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### The Weekly Post

LINDSAY, FRIDAY, AUGUST 5. "MAILISMS."

(Toronto Star.) Do you know what a "Mailism" is? No; you are wrong. It is now to be described by a little word of three letters. It is easy to see how that idea might arise; but it is totally inadequate as a definition of a "Mailism."

A "Mailism" is peculiar to one paper. No other journal in Canada takes such liberties with the self-respect and sanity of its readers. Perhaps an example will be the best definition. The following is the close of an article on the Globe's demand that Lord Dundonald give an explicit denial to its charges of extravagant military proposals:

But the organ is perfectly confident that no notice will be taken of its new attack upon the Scotch general or it would not enter upon the assault. This episode is very regrettable. It was a pity that a paper which speaks to many Scotch people should misrepresent and attack a great Scotchman, to please Bourassa.

You will notice the use of the Scotch cry and the Bourassa bugaboo. Of course they have nothing to do with the subject. The Scotch Globe is not attacking Lord Dundonald, but because he is a Scotchman, nor is it moved by any love for that perpetual thorn in the flesh of Sir William Laurier—Mr. Bourassa. No one who knows anything of politics at all would dream of believing either of these insinuations.

But that does not prevent the Mail from using them. The absolute silliness of a fabrication is no bar in the Mail's eyes; it is, indeed, the sure mark of a "Mailism." Sensible Conservatives see no use in this sort of thing. They know that it can't make notes, and that it can only disgust many people who see it.

Take another "Mailism" from the same issue: "It seems that while the farmers of North York, were perspiring behind the plow Sir William Mulock was junketing in Mexico, whether he was taken in one of the private cars with the rest of us, have to pay. It must be a pleasure to the North York farmer to know that while he is working for a living Sir William is wifing and dining on the Government car. No one knows how much the farmers of North York owe to Sir William Mulock."

Imagine this being seriously—not to say dishonestly—printed in the columns of the chief organ of the Conservative party. No one has ever used private cars built at the expense of the Government more freely than the Conservative Ministers. Ontario has not forgotten seeing the Conservative Cabinet making its tours through the Province at election times in a private car. To use these cars is one of the signs of official dignity which we allow our representative Ministers—and under Liberal rule the cost of running them is paid for by the Ministers themselves. As a matter of fact, the car which Sir Wm. Mulock took to Mexico, was one that was built for the tour of the Duke and Duchess of Wales; and there is not a Conservative in the country who would have said that it should not have been built at the public expense for that purpose. The Mail does not say that one dollar of the cost of Sir William Mulock taking that car to Mexico falls upon the treasury of the country. The whole cost of run-

ing it there and back came out of Sir William's own pocket. This fact the Mail knew, and it chose its language accordingly. It is this kind of thing which makes people ready to believe that the local Conservatives are negotiating for the establishment of a new organ. Men who have reached rotting age are only amused at the puerility of the picture of the horny-handed farmer "perspiring" while Sir William "dines and wifing" at his own expense—"on a Government car." The only harm that a "Mailism" does is to itself and its proprietors.

### WORLD'S FAIR FACTS.

Nineteen entries for the air-ship contests at the World's Fair have been received.

Two exhibitions are given daily on the rifle range of Forestry. Fish and Game department at the World's Fair.

Col. J. A. Shaler, of Panama, has been appointed official delegate of the Republic of Panama to the World's Fair.

Wisconsin exhibits a life-sized statue in butter of a milk cow and a milk maid in the Palace of Agriculture at the World's Fair.

Exhibitions of the wonderful properties of the x-rays are given daily in the German section of the Palace of Education at the Fair.

Organ recitals by prominent organists of the country are given daily on the largest organ in the world in Festival Hall at the World's Fair.

A large captive balloon is now making many ascensions every day at the World's Fair, carrying passengers and rising to a height of 800 feet.

One hundred and fifty jirrikishas are at the World's Fair to carry visitors over the grounds, they are propelled by native Japanese jampans.

Geronimo, the famous Apache chief now at the World's Fair, is kept busy making bows and arrows, carrying cases and writing his autobiography for visitors at the Indian School.

A reproduction, modeled in butter, of the first creamery erected in the West, which was built by John Stewart in 1872 near Manchester, Delaware County, Iowa, is exhibited by Iowa, in the Palace of Agriculture at the World's Fair.

Pineapples twenty inches in circumference and 12 inches long are exhibited by Mexico in the Palace of Horticulture at the World's Fair.

A big octuple printing press is in operation in the Palace of Liberal Arts at the World's Fair. When running at top speed it turns out 96,000 eight-page newspapers per hour.

A pair of scissors seven feet long is an exhibit in the Palace of Varied Industries at the World's Fair. The blades are of nicked steel and the handles are of solid gold bronze, very massive and designed in the Gothic style. The scissors were especially made for the exhibition at a cost \$3,000.

Two 750 candle power search lights are operated by the two towers of the Philippine Weather Bureau on the Philippine reservation at the World's Fair.

The Alaskan hide exhibit at the World's Fair includes raw and dressed hides of every fur bearing animal in that country. One skin of a polar bear measures 11 ft. 3 in.

There are 103 varieties of apples shown in the Indiana exhibit in the Palace of Horticulture at the World's Fair. The commission has made an effort to exhibit every kind of apple grown in the state.

A map of America and the Philippine Islands embroidered on Justin cloth is shown in the educational building on the Philippine reservation at the World's Fair. The map is the work of the pupils of the public schools at Laog Ilocos Norte.

Seventy-five electric coin-control turnstiles have been installed at the entrance to the World's Fair. A fifty-cent piece is necessary to operate the machine. Money changers are provided for the accommodation of persons who haven't the correct coins. This new method saves much expense in the printing of tickets and

The method employed by the Japanese in the identification of criminals by the shape of the ear is fully set forth in the police exhibit in the Palace of Education at the World's Fair. Although the Bertillon and "finger print" systems are also employed by the Japanese, identification by the ear is considered by them to be infallible.

One of the interesting sights of the Philippine reservation at the World's Fair is the demonstration of wood carving by the natives in the Visayan village. From a large block of wood native is carving a bust of Rizal, the Philippine patriot. The bust is being carved from a photograph and the tools used are a mallet, chisel and knife.

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## VICTORIA CO. OLD BOYS' HOME-COMING.

Hundreds of the Former Residents of the Town and County Arrived Saturday and Monday to Revisit Old Scenes and Greet and be Greeted by Old Friends—Visitors Welcomed by Mayor Sootheran and the Aldermen—Speeches at the Park and Sports at the Agricultural Grounds—Names of Some of the Visitors.

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Home-Comers' Time Card. The following comprehensive time card was freely distributed by Mr. Archambault, of the Toronto Association, and its information was greatly appreciated by our citizens:

Monday, August 1st, 1904. 7.30 a. m.—Excursion train will leave the Union Station for Lindsay and Onememe. 10.00 a. m.—Arrive at Lindsay: Grand parade of "Old Boys and Girls" to Market Square Park. Citizens' Reception. 11.00 a. m.—Meeting of old friends and giving glad hand.

12.00 a. m.—"A little bite to eat." 1.30 p. m.—"Send your way to the Exhibition Park and enjoy the baseball match and other games. A cricket match will also be played. 3.00 p. m.—Grand promenade concert given by Band of the 48th Highlanders and Pipers in full costume, at the Skating Rink. 10.30 p. m.—Special train returns to Toronto.

Tuesday, August 2nd. Special rates to Sturgeon Point and Fenelon Falls on the Steamer Kenosha. Tickets are good on any regular train returning to Toronto on Tuesday.

NOTES. A fact commented on by many of the visitors was the inadequate lighting around the station. There is not a town light within a block of any point. The only lights are the few sick-looking incandescents in and around the station. This is a mistake, and our corporation fathers should take a note of it. We do not wish visitors, when they arrive in town, to feel that they are entering some backwoods village.

The 48th Highlanders band came down half strength. The members were: Bandmaster, Slatter, Pipe Major Beeton, Drum Major Marlbrough, Corporal Earl, Bandsmen, Bowyer, Drewett, Sinclair, Somerville, Johnston, Miln, Thornton, Dixon, Anthony, Nix, Miller, Barrington, Gemmill, Clark, Parker, W. Parker, A. Clarke, C. Thornton, W. Alexander, Moscriff, Hartman, Shelton. The band presented a fine appearance in their tartans and the giant Drum-Major was especially impressive and imposing.

The Old Boys' friends and citizens generally took advantage of the afternoon sports at the Agricultural park in large numbers. Fully 1,500 witnessed the three matches—two baseball games and a lacrosse contest—and were well satisfied with the entertainment provided. The 48th Highlanders band added greatly to the pleasure of all by rendering a number of their choice melodies.

The promenade concert given by the Highlanders band at night in the Lindsay-st. skating rink was a delightful event, and was attended by about 600 persons. The programme was of a high order, and comprised a number of vocal choruses, which were particularly enjoyed. The concert lasted until 9.45, when the Highlanders had to leave for their train, which was timed to pull out at 10, but did not leave until 10.40.

Dr. Burrows has a crowd to pick with Lord Dundonald. The Doctor's dwelling on William-st., was handsomely decorated yesterday in honor of the Old Boys, bunting, several union jacks and a large South African flag being used with fine effect. On the S. A. flag was inscribed the words "One of the Old Boys." When the procession passed underneath the Doctor's house, he was greeted by a number of well-wishers who were given for the Doctor, and he felt good until this morning, when he found that the flags had been appropriated by some persons unknown to him. He feels annoyed at Dundonald because the latter advised his hearers to "keep both hands on the flag," and so incited some loyalist to an act of theft.

**THEY JUST WANT ADVICE.** Presence of Colonials on Imperial Defence Committee Does Not Impose Obligations on Any Way.

London, Aug. 3.—(C. A. P.)—The House of Commons yesterday passed the supplementary vote of £2,960 for salaries for the new permanent staff of the Defence Committee.

Sir John C. B. Colomb declared that the establishment of the Defence Committee did more for the safety of the Empire and for economy and efficiency than any steps taken by any Government in the past.

Premier Balfour, speaking of the measure, said that one very great merit of the committee was that it had no executive authority. This was especially valuable from the point of view of its relations with the Defence Committee and with the self-governing colonies of the Empire, over which no office in Britain exercised control. When any problem of defence came up which touched the colonies nearly or when the colonies took a closer interest in the problem of Imperial defence as a whole, he hoped "we might have the advantage of their assistance in our councils."

He was perfectly certain the self-governing colonies would never allow any representative of theirs to come to the Defence Committee if the committee with that addition had the smallest authority to impose obligations either financial, political, military or naval, on the colonies they represented. With a Defence Committee so constituted as this was, there could give advice and the advice would likely be taken by the home departments.

**Domestic Hints.** The average man regrets the mistakes of his youth, but goes on making greater ones.

Though bachelors be the strongest stalkers, married men are the best binders in the hedge of the commonwealth.

## PROFESSOR HICKS' FORECAST

IN THE WEATHER LINE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST. The Prediction is of a Somewhat Milder Type than Usual.

Professor Hicks, in his forecast of the weather for August, says: The first six days of August are covered by the combined disturbances of Vulcan, Mercury and Mars. The regular Vulcan storm period is ending on the 3rd. The accompanying days of the period will be the 3rd, 4th and 5th. On and touching these days general storm conditions will develop and pass from west to east across the country. Sections which have been visited by many electrical, rain and hail storms during much of July and August, will most likely have the same character of storms during this period. In the absence of the Mars influence the Mercury disturbance added to this regular storm period would greatly increase the chances of general, diffused rains during this period, but sections which have had little rain for weeks prior, we fear, will get more threatening storm clouds and bluster than rain during these disturbances. The Mercury influence, blended with a regular storm period, as in the present instance, normally tends to copious and general rains, but the dominance of the Mars influence tends to fix and perpetuate local conditions, which prevail at the beginning of this period. After heavy, storm and bluster about the 3rd, 4th and 5th, look for rising barometer, westerly winds and cooling.

On and touching the 8th and 9th, under the influence of reactionary storm forces intensified by the moon's extreme north declination and conjunction with the sun, the temperature will visit many localities in their fall, and severe storms and blustering of the summer, the barometer will visit many localities in their sweep from west to east. This heated spell will not break down until after the new moon on the 11th, with strong probabilities that it will last into the regular storm period extending from the 12th to the 17th.

The moon will be at new, or an conjunction with earth and sun, on the 13th, in perigee, or nearest the earth, on the 12th, and on the celestial equator on the 14th, the central day of a regular storm period. This period is also embraced by the oncoming Venus disturbance, which is central on the 24th. The waning influence of the Mars disturbance will also combine with the causes named during this period. It is more than probable that equatorial disturbances will make their appearance in the Gulf region early in this period. The disturbances of this period, whether or not West India storms come up from the south, may be expected over most inferior parts of the country from Saturday the 13th, to Tuesday the 16th, the culminating falling most likely on the 14th and 15th. Violent thunderstorms and high gales will center about Sunday, the 14th. If equatorial hurricanes or cyclones should make their presence felt about our southern coasts at this time, the storms that visit inferior states a few days later will be followed by unseasonably calm weather. Otherwise the heated trend will not be broken effectually until after the storms of a subsequent period.

Reactionary storm conditions will turn on and next to the 9th and 20th. This period will include the burst of earth's autumnal equinox and near the centre of the Venus period, thus increasing the probability, of equinoctial storms on the southern water and along the southern coasts. There is almost a scientific certainty of such storms in such parts of the earth before the end of August, and the latter part of the month will be a time to watch the first indications of every storm period.

It is well to remember that destructive Venus disturbances are almost sure to attend the straits, especially the great north-western gulf regions during the last half of August. Change to rising barometer and very much cooler, especially at night, will follow for several days, the reactionary storms centre about the 18th and 19th.

The last regular storm period for August is central on the 26th, extending from the 24th to the 29th. Within this period the moon is at full on the 25th, in apogee on the 26th, and on the celestial equator on the 28th. This period is also the centre of the Venus disturbance, and fully under the pressure of the earth's September equinox. We may therefore, confidently anticipate some very marked storm disturbances at this time. These storms will visit inland sections and coastal areas will be induced from north-western extremes, bringing many heavy and some dangerous storms throughout the Southern and Central States.

The indications are that the general disturbances of this last period will be followed by general high winds and unseasonably cold weather out of the northwest. If frosts make their appearance over the northern to middle regions of the country during the last few days of August our readers need not be wholly taken by surprise.

Date, upon which volcanic and likely to reach a maximum, generally over the globe, will be the 9th to the 15th, and the 24th to the 28th of August. We will name Thursday the 11th and Thursday the 25th as central days of these probable seismic periods of disturbance.

## DEATHS

CAMPBELL.—In Toronto on Monday, August 1st, 1904, Col. A. Campbell, wife of the late Arch. Campbell.

SCULLY.—In Lindsay, on Thursday, July 28th, 1904, Annah Scully, the youngest daughter of Mr. J. C. Scully, aged 6 years and 8 months. The funeral will leave the family residence, lot 4, con. 10, Emily, on Saturday, July 30th, at 9 a. m., and proceed to St. Luke's church; thence to the R. C. cemetery, at Downesville, for interment.

## CORRESPONDENT'S LETTERS

GLENAK. (Special to the Post.) Keep this date in the local Sept. 13th. At the regular meeting of the L.O.L. No. 935 it was held a grand picnic and was the above date for the purpose of purchasing new colors for brethren and to receive the programme of sports will be served for a list and 2nd prize will be served in the grove, and in the evening a concert will be given in the hall, consisting of songs, vocal and instrumental music by the best talent. For the full particulars, see page for the special Rec-See.

MR. HOBER. (From Our Own Correspondent.) The local telephone has been visited by Mr. Jacob Hart, who has having an instrument installed in his residence. Others along the line follow. This appointment was made by Mr. Geo. S. Burke, one of our tenured citizens, Mr. W. S. Burke, who attended camp at Kingston, Ontario, and was recognized in the evening by appointing him to be corporal of the G.O. This appointment was made very popular.

MR. J. LOWERY, our village blacksmith, had contemplated taking an extended holiday, but finds it difficult to get a first-class man to fill in (in charge of what doing the work) a reliable party can be found to fill in his numerous customers. Mr. Lowery may visit the St. Louis Exposition before the summer is over.

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