

NEWS ITEMS

Telegraphic Briefs From All Over the Globe.

CANADA. The Government has appointed a staff for the Macdonald Institute.

Sir Gilbert and Lady Parker have sent their annual donation of \$100 to Belleville public library.

Daily train services will be established on all the principal lines of the Canadian Northern on July 13.

W. H. Childs, a veteran of the South African war, has been appointed steward of the Hamilton City Hospital.

"Kill the cops!" was the cry of a crowd on Adelaide street east, Toronto, on Saturday night, while the police were arresting an offender.

The customs duties at the port of Hamilton for the past month of \$25,437.54 as compared with receipts for June, 1902.

In the opinion of cotton manufacturers in Montreal, the trade is now passing through the most serious crisis that has occurred since the American civil war.

The Kingston W. C. T. U. has expressed disapproval of Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick's cigarette tax limit law, and asks that the importation, manufacture, and sale of cigarettes be prohibited.

The G. T. R. has sent out instructions to enforce the law regarding trespassing on the tracks.

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from Nervous Troubles... Suggestions as to How the Trouble Can be Overcome.

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VERY ECCENTRIC WILLS AND SOME OF THEIR VERY QUEER CONDITIONS.

How a London Merchant Dealt With an Objectionable Family.

There is a whimsical spirit, it would seem, whose function is to rule the minds of old folks at the crucial moment when they decide that it is time to make over to their heirs the goods and chattels which they will soon have to leave behind them, says the Edinburgh Scotsman.

If there is in a man's nature a spark of grim humor, a touch of cynicism, or a little vain glory above the average, we are likely to see it making itself known for the last time in his last will and testament.

Very often old people suffer much mental disquietude over the selection of recipients for their wealth, whether they count it in thousands or tens, or even in a few sticks of furniture, and lawyers (tell us of old women who spend quite a large sum in adding codicils and making fresh wills for the leaving of a few pounds.

In many instances, the real intention of a will does not appear on the surface. It might be prejudicial to the mind of large bequests which have been left to doubtless very deserving charities, solely with the unvoluntary desire to annoy the expectant relations of the testator. It is almost ghastly to picture a man performing, in the awful presence of death, a last act of spite and malice, the carrying out of which he will not be there to see.

An old-fashioned expression, much in vogue among writers of romantic fiction, namely, "to cut off with a shilling," is better known in a figurative than in a literal sense. It meant originally something more than a sarcastic way of disposing nothing on one's eldest son or other interested person.

IN ROMAN LAW. If a will was found to contain no reference to a man's natural heir, it was held to be the result of accident, and the neglected one was restored to his own. So Roman fathers, when they wished to disinherit a son so as to leave no opening for doubt, expressly stated that the person in question should receive one shilling, neither more nor less—his share.

To an ordinary mind, this would seem a nasty enough way of dealing with an objectionable family. But Mr. Peter Thellusson, merchant, of London, was not so easily satisfied. He possessed a considerable fortune, which he was firmly determined should be put out of reach of any of his family living at the time of his death. Accordingly he left directions to his trustees that his money should be invested so as to go on accumulating until the last of his children and grandchildren had joined the majority.

The remote posterity for whom this hoarded-up wealth was destined did not, however, profit to the extent proposed. During the lifetime of the barred generation, the money was so worn by the costs of litigation that the magnificent fortune of £1,900,000 had shrunk to £600,000—something under the original sum.

The rest had gone to fill the pockets of a designing professional, and many a lawyer had had reason to bless the name of Peter Thellusson. The interest aroused by this will gave rise to what is known as the Thellusson Act, by which it was made unlawful to tie up money so as to accumulate in such a way.

The body of Jeremy Bentham, beautifully preserved, with every appearance of life, sitting erect and clothed in his Sunday best, may be seen at this day, in the Museum of University College, in accordance with a condition of his remarkable will, by which the college greatly benefited.

LESS ECCENTRIC MINDS have managed to hit on prettier and just as efficacious ways of "keeping their money green." The awarding of Meid's Money still takes place annually at Guildford, being a prize of £12 derived from money invested by Mr. John How in 1673; the money is awarded to a maiden-vent who shall have lived for two years under the same mistress in the old borough of Guildford, and the quaint scenery serves as a reminder that the "seventy question" we hear so much of to-day is no new thing as Mr. How's stipulated term of service is by no means excessive.

One William Granville, of Wotton, left in his will £2 each as an annual reward for five boys of the parish who should with their fingers on his tombstone, repeat the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Commandments, and afterwards read I Cor., xv., and write two verses of the same. This curious custom has now been repeated for the 185th time.

Sir Ralph Assheton, in his will dated 1679, left a sum to produce four guineas yearly to pay two clergymen to preach two sermons, one at Downham, near Clitheroe, on the day of his death, the other at Whalley on the anniversary of his birth. The preacher was not to be the incumbent of either parish—the knight evidently thought it possible to have enough of a good thing—and his places at Whalley and Downham continued in the name and family of Assheton.

Talking of such customs brings us to the story of the Dunmow Flitch, which, though not exactly a bequest, is interesting enough to be recorded here. Harrison Ainsworth gives us the story in A BALLAD.

A wedded couple came in humble raiment to the Convent of Dunmow, to register a solemn vow that during a year of married life not one angry word had passed between them. The good monk of the convent, highly pleased at the lowly pair, hallooed through the convent door, to pass by with a huge bunch of bacon on his back, and ordered it to be presented to the hap-

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Ask for the Octagon Bar.

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But this condition I refuse, Or else the trust's most sacred. That whoso'er a pair shall come And take the vow we've taken, They shall from thee and thine receive A goodly Flytche of Bacon."

By the will of Dr. Porteus, Bishop of London at the end of the 18th century, a certain sum is divided annually among six poor cottagers of his parish service most regularly.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR, DENVER. For the International Convention at Denver, July 9th to 13th, the official route selected by the Transportation Managers for Ontario and Quebec is via the Chicago and North-Western and Union Pacific Railways.

While man has approached the North Pole within 238 miles, no one has yet stood within less than 772 miles of the South Pole.

DENVER AND COLORADO. On June 30th to July 10th inclusive, the Matinee will sell round trip tickets to Denver, Colorado Springs or Pueblo, Colo., at the lowest ever made from Canada.

LUMBERMAN TELLS HIS EXPERIENCE. HOW DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS QUICKLY CURED HIS LAME BACK.

William N. Baskin, of Norwood, gives Good Advice and Others are Following it With Splendid Results.

Norwood, Ont., July 6 (Special).—William N. Baskin, the well-known lumberman and railroad contractor of this place, tells of an experience with Dodd's Kidney Pills that is bound to be of interest to the public generally.

"For two years," says Mr. Baskin, "I was laid up with Lamp Back and Kidney Disease. I would at times become weak and have to leave off work. People who knew me as lumberman and contractor on the C. P. R. and Parry Sound Railways knew how sick I was.

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WEATHER SIGNS. An "old salt" gives the following signs for weather. He claims they will come true five times out of six.

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EQUIPE AUTOMOBILIST.

Breaking away from a wagon at Rheims, Franco, a horse dashed into a passing motor-car, and leapt into the back seats.

A bachelor one day set the table in his lonely abode with plates for himself and an imaginary wife and five children.

How's This? We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Small Boy (to gardener)—"You haven't any scarecrows in your garden?" Gardener—"No, my boy."

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S PALACE. Letters from the German exploring party in Mesopotamia state that the work of excavating the site of ancient Babylon is proceeding most satisfactorily.

THE LION AND THE BIKER. Adventure in Which the King of Beasts Gets a Scare.

On a moonlight evening a lion was riding along a lonely road in the northern part of Mashonaland.

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THE PREMIER OF JAPAN wishes to resign on account of illness.

Prince Albert, will, with Prince Henry of Russia, visit the St. Louis Exposition.

The Sofia correspondent of The London Times says there is danger of a massacre of Christians in Macedonia.

The czar has abandoned his proposed visit to Rome, provisionally fixed for the autumn, and will spend it in the Crimea.

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