

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The conference of mayors to consider municipal problems, called by Mayor Howland of Toronto, will be watched with much interest.

The word smith applies to so many occupations primitively not differentiated that it is no wonder that multitudes of persons are named Smith.

In an article in Macmillan's Magazine Mr. Edward Whitaker recalls some less known surviving names that had their origin in occupation.

According to Mr. Whitaker, Cannon is not a military name but points "to one of the bound religions, the title of which, had its members kept their vows, would not appear among hereditary surnames."

Some names have swum and some have sunk, Heckle and Hackler, wielders of the hatchet, hackle, remain, but the names of other sorts of flax workers, the Blackers or Bleachers, the Whitters, the Scotchers or Scuthers, are scarcely known.

THE NEWS IN A NUTSHELL

THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

Interesting Items About Our Own Country, Great Britain, the United States, and All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Assorted for Easy Reading.

CANADA.

Hon. J. Israel Tarte intends to beautify the grounds on Parliament Hill.

A Hamilton man's refusal to take out a dog tag cost him \$5 in the police court.

Hamilton is making extensive arrangements for the reception of the Duke of York.

The Alexander Mackenzie statue has been placed in position on Parliament Hill, Ottawa.

It is feared that the loss from the forest fires in Northern Ontario will be the heaviest in years.

The Duchess of Cornwall is expected to dedicate a new water fountain being erected by Ottawa's W.C.T.U.

The Dominion Government assay office to be opened at Vancouver will be equipped to handle \$10,000,000 in gold yearly.

The Montreal street railway may sell ten, instead of eight, workingmen's tickets for a quarter in the near future, and extend the hours.

The C.P.R. is making enormous preparation for the coming harvest in the North-West Territory, which will be ready about August 10th.

A mastiff dog belonging to Joseph Armstrong of the Macassa Hotel, Hamilton, committed suicide by drowning in three feet of water.

Minister Tarte has written to the Mayors of the various cities to be visited by the Duke asking what decorations are to be placed on public buildings.

The Premier of Tasmania has requested the Canadian Fisheries Department to furnish his colony a supply of salmon ova to be planted in Tasmanian waters.

Breathing springs have been discovered at the north-east of Makinak, Man., when at regular intervals, as of the breathing of a man, transparent salt water is ejected.

It is said that the Bell Implement Company of St. George may remove to the Cockshutt factory in Brantford as soon as the Cockshutt factory can erect a new building for its own accommodation.

Fire has destroyed a building in Helliwell Lane, St. Catharines, in which over thirty years ago Mrs. Bolton was murdered, for which crime her husband was hanged at Niagara-on-the-Lake, that place being the county town.

Mr. J. W. Beaumont, basket-maker, Stony Creek, has received an order for a large supply of fruit baskets for a firm in Cape Town. This is said to be the first order of the kind received in Canada.

An order-in-Council has been passed placing the following articles on the free list when imported by manufacturers of vaccine points for use in the manufacture of such articles: Glass caps, shells, containers, and capillary tubes, rubber bulbs, boxes and corks.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Lord Milner will return to South Africa on August 10th.

Electric gun mechanism is to be put into some of the new British warships.

Lord Wimborne, the millionaire coal mine owner, to Miss Jeanne Langtry, daughter of the Jersey Lily, is the exciting topic of speculation in English society circles.

UNITED STATES.

The Merchants' Association, of New York, urges reciprocity with Canada.

Andrew Carnegie has offered Kansas City, Kan., \$75,000 for a free library.

A child of Andrew Clark, near Wabash, Indiana, drank gasoline and died.

The strike of stationary firemen in the Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania, has practically collapsed.

The United States pays Spain \$185,000 for the big floating steel dry-dock in Havana harbor.

Tuscaloosa, Ill., has a youth aged 12, who yesterday weighed 350 pounds. He may weigh a ton at 21.

A Chicago lawyer held police at bay for several hours when they tried to arrest him for beating his wife.

The annual statistical report of railroads of the United States shows a big gain in trackage and traffic.

The Ecuadorian Consul at Valparaiso was shot, stabbed, and his ears cut off, and several Ecuadorians have been arrested.

A dog caused a bicycle rider to fall at Galesburg, Illinois, a revolver in his pocket was discharged, and he may die.

The mother of a young girl who had stolen \$3 gave her daughter 20 lashes in a court room at Kansas City with the judge's approval.

A Boston, Mass., despatch says that H. G. Haskell, has contracted appendicitis through "sympathy" for his fiancée, or by "auto-suggestion."

Heat warped and expanded the rails on the Big Four railway in Illinois. A farmer discovered it and avoided a wreck.

Fred Fourhalm, farmer of Bartlett, Iowa, insanely jealous, murdered his wife, six-year-old step-son, fired his house and committed suicide.

Sarah Carter, a negro of Lexington, Ken., has been ejecting needles and pins from the tips of her fingers, and doctors are puzzled.

Miss Mabel Wedell of Elgin, Ill., aged 16, caught a mad dog when men were running from it, and locked it in a barn, where it was afterwards shot.

The Governor of Nebraska is being denounced for paroling J. S. Bartley, the defaulting State Treasurer, who caused a loss of \$500,000 to the State funds.

In revenge for the killing of a resident by a game warden a mob has burned the Radcliffe hotel, cabins, and other buildings at Grand Moss Lakes, Colorado.

A man named Sears, who is wanted in Texas for murder, was arrested in Madison county in Arkansas, where he was disguised as a woman, and taught school.

A chain weighing four tons fell on six men at the Westinghouse Electric Company's works in Cleveland. B. Germann died shortly afterward and five others are badly injured.

At an official inquiry at Johannesburg several British non-commissioned officers and men confirmed the statement that the Boers shot the British wounded at Viakfontein.

MARKETS OF THE WORLD

Prices of Cattle, Cheese, Grain, &c. in the Leading Markets.

Toronto, July 30.—Wheat—The demand for wheat to-day was good, with prices higher. Sales of No. 2 white and red winter wheat made at 66 1/2 to 67c middle freights, and the quotation north and west is 66c.

No. 1 spring sold on the Midland at 68c, and No. 2 goose at 65c on the Midland. Manitoba wheat steady, with sales of No. 1 hard at 82c and of No. 2 at 80c. For Toronto and west 2c lower.

Millfeed—The market rules quiet. Bran quoted at \$12 to \$12.50 middle freights, and shorts at \$14.75 to \$15 middle freights.

Corn—There is no Canadian offering, and prices are purely nominal at about 48c west for No. 2 yellow. U. S. yellow quoted at 50c to 60c, laid down here, lake and rail.

Rye—The market is quiet and prices steady at 47c middle freight.

Peas—Trade quiet with a sale at 70c. Barley—There is a quiet trade. No. 2 is worth 42 1/2c middle freights, and No. 3 extra 41 1/2c middle freight.

Oats—The market is firm, with offerings restricted. No. 2 white is quoted at 34 to 34 1/2c north and west and at 35 1/2 to 36c middle freight. Exporters are quoting 34 to 34 1/2c middle freight.

Flour—Demand is fair, with a few sales. Ninety per cent. patents were bought at \$2.57 middle freights, in buyers' sacks. Straight rollers, in 100 lb. or lower provinces, \$3.10 to \$3.20. Manitoba patents \$4; and strong bakers' \$3.70.

Butter—The market unchanged, with good grades wanted. We quote selected dairy tubs 16 1/2 to 17c; choice one-pound rolls, 17 to 18c; seconds, tubs and rolls, 15 to 17c; crockery, 15 to 16c; 20 to 21c; solids, 18 1/2 to 19 1/2c.

Eggs—The market is quiet, with prices unchanged. We quote strictly fresh gathered, nearby, 12 to 12 1/2c; seconds and culis, 6 to 8c.

Cheese—Markets remains steady with good demand for finest goods. Creamery, 14 1/2c to 15c; old cheddar, 10c; new, choice, 9 1/2 to 9 3/4c; twins, 9 1/2 to 10c.

DRESSED HOGS & PROVISIONS. Dressed hogs unchanged here at \$9.25 to \$9.75. Hog products in active demand, and prices firm. We quote: Bacon, long clear, ton, and case lots, 11 to 11 1/2c. Pork—Mess, \$19.50, do, short cut, \$21.

Smoked meats—Hams, 13 1/2 to 14c; breakfast bacon, 14 to 15c; rolls, 14 1/2c; corned beef, 11c. Lard—Pails, 11 1/2c; tubs, 11c; tierces, 10 1/2c.

Buffalo, July 30.—Flour—Strong; good demand. Spring wheat—Fair winter wheat—No. 1, northern, old, 80c; do, new, 75c; No. 2 winter red, 75c; No. 1 white, 75c. Corn—Strong; 7 1/2c. Yellow, 7 1/2c; No. 3 do, 6 1/2c; No. 2 corn, 60c; No. 3 do, 60c. Oats—Firm; No. 2 white, 43c; No. 3 do, 42c; No. 2 mixed, 42c; No. 3 do, 41c. Barley—Nothing doing. Rye—Stronger; No. 1, 58c asked.

Detroit, July 30.—Wheat closed—Higher, 7 1/2c; August, 7 1/2c; 73c. St. Louis, July 30.—Wheat closed—Cash, 69c; July, 69 1/2c; September, 70c.

Duluth, July 30.—Wheat closed—No. 1 hard, cash, 74 1/2c; No. 1 Northern, cash, 72 1/2c; July 72 1/2c; September, 72c; December, 72 1/2c. No. 2 Northern Minneapolis, July 30.—Wheat closed—Cash, 71c; September, 69 1/2 to 70c; December, 71 1/2 to 71c; on track, No. 1 hard, 73c; No. 1 Northern, 71c; No. 2 Northern, 69 1/2c.

Milwaukee, July 30.—Wheat closed—Higher, No. 1 Northern, 73 to 73c; No. 2 Northern, 70 to 70 1/2c; September, 72 1/2c. Rye—Firm; No. 1, 56 to 56 1/2c. Barley—Steady; No. 2, 56c; sample, 35 to 54c. Corn—September, 56 1/2c.

Toledo, July 30.—Wheat—Cash, July and August, 72 1/2c; September, 73 1/2c; December, 75c. Corn—Cash, and July, 55c; September, 56c. Oats—Cash, 37 1/2c; July and September, 36 1/2c. Cloverseed—Active; higher; October, 36 1/2c. Oil—Unchanged.

Minneapolis, July 30.—Flour—Higher; first patents, \$4.10 to \$4.20; second, \$3.90 to \$4; first clears, \$3 to \$3.10; second, do, \$2.35. Bran—in bulk, \$1 to \$1.50.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS. Toronto, July 30.—At the western cattle market to-day 100 carloads of live stock were received, including 1,785 cattle, 815 sheep and lambs, 40 hogs, 100 calves, and 150 calves.

There have been large late, and the supply to-day exceeded business requirements, and as a result trade was dull, and prices, except for a few lots of extra choice, were weaker.

2000 lb. cattle were off from 10 to 15c per cwt., and 5c per lb was the best representative price to-day; from 4 1/2 to 5c was a common quotation for good stuff, and light shippers sold at from 4 1/2 to 4 3/4 per lb.

Calves are unchanged, and choice calves are wanted. A few choice milk cows will sell up to around \$50 each.

There was no quotable change in the hog market to-day. The run was light.

The best price for "singers" is 7 1/2c per lb.; thick fat and light hogs are worth 6 1/2c per lb.

Hogs to fetch the top price must be of prime quality and scale not below 160 nor above 200 pounds.

Following is the range of quotations: Cattle. Shippers, per cwt. \$ 4 75 \$ 5 12 1/2 Do., light 4 25 4 65 Butcher, choice do 4 00 4 50 Butcher, ordinary 3 25 3 75 To good 3 25 3 75 Butcher, inferior 2 75 3 00

Choice Sheep and Lambs. Choice wethers, each 3 00 3 60 Cullied sheep, each 2 00 2 50 Lambs, each 2 50 4 00 Bucks, per cwt. 2 50 3 00 Milkers and Calves. Cows, each 20 00 45 00 Calves, each 2 00 10 00

Choice Hogs, cwt. 7 25 7 75 Light hogs, cwt. 6 50 6 75 Heavy hogs, cwt. 6 50 6 75 Stags, per cwt. 0 00 2 00

LOST BOTH LEGS. Terrible Accident to a Grand Trunk Fireman.

A despatch from Toronto says:—James Ryan, a fireman on the Grand Trunk Railway, was run over by an engine in the yards at Little York at a quarter to 9 o'clock Wednesday night, and had his right leg cut off midway between the ankle and knee. His left leg was so badly crushed that it was necessary to amputate it when he was admitted to St. Michael's Hospital.

The injured man was fireman in engine 933 with engineer James Carroll, and came with a freight train from Belleville, arriving at 8.40. Immediately on their arrival they shunted down to the coal chute and were standing there preparatory to loading the tender. Ryan was standing on top of the tender.

One of the men on the chute saw engine 932 coming down to the chute, tender first, on the same track, at such a rate of speed that it would collide with 933, and shout a warning. Engineer Carroll opened his throttle, and pulled out to avoid collision, but in doing so Ryan was either jolted off the tender or he was knocked from it by the chute. He fell on the track immediately in front of the approaching tender of engine 932, and it had done its terrible work a moment later. Dr. Riordan, with Dr. Walters, amputated the left limb at St. Michael's Hospital.

Ryan is 26 years of age, and lives in Belleville, where he has a wife and one small child. His parents reside in Brockville.

BUGLER DUNN INJURED. Boy Who Led Advance Across Tugela Has an Accident at Cape Town.

A despatch from Cape Town says:—While practising at the Greenpoint camp on Wednesday for the reception to the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, Bugler Dunn met with an accident. His horse bolted and stumbled and fell. Dunn had one of his legs broken and the horse suffered a similar injury. The animal was shot.

Dunn is the fifteen-year-old Bugler of the First Royal Dublin Fusiliers, who was wounded three times at the battle of Colenso while sounding his orders. He was one of the first to cross the Tugela after the sound of the order to advance. When he returned to England to recuperate Queen Victoria presented him with a silver-mounted bugle. He was afterwards sent back to South Africa at his own request. He spent some time in Netley Hospital, where he was visited by several members of the Royal family.

HENS ARE FARING WELL. Government's Poultry Raising Experiments a Success.

A despatch from Ottawa says:—The poultry-raising experiments at Whitley, Ont., which are being conducted under the supervision of Mr. F. C. Harris, poultry expert to the Department of Agriculture, are proving a great success. Chickens just twelve weeks old, on a diet of ground oats and skim milk, and with a limited range for exercise, have already reached a weight of three pounds eight ounces. They will be fattened on the present diet for a month longer and then go to the fattening coops for another month.

When ready for the market they will average over six pounds in weight. The farmers in the neighborhood of Whitley are manifesting great interest in the experiments.

HEAVY LOSS. One Thousand Square Miles of Pine Burned Over.

A despatch from Ottawa says:—A thousand square miles of pine forest are said to have been burned over in the recent fires in the Temiscamigue and Kippewa districts, although the reports are conflicting. The money loss is placed at from \$500,000 to \$750,000, and while this loss will also be felt at once, the future loss will be great. The young pine which were destroyed would have been commercially valuable in a few years, but it will be many years before the new growth can replace them. Much of the old pine trees damaged by the fire can be cut in a short time and made ready for the market. The principal losers are the Shepard and Morse Company, J. H. Booth, Alex. Lumsden, the Hull and Lumber Company, Gilles Bros., and McLamb Bros. of Annaprior.

MINE FAILED TO EXPLODE.

Gen. Delarey's Plan to Blow Up Train Was Abortive.

A despatch from Kimberley says:—Two hundred rebels under Van der Merwe attacked Setlagoli Friday, but were repulsed. Gen. Delarey is reported to have been present. He afterwards recrossed into the Transvaal and attempted to blow up the railway. Seven pounds of dynamite was concealed under the rails, and a rifle was concealed and set so as to explode the dynamite when a train passed. The rails were not detected sufficiently to press the needle, and several trains passed without harm. A "ganger" discovered the mine.

BOERS TAKE NEW HOPE.

Denial in Amsterdam of Rumored Peace Negotiations.

A despatch from Amsterdam says:—With reference to the rumors published in the London Daily News Africa, negotiations for peace in South Africa are proceeding, it is denied here that Kruger is preparing to end the war. Instead, he, Leyds, and other Boers are basing great hopes on the fact that Dr. Kuyper, whom Queen Wilhelmina has summoned to form a new cabinet, is a strong Boer sympathizer. He and Baron Van Lynden, secretary of the Hague Arbitration Court, have had frequent consultations, and the Boers hope that they will devise some form of peaceful intervention.

NAPHTHA EXPLOSION. Central Portion of Batoum, Russia, Laid in Ruins.

A despatch from Batoum says:—A terrible explosion of naphtha occurred at noon on Thursday in the centre of the town, which is now in ruins. Many persons were killed. Many of the dead were horribly mangled, and fragments of bodies were scattered broadcast by the force of the explosion. The number of victims cannot yet be estimated, but as the area affected was the most thickly populated part of the city, it is feared that the loss of life was great.

Batoum is the well-known Russian oil port. It is situated on the east shore of the Black Sea, and has a population of about 5,000.

SOUTHERN CHINA. Bands of Armed Robbers Abroad in Night Raids.

A despatch from Canton, China, says:—A band of over forty armed robbers for three successive nights has been looting shops opposite Shatzen. The Chinese authorities have made no attempt to interfere. The Chinese themselves are alarmed, and predict serious trouble. It is understood the foreign consuls have been warned to prepare for an uprising. A ministerate of Shantung reports that robbers are increasing in his district. Seventy-five robbers have been beheaded at Skerzhay during the last two months.

CALVES. When calves are not thrifty the cause may be in the management. Irregularity in feeding, overlooking their peculiarities and preferences, and crowding them are reasons that cause lack of thrift. When several calves are together, and their milk poured into a common trough, the stronger ones will secure more than their share and the weaker calves starve for sufficiency. Lack of water in very warm weather during the middle of the day may cause harm, for it is customary with some to water the cows and calves only twice a day where the supply of water is at the barn only. The remedy is to feed each calf separately from the others, and give a variety of food.

A CHANCE FOR GARDENERS. Fame and fortune await the ingenious horticulturist who can succeed in producing a flower that is entirely black—a problem that has hitherto defied the efforts that have been made in that direction for more than three centuries past. For, notwithstanding the sensational novel of Alexandre Dumas, entitled "The Black Tulip," there is no such thing as a really black flower in existence, although almost every color and shade of the rainbow is present in flowers and blossoms.

GREAT INCREASE IN VOLUNTEERS. The returns of the British Volunteer force for last year, which will shortly be made public, will show a very considerable increase of strength as compared with 1899, consequent upon the larger recruiting resulting from the war. The number of "efficient" at the end of the 1900 official year was over 270,000 an increase of about 46,000 upon the "efficient" return of 1899.

King Oscar of Sweden has terribly scandalized royal and imperial personages there by expressing his belief in the Darwinian theory of evolution.

The Orient liner Ormuz, from Sydney, N. S. W., for London, arrived off Gibraltar with two cases of the bubonic plague on board. She was refused admittance, and proceeded toward Plymouth.

Over one hundred persons, including troops and police, were injured at Lemberg, Austria, in an attempt by the police to stop unemployed street parades, and the town is strongly guarded with troops.

Billtop—You must be doing mighty well, old man, to be able to charter a yacht. Capton—Not at all; I'm doing it to save money. How? Billtop—I'm going to keep my wife at sea for a whole month.

A Daughter . . . Worth Having

Two gentlemen friends, who had been parted for years, met in a crowded city street. The one who lived in the city was on his way to meet a pressing business engagement. After a few expressions of delight he said:

"Well, I'm off, I'm sorry, but it can't be helped. I will look for you to-morrow at dinner. Remember, two o'clock sharp. I want you to see my wife and child."

"Only one child?" asked the other. "Only one," came the answer, tenderly; "a daughter. But she is a darling."

And then they parted, the stranger getting into a street car for the park. After a block or two a group of five girls entered the car. They all evidently belonged to families of wealth. They conversed freely. Each carried a very elaborately decorated lunch basket. Each was well dressed. They, too, were going to the park for a picnic. They seemed happy and amiable until the car again stopped. Then the gentleman who had faced the girl of about eleven years of age, these children were shabbily dressed and on their faces were looks of distress. They, too, were on the way to the park. The gentleman thought so; so did the group of girls, for he heard one of them say with a sad, wistful glance:

"I suppose those ragamuffins are on an excursion, too."

"I shouldn't want to leave home if I had to look like that, would you?" This to another girl.

"No, indeed; but there is no counting for me. I think there ought to be a special line of cars for the lower classes."

All this was spoken in a low tone, but the gentleman heard it. Had the child, too? He glanced at the pale face and saw tears. He was angry, but then the exclamation: "Why, there is Nettie, wasn't she?" she is going?" caused him to look out upon the corner, where a sweet-faced young girl stood beckoning to the car driver. When she entered the car she was warmly greeted by the five, and they made room for her beside them. They profuse in exclamations and questions.

"Where are you going?" asked one. "Oh, what lovely flowers! Whom are they for?" asked another. "I'm on my way to Belle Clarke's. She is sick, you know, and the flowers are for her."

She answered both questions at once, and then glancing toward the door of the car, saw the pale girl looking wistfully at her. She smiled at the child, a tender look beaming from her beautiful eyes, and then she turned to Nettie, who was a handsome velvet skirt and costly jacket, and that her shapely hands were covered with well-fitted gloves. She left her seat and crossed over to the little one. She laid her hand on the boy's thin cheeks as she asked his sister:

"This little boy is sick, is he not. He is your brother, I am sure. It seemed hard for the girl to answer, but finally she said: "Yes, miss, he is sick. Freddie never has been well. Yes, miss, he is my brother. We're going to the doctor to see if it won't make Freddie better."

"I am glad you are going," the young girl replied in a low voice meant for no one's ears except those of the child. "I think it will do him good; it's lovely there, with the flowers all the while. Where is your lunch? You ought to have a lunch after so long a ride."

Over the little girl's face came a flush. "Yes, miss, we ought to, for Freddie's sake; but you see, we didn't have any lunch to bring. Tim—his our brother—said he would save some as Freddie could ride to the park and back. I guess maybe Freddie'll forget about being hungry when he gets to the park."

There were tears in the lovely girl's eyes as she listened, and very soon she asked the girl whose name she had written the address down in a tablet which she took from a bag on her arm.

After riding a few blocks she left the car, but she had not left the little one comfortless. Half the bouquets of violets and hyacinths were clasped in the sister's hand, while the sick boy, with radiant face, held in his hand a package, from which he helped his sister now and then, saying to his sister in a jubilant whisper:

"She said we could eat 'em all, when we got to the park. What made her so good and sweet to us?" And the little girl whispered back: "It's 'cause she's beautiful as well as her clothes."

When the park was reached the five girls hurried out. Then the gentleman lifted the little boy in his arms and carried him out of the car across the road into the park, the sister, with a heart full of gratitude, following. He paid for a nice ride for them in the goat carriage and treated them to oyster soup at the park restaurant.

"Ah! said the guest, as he extended his hand in cordial greeting, "this is the dear girl whom I saw yesterday in the street car. I don't wonder you call her a darling. She is a darling, and no mistake. God bless her!"

And then he told his friends what he had seen and heard in the street car.

DEFINED. Say, pop, I've got to write a composition on Hope. What is Hope, anyway?