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GENERAL NEWS

Easter Sunday occurs on the Sabbath next after the first full moon succeeding the 21st of March, but if the full moon occurs on Sunday then Easter will be on the Sunday following.

Mr. E. A. Coombs, principal of the Newmarket High School, was compelled to give up teaching recently owing to a severe attack of rheumatism and a substitute will probably officiate in his stead for a short time.

The man, who with his team got lost one night recently near Aurora and travelled all night through the fields and over fences, one of them being of the stump variety, must have had snowshoes on his horses, or they travelled in defiance of the law of gravitation. The driver must also have had a meandering time of it.

A meeting of the North Ontario Bakers' Association was held recently at Sunderland, when it was agreed not to raise the price of bread, altho it had gone up considerably in the cities. It was decided to hold the next meeting in the second week in January instead of March as formerly. The place at which it will be held was not decided upon, but will probably be Stouffville. Mr. Wurts was present at the meeting.

It is stated that a new steamer for Lakes Couchiching and Simcoe waters is now being built in Orillia, and is expected to be ready for the summer trade on those lakes——open for excursions of all kinds. The vessel will be seventy-five feet long and twelve foot beam. She will be thoroughly modern in all her appointments——lighted by electricity—fitted with electric fans——supplied with opera seats, etc. Lake Simcoe needs a boat of this kind, and weekly excursions from Roach's Point, Beaverton and Jackson's Point to Orillia and Barrie will no doubt be taken advantage of by campers and summer tourists during the coming season.

Reports of threshing have been coming in from Argentina for some time past, and a pretty fair estimate of the crop is now to hand. Damage has been done by hail storms and frost, here and there, and there has been a good deal of damage in one or two special districts, but, in spite of that, it is said that the crop will be nearly, if not quite, as large as that of the preceding year. The quality is reported to be excellent, on the whole, and prices are good. However, as a result, strikes just now are afflicting Argentina as badly as they have the northern part of the American continent. There have been strikes both at Buenos Ayres and Rosario, among other places, which account more than anything else for a shortage in the exports of wool this year of about seventy thousand bales. In the meantime however, exports of wool may lessen because of the great increase in cattle in Argentina, and the decrease in sheep, it having been found by the pastoralists that cattle raising and cattle feeding is more profitable than wool growing. The point for the Canadian to note, however, is that Argentina is going to be a more formidable rival to us in the future than in the past. It is true that Argentina has only about a third of our area, or 1,212,000 square miles to our 3,745,574 square miles, but our country grows broad towards our Pole while theirs grows narrow towards theirs, and the country in general enjoys an equable temperature and healthful climate. The population, too, is large, amounting to four and a half millions as compared with 3,774,282 of the Commonwealth of Australia and our 6,371,315. The country is rich in minerals, and the population is growing appreciably by immigration——which amounted to 90,000 odd in 1902— although the emigration, too is large. It is a progressive country, however. It has already eleven thousand miles of railways in working order connecting the principal cities of the republic with the capital, and it has 96,000 odd miles of telegraph, mostly government lines, and is connected by cable with all the cities in the world. A country such as this, with a population more stable than is usual among the Spanish republics, which are mostly tropical, with a total import trade (gold) of 103 million dollars odd, and an export trade of about 179 and a half million dollars odd, is not to be disregarded when the world's food supplies are being taken into consideration with a view to quantities and prices. And Argentina is small to-day compared with what she will be if all goes well.

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The honey crop is likely to be very short this season owing to the severity of the past winter. It is said that about half the bees will die and that many are already dead. Lack of proper ventilation is one great cause of the extensive mortality.

It should be satisfactory to the British taxpayer to reflect that the torpedo vessels which played havoc with the Russian fleet at the outset of the war in the Far East are nearly all English built, which circumstance inferentially, seems to be a guarantee that the home Government is getting its money's worth, and has a ready reliable first line of defence. In all Japan has twenty vessels, specially constructed for torpedo work at the time of the last official return seven or eight months ago, and seventeen of these were torpedo boat destroyers Two of these were built in Japan and the other fifteen in Great Britain.

The Dominion Government is sending out an exploring party to the Peace River District, of which so much is being heard lately, and which holds out so much promise of comfort and opulence to the industrious settler. Preparatory to opening the lands for colonization in the Western portion of Athabasca the survey party now being sent out will run one in that part of the territory embraced between the 6th initial meridian and the British Columbia border. It is reportedreported that this strip of country consists largely of good wheat growing land of the very best quality, and will afford valuable home areas for thousands of settlers.

The Premier speaking recently of the securities which the Government will hold for aiding the "Soo" industries, said:—"The securities must be sufficient to the guarantee of interest on two million dollars which the government proposed to take. There must be no incumbrance or any difficulty about any part or phase of the bargain. It must be as sure a transaction as a loan to the Bank of England. We propose to take no risks and will not ask the House to take any. The ground is clear in some respects but not in others. I hope to be able to satisfy the House that it is clear entirely before asking it to proceed with the bill."

The Harts Mountains in Germany are the centre of the canary-birds industry. The birds raised there have schools for the training of their voices. The best voices are carefully selected, and their owners set apart in a class by themselves. A canary with a faultless voice and long experience in singing is chosen for a teacher. When the time comes to train the young birds they are suffered to hear and imitate only the pure notes of the leader of the school. The St. Andreasberg canaries are reckoned the finest singers in the world. Singing schools for birds also exist in New York where imported German bullfinches are trained with the aid of a flute, a reed organ and the human voice. The trainers are marvellously expert. Whistlers. Bullfinches can be taught to pipe the tunes of popular songs and operas.

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The Russian Government spends more money on its press censors than on its schools. Last year 83 papers were suspended for various periods, and 26 were forbidden to accept advertisements, while 209 editors were told that they could have a short vacation in Siberia if they continued their discussion of public questions.

Interesting experiments with the odors of herbs have from time to time been made, and it has been found that many species of microbes are easily destroyed by various smells. The odor of cloves has been known to destroy microbes in 35 minutes; cinnamon will kill some species in 12 minutes; thyme in 35 minutes. In 45 minutes common wild verbena is found effective, while the odor of mint has destroyed various forms of microbes in 55 minutes, and it is reported as the most effective of all odors as an antiseptic. It is now believed that herbs which have been have been found in Egyptian mummies were placed on the bodies more for their antiseptic properties than as mere ornaments or objects of adornment.

Promoters and investors interested in electric lines will not find consolation in the last report of the Railroad Commissioners of Massachusetts. Out of 305 companies in that State no less than 65, new and gentleman of very large experience old, declared and paid no dividends. A interested in electric lines operations in Massachusetts recently stated that electric lines do not pay except when operated within densely populated city districts or within a short radius thereof—like Boston and its immediate suburbs. Judged by this standard electric lines in Ontario outside of those operated within cities, will not be able to earn dividends at least for many years to come, when the population of that Province becomes more dense than Massachusetts, where so many electric lines are not profitable. At present there is in Massachusetts a population of 349 per square mile, against approximately ten per square mile in Ontario, or roughly 34 to 1. Aside from this indication as to Ontario being an unfavorable field for electric line operation, it is interesting to note that Ontario now enjoys three times as large steam railway milage as Massachusetts to each one thousand of population.

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No other community outside Monte Carlo is so permeated with the gambling spirit as Australia. In New Zealand the gross amount put through the totalisator yearly approaches eight hundred thousand pounds sterling; in Victoria, it is calculated, the stream of gold coins flowing through the machine will amount to no less than million pounds annually. Of this sum the racing clubs will take 75,000 pounds, and the charities 95,000 pounds, the latter sum being merely a bribe intended to drug the moral sense of the community. If the totalisator becomes law it is reported that a staff of 300 clerks will be employed at Flemington to work the machine.

When the dahlia was first introduced it was a vegetable. The plant is said to be really akin to the potato, and it was thought that it would prove an important addition to our food resources. It came from Madrid, the Spaniards having, it is believed, found it in Mexico. Some daring adventurers appear to have made a trial of it as an edible root, but it is never an easy matter to popularize a new article of food, and the tuber of the dahlia did not become popular. If it had done so the probability is that we should never have been troubled much about its cultivation as a flower. The double dahlia was a later product than the single, and for many years almost entirely superseded the simpler flower, which not many summers ago came into vogue again with the interest of a new discovery. To a considerable extent they have gone out again now, and the double one is again to the front in popular favor.

If the government should ever yield to the protectionist demand for a revision of the tariff it might be well to consider the wisdom of a heavy duty on products of the imagination. Canadians, we are convinced, if protected against dumping, would develop a very fair class of home product; but the dumping process has brought the local industry to a low ebb. In protectionist campaign arguments, for instance, we have the surplus product of the United States trusts thrown upon our market so cheap that the present practice is to import the staple materials from across the line and put a little local veneer on them. Then as to sea serpent tales. The fisherman down the Gulf who assures the newspaper men that he has seen the writhing wonder, required only courage, not originality. How can such inventions hope to compete with such a magnificent product as that of an Iowa man, who is petitioning his State to give him money to go out to sea catch thirty whales and bring them through the Gulf of Mexico and the Mississippi river to the World's Fair at St. Louis. He proposes to take them to a flooded pasture, and milk them twice a day. Each whale will, he says, give 600 gallons of milk a day, which can be sold at a dollar a gallon, so that thirty whales would, in three months, produce almost two million dollars worth of milk. That beats the roller boat that was to roll across the sea regardless of the wind.

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An edict for the extermination of the innocent and welcome robin has gone out from the Michigan State Horticultural Society, which has sentenced him as a cherry and strawberry pest. Of all the insectivorous and grub-devouring birds in Ontario the robin is by far the best. We have no adequate idea of his usefulness in these lines. Get rid of the early spring robin and our farms and gardens would soon be overrun with a multitude of pests of various kinds, which would battle all the ingenuity of man to keep in subjection. Leave the robin alone and afford him and his nests every protection. Encourage them to harbor in the orchard and don't begrudge them a breakfast of cherries or strawberries.

The cause of the present low price of hogs is attributed to the large increase in the shipments from Denmark and Ireland. As many as 40,000 a week are being shipped from the former country. Many of the Canadian packing houses are discharging a large number of their men as the prices paid for hogs are higher than the present condition of the trade warrants. It is just possible that low price may prevail here for some considerable time. The beef trade will also be similarly affected. It may be that we have reached a point when the English market is not able to consume all the meats offered for sale. The time has come when farmers will be obliged to raise the best of everything for export and ship their produce in the most attractive manner so as to make it acceptable to the British consumer.

While out for exercise in the jail yard at Whitby on Monday afternoon Norman York, a prisoner, who was tried here a short time ago for horse-stealing, made his escape, getting over the 20 foot brick wall by placing a step-ladder on a snow pile several feet high, which was near the wall. He was missed a few minutes after the break for liberty, and Jailer Lavey and High Constable Calvert started in pursuit. They traced the fugitive through adjacent fields and over the railway tracks. Here he doffed his convict uniform, which his pursuers found. Eventually they cornered him in Farmer Vanston's barn on the base line, where he was captured, having hidden under a seed drill which was completely covered by grain bags and from which they routed him by poking fence rails into his retreat. When captured he was found to be clad only in his underclothes and the farmer had to lend him a suit of clothes to wear back to jail. He will now have to stand a trial for jail breaking.

Whitchurch Council.

Met at Megaffin's Hotel, Oak Ridges, March 30th, members being all present.

Communications, from Frank Buckindale, re bill for attending upon Oscar Woodard and wife while quarantined with diphtheria.

Dr. Wesley, re medical attendance Scott family.

The Reeve and Treasurer were empowered to invest Clergy Reserve Funds Capital.

Walter Robinson was appointed pathmaster in lieu of W. Young who is removing.

Richard Rogers in lieu of Robert Millard.

Albert Gear in lieu of Thomas Moody, removing.

David Wideman in lieu of JJ. Collard

The Treasurer was instructed to make the following payments:—

To Stewart Walker $56 amount of legal costs re collecting taxes 1901.

To D. W. Megaffin, use of Hall for Council $1.00.

To T. Skinner, jr., shovelling snow R. D. 6, con. 7 $29.62.

To A. B. Davidson, apportioning Clergy R. F. interest to schools $2

For cutting and grading hills between lots 70 and 71, con. 1 $100.

For claying hill between lots 30 and 31, con. 8 $100.00

The clerk was instructed to notify Frank Buckindale that the Council refused to pay his full bill for attending Oscar Woodard and wife.

The Reeve was instructed to purchase moulds to manufacture culvert pipe.

Councillor Skinner was instructed to interview N. L. McCormack, Ex-Member of the Board of Health, respecting bill presented by Dr. Wesley for attending the Scott family.

Council adjourned to meet at Joner Hall, Ballantrae, on April 27th.

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