst. The hotels will be of the same construction and size, to cost from \$75,000 to \$100,000, with rates from \$3 to \$5 per day. The assistance they will probably want from the town will be a free site and some agreement as to light and water. Mr. Smily says the syndicate will make a definite proposal to the town within two months."

This is a line of business that has the greatest interest for Lindsay at the present time. An hotel at Sturgeon point has been a problem ever since the old one was destroyed. Not many places by location or natural advantages, are better suited for summer tourists than the Point, and no doubt a properly equipped hotel would soon make it one of the most popular resorts in Canada.

Up to the present there has seemed to be little prospect of local capitalists doing anything in that direction. The property is now owned by Mr. John McDonald. A short time ago Mr. McDonald was approached by some progressive local men with a proposition of purchase, but their terms did not suit him and the whole matter threatens to go by default for another season.

It might not reflect any discredit on the business men of this town if they should go about this matter in an aggressive way and form a local joint stock company that would buy the property and erect and conduct a suitable hotel at the Point. Mr. McDonald would surely not object to a reasonable offer from such a body. If he should, perhaps for the sake of the advantage that the resort would be to the town, it might be wise to give even more than the actual market value of property warrants. The business of Lindsay would profit to a very large extent by the summer trade with a large community of Point and probably no property would stand to be more largely benefitted than some that belongs to Mr. McDonald.

The Board of Trade could very well emerge from its long period of masterly inactivity and take this question up vigorously. If the local scheme is found unworkable let this English syndicate be approached, and it is not improbable that proper representations would attract it in this direction, and that in the near future one of those \$75,000 to \$100,000 hotels will adorn the Park at Sturgeon Point.

The Biograph of War Pictures

Academy of Music, Friday and Saturday evenings. Reserved seats, 50c and 35c. Get your seats secured in good time. Plan at Porter's Wednesday morning, 11-1.

The Weather

(From the Lindsay Observatory.) Report for week ending Saturday night March 10th 1900. TEMPERATURE. Highest.....39.60 Tuesday Lowest.....13.00 Monday Warmest day, mean of.....22.80 Friday Coldest.....2.30 Monday The week.....16.53

PRECIPITATIONS IN INCHES. Greatest fall of rain in one day 0.22 Tuesday Rain fell on 1 days Greatest fall of snow in one day 3.0 Tuesday Snow fell on 5 days Total rain fall and melted snow 0.89 THOMAS BEALL.

Births

Lindsay.—In New York city, on Sunday, March 4th, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lindsay, a daughter.

McKAY.—At Navorlo, Ont., on March 13th, the wife of Rev. Wm. McKay a daughter.

Marriages

GERMYN—TELFORD.—On March 7th, at residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Telford, Somerville, by the Rev. W. J. Creighton, William Gerymn and Lottie Telford, both of Somerville.

Deaths

MCCABE.—In Ops. on Sunday, March 11th, 1900, Bridget McCabe, relict of the late Michael McCabe, aged 67 years.

McMILLAN.—In Ops. on Wednesday, March 14th, Sarah McMillan, aged 96 years.

MALONEY.—In Ops. on Tuesday, March 13th, 1900, John Maloney, aged 69 years.

POGUE.—At Eden, Verulam, on Friday, March 2nd, Olive Pearl, infant daughter of Pogue, aged 5 months and 10 days.

BEAMISH.—In Ops. on Tuesday, March 13th, Francis Beamish, aged 57 years, 5 months.

CLARKE.—In Ops. (con. 11.) on Wednesday morning, Francis Clarke, aged 93 years.

—About twenty years ago Daniel Lick, deceased, set out two and a half acres of hard maples, one rod apart, being nearly 500 trees. To-day these trees on the farm at Harmony, are from six inches to one foot in diameter, and are growing now faster than during the first years of their planting, when they were taking root.

Her Last Words

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