

The Watchman-Warder

The annual report of the British Lunacy Commission shows a disquieting increase in insanity in Great Britain, says The Globe. The Watchman-Warder was tempted to suspect as much from the general election returns when the Campbell-Bannerman Government was returned with such a majority.

According to Senator David, of Montreal, one of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's greatest ambitions is to write a History of Canada. In this ambition the present Premier shows the difference between his hopes and those of his great predecessor, Sir John A. Macdonald. Sir John A.'s highest wish was that he should MAKE history; while Sir Wilfrid would be content simply to write it.

The Watchman-Warder trusts that the present Premier may also attain to his high wish, and it is humbly hoped that he may write better and with less moral obliquity than he has used in his attempts at building. Senator David suggests that Sir Wilfrid would like to retire now from public life and devote the rest of his life to literary work. Certainly, Sir Wilfrid! You are entirely welcome! We care not who writes the country's history, so long as Mr. R. L. Borden has opportunity to erase the blots on the last few pages of the book and to then go forward to make history—a history of progressive government, clean politics and good service.

The Whitney administration has been complimented time and again for its efficient enforcement of the laws regulating the liquor traffic. Even the Liberal party press has given its meed of deserved commendation to the Ontario Government in this matter, and where the interests of temperance and morality have been held above petty considerations of party expediency, the comments from the Liberal papers have been most generous and appreciative. While such comment must be gratifying to the Government, and to the great party behind the Government, the following few lines from the Pioneer will be double satisfactory. The Pioneer is a temperance journal—published in the interests of social and moral reform. The Pioneer has no party affiliations; no political leanings; no interests, save the interests of temperance and the advancement of temperance and moral and social reform. The Pioneer should, and does, voice to a very large extent, the opinion of a great body of the best men and women of Ontario; and it has condensed into a few lines a high compliment to the Whitney administration in the following sensible words: "The vigorous law-enforcement policy of the Ontario Provincial Government has given to the public a convincing illustration of what may be accomplished by the common-sense policy of treating liquor laws as other laws are treated."

According to a recent decision of a French judge, railway companies are bound to conform to their time-tables as regards their fast trains, and travellers inconvenienced or annoyed by arriving at their destination behind scheduled time may recover damages from the railroad. The very sensible view taken by the judge in setting this precedent is that time-tables are a form of contract made by the company with its passengers, and should accordingly be fulfilled. If the decision of this French judge were made to apply to Canadian railways, the effect would be a welcome one to the travelling public. The convenience and interests of the public might then be more consulted in the making of time-tables and in the looking to the conformity of the trains to the advertised schedules. Another advantage would no doubt be the prevention of many accidents, for it is a well-known and often-noted fact that the majority of the wrecks on the railways are due to the muddle and mix-up caused by the trains not running on a strict schedule time. A law making it compulsory for Canadian railroads to fulfil their contracts as implied in the time-tables would work no hardship to the carrying companies. Their schedules would simply be so adjusted as to make the correct arrival and departure of trains almost a certainty, and the travelling public, even though receiving no different service or time to that now given, would in any event have the satisfaction of knowing exactly what to expect in the matter of the arrival and departure of trains.

Thanksgiving Day This Year Thanksgiving Day is to be observed on Thursday, October 21st. The Government has promised that

before the date is set for next year that consideration will be given to the plea of the commercial travellers and others to have this holiday fall on Monday instead of Thursday. A number of reasons have been advanced to show why it is preferable to observe Thanksgiving Day on Monday. These reasons are sound enough and perfectly valid, but in the discussion the real object of Thanksgiving Day has been forgotten. As one journal very aptly points out, the day is not a holiday, but rather should be considered as a holy day. The observance of Thanksgiving Day should partake as much as possible of the religious nature; it is meant to be a national expression of a people's gratitude and thankfulness for blessings and mercies received. That few nations have more cause for thankfulness and gratitude than Canada will be readily admitted, and perhaps in the abundance of blessings temporal and otherwise the spirit of gratitude has been largely forgotten and neglected. Bountiful harvests, security of life and property, liberty of conscience and freedom of speech tend towards forgetfulness of the Power that confers. In the recure abundance of worldly benefits there is liable to be indifference as to where they come from, and it is when prosperity is lowest that men and women are most likely to appreciate and be grateful for small mercies. The religious element—originally the one great feature of Thanksgiving Day—has been largely superseded by the desire to make the day a holiday of pleasure and visiting.

It is along this line that one good argument is brought forward for the observance of the day on Monday. Monday will allow many to go to their homes—that may be distant—for Thanksgiving. The rest element will also be more effective. It is argued that men will be more likely to attend and appreciate the Thanksgiving Day services at home and with the element of rest, not rush, predominant.

Who Is Responsible?

The Coroner's jury on investigating the Caledon wreck, found that the accident was caused by the criminal negligence of the conductor and engineer on the ill-fated train. The jury also censured the C.P.R. for placing inexperienced men in charge of so important a train. So far, so good, perhaps. Then the jury ordered that the conductor and engineer be arrested and held on the criminal charge. So far, so good, perhaps. No pre-judgment of the case, no finding of the accused men guilty of criminal negligence, would be permissible or just at this stage of the proceedings, but no fault can be found with the very commendable desire of the jury to have a thorough investigation, and if blame and punishment are deserved to have the same meted out to the deserving. It must be confessed, however, that the jury, or the law, has not gone far enough. If the evidence given warrants the arrest of these men, then certainly justice would also require the arrest of others higher up. It is unthinkable that these two men would wilfully so act that such an accident should occur. No one believes such to be the case. On the other hand, if the accident occurred through incompetence then those responsible for incompetent employees holding the safety and lives of hundreds in their keeping should also be called to answer. If the accident occurred through carelessness, then those responsible for the employment of careless men should also be required to suffer. A railroad is the last place on earth where a careless or incompetent man should be allowed employment. Why not go higher up as well?

LINDSAY POULTRY SHOW

JAN. 21st AND 22nd THE DATES. MEETING OF THE POULTRY AND PET STOCK ASSOCIATION. The Lindsay Poultry Show on Jan. 21st and 22nd, 1908, is to be the biggest success yet. Such is the belief of the Association, and energy and ability being behind belief, it will no doubt eventuate in January into reality. The meeting of the Lindsay Poultry and Pet Stock Association was held in the office of Mr. F. H. Reed, B.S., the Lindsay representative of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, on Friday evening. Among those present were—Messrs. D. C. Trev, Johnson Ellis, J. P. Riley, C. Frost, C. Blackwell, T. Hadden, J. Williamson, G. Calvert and others. The financial affairs were found to be in excellent condition. Receipts amounted to \$615.43 for the year, and expenditures to \$594.34, leaving a balance to the good of \$21.09. A discussion of the condition of the Association caused much satisfaction, as the society is flourishing and progressing. The directors of last year were re-elected, with Mr. Johnson Ellis as president, and Mr. C. Frost as secretary-treasurer.

The by-election in Brockville has been fixed for October 7th.

Eva Fox Strangeways, the adventuress arrested in Toronto, collapsed when sentenced to penitentiary in New York. Twenty-five persons returning from the Dominion Exhibition at Sherbrooke were killed in a train wreck on the Boston & Maine Railroad.

Personals

Mrs. John Hore is visiting in Ottawa. Miss L. Braund visited friends in London. Miss Ada Bain, Toronto, is visiting at her home here. Mr. Will Wilson, East Ops, visited in Toronto last week. Miss S. Walsh of Toronto, is visiting Mrs. J. B. Marlon. Mr. L. Williamson, of Toronto, was a Lindsay visitor this week. Mrs. Stephens and Miss Stephens are visiting in Owen Sound. Mrs. M. J. Carter returned this week from a visit to Toronto. Ex-Reeve W. H. Wilson, of Merriton, visited Lindsay this week. Miss M. Doran, Ottawa, was the guest of her uncle, Mr. J. Boxall. Miss Marie Chirpaw spent her holidays at her home at Victoria Road. The Misses Murray, of Toronto, are the guests of friends in this vicinity. Mr. G. P. Devitt has returned home after a pleasant visit to Hamilton friends. Miss Mabel Burke returned last week from a visit to Toronto and Niagara. Mr. J. Penrose, of Arthur, Ont., was the guest of relatives in Ops Township. Miss Tessie Hearn, Barrie, returned home last week after a visit to Lindsay friends. Mr. S. Eplet, of New Liskeard, is spending a few weeks with Mr. John Graham, Emily. Mr. G. A. Macdonald, editor of the Watchman-Warder, spent the week end at Ancaster. Miss Aileen Lytle left on Saturday to resume her course at Moulton College, Toronto. Mrs. A. J. Briggs, of Niagara Falls, N.Y., is visiting relatives in Victoria County this week. Mr. A. Jeffers has returned to New York after a two months visit to his parents here. Dr. and Mrs. Jeffers. Miss Laura Wilson, East Ops, returned home last week after a two weeks' visit with her cousins in Toronto. Mrs. C. Major, Toronto, and Mrs. J. McCutcheon, of the Michigan Soc., were the guests this week of Mr. J. Dundas. Mrs. W. Simmons and children, of Rochester, returned last week to their home after a visit with Mrs. S. J. Fox. Mr. Ed. Clendinning, of Lindsay, left here on Monday for Kilmount, where he will be manager of the Northern Hotel. Mrs. Beattie, of Rochester, N. Y., returned home last week after a visit to her daughter, Mrs. W. Coombs, Melbourne street. Mr. Jack Wilson, East Ops, accompanied by his friend, Mr. Corscadden, left on Wednesday, Sept. 4th for Saskatchewan. Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Jordan were in Toronto Saturday attending the funeral of the late Thomas Smart, brother of Mrs. Jordan. Mr. A. Cote left this week for Montreal to resume his studies at McGill University, after a pleasant vacation at his home here. Southampton Beacon—Mrs. Ernest E. Short and Master Everett are spending a month's holidays with relatives and friends in Lindsay and Toronto. Miss E. Henley, of the Dundas & Flavelle staff, who has been ill for some weeks past, was taken to the Ross Memorial Hospital for treatment on Sunday. Mr. J. D. Flavelle left for Winnipeg on Thursday last for a visit to his daughter, Mrs. (Rev.) J. W. McMullan. Mrs. Flavelle is at present in Winnipeg, and will accompany Mr. Flavelle on his return trip. Mr. Jos. Clark, of Elora, visited Lindsay this week. Mr. Clark was accompanied by his brother, Mr. Ralph Clark, of the Halliburton line, thirty-nine years ago, and was the first passenger engineer on the Halliburton road. Mr. Allan Gillies, of the Stratford Herald, and Mrs. Gillies, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Galbraith, Mr. and Mrs. Gillies have just returned from their trip to Quebec with the special excursion organized by the Herald for the ladies securing the most points in their voting contest. Fenelon Falls Star—Messrs. Geo. Goodwin, of Lindsay, with his cousin, Geo. Goodwin, of Winnipeg, and Mr. Chas. Piercy, of Lindsay, have been making a trip of the upper lakes. They went out from Halliburton and came around via Redstone and Kenessee Lake, thence down the waters to Michigan. They report the scenery magnificent and the fishing good. Mr. George D. Isaac, of Cameron Point, Fenelon, who went to Saskatchewan some months ago with W. A. Silverwood and Percy Webster, of Oakwood, was detained in the Regina Hospital nine weeks through illness. He returned to his home last week accompanied by his friend, Mr. Silverwood, who remained in Regina some weeks waiting to bring his friend home. Mr. Isaac is very grateful for the kindness shown him by Mr. Silverwood during his long illness. Mr. Percy Webster also called at Regina on his way from Vancouver, where he had spent part of the summer, and accompanied the party as far as Toronto. Mr. Isaac's many friends are pleased to see him home again and looking so well after his long illness.

KINMOUNT FAIR

BAD WEATHER A DRAWBACK. INTERESTING SPEEDING EVIDENCE. GOOD ATTENDANCE. The Kinmount Fair, under the auspices of the Galway Agricultural Society, was held on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. On Tuesday the weather was decidedly unfavorable, but on Wednesday it cleared up considerably, and a large attendance came from the district and surrounding country. Over eighty came in alone from Lindsay. The exhibits were good, and numerous; and the quality and quantity of the potatoes and other vegetables was particularly noticeable. Fine horses and good cattle were in evidence also. Much interest was shown in the speeding in the ring. The following are the races and the heats:— Farmers' Race— J. Young's Jap. ... 1 1 1 J. A. Lambert's Percy Fen- ... 2 2 3 W. Doherty's D. Skinner ... 4 4 2 2.40 Class— T. Hodgson's Billy Keswick 1 1 1 Dr. Johnston's Brown Gyp 2 2 2 Geo. Dettman's Minnie Green- ... 3 3 3 D. Cain's Red Bay, (4) withdrawn. Green Race— T. Hodgson's Keswick ... 1 1 1 Dr. Cowan's Florence C. ... 2 2 2 George Dettman's Minnie Greenie ... 3 3 3 Free-for-all. Alph. Collins' Tom Boy ... 1 1 1 W. H. Simpson's Joe Allan 2 2 2 Dr. Johnston's Brown Gyp 6 3 3 Time—2.30, 2.29, 2.27. Matched Race, \$50— McNeil's Lulu Fizzister ... 1 2 1 S. Lambert's Lady Brown ... 2 1 2

Card of Thanks.

Having disposed of my grain business to Messrs. J. S. Eyles & Son, I take this opportunity of thanking my many customers for their patronage to this firm for the last twenty years, and think you will find it a pleasure to do business at the same storehouse with my successors, who need no introduction. ARTHUR TOUCHBURN, Lindsay, Sept. 30-1.

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A Great Harvest in Very New Millinery

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The Best Place to Buy Mantles

Is at this store and we cannot emphasize our values too much. They have been brought here from the very best makers—makers that we know put only the very best materials and trimmings into their garments. You will find these garments particularly good fitting and they are noted for their shape keeping qualities. Come and interview us regarding your fall purchase and we know you will find money saving easy.

In Your Home

We would be pleased to have you put some of our House Furnishings. If remodeling or building a new house be sure and see our range of Carpets, Curtains, Window Shades, Draperies and Linoleums. We can save you money and give you the best of values and guarantee you entire satisfaction.

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Vertical text on the right edge of the page, including 'An Invitation', 'A. Higginbo', 'Little Local', and 'Don't You'.