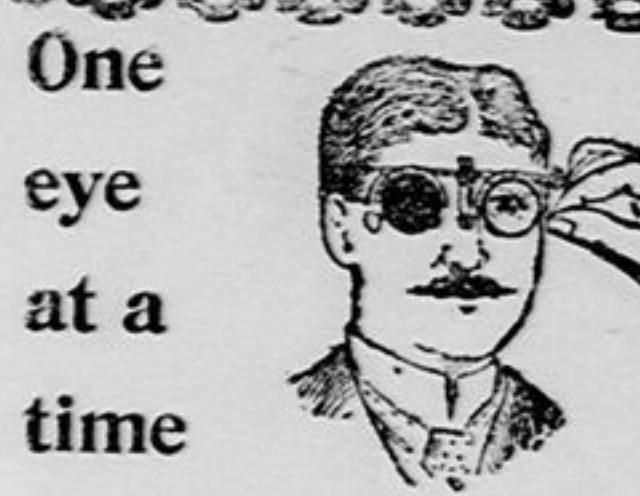


# THE BOBCAYGEON INDEPENDENT.



One  
eye  
at a  
time

That's the way we test.  
Usually the eyes differ in sight.  
A glass which suits one injures the other, and ultimately both suffer.  
We use modern appliances, and the greatest care to avoid a misfit.  
A misfit would hurt your eyes and our reputation.

**Britton Bros.**  
Opticians,  
LINDSAY.

**Fishing  
Tackle,**

LARGE VARIETY

INDIAN WORK  
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Souvenirs For Tourists.

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The Boer ranchers are continuing their game of thumb-rigging with Roberts. Just when Roberts men imagine they have the rancher corralled, is the moment they discover he is not there.

The German Foreign office has wisely ordered that the speeches of the Emperor must be censored. It has asked the Press for the honor of the country, to refrain from reporting its disordered remarks.

Drownings and upsets are again emphasizing the need of air tight ends in canoes. An upset can cause both to safely sustain two persons. Whereas without the air tight ends, a very small weight puts them under, and quickly tires those hanging to them, in endeavoring to keep afloat.

Russia is discovering that its Siberian railway has been scamped in a most rascally manner. The transport of troops, and heavy guns, has shown that the rails are light, ties too far apart, and bad timber, in fact, the Russian railway appears to have been as big a nest of corruption as the C.P.R.

The famine in India continues awful in its severity. There are now more than six million of people, (a number greater than the whole population of Canada), receiving relief from the Indian Government to save them from death by starvation. Great Britain's Parliament has spent four hundred million dollars in the war against the Transvaal Dutch, but it declines to pay anything towards the Indian Famine Fund.

Mr. Ryerson, of Toronto, whose sturdy good sense, fertility of resource, and freedom of red-tapism, made him such a power of good, in the appalling emergencies of the hospital department in Africa, is expected home to-morrow Saturday, and will no doubt be down to his handsome cottage at Sturgeon Point in a few days, to shake off the pure, bracing, life renewing air of our Kawartha Lakes, the evil effects of his arduous duties of the last few months. No man deserves better of his countrymen than the Doctor, for his services in Africa. His labors were all for the relief of suffering humanity, and his energies and ability accomplished results untold, and immeasurable.

The Toronto Star asks, how many men would enlist in this country if private soldiers were treated as an inferior order of mortals, and not allowed to enter hotels and theatres, as is the case in England? Probably not a dozen native-born recruits could be found in the Dominion. In this paragraph the Star has the secret of the failure of every man sent from England to command our Militia. The ranks of the regulars are recruited from the lower classes and are trained and treated on precisely the same lines as the horses. The officers are appointed through family influence or political pull, and from their birth are taught to consider themselves of very superior clay. In our Militia the ranks and the officers are on the same foot, and the ranks pay no more attention to the bluntness of the English officer's blood, than they do to the color of his hair.

## AUSTRALIAN CABLE

The construction of a submarine cable from Canada to Australia across the Pacific ocean is not likely to be accomplished for some little time. The delay is caused by a sudden rise in guita percha. To make a cable suitable for the work would require about four million pounds of guita percha, and the price has risen from five cents a pound to two dollars a pound. This means an increase of nearly five million dollars in the cost of the cable, and in consequence the project is temporarily suspended.

Is this journal sorry? No, sir. Not the slightest shade of grief has passed over its mighty mind. It doesn't want any telegraphic communication with Australia than now exists, and it has consulted two of the most reliable authorities at Nogey's Creek and Wilson's Corners, and they state confidently that no persons from those localities have ever in their lives sent a message to Australia, and not one person there has anything to do with Australia. The existing arrangement is that England should pay one third of the cost of the cable, Canada one-third, and Australia one-third. The cable would be a convenience to the people of England and to the people of Australia, but is there any sane and unprejudiced man who will declare that it will be of any use to the people of Canada? The cable will cost Canada between three and four million dollars, which sum Canada will have to borrow at 3 or 4 per cent interest. Thus Canada will have to pay about \$100,000 a year for the Pacific cable. What's the use of the cable to Ontario? If anyone in Bobcaygeon or elsewhere desires to cable to Australia, there are lines now open across the Atlantic and the European route quite good enough for them. Then why should we mortgage our own and our successors' industry for a sum of one hundred thousand dollars a year for all eternity in order to have another telegraph line to Australia across the Pacific?

Let those who want such a line pay for it. That's what this journal has to say on the subject, and when the news comes that the project is suspended it feels anything but sorrow. It would positively rejoice if the news arrived that the project had been abandoned for the cost of it to Canadians would be a great deal more than it is worth.

## EVOLUTION.

The scientific people tell us that this little world which we infest is more than thirty millions of years old, and less than sixty millions. One or two million of years is of no consequence in the matter we have in hand, so let us go on. The human race, the same scientific people tell us, came into existence by the slow process of evolution, and that process of evolution is still going on. This process of evolution has developed from simple life forms, and the most powerful of all life forms, and processes will develop in the future, especially suited to the man of the present day. Within a comparatively short period of time, say in a hundred thousand years, the latent, nascent, and potential powers of man will be developed to such an extent that the man of that period will be as superior to the man of the present period as the man of the present period is superior to an oyster. The man of today is said to have five senses. But we know that a sixth sense is just beginning to develop in the process of hypnotism, mesmerism, spiritualism, clairvoyance, christian science, or something of that sort, and this great journal does not hesitate to state its belief that every human being has a score or two of senses undeveloped, but which will be developed in the course of time. Gracious goodness, what a splendid creature man the future will be if he has fifty-one sense of five senses.

We ought to have in Parliament a large group of men who are to be associated with either of the two great parties. Some men, considering each question on its merits alone, and so voting, would be the salt of parliament. If, for example, there were more than ten independent members, and the time when the vote on the money-making ratification business was taken, the government would be likely to insist upon the intelligence of the country by requiring its followers to whitewash every body concerned in the disgruntled section, including the rascally contractor. The principles which should guide an independent member of parliament were admirably expressed the other day by Mr. Puttee, the member for Waterloo. When asked whether he had favored or opposed the government during the recent session, he replied: "I did not treat the government as either Liberal or Conservative. I spoke upon it as the government of Canada, and made every measure on its own merits. I was always careful to be used by political leaders. I believe I voted more with the government than against it, but the individual merits of the measures always my first and only consideration."

This may be regarded as a self-praise. Perhaps Mr. Puttee has done no more than justice to himself. His course in parliament has been that of a truly independent man. We need more men like him."

port at Portland, and the C. P. R. have threatened that if the Intercolonial is not paid, they will not let them, to will take their train to Bobcaygeon.

The remedy is suggested by Saturday Night in the following words:

"The way to block both the Canadian

and the Grand Trunk in their

present opposition to the Intercolonial,

which is run by the people, and owned

by a people who can afford to run it

at a loss rather than build it up.

We have no use for Canada and which are located in a foreign country, is to use the preferential tariff of thirty-three and one-third per cent which exist between Great Britain and Canada, shall only apply to goods produced in Canada.

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## Reformation Needed.

At the Baptist Convention held recently at Wausau, the Rev. T. P. Tapscott discussed a statement that was much discussed though its author was not fully admitted.

He said that of 7,000,000 young men in the United States, only 15 per cent are regular church attendants, only 2 per cent are church members, and only 2½ per cent are leading godly lives. As to the number which are leading godly lives, "we have no reliable account," said the Rev. T. P. Tapscott was only making a guess exaggerated by prejudice, for there are thousands of persons who lead godly lives who are not connected with churches. But this statement about the per cent of young men attending the church is reliable, and when we see that only five per cent of the young men are church members his estimate is probably too large rather than too small. The church does not attract adult males. The modern church is supported by women. We want a new Reformation, Christianity is crying aloud for a second Martin Luther.

## And This is Sport.

The London Express has begun a crusade against the mailing of live pigeons which are used in shooting tournaments in England.

The practice of displaying the birds to make them more available for use by some sportsmen appears to be more popular in England than the Express believed, and it has difficulty in finding evidence to suit its case.

The bird is blinded, and it has difficulty in finding a place of shelter to roost.

In a few cases the right wing of the bird is slightly clipped, so that the compass naturally trends away from the stronger wing.

The paratively harmless method is rarely made use of for the determination to either right or left is not sufficient. Our civilized sportsmen therefore burn out the poor pigeon's eyes, cut off its wing, and as the bird always flies toward its right, it takes off running empty. Moreover, house rents at the termini of the lines are increasing, and the public are riding in rail cars well lighted and well ventilated for the first time in history.

## Destruction of Lumber.

Why Kruger is Resigned.

Mr. Alfred Stead, in the course of a sketch of President Kruger, published in the Chicago Record, tells the following story:

"About a week before the war started one of the Dutch General staff officials wrote to a relative in England: 'The Boers must tell you a queer dream an old Boer had. He is an ignorant man and can neither read nor write. But his dream made such a impression on him that he got a friend to write it down and send it to the President.'

He dreamt he was carrying despatches. He rode out on horseback, came to a spruit, and overhanging trees. In this spruit, he saw a man clad all in white stand

in the water and send it to the President. When he awoke he carried the despatch to the President.

"The President Kruger, and Commandant

Boer issued a proclamation promising

to pay all damage done to the farms

by the British, providing the Boers

had given up all their claims.

"Two of the Canadians, who enlisted

from the Boers, had been captured by the

British and were sent to the Boer prison.

"The Boers discovered that it really was

the American Consulate, the whole party were released.

A correspondent of the London Post

says the war really seems to be coming to a head, and last week's happenings, and

the approaching of the approaching

of the Boer's attack.

"Lord Roberts will be able to have

all such buildings in shape as will be a

credit to all concerned. The work was

done by H. M. Harris, of Bobcaygeon, to

the entire satisfaction of the trustees.

## THE AFRICAN WAR.

The position in Africa is much the same. Small bodies of the Dutch legions are causing great trouble in keeping the lines open. A number of small arms and rifles are missing, and practically none of the largest stones are all the trouble. Why not have a band and everyone who has a rake turn out and do his part? As Mr. Gilchrist was going very bad fall from loose stones.

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