SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON VII.—NOV. 17,

Gideon and His Three Hundred.—Judg. 7: 9-23.

Comemntary.—I. Gideon encouraged through a dream (vs. 9-15.) 9. The same night—As soon as the army had been tested and reduced. I have delivered—This should have satisfied Gideon. Nothing can be surer than God's word. Yet many to-day are seeking after signs or listening to dreams. 10. If thou fear—Although there were no cowards remaining in the army, yet there was danger that even the stout hearts of Gideon and his three hundred heroes might quail at their perilous position, therefore the Lord proceeds to encourage them. But why had so small a number been chosen? 1. That the Israelites might know that the victory was from God. 2. To show them that the God of their fathers was unchanged and still able to do great things for them. 3. To shame and humble his people because of their past sins. 4. To lead the people to love and worship God.

12. Like grasshoppers .... as the sand—These expressions mean that there was a very great number. 13. The dream: When Gideon was come—To the camp of the enemy. Cake of barley bread—It was only a "cake"—a small thing; and it was "barley bread," the food used by the poor—something despised. Came unto the tent (R. V.)—That is, the tent of the captain or leader. Smote it that it fell—This small, despised cake caused great havoc in the enemy's camp. 14. The interpretation: His fellow answered—The dream was interpreted as meaning that Gideon and his army should overthrow the Midianitish host.

15. When Gideon neard—Why did this dream encourage Gideon? 1. He saw plainly that the dream was from the Lord. 2. It disclosed to him the mind of the enemy. Already they were fearing Gideon. Lord hath delivered—He told his little army what he had heard, and all were filled with courage and were ready for the midnight attack.

11. Gideon's peculiar attack (vs. 16-20.) 16. Into three companies — Great armies were generally divided into three parts, that is, the right wing, the left wing and the body of the army. This army was great in faith. Gideon was in command of one division. The Midianites had long been a terror to Israel, and now they were to be overcome by terror. 17. And do likewise—Gideon became the example to all his army. As he was faithful, so would they be in following him. He made his descent in the night, when his enemies would least expect it. His army, being small, would not be observed. Here is seen the wisdom of having no more than are calculated to make a success.

19. Middle watch—At midnight. Anciently the Israelites seem to have divided the night into three watches—evening, midnight, and morning watches. Later they adopted from the Romans the custom of four watches.—Whed. Com. 20. Blew the trumpets—There was perfect concert in their attack. Brake the pitchers—By concealing the lamps in the pitchers they could pass unobserved until they reached the guard of the Midianitish camp, and by breaking them all at once, and letting the light from three hundred torches glare on the sleeping company, the enemy would be greatly terrified. They cried—Their loud shouts would add to the terror already awakened by the sound of trumpets and the glaring light. The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon—Gideon puts the Lord's name first, for by His power only could this attack be made. These words would give courage to the three hundred men, to know that they went out under the direction of the great God, and with such a leader as Gideon. God was gaining this victory, but He used Gideon and his men as chosen instruments. We see three ways here used by Gideon to terrify his enemies: (1) He, with his men, made a great noise, blowing trumpets and breaking the earthen pitchers. (2) By the sudden glare of light, which would be as a streak of lightning. (3) Besides the noise of trumpets he added shouting, calling attention to God and His chosen instrument as leader in this attack. By this sudden surprise at midnight the people would be terribly alarmed, and naturally conclude themselves surrounded by a great army.

III. Gideon's great victory (vs. 21-23). 21. They stood every man in his place—The arm of Israel did not come to fight. Their work was to sound the trumpets, hold the lights and shout. Seeing the company with lights and blowing trumpets, keeping in place, the Midianites would conclude they were a great army, whose men were now already in their camp. The host ran, and cried, and fled—The Midianites were so perfectly confused, that there was no order preserved and every one acted according to his feelings of terror. Thus the battle went on among the Midianites, and Israel stood by and watched their own victory without using a sword. The terrified people ran in a tumult and fought each other madly, not knowing friend from foe. God directed the battle and used His own way to deliver His people from their enemies. "The Midianites were so utterly annihilated that they do not re-appear on the page of history (Judg. 6, 11-25; 7; 8 1-28)."—Johnson.

Questions—Who was Gideon? Where was Israel camped? How were they troubled by the Midianites? How was Gideon's army tested? What dream did Gideon hear? Why did it encourage him? How did Gideon arrange his army? What instructions did he give his men? What did they do when they attacked the Midianites? What did thee Midianites do? What did the army of Israel do when the Midianites fled?

Thoughts.—It is not because there are so few professed Christians that we see so few converted to God, but because there are so few who are ready to allow the self life to die, and who then stand and shine for God and shout His praises.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS.

Gideon's army numbered thirty-two thousand. "While he doubtless thought his men too few. God saw they were too many, and ordered a reduction. According to God's standard there were only about three hundred in thirty-two thousand that were worth anything for real fighting, for real endurance, for real enterprise." In the Christian warfare God calls for men who will.

I. Be earnest. "Gideon and all the people.... rose up early" (v. 1). Gideon as leader was earnest. What he could not do in the daytime because his life would be the forfeit he did at midnight (Judg. 6. 27). His three hundred men were earnest. They would not waste time in personal luxury; eager for the battle, they would be ready at a moment's warning. "Earnest men find opportunities. What they cannot do in the evening twilight they will do in early morning brightness. Earnestness always finds opportunities; earnestness always finds a sycamore tree up which it can climb and see Christ. There is always a course open to fact, to reality, to sincerity, to determination. If any man is saying that he cannot make his way through all the difficulties that beset his life so as to get near to God. In the name of all history that is true, in the name of all history that is holy, in the name of all history that is worthy preserving, I charge him with a mistake or a lie."

II. Be humble. "Too many .... lest Israel vaunt themselves" (v. 2.) God will not choose those who, after the victory will "vaunt themselves" and say, "Mine own hand hath saved me" (v. 2.) "No man who ever trembled before God's call ever made men tremble before his call." "Moses said unto God, Who am I that I should go unto Pharaoh?" (Exod. 3; 11).

III. Be fearless. "Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return" (v. 3.) Gideon and his valiant three hundred might have been a laughing-stock to any straggling unbeliever, as they prepared to go against the Midianites, who lay in the valley as grasshoppers for multitude, and those camels were like the sands of the sea, but they won the victory. God had said so. During our civil war a brave ensign got in advance of the faltering line. The flag was in danger of being captured. The captain called out, "Bring the colors back to the company." Then a brave soldier dashed forward, shouting, "Bring the company up to the colors." And soon that flag was surrounded by a hundred fearless hearts. "So we may lower God's standard and bring it down to the level of our unbelief. Or we may bring our faith up to the great and glorious standard of his mighty promises. Oh, with such promises for faith to rest on, such performances as are recorded in our lesson to encourage it, such powers and possibilities presented to it, such awful need of it in the world to-day, and such a fountain from which to draw it," let us follow the example of the faithful Gideon and his three hundred and have the faith of God.

IV. Be self-forgetful. "Them that lapped" (v. 6.) The three hundred were tested by appetite. An Eastern courier hastening across the country, growing thirsty for water, will stop beside the stream and stand with one leg stiff and the other slightly bent and with head thrown back, dash the water quickly into his open mouth, and hasten on. So the three hundred drank; all eager, earnest, prudent, watchful, self-forgetful. They could not lie down in self-indulgence. The body craved water, but the soul cared only for the battle. So was the body "kept under" (1 Cor. 9; 27.) So were the three hundred proved.

V. Be equipped. "People took ..... the trumpets" (v. 8.) The silver trumpet typifies the individual gospel proclamation of redemption. There is no triumph for those who blow their own trumpet. Every testimony must be of the power of Christ or the sinner will never cry out for salvation. A man was giving his experience of how God was revealed to him after fifty years of sin and intoxication. A poor fellow cried out, "I want what that man's got." The trumpet and the torch should tell the same story. The testimony of the lips and of the life should agree.

A. C. M.

A BIG POINT.

CLAIMS OF NOVA SCOTIA SHAREHOLDERS IN YORK LOAN.

Counsel Asks That They Be Set Down as Creditors Having Priority of Claim Over Shareholders—Will Determine Western Claims Also.

A Toronto despatch: The merit of claims amounting to $500,000 was considered by Referee Mr. George Kappele yesterday afternoon in connection with the settlement proceedings in the winding-up of the York County Loan & Savings Co. These claims are made by subscribers to York Loan stock residing in Nova Scotia and are set down as class two, being presented by Mr. C. A. Masten. The contention of these claimants is that they, having invested under certain conditions which they say are illegal, are not shareholders but creditors of the York Loan. This, if proven, will give them a priority over the shareholders.

The basis on which claim two is arguing this are: First, that the Ontario Government's authorization for the company's formation did not allow it to operate outside Ontario, and that in conducting business in Nova Scotia they were not in a position to accept money as stock subscription, but merely as to be credited to those giving it; secondly, that the concern had no granted right to do business in that Province, and, third, that the company had no legal by-law of its own allowing it to take subscriptions outside Onttrio.

Mr. Stuart Lynn, manager of the Toronto Life Insurance Company and at one time connected with the York Loan, stated that there was a by-law passed by it to this effect. Mr. Masten holds, however, that if there were such the meeting passing upon it was not legally called, as no record could be found of the issuing of formal notification. To discuss these points a meeting will be held two weeks from yesterday, at which under the judicature act the Minister of Justice and the Attorney-General must be present or represented by counsel.

In the meantime Mr. Masten is applying formally to Mr. Kappele for the issue of a commission to go to Nova Scotia and take evidence. Much importance, it is thought, will attach to the finding on the pleas presented by claim two, as the settlement of the claims from Manitaba and British Columbia will largely be governed by this.

PHYSICIANS SAID "DEATH," MINISTER SAID "LIFE."

DRUGGIST'S ENDORSATION

Psychine Gets Voluntary and Irrefutable Evidence of How it Saved the Life of Mr. J. A. Galbraith

And is Published Here by the Courtesy of The Forest Free Press, Whose Editor and Publisher, One of the Best Known Public Men in Ontario, Personally Obtained the Following Statements From the Parties Whose Names Are Attached and Published in the Free Press.

No word of ours could make the evidence stronger than the written words over their own signatures of the man who was the principal in this great cure, and his friends through whom he was introduced to and helped to procure Psychine.

Mr. Galbraith gives a minute and straightforward statement which any and everybody can understand, and any and every sufferer may profit by.

Here is the testimony:

(From Forest Free Press.)

Forest, May 2, 1907.—The following facts, vouched for by Rev. C. E. Burrell, Baptist minister, and Ralph E. Scott, the well-known local druggist, are incontrovertible evidence that even when physicians have abandoned hope, there is still a way whereby the grave may be cheated of its prey.

John A. Galbraith is a well-to-do farmer, living in Plympton Township, about five miles from Forest. He is 5 feet 9 inches in height, and about 46 years of age. He enjoyed good health until early in 1906, when he had a severe attack of pleuro-pneumonia, which apparently broke up his whole system. In speaking of the case to the Forest Free Press he said:

HIS OWN WORDS.

"I did not seem able to gain any strength after the attack of pneumonia. One doctor said that tuberculosis had developed, that I could not recover, and advised me to settle all my affairs as quickly as possible. This was the condition I was in when my pastor, Rev. C. E. Burrell, of the Baptist church, advised me to try Psychine, and procured for me a trial bottle. This was in May, 1906, and at that time I was reduced in weight to 120 pounds. The Psychine seemed to do good from the start, and I continually gained in weight at the rate of half a pound a day until I went up to 150 pounds, steadily regaining my strength and feeling better. I actually had to have my clothes enlarged, not through any corpulency, but owing to a putting on of good flesh all over. I have resumed my work and have gone through this severe and sickly winter with nothing worse than an attack of grip, which my system was able to throw off without any serious results.

"I give this statement for the purpose of showing how Psychine has probably saved my life, and in the hope that others may be likewise benefited by its use.

"J. A. GALBRAITH."

THE PASTOR'S WORDS.

"Mr. J. A. Galbraith is a prominent member of my church, trusted by his neighbors and very highly respected throughout the entire community. His case has attracted very considerable attention. His was a pitiable case, indeed; in the prime of life and with the brightest of prospects to be suddenly stricken down in the midst of it all. Visiting him after his physician had pronounced his case hopeless (and, indeed, set the date at about which he would likely pass away), and observing pretty closely his condition, it occured to me that Psychine, which I had used in my own family, with wonderful results, might benefit him. I strongly recommended it to him, and he began its use. The result was truly wonderful. Almost immediately he began to improve and soon was able to be out again. He apparently regained his old health and was able to take up once again his old duties on his large farm and to perform them with comparative ease and comfort. The improvement was permanent, and he is to-day apparently just as well as ever. He gives all the credit for his recovery, under God, to Psychine.

"C. E. BURRELL,
"Baptist Pastor."

THE DRUGGIST'S WORDS.

"I have read the statements made by Mr. J. A. Galbraith and Rev. C. E. Burrell regarding the results of the use of Psychine. I know both gentlemen personally and can heartily endorse all that they have said. Mr. Galbraith obtained his supply of Psychine at my drug store, saying from time to time that it had done him good. I took an interest in his case and noted a steady improvement. Altogether I sold him about $15.00 worth. Psychine is having a big run here, and so far as I know is always used with beneficial results.

"RALPH E. SCOTT,
"Druggist.

"Forest, May 1st, 1907."

H. J. Pettypiece, Esq., M. P. P., publisher of the Forest "Free Press," writing under date of March 19th, 1907, says:

"The Galbraith cure is considered a miracle here. I know his case was considered hopeless by his physician and that something had pulled him together. I have only just learned that it was Psychine."

On June 14th, 1907, Mr. Pettypiece writes:

I saw Galbraith in town yesterday. He is looking the pink of health—says he never felt better, and that he is doing his share of the work on the farm, instead of being under the sod, where, just one year ago, the doctors told him he would be."

Psychine is the most wonderful tonic and system builder known to-day. The above is but one of thousands of similar cures Psychine is daily accomplishing. It cures coughs, colds, la grippe, bronchitis, pneumonia, night sweats, chills, fevers, and all-run-down conditions from whatever cause. For sale at all druggists, or medicine dealers, or at Dl. T. A. Slocum, Limited, 179 King street west, Toronto.

SWEPT BY FIRE.

MONTREAL'S CONEY ISLAND PARTLY WIPED OUT.

The Flames Spread Rapidly—Greater Portion of Booths, Scenic Railway, Central Tower and Other Buildings Gone.

Montreal, Nov. 11.—Dominion Park, the great amusement place of Montreal, was half wiped out by a disastrous fire which began at 11 o'clock this morning. Before the flames had been finally subdued about 2 o'clock this afternoon, the greater portion of the booths had been consumed, and where ibefore gaily decorated amusement buildings had stood there remained but a charred, blackened mass of smouldering ruins and twisted tin, which had been made to appear as an imitation of stone.

The buildings consumed included the scenic railway, the photo gallery, the snake charmer's booth, the shooting gallery and the laundry, the city of mirth, the bump-the-bumps, the old mill, the ice cream parlor and part of the chute the chutes. The great tower, the most imposing structure in the whole park, also fell a prey to the flames.

The cause of the fire is unknown. It started in the ticket collector's booth of the scenic railway, where a number of carpenters were at work at about 11.10. In five minutes, according to the statement of one of the workmen, the whole structure was a mass of flames, the fire gaining headway with incredible rapidity.

At a meeting of the directors of Dominion Park, held this afternoon, it was announced that the loss by today's fire would amount to at least $100,000.

The directors decided upon plans for rebuilding and orders will be given at once for the necessary construction.

LOADS OF GOLD BRICKS.

Millions in Bullion Dumped Into Wall Street.

New York, Nov. 11.—With no greater ceremony or care than if the iron-banded wooden boxes had contained so much weight in tin or other base metal, the more that $7,000,000 in gold brought to port yesterday by the swift express steamer Kronprinzessin Cecilie was transferred from the strong room of the vessel to Wall street to-day. The gold coin, most of it in American eagles and double eagles was taken to the United States subtreasury, while the bars of bullion, real and genuine old bricks, were dumped at the assay office. The Government immediately advanced to the bankers to whom the gold was consigned, ninety per cent. of the value of the shipment in bills and small currency.

The throngs of the curious who gathered at the Hoboken piers to see the yellow treasure unloaded saw nothing more romantic in appearance than 225 plain wooden boxes bound with red tape and splashed over with sealing wax. At no stage of the transfer was there anything even approaching the spectacular.

GOT THREE YEARS.

CONVICTED OF THEFT, WOODSTOCK LAD GOES TO PENITENTIARY.

Threatened to Beat Complainant's Brains Out—Another Youth Charged With Indecent Assault—Alleged to Have Attacked Farmer's Daughter.

A Woodstock, Ont., special despatch: Bill Bates, an incorrigible young lad of this city, was this morning sentenced by Magistrate Ball to three years' imprisonment in the Kingston Penitentiary. He was charged with stealing one dollar from Roy Rudd, clerk in a cigar store. The money was taken from Rudd's pocket as he was going down the stairs, and Bates pleaded guilty. After his sentence he shouted at Rudd that he would "Beat his brains out; just watch."

Philip Burly, aged 18, was charged with an attempted indecent assault upon Annie S. Dyer, aged 4 years, at Embro, on Oct. 29. Burly was left in charge of the children in the absence of the farmer, for whom he was working, and his wife, and took advantage of the opportunity to attempt the assault. He left the village the same night, and was arrested at Ayr. Burly pleaded not guilty and was remanded for one week.

NATURALIZATION TOO EASY.

New Brunswick Judge Would First Examine Applicants.

St. John, N.B., Nov. 11.—Judge Forbes, at County Court this morning, spoke strongly about the present loose system of allowing foreigners of all kinds to take out naturalization papers and become citizens without any enquiries into their general character, political views, and knowledge of the duties of citizenship.

He said he was addressing the Minister of Justice on the subject, and if allowed would hereafter require all applicants for naturalization to appear personally before him and submit to such examination as he considered advisable.

MARKET REPORTS

Toronto Live Stock.

Receipts of live stock at the city market as reported by the railways since Tuesday were 135 car loads, composed of 1839 cattle, 1289 hogs, 4091 sheep and 120 calves.

The general quality of cattle was not good; dealers stated that there was a smaller number of good than at any time this season, considering the large number offered. The trade was fair, with prices about steady all round.

Exporters.—None on sale and none apparently wanted.

Butchers—Good to choice butchers, 950 to 1100 lbs., each, $4 to $4.40; medium strong steers, $3.60 to $3.85; good cows, $3.25 to $3.60; common cows, $2.25 to $2.75; canners, 75c to $1.50; a few choice cattle, 1300 lbs., which were really exporters, at $4.25 to $4.60.

Feeders and Stockers.—Best feeders, 1000 to 1100 lbs., at $3.25 to $3.60; best stockers, 600 to 800 lbs., at $2.25 to $2.60; medium stockers, 600 to 800 lbs., at $2 to $2.25; common stockers, 500 to 700 lbs., at $1.50 to $1.75.

Milkers and Springers.—Good to choice milkers and forward springers were in excellent demand and sold from $50 to $65 each; medium to good, $35 to $45; common light cows, slow sale, at $20 to $30 each.

Veal Calves.—Receipts light, prices easy owing to lambs and sheep being plentiful, and at reasonable prices. Calves sold all the way from $2 to $6 per cwt.

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Hogs—Receipts were about 1,400. Mr. Harris quoted prices unchanged at $6 for finished and $5 for light lean pigs.

Toronto Farmers' Market.

The offerings of grain were confined to 600 bushels of barley, which brought 85 to 86c. The wet weather prevented receipts. Hay also affected, with receipts of only 5 loads, which sold at $23 to $24 a ton.

Dressed hogs are unchanged at $8.75 for light, and at $8.25 for heavy.

Wheat, white, bush.	$1 00	$1 01
Do., red, bush.	1 00	1 01
Do., spring, bush.	0 95	0 98
Do., goose, bush.	0 92	0 95
Oats, bush.	0 60	0 61
Barley, bush.	0 85	0 86
Rye bush.	0 88	0 90
Peas, bush.	0 87	0 90
Hay ton	23 00	24 00
Straw, per ton	16 00	17 00
Seeds—		
Alsike, No. 1, bush.	8 75	9 15
Do., No. 2	8 00	8 25
Dressed hogs	8 25	8 75
Eggs, dozen	0 30	0 33
Butter, dairy	0 28	0 32
Do., creamery	0 32	0 34
Geese, dressed, lb.	0 10	0 12
Chickens, lb.	0 10	0 11
Ducks, dressed, lb.	0 10	0 11
Turkeys, per lb.	0 15	0 17
Apples, per bbl.	1 50	2 50
Onions, bag	1 25	1 35
Potatoes, bag	0 90	1 00
Cabbage, dozen	0 40	0 50
Beef, hindquarters	8 50	10 00
Do., forequarters	4 50	5 50
Do., choice, carcase	7 50	8 00
Do., medium, carcase	6 00	7 00
Mutton, per cwt.	8 00	9 50
Veal, prime, per cwt.	7 50	10 00
Lamb, per cwt.	9 00	10 00

Live Poultry Wholesale at Toronto.

Turkeys, young	$0 10	$0 11
Turkeys, old	0 09	0 10
Geese, per lb.	0 07	0 08
Ducks, per lb.	0 07	0 08
Chickens, fancy, large	0 09	0 10
Chickens, medium	0 06	0 08
Fowl	0 05	0 07
Squabs, per doz	2 00	3 00

Hides and Tallow at Toronto.

Prices revised daily by E. T. Carter & Co., 85 East Front street, Wholesale Dealers in Wool, Hides, Calfskins and Sheepskins, Furs, Tallow, etc.:

Inspected hides, No. 1 cows, steers		$0 07½
Inspected hides, No. 2 cows, steers		0 06½
Country hides	$0 06	$0 07
Calfskins, No. 1, city	0 12	....
Calfskins, country	0 10	0 11
Horsehides, No. 1, each	2 75	3 00
Horsehair, per lb.		0 30
Tallow, per lb.	0 05½	0 06½
Wool, unwashed	0 12	0 13
Wool, washed	0 22	0 23
Rejects	0 15	....
Lambskins	0 75	0 80

British Apple Markets.

Woodall & Co., Liverpool, cabled Eben James: 12,781 bbls. selling; market firm, with good demand; prices unchanged.

Boyd, Barrow & Co., Glasgow, cabled — Market firm, but not quotably higher, prices ranging from 15s. 6d. to 19s.

British Cattle Markets.

London, Nov. "—London cables are firmer at 10c to 12 1-4c per lb., dressed weight, refrigerator beef is quoted at 10c per lb.

Winnipeg Wheat Market.

Following are the closing quotations on Winnipeg grain futures to-day:

Wheat—Nov. 96 3-8c bid, Dec. 97 1-4c asked, May $1.05 asked.

Oats—Nov. 56 3-4c bid, Dec. 57 1-4c asked, May 58 3-4c bid.

Bradstreet's Trade Review.

Montreal: The volume of trade here continues good, with all lines of wholesale stocks moving out well. Money holds scarce. Collections throughout the country are fair. Some wholesalers seem to anticipate further trouble in this regard, but there is, in the main, a feeling that prospects for the winter business are so good that improvement may be looked for as the season advances. Money for business and industrial purposes is still hard to get. Dry goods are moving out satisfactorily. Since the arrival of cool weather the demand for woollens and general heavy lines has much increased. All lines are firm. Woollens are advancing following the recent sales in London. Shipments of cottons from the mills are still slow. Groceries are reported quite active.

Toronto: The outlook for most lines of trade continues bright. Wholesalers are receiving excellent orders for sorting lines of winter goods. Cold weather had much helped this demand in all parts of the country. In all lines of dry goods large shipments are going forward. In such lines as men's haberdashery and women's millinery and clothing the business is exceedingly brisk. Country trade is brisk, and is expected to continue so, owing to the splendid returns farmers are receiving for all lines of produce. There is talk here of a lessening of industrial activity in some lines, but as yet practically no steps in this direction have been taken, and there is an excellent demand for all kinds of labor.

Winnipeg: General trade continues to hold a fairly satisfactory tone. Wholesalers are receiving fairly good orders and the outlook for future business is bright. Preparations for a good holiday trade are general. Collections are still slow from many western districts, but there has been considerable improvement since the grain movement began.

Vancouver and Victoria: Despite tight money there has been no shrinkage in the volume of general business here. Wholesale lines are moving well and collections are fair to good. Fruit farming is rapidly becoming one of the great industries of the Province.

Quebec: Business is much about the same as the previous week. Country remittances are slow. City trade is fairly active, which is usual at this season. Shoe manufacturers are quiet, and likely to be until the spring orders arrive.

Hamilton: All lines of wholesale stocks are moving well, and retail trade is reported active. Collections are generally fair. The market for country produce is firm and receipts are light.

London: General trade continues to hold a good tone here.

Ottawa: Wholesalers are meeting with a good sorting trade, and the outlook for general business continues bright.

ANTI-CIGARETTE.

PROVINCIAL W. C. T. U. HEARS REPORT AT CORNWALL.

Superintendent Recommends That Merchants and Manufacturers be Asked to Discourage Cigarettes by Refusing Employment to Youths Using Them.

Cornwall despatch: The ladies of the W. C. T. U. attending the Provincial convention, which is being held here this week, put in a very busy day, and are to-night well advanced with their work. Many important reports were discussed and adopted to-day. The anti-narcotic report showed the growing progress of the anti-cigarette campaign, and the superintendent, Mrs. Waters, recommended that total prohibition be the aim rather than high license, and that petitions be circulated among merchants, manufacturers and others asking them to discourage the use of cigarettes by refusing to employ youths who indulge in them; The departmentsof systematic giving and parlor meetings reported marked progress and gratifying results. The report of the official organ, the Canadian White Ribbon Tidings, showed 5,326 subscribers. At midday the local union entertained the delegates, honorary members and local clergymen at luncheon in the church parlors, and congratulatory addresses were made by Rev. T. J. Stiles, rector of Trinity Church; Rev. Mr. Harkness, of Knox Church; Rev. S. Sheldon, of the Baptist Church, and Rev. Mr. H. McGillivray. Dr. Munroe, a member of the Town Council, in the absence of Mayor McCracken, heartily welcomed the convention to Cornwall. This evening there was a special meeting under the auspices of the "Y's" and despite the steady downpour of rain, there was a good attendance. The principal speaker was Miss Jamieson, of Rochester, N. Y., the "Y" evangelist.

U. S. CONTROL.

Favored by Ex-President Palma For Island of Cuba.

Havana, Nov. 11.—Dr. Estrada Palma, formerly President of Cuba, has authorized the publication of his views regarding American intervention. He declares publicly in favor of American control in Cuba. He says: 'It is enough to satisfy my conscience this conviction of having saved my beloved country from anarchy, and its natural results of plunder and ruin." He continues, describing what he considers the criminal acts on the part of the revolutionists, and the necessity to call on the Americans to prevent a protracted and sanguinary contests. "If I did right or wrong time will say. That my attitude was immediately justified is proved by the sudden re-establishment of peace through the moral and material influence of the Americans. I do not hesitate to declare that it is a hundred times better for our beloved Cuba to be in a dependent political situation in which liberty is prevailing than in a republic independent of a sovereign, but discredited and ruined by blasting periodical civil strifes." The letter is considered important, as Dr. Palma still commands a great influence with a large number of Cubans.

TO END IT ALL.

AFRAID TO RETURN TO SCHOOL, CHILD DRANK DEADLY POISON.

Foolish Eleven-Year-Old Girl at St. John, N. B., Swallowed Quantity of Carbolic Acid.

St. John, N.B., despatch: Because she did not want to go to school, and crying "I will end it all," eleven-year-old Rebecca Scott, of 182 Erin street, drank carbolic acid from a bottle yesterday afternoon.

The little girl is a daughter of James Scott, fireman at the Portland Rolling Mills. Since the death of her mother, about a year ago, her step-sister has been filling the mother's place. It had been found that Rebecca was playing truant, and her step-sister called upon the girl's teacher, arranging that she should return to school yesterday afternoon. Rebecca evidently dreaded the ordeal, fearing that she would be whipped by the teacher, and said that she would not go back.

Upon being urged, she became desperate, and rushed to a shelf upon which was a bottle of carbolic acid, and with a cry that she would end it all, succeeded in swallowing a quantity of the contents before it was realized what she was doing.

The girl was in great agony immediately, and Dr. James Christie was hurriedly sumoned. Finding she was in a serious condition, he took her in his carriage to the General Public Hospital. She was terribly burned inside the mouth and throat, and it is expected that she will die.

Dr. Ranger, the solicitor of the Salvation Army, has been totally blind since he was 14. Now head of a large firm of lawyers in Fenchurch street, London, the whole of the practice has been built up from his initiative.

KAISER SICK.

WILL GO TO ISLE OF WIGHT AFTER VISITING LONDON.

Palate Inflamed—Ear Channels May Be Affected— Suffered From Same Trouble Before—Won't Visit Holland.

Berlin, Nov. 11.½The decision of Emperor William not to visit Holland and to rest on the Isle of Wight after his visit to King Edward was taken last Tuesday morning, after His Majesty's physicians had perceived that the cold which he had taken on Oct. 25, while watching the airship experiments at Tegel, had left an inflammation around the palate and the neighboring channels leading to the ears. As His Majesty suffered much in earlier life from a similar inflammation extending to those ducts, he readily accepted their advice to go to the Isle of Wight after fulfilling his English engagements, which were too near to cancel. The climate of the Isle of Wight is regarded as being mild and equitable, and less in contrast with the German climate than that of the southern latitude, to which the Emperor will have to go at the beginning of winter.

DREW REVOLVER ON GIRL.

Daring Robbery of Buckhorn Store and Post Office.

A Peterboro despatch: Last night the store and postoffice at Buckhorn, about twenty miles north of this city, were robbed of between $25 and $30. A stranger entered the shop and made a small purchase from the Pastmaster's daughter, and there was considerable money in view. As the man was going out the girl retired into the dwelling adjoining. He returned and was taking the money, when the girl seized his arm, but released it as the man drew a revoilver and made his escape. The man was a stranger.

HAZERS TURN TO DENTISTRY.

Schoolboys Pull Companions' Teeth and Threaten Worse Things.

Rockland, Mich., Nov. (—A new variety of hazing is reported here, where boys in the public schools have been accused of pulling the teeth of others and threatening them with the loss of their tongues. The latter threat has not been taken seriously, but their appears to be good proof that the teeth-pulling has been practised. Those who have suffered from it are either unwilling to betray or fear to tell on the perpetrators. One of the victims is said to be in a serious condition, having caught cold in his lacerated jaws. Parents of the victims are promising prosecution if they can learn who the guilty ones are, while authorities of the schools are investigating and also promise action.

KICKED SATCHEL FOR A WEEK.

Grocer Didn't Know the Valise Was Loaded.

Wasid, Conn., Nov. 11.—Elijah O. Peck, the well-known grocer, is still trying to figure out why he is not sliding on the edge of a damp cloud tickling a tare, instead of weighing butter. For the past week he has been buzzing the rim of the great beyond, but he didn't know it until to-day.

"Morning Lige," said a traveling man who dropped into the store a week ago Friday. "If you don't object I'll leave this grip here till I return."

The grocer didn't object, and the grip was chucked behind the big stove. Every time Lige picked up the coal scuttle he kicked the satchel and made sundry observations about folks who used his place for storage purposes. When trade was dull he amused himself by kicking the leather all around the room.

"Guess I'll take my dynamite now," said the traveling man, returning to-day and picking up the grip. He showed the contents to the badly-frightened grocer and ever since Lige has kept the errand-boy busy running around to the Peck homestead to see if there's crape on the brass knocker.

HUNTER SHOT IN THE FACE.

Ridgeway Postmaster Victim of a Serious Accident.

Welland, Ont., despatch: Murray Hibbert, postmaster and a prominent merchant of Ridgeway, was the victim of a serious accident yesterday while quail shooting on the Wainfleet marsh. His companion, John Halivan, was walking with his gun cocked, when he fell. The weapon was discharged, the shot striking Mr. Hibbert in the face and shoulder. He was brought home in a precarious condition, but will recover.

One grain of shot pierced an eyeball, and the doctors fear he will lose the sight of it. This will mean total blindness, since the other eye has been sightless for some time.

CANADA'S FUTURE.

Will Be the Dominant State in the Empire, Says Strathcona.

London, Nov. 11.—Lord Strathcona, interviewed by the Tribune, reiterates his prophecy that before the end of the century Canada will be the dominant State and the food mart of the empire. He thinks there is not the remotest chance of the Dominion ever becoming a republic. There is no visible reason why in the future the vast population should not remain loyal to the Crown.

KILLED BY TELEPHONE POLE.

William Cronie Crushed to Death on Sidewalk at Toronto.

Toronto despatch: While assisting in the taking down of telephone poles on Yonge street between Macpherson avenue and Roxborough street last night, William Cronie, aged 35, 93 Duke street, was instantly killed by the pole falling on him. Cronie was at the top of the pole and coming down. When half way down Cronie lost his hold and fell and the pole, which was being cut down with axes, fell with him and crushed him under its weight, on the sidewalk. Cronie is a single man.

It is lucky for Britons that they have an atrocious climate, said an American the other day. If that were up to the mark of everything else, so many Americans would come over to live in England that there would be no room for any English.

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