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THE LATE W. E. SMALLFIELD.

The passing of William Elgood Smallfield at Guelph, yesterday, will be sincerely regretted by hundreds of newspaper men all over the Dominion. He was born in Brooklyn, L.I., in 1860, and shortly afterwards came north with his father, an Englishman, who had been editing The New York Journal of Commerce. The family settled at Madoc and started small paper there. A few years later the printing plant was moved to Renfrew, where The Mercury was established.

The late W. E. Smallfield gre up with The Mercury and when he assumed control kept on improving it until he had placed it in the forefront of Ontario weekly newspapers Mr. Smallfield sold The Mercury in 1919, and moved to Toronto later go ing to Guelph, where he died.

During his residence in Renfrey W. E. Smallfield worked in season and out for the advancement of th town. He sat on the council for twenty years; was mayor four times and also was for many years secretary of the Agricultural Society. He took a great interest in everything pertaining to the community welfare and what the town of Renfrew owes to him would be impossible to estimate. A public spirited citizen in every sense of the word he worked unselfishly in season and out for situation which is not of national the welfare of his home town. To his efforts were very largely due the municipal power development, the waterworks, the new fire hall and library, and also the excellent municipal hotel, of which he was ian Press Association.

to his long home and the world will be much poorer for his passing.

AN EXCELLENT NUMBER.

The British Whig received yester ay a copy of the Christian Science Monitor of Friday, April 16th, in connection with which there is issued a special "All Canada" supplement. The Christian Science Monitor is one of the finest papers pub lished in the United States and this special edition advertising Canada is right up to the very highest standard which The Monitor sets for itvoted to Canada and the illustrations and letterpress certainly give his country a great boost. Kingston not been forgotten.

hristian Science Monitor will do on shalf of our fair Dominion. Articles rederick Williams-Taylor, Hon. an advertisers and taken all in all his "All Canada" edition of the hristian Science Monitor is worthy the very highest commendation.

HAVING A REAL JUBILEE.

The Toronto Telegram has just ad a real jubilee, its fiftleth anniersary. Those who know this spiritd journal have long thought it was aying a jubilee every day, and alare at somebody else's expense.

BISLE THOUGHT dog by the ears .- Proverbs Reform Committee were apprised of ed

WHIG | The Telegram is a wonderful sheet, full of zeal and enterprise, wide awake and brone to assert views of a decidedly pugnacious character. In news gathering it excels; it dishes it up in refreshing style. Even if you dislike its attitude on many matters you admire its aggressiveness, its stalwart independence and its effectiveness in appeal and denunciation. The Telegram's editorial columns are about the best exponents of personal journalism extant. It hits with unsparing impartiality. It calls a spade a spade with the good old English definiteness. It is often right, it is often alone in fighting for right, and in many Toronto and Ontario issues it has shown all the characteristics of a truly great newspaper.

The British Whig, nearly twice as old, cordially greets its confrere and wishes it even greater success in the days to come than it now enjoys.

GREAT BRITAIN'S PLAN.

In Great Britain the average mur- the general revival. derer, rich or poor, lasts just ten weeks after he is arrested. All the lazz is taken out of the trials, as they take murder seriously in that country. It takes about fifteen minutes to pick a jury in that country. In- Hamilton Herald's opinion. stead of giving murderers law. Great Britain gives them justice. The word "alienist" is unknown. Government experts determine a man's sanity if to any other feature of their busiit is a question. If a man is found insane he is sent to an asylum. He by service, will get the business. is released from the asylum when his sanity is proven. But only insane men are sent there, so they usually "Our fancy criminal lawyer would starve in that country," remarks an authority in the United

THE CANADIAN LEAGUE.

If Canadians would only study, would follow. The Caradian League has been formed to develop this incentive. It is composed of groups scattered across the country from the farmers as well as business men. French-Canadians as well as Anglo-Canadians, ordinary people as well as intellectuals, with the object of elevating the conception of Canadians and directing their thoughts into worth-while channels through lectures, discussions and supplementary reading, so that a community may be better fitted to understand the problems which arise from time to time and better qualified to judge between the public policies which are presented for their approval or rejec-

The movement is worthy of greater extension than has already taken place. By interesting people in pubtic affairs and causing them to be studied, it may be of real service to the country and assist in removing a sun spot cycle bodes ill for lovers of well-being.

THE JAMESON RAID.

A hilarious banquet at which liquor flowed freely is charged, thirty president until he left Renfrew. His years after it occurred, with respongenial and kindly disposition made sibility for the miscarriage of plans him many warm friends. In 1916 of international consequence. It was Mr. Smallfield was honored by such a party which fanned the flames of restlessness and sent the Jameson lected him president of the Cana- Raiders streaming across the border A man of sterling worth has gone disobedience to orders, according to look beautiful and chic seems lack-John Hays, Hammond, leader of the ing or else—somebody else is wearto the assistance of the English and Americans against Paul Kruger and and the fascinating style. the Boers. The raid was unsuccessful and the leaders were jailed. The

April Scribner's Magazine:

"He was afraid that his men already restive, would give up the enself. It contains three sections de- terprise. This is the admission he made to me subsequently. Besides Jameson fully believed that with his force he could whip the Boers without any assistance from Johannesburg. He had been reading of the It is impossible to estimate the exploits of Lord Clive and other good that this special addition of the famous raiders in British history and had allowed his personal ambition to dominate his course of action, subordinating the welfare have been written by the Premiers the people of Johannesburg to this f the various Provinces, Bliss Car- vaulting ambition. Jameson made no man, Charles G. D. Roberts, Sir request at any time for support from Johannesburg; indeed he had been Newton W. Rowell and many other Reform Committee just before this is important that this shall be mainentstanding Canadians. The pages engagement with the Boer comtre liberally patronized by Canad- mando that only a small part of the tinue to be felt. It implies the free guns had arrived (at that time only 1,500), that the Reform Committee for redress of their grievances, and to the co-operation of the people Johannesburg with him.

"We subsequently learned the cirorce left Pitsanf. It was Sunday, we owe first of all to the Dominion." after a banquet which impaired the good judgment that they started off with a hurrah for the relief of hannesburg, According to our cut the wire fences in the vicinity and left the telegraph lines intact. HE THAT PASSETH BY Thus, the Boers were informed of and meddleth with strife burg a few hours after he had left pure not to him is like one that Pitsani, and a long time before the

EDITORIAL NOTES.

All nature smiles in April, but not this year at least.

During 1925, in New Jersey, 1152 drunken drivers lost their licenses

The downward trend of the price of eggs suggest that the busy her is again on the job.

The householder is trying solve whether there are more vitamins in a peck of potatoes than in a case of grapefruit, the price being about the same.

Dr. Christian M. Gauss, dean Princetown University, appeals to the federal authorities to wipe out string of liquor dives stretched about the university town.

The earnings of both Canadian railways continue to mount. ther is prospering at the expense of the other, but both are sharing in

If the finance minister feels that he can do without all that lost revenue, the taxpayers who would have provided it need not worry, is the

Wide-awake merchants give just as much thought to advertising as ness. Intelligent advertising, backed

April has been a hot month for the United States since its beginnings. Listen: Revolutionary war began April, 1775; Mexican war, April 1846; Civil war, April, 1861; Spanish war, April, 1898; World War, April, 1917.

Colonists in Palestine have a plan for producing hydro-electric power by transfer of Mediterranean would apply clear thinking to many water through pipes or aqueducts to problems and plans and enterprizes the Dead Sea. The ancient lake will for Canada's. weal great results be made to give up 350,000 horsepower. It takes the Jews to bring the Dead Sea to life.

When the name of the Toronto Atlantic to the Pacific, embracing donor of the fifty thousand dollars to Queen's Endowment Fund made public a bright soul mediately arose in The Whig torial rooms and suggested that he must have got along well.

> If Leader Ferguson were as ou spoken on the liquor question as ar Leaders Sinclair and Raney the people of this province would have a better idea as to where they stand on that important question, comments the London Echo.

> While lingering winter doesn't necessarily foretell a summerless year, the prospect of such a season provides a subject for conversation and speculation. Snow falls later than mid-April are not rare, but the

288 persons; Italians, Austrians, Roumanians, Russians, Norwegians, Swedes, Danes, Chinese, Germans Poles, Turks, Finns, French, Czecho-Slovakians, Icelanders, Ethonians, Persians; a great company out of all nations, but made of one blood, the blood of humanity.

The open season for hat hunting is on, and what a task. How to find into Boer territory, in 1895, in direct the right model to make "my lady" Reform Movement in Johannesburg, ing it. The other person's new hat Mr. Hammond was to give the signal always has an irresistible attraction. to Dr. Jameson and his men to come But everybody will be satisfied—or nearly so-with just the right tilt

Claims of Canadian civilians to the Anglo-Boer war followed shortly af- amount of \$58,000,000 for reparations against Germany are still un-Mr. Hammond says in "The Jame- paid. The Dawes plan is not very son Raid and the World War" in the promising for the sufferers. To date payments under it amount to only "The reason that Jameson started \$1,836,634. At the present rate of on his ill-fated trip is this: going some of the claimants might have to wait half a century for their

Quebec Viewpoint

onomy as a reason for non-con urrence in the Locarno treaty. "Canada is a free nation within the Empire. Its. status, even in the matter of foreign relations, -ir informed by messengers from the not contestable nor contested. I determination of a policy which shall cumstances under which Jameson's nity with just ideas of that which

en were so intoxicated that they people of the western provinces by presenting this problem to them in a manner which is altogether too simple. The question of distance is not all-it is only one of the several economic factors to be consider

"Never can the Hudson Bay Rail-

way be made to earn sufficient money to pay for its exploitation and the interest on the cost of its construction. It follows that the cost of transportation must necessarily

be very high.

"Add the heavy cost of maritime insurance for the ships that must sail through dangerous seas to the Hudson Bay port, and it at once becomes clear that far from the Hudson Bay Railway being a means to reduce the cost of the transportation of from twenty-four to twenty-five millions of bushels of grain-which is a very small part of the wheat exportation-the new route, in spite of the reduction in distance, will offer no relief unless the rest of the country takes over the burden of

an annual deficit of several millions of dollars that the cost of a noncommercial, purely electoral, transportation line will accumulate."

News and Views.

Something's Always Happening. Border City Star: The fellows who have been "getting Europe" on two-tube sets all winter will soon be able to vary it by making holes-inone and catching fish "that long."

Enough Inventions. Thomas A. Edison, in Popular

Science Monthly: The world doesn't need any more inventions just now. until general intelligence has increas ed so that men can be had to operate what we have.

Business Management For C.N.R. Ottawa Journal: There has in the past been too much saddling of Government-owned railways with charges that should have been borne by the State. Comparisons are frequently made between publicly owned and privately owned railways, mostly unfavorable to the former. Yet Sir Henry Thornton is proving that if he is left alone to operate the publicly owned railway in a straight business way, just as the privately owned railways are operated, the unfavorable comparisons disappear.

The Last Straw.

Exchange (British): Bostonian culture extends even to the lowest classes. A tramp charged with drun kenness in New York gave his birth place as Boston, "Indeed," said the magistrate, "yours is a sad fall. And yet you don't seem to thoroughly realize how low you have sunk." The prisoner started as if struck, and exclaimed. "The disgrace of arrest, the mortification of being thrown into prison, the publicity and humiliation of trial in a dingy, crowded courtroom, I can bear; but to be sentenced by a magistrate who splits his infinitives—that is, indeed, too

The Child Status. Woodstock Sentinel-Review: square deal for every child, according to a contemporary, would help the world to go around.

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