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NOTES.

The packing house of the Ontario Powder Company at Tweed blew up at 10 o'clock Saturday, killing three hands who were at work at the time. The names of the men were Edward Seborn, Charles Moon and Lyman Moon. All three leave families. There is nothing left of any of the men. The shock broke many plate glass windows in the town and shook the buildings badly.

Mr. D. J. O'Donoghue, Fair Wages Officer of the Dominion Government, in an interview said that the building of the new transcontinental railway will require an army of 50,000 laborers, civil engineers, etc. This will guarantee a good market for labor in Canada during the next few years. The fair wage clause of the Dominion Labor Law will apply to the construction of the new railroad.

Lord Salisbury, ex-Premier of England, died at Hatfield House on Saturday night last, aged 73 years. His death occurred on the fiftieth anniversary of his entrance into public life as a member of the House of Commons for Stamford. He was the personification of a long chapter of British history, the last great statesman of the Victorian era, and a directing influence in the wider sphere of international politics.

A large staff of women is employed at the Vatican for the sole purpose of keeping the Pope's wardrobe in perfect condition. No spot stain may disfigure the garment worn by his Holiness, and as he always appears in white, even a few hours' wear deprives the robes of their freshness. It is considered that no man's hand is dainty enough for their care, so in this one respect women are permitted to serve the Pontiff.

It is generally supposed that nothing save a metal bullet could commend itself for the purpose of killing in war. That such a missile is more powerful for long-range shooting may be true enough, says the "Regiment," but for destructive purposes at short distance a bullet of paper or tallow has greater effect. During some recent experiments in this direction it was proved beyond doubt that, whereas a metal bullet penetrated a deal plank an inch in thickness and left a neat hole, a paper bullet had far greater effect on the target. A paper bullet passing through six pieces of tin placed at a distance of a foot apart buckled them up so as to be of no further use, whereas a metal bullet merely left a small round hole, and in no other way disfigured the tin.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has just declared a dividend at the rate of six per cent. per annum upon its original issue of \$65,000,000 of common stock. Of the proceeds of this stock not more than \$8,500,000, according to Mr. Blake, ever went into the construction of the road. The remainder went to swell the profits of the shareholders. The dividend that has just been paid amounts to nearly fifty per cent. upon the actual cash expended by the shareholders in railway construction. The Canadian Pacific charter provides that when a dividend of ten per cent. on the cost of construction is paid Parliament shall have the right to reduce freight rates. Is the present not a fitting occasion for the Government to ascertain whether the time for the exercise of that power has not arrived?—Sun, Toronto.

THE MEAFORD HIGH SCHOOL.

The management of the Meaford High School, in making their annual announcement, wish to state that the school has been again very successful in its years work. Eighty-seven per cent. of all recommended passed the various examinations.

The excellent reputation of this up-to-date school for Teachers' certificate work has been more than sustained. In 1902, 22 out of 28 obtained Part II Junior Leaving certificates; this year the percentage was even better, viz., 16 out of 19. As a further illustration of the thoroughness of the work done by its experienced staff, we may state that four of the sixteen successful candidates obtained their certificates in one year's attendance at the school, and one Senior Leaving candidate passed both Parts on seven months' attendance.

There is no form of examination work done by the largest Coll. Inst. that this four-master High School is not successfully doing.

All parents, teachers and students who would like a copy of the handsomely-illustrated prospectus for 1903-1904, which, in addition to being a beautiful souvenir of Meaford High School and its work, is also a compendium of useful information of all the various courses of study for 1904 and of the latest educational changes of vital interest to every teacher, this year and the years to come, can have one by sending name and address to the Principal, J. L. Corwell, B. A., or to A. McK. Cameron, Secy-treas., Meaford, Ont.

Vandeur

Miss Amelia Johnston is visiting friends at Port Huron.

Mr. Walter Verity left last Tuesday to seek his fortune in the West. His many friends will be pleased to hear of his success in that part.

Master John E. and Miss Carrie Johnston returned to their home in Winton after spending a month with friends here.

Mrs. John Gilbert of Toronto, visited last week with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Waring.

Miss Minnie Graham has gone to Toronto to attend the military openings.

Rev. J. S. I. Wilson preached a stirring sermon last Sabbath afternoon to husbands and fathers. He purposes preaching next Sunday to wives and mothers.

Blantyre

If the weather continues fine for the rest of this week the harvest will be nearly all housed around here. The whistle of the steam threshing machine is more common than the click of the binder now. Large yields of both clover and grain are reported from those who have threshed.

Mrs. N. L. Paterson, and son, Charlie, of Toronto, are visiting Mrs. A. C. Paterson for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. N. Burleigh, Misses E. and A. Dillon, Miss Nettie and Nellie Batty, Miss P. McLaughlin, Mr. Oppenheimer, Mr. N. Gernym, Mr. E. Cowell, Mr. W. Stewart, and Mr. R. Emmons, all of Meaford, were the guests of Mrs. Jas. Stitt on the 16th.

Miss Francis Sparling, of Buffalo, and Miss May Sparling, of Toronto, have been visiting their parents here for the last ten days.

Mrs. N. Burleigh and Mrs. William McIntosh, of Meaford, Mrs. A. J. Paterson, Mrs. Armbricht and two children, Miss Bernice Paterson and Mrs. F. Colmer, of Mobile, Ala., paid Mrs. A. C. Paterson a visit on the 24th, returning to Meaford same evening.

Mr. Manning, from the States; also Mr. Fred Manning, of Owen Sound, paid Mr. E. Manning, of Blantyre, a visit last week. The former is a brother to Mr. Manning and has not been at Blantyre for 25 years.

Beaverdale

(Intended for last week.)

All were glad to see Miss Caesar again, particularly in the capacity of organist, as few can fill the position so skillfully. Accompanying Miss Caesar were her mother and sister; they highly appreciated their visit.

Sorry to say Mrs. Robt. Mathers has not been very well. It's not very often she complains, if she does it's when she cannot help it.

Mr. Petoh, of Brantford, was here on a visit. He returned home on Tuesday, accompanied by his wife and daughter.

Mr. Robt. Fothergill and Miss Merrifield were guests at the wedding of Miss Shears, of Owen Sound.

Only wish we could take in the Hamilton Carnival; just heard a glowing account of the last one which was held there thirteen years ago. One parade alone is worth going to see; the fireworks at night are a marvel; then the grand military display, and the review, the regattas on the bay, the many scenes are too numerous to mention.

It is a good thing it's not gas we are using around here; as the nights are getting longer, it would mean a rather expensive bill to some parents.

Mrs. McCullough, of the Eleventh line, was on a visit last week to her daughter, Mrs. Edward Fothergill.

The threshers union which was organized recently has the minds of some of our farmers in a rather agitated state. Don't know if all our threshers have joined in or not; hope not, it means twelve dollars a day if they have; all right for moneyed people.

Dundalk

Miss Edna Locke, daughter of James Locke, was married last week to Willie Nethercott.

Miss Emma Cowan, who went to the West last March, returned home, on Tuesday of last week.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized in the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday last week, when Miss Myrtle McConkey was united in marriage to Mr. C. R. Campbell. The bride, who was given away by her father, cut the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march which was beautifully played on organ and violin by Miss Cowan and Professor Walker. The bride was supported by Miss Annie Reed, and the groom by his brother, the nuptial knot being tied by the bride's pastor, Rev. James Buchanan. After the ceremony the wedding guests repaired to the home of the bride's parents where a sumptuous wedding dinner was served, and all did ample justice to the good things provided. The bride was the recipient of many useful and handsome presents. The young couple left on the evening train on their wedding tour to Detroit, Cleveland and other parts of the States. We wish them a happy and prosperous life.

The fire alarm gave the citizens an eye-opener about one o'clock on Wednesday morning of last week when fire was discovered in Jake Williams' blacksmith shop, and but for the timely alarm given by Jack McLaughlin, a very serious conflagration might have resulted, but as it was the fire was extinguished before much damage was done.

Mr. John Howell, who leased his shop to Jake Williams and went to the West last spring, has returned and taken possession of his shop again.

Mr. Chas. McConnell has trapped another bear which is now on exhibition at his home. This is No. 25.

The concert which was given here by the Scotch Concert Co. was the best ever held in Dundalk.

Morangs' Modern Phonic Primer, Part I and Morangs' Modern English Grammar at Turner's drug store.

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48 Ladies Fancy Combs, in assorted shapes and sizes. These are 12c and 15c, but are lines that we are going out of. While they last your choice for only 8c.

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The Advantages of Under-Drainage. Many reasons may easily be given to show that farm lands will in all cases be improved by drainage. Nature has herself thoroughly a considerable proportion of the soil, but it is probable that in some cases, as land becomes more fertile, it will be found advisable to drain the greater part of our moderately sloping lands, and the worthy of cultivation. The question whether it will pay to drain an area depends on the value of the before drainage, the cost of the drainage, and the value of the land drained. This is a question every landowner must decide for himself. At the outset it may be pointed out that drainage deepens the soil, affords greater room for the plants. Unless its roots have extensive pasture, as it would be able to make use of the fertilizer soil to the best advantage. In drained soils the roots of most of the crops spread themselves to a great depth, from two feet is quite usual, and some such as lucerne, have been found to send their roots as far as 12 feet. No roots, except those of clover, will grow in stagnant water. Drainage lowers the surface of the ground water so that it is unable to penetrate to their roots, and furnishes conditions that are the greatest growth and yield of crops. The drain, by taking away the water that occupies the soil, allows air to reach the soil. The soil may be worked through the drain, for the continuous movement of air up and down, caused by the pressure of the atmosphere, the soil is comparatively free from great deal of air in its pores, there is no outlet for the air, it is imprisoned and exerts pressure on the water in the soil, from entering the soil, it is inch or two. It may be said, therefore, that in an underdrained summer shower run off the surface, below the first inch of soil. This is one illustration of the apparently extra-ordinary that underdrainage against drought. All sloping land, where grass is liable to grow, surface washing during in spring and fall. If sufficient drainage the directly downward, but runs away upon the soil, with it much of the ing the fertility out of the remains. But with drainage the rain is at once absorbed downward, saturating the elements to the roots, while the surplus water through the drains. Again, drainage is also necessary for the proper heavy soils. It is made soil can never be properly water is held by a soil than by a compact soil. Water is held in the particles of earth, and is pressed together, with no space left between them. This compactness exists in most subsoils, certainly through which water can pass. Hence, all the rendered more retentive, having the particles of water composed separated from in a word, by pulverized increased capacity to retain by attraction is the greatest against drought. The time send their roots to the soil, and flourish in the stored up for their time of Soils that are always wet amounts of water evaporate surfaces, never become sun has great power to wash or soils which permit of a tion of air, but it has little saturated soil. Warmth is the germination of seeds proper growth of plants. are cultivating what is "cold" soil will be the importance of this fact. Other advantages of drainage may be mentioned, such as the season of crop growth comes the earlier seeding of the the comparative freedom of and clover from freezing killing; the absence of which are a decided nuisance cultivation of the land and the ing of the crop; and last of removal from the soil of the salts formed by the decay of organic matter, which can be by plants and the presence of the soil causes the condition "alkali land." Department of Agriculture, W. A. Chapin, Publicist.