



Wellesley, Thursday, April 28th, 1904.

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 RESERVE AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS 325,000.00
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Cedar Posts for Sale.

One mile south of Bamberg.
 MOSES LITWILLER,
 Bamberg, P. O.

CROSSHILL

Intended for last week.

Mr. Petch returned home last week after spending a few days in Tilsonburg.

A meeting was held here on Tuesday evening last for the purpose of forming a foot-ball league. Delegates were present from Wellesley, Hawksville and Crosshill. A league was formed.

Mr. Manser, V. S., was in town on Monday.

Wood-bees are getting common. Mr. Colin Campbell had one on Monday, and Mr. A. Playford had one on Wednesday.

Mr. G. Rainey lost a valuable mare one day last week.

Mr. Playford has secured the mail contract for a period of years.

HEIDELBURG.

Intended for last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schifoly, who were visiting with friends in Albany, N. Y., returned home on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Huehnergard, of Detroit, Mich., spent several days with friends here.

Quite a number from here attended the confirmation services at Erbeville on Sunday.

The sale at Mrs. P. Volmar's on Monday, the 18th, was largely attended and prices ranged fairly high.

Your Heidelberg correspondent visited the St. Clements horse show and though the weather was not favorable the attendance was very good and some splendid animals were shown. "Carlmont," owned by Mr. W. Hahn, of Heidelberg, got the red ticket.

A fat, bouncing baby boy has come to stay with Mr. and Mrs. John Schweitzer.

Mr. Fred Foerster is busy hauling wood to the school.

Mr. Herman Huehn had the misfortune of badly cutting his foot with an axe while chopping wood the other day.

Mr. George Smith, our prominent tailor, is overworked with work. A good coat and vest maker could find steady employment if he would apply at once.

Mr. O. J. Stolas is doing a rushing business in the millinery department.

Mr. H. N. Huehn has just received his stock of clover and timothy seed, also a large stock of wire, including the No. 9 Frost wire, paints, oils, nails, harvesting tools and all kinds of building supplies. He is also very busy in the harness line.

Everybody is anxiously awaiting the result of the attempt to quash the Berlin electric railway by-law.

HAMPSTEAD.

PRESENTATION.—Last Friday the home of County Councillor and Mrs. Alex. McDonald, just west of here was the scene of a happy and brilliant gathering. Mr. McDonald has recently sold his farm and intends, for a time at least, to live retired. His friends decided, before he left the farm, to present him with a token of the esteem in which he is held as well as of their appreciation of his public services, and last Friday evening was selected as the occasion. Although taken completely by surprise Mr. and Mrs. McDonald sated the immense gathering at ease and enjoying themselves. Later on in the evening Mr. J. D. Fisher, the township clerk, who had been selected for that task, read a well-worded

address expressing the acknowledgment of the public services Mr. McDonald has so ably given both in the township and county council; also the high place he and his wife had won in the hearts of all by their warm social qualities, and echoing the heartiest wishes of all who knew them for long, happy, useful lives wherever their lot may be cast. The address was accompanied by the presentation of a splendid gold watch to Mr. McDonald and a magnificent silver tea service to Mrs. McDonald. Although taken completely by surprise "Alec" made a suitable and touching reply on behalf of himself and Mrs. McDonald. County Councillor Falk, as chairman, made an appropriate address, followed by Reeve Cook, A. B. Robertson, ex-M.P.P., several of the township councillors and officials who were present, and others after which a most enjoyable social time was spent until the gathering finally broke up.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald have gone to Wellesley village for the present. They intend to visit at Ottawa for a time, and later on to take a trip together to some of the western States and the Northwest during the summer months.

LINWOOD.

April 28th 1904.

On Friday evening last Mr. John Bisch met with a painful accident in Mr. L. Meyer's mill. He was opening a valve to blow off steam when a nut blew off with the pressure of 75 lbs of steam behind it. It struck him just above the right eye and cut his forehead badly. His left arm was also badly scalded. Mr. Bisch is able to be around again but all agree in pronouncing his to be a very narrow escape.

Mr. F. Crawford's youngest child is ill.

Mrs. Robt Rowe has been suffering from a very bad cold.

Last Sunday morning what might have been a serious accident occurred near Friedman's bush. Three lads were out shooting musk rats and one of them, C. Schulthers, while breaking some ice with the butt of his rifle had his left hand over the muzzle when it went off. A very painful wound was made passing up the hand and wrist. Dr. MoEchern was assisted by Dr. Moore of Hawksville, who administered chloroform. Two arteries were severed and it is just possible the hand and arm may be useless for life. It was found that the bullet had also carried away part of the breast of the coat, making his escape from death a very narrow one indeed.

Mr. J. McArdle has taken a position with Mr. John Friedman.

Mr. Robt Hosa has been engaged as clerk in D. R. Pollock's in place of Mr. J. McArdle.

Last Wednesday at the meeting of the tennis club, the club was fully organized for 1904. The officers elected are as follows:

Hon. Pres.—A. A. Lytle, Okotoks, Alta.
 Pres.—R. B. Hamilton
 Vice Pres.—Annie M. Goetz.
 Sec.—Edna McKay.
 Treas.—Lola Spahr.
 Managing Committee—F. B. Edmunds, W. O. Bundy and F. Schumner.

It was decided to limit the membership to 24 and to make the membership fee \$1.

Mr. El. Berlet returned from Hamilton this week.

Mr. O. Fish, of Toronto, was visiting his brother, Mr. R. Y. Fish, last week.

Mr. D. R. Pollock spent Tuesday and Wednesday last week in To-

ronto witnessing the great fire in Detroit or Ottawa.

Mrs. R. Y. Fish has been indisposed of late. She is suffering from rheumatism.

Schnurr Bros. have added an efficient man to their force in the person of Mr. Robert Laycock. He is a splendid workman and will, no doubt, help to add to this firm's splendid shoe trade.

F. Kell's "Conductor's Punch" and "Johnny Cannon" cigars for sale everywhere. Try one; they're dandies.

BAD HABITS.

The Woman Who Didn't Want Them in Herself or Others.

Mrs. Jennings looked through her glasses at her sister, Miss Sprawie, with considerable severity. "This neighborhood has got into strange ways the last few years, or else I notice it more as I get further along," she said, "and lest I should get into the same way I want you to remind me now and then, Miss Jennings."

"If you find me backbiting like that hateful, stung Anabel Powder or Lucy White, that had better look to her own saucy, had manners girl, and her boy, that's the poorest scholar in No. 1, or if you catch me growing class fasted, give the mistress wife, that never returned the cupful of granulated sugar she borrowed that time she delegates fame, or long winded like Jane Larkin, who interrupted me in the very midst of my telling her about Sally's twins and went on about her spinning grandson for most fifteen minutes without stopping, I want you should tell me frankly."

"And that's not all," said Mrs. Jennings as Miss Sprawie opened her mouth to speak. "If you find me getting inquisitive like Helen Lane, that's asked me three times when my birthday comes and what year I was born after my having to go to the town records to find out her age, I want you to mention it freely, and I shall do the same by you."

"If folks don't help each other, what's the good of being set in families? You've got a little habit of interrupting. Mary, that growing on you, and I'm going to do what I can to help you break it up."—Youth's Companion.

A TOUCH OF NATURE.

Pathetic Story of a Mother of the Labrador Coast.

Writing of the people of the Labrador coast, in Harper's Magazine, Norman Duncan tells a pathetic story of a poor mother whom he met sitting with her child outside the Battle Harbor hospital:

"He's always been like that," she said. "He's wonderful sick. I've fetched him out here 't get the air. He does better in the air sun," she added; "much, much better."

"He'll be getting better," said I. "Here in the ho'—"

"He'll die," she interrupted quickly. "I was glad that he was to die. It would be better for him and for her. She would forget his deformity; she would forget the memory of her boy lying warm upon her breast, warm and lovely; for in this, memory, is kind to women."

"You have—another?"

"No, xur; 'tis me first."

"The child stirred and complained. She lifted him from her lap, rocked him, hushed him, drew him close, rocking him all the time. "And does he talk?" I asked.

"She looked up in a glow of pride and answered me, flushing gloriously, while she turned her shining eyes once more upon the gazing babe upon her breast."

"He said 'mamma,' once?"

"And so the Labrador 'liveray' is kin with the whole wide world."

Women and the Theater.

Indirectly women are both directly and indirectly the best friends of the theatrical manager. If he can please the feminine portion of his audience he is tolerably sure of success, for when a woman likes a play she induces her men folk to go to it. This being so, ought not women to be especially considered in all places of entertainment? But it is precisely on the opposite lines that the manager commonly proceeds. Men are encouraged to push and squeeze past and disturb and inconvenience ladies between the acts because smoking rooms are provided for them in most theaters. Women, on the other hand, are expatriated with an abundance of the best seats at a matinee.—London World.

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INDEPENDENT.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is a common thing to find a man who has been put in the winter months, still in the medical science, and who has not the common sense to know that the Government is not going to pay for his education, and who has not the common sense to know that the Government is not going to pay for his education, and who has not the common sense to know that the Government is not going to pay for his education...

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A presiding elder down south once visited an outpost mission station on his circuit where preaching services were being held. The month, the presiding elder, who had been locally known as "the old man," said to the pastor, "Who takes the lead in Sunday School matters here?" "I do, sir," was the proud reply. "I can't see any other scholars in the district but me as the preacher."

I turn the children on "POOR terms." I just reads them sub

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Seed Oats for Sale.

THE SEED OATS FOR SALE are of the "Wellesley" brand, and are of the highest quality. They are suitable for all purposes, and are sold at a low price.

Notice of Dissolution of Partnership

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Wellesley's All Along the Line! 12 packages of Canadian Crown Garden Seeds for 25c. 1/2 pint tin of Maple Syrup for 10c. Postum Cereal (coffee) mixture, 15c. per package.

Wellesley's 10 pounds of Sulphur for 10c. A 25c. bottle of Wellesley's Conditioner for stock. 3 for a quarter.

Wellesley's MONEY SAVING CO. 10c. per package. 10c. per package.

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Wellesley Roller Mills. Have you tried our new Breakfast Food, called "WHEAT GERM" as it has been...

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Office Stationery
Cards, Circulars or anything in the line of Printing.

LOCAL NEWS.

The pond is now entirely clear of ice.

Try a Johnny Canuck' cigar when you want a really good one.

Mr. John Hill is confined to the house at present with an attack of quinsy.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Forler spent Sunday last the guests of friends in Berlin.

Miss Mary Lauer, of Berlin, is at present the guest of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Kelterborn.

Private residence for sale in Wellesley. A good bargain on easy terms. Apply at Maple Leaf office.

To get good turnips, mangolds and sugar beet seed, buy W. Kelterborn's 1-pound selected packages.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McDonald moved into the village from Hampstead this week and will make their home here for a short time.

A Durham grade cow belonging to Mr. John Z. Wagner, near Berlet's Corners, dropped a calf, a week ago last Sunday, which weighed 93 pounds a few hours after birth. This is the heaviest record so far. Can any one beat it?

Mr. Henry Knechtel, of North Easthope and Miss Hammer, daughter of Mr. Geo. Hammer, New Prussia, were united in marriage at the Phillipsburg church on Tuesday, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Langholz, officiating. The happy young couple will reside at the groom's home in North Easthope.

The marriage of Miss Bertha, daughter of Mr. H. Altman, to Mr. Vm. Faulhafer, occurred at the home of the bride's parents in this village yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon at five o'clock. Rev. Mr. Holm officiating. Both the bride and groom are popular young people of the village and they have the best wishes of all for a happy future.

THE MINSTRELS.

The New Hamburg amateur minstrels gave a performance in the Wellesley Opera House last Friday evening which drew out a large attendance, and had the show been properly advertised the hall would have been found too small for the crowd. The minstrels, comprising 30 or 40 people, including the splendid New Hamburg Band, and visitors from that village arrived between 4 and 5 o'clock, p. m., and shortly afterwards the really fine parade took place. The performance on the whole was very good for amateurs; the jokes, although sometimes a little old, were well told, while the "make up" of the performers and the stage dressings were really good. In songs and choruses they excelled, and the music of the brass band, under the leadership of Prof. Zoeller, formed a treat which will long be remembered here. Mr. Fred Krug, Jr., of Tavistock, the clever young pianist, acted as accompanist during the evening. The troupe carried their difficult program through without a hitch, and on the whole the show made a favorable impression here.

NOTICE.—Pfeffer Bros., Milton, will close down their mill for repairs for one month after April 16th.

The "Ocean Signal" is the best 50. cigar of all. They all sell it.

Mr. Wm. Meyers has this week purchased Mrs. Froehlich's residence, in this village.

The Miss. Synod Lutheran conference, held here on Tuesday and yesterday, was well attended and interesting meetings were held.

Mr. J. G. Reiner has sold his large residence on the South Side to Mr. Duncan Dewar, and he intends to build in the east end of the village this summer.

Messrs Conrad J. Reibling and Jas. Miller of Doering's Corners, were walking in a sugar bush on the bank of the Nith river last Sunday when they came across a fish of the carp variety, which had become imbedded in the ice which came down recently. The fish measured 31½ inches in length, was 7½ inches broad, and weighed 11½ pounds. These carp were put in the Wellesley pond four years ago as spawn, and the above sample shows the wonderful growth they are making.

People who wish to be posted on the progress of the Japanese-Russian War should subscribe for the Toronto Mail and Empire, which will cover the field with the same thoroughness that witnessed its handling of the Spanish-American and Boer Wars. Not only will the Mail and Empire be served by the Laffan Bureau and the Associated Press, but it will publish the cables of the special correspondence of the London Times, London Daily Mail and the Parish edition of the New York Herald.

NOT "SQUASHED" YET.

The case to quash the Berlin electric by-law came up at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, on Monday, and was adjourned for two weeks on account of some informality in entering the case.

MRS. NITARDY'S RECITAL.

The Opera House was well filled on Wednesday evening of last week, on the occasion of the recital given by Mrs. Nitardy's large music class in this village. Mr. Chas. Ottmann was called to the chair and filled the position with much ability. The program was of necessity a lengthy one, yet it proved quite interesting, especially to the parents and friends of the children who took part. The pupils acquitted themselves in a manner which reflects much credit upon their gifted teacher. The selections ranged from simple exercises by the younger ones up to quite heavy ones by the more advanced, although with one or two exceptions none of the performers have completed their second term in music. Besides these musical numbers there were several excellent tableaux, as well as vocal selections, dancing, recitations, which were very enjoyable, while the Maypole dance by a dozen or so young girls, was a really splendid performance.

INJURED IN TORONTO.

Our village was thrown into a state of excitement and anxiety last Friday afternoon by a telegram from Toronto stating that Mr. Jas. McDonald had been struck by a brick and dangerously injured. Mr. McDonald had left Wellesley on Thursday afternoon for the city on a business trip and was walking on a street on the burnt district near where workmen were tearing down dangerous walls with the use of dynamite. As he was passing an explosion occurred and although he was behind the crowd who were watching, a mass of brick and mortar struck him heavily on the breast, knocking him senseless. He was at once taken to the hospital. It was at first thought by the attending physicians that he had suffered fatal internal injuries, but later telegrams brings the relieving word that he is now out of danger and it is expected that he will be able to come home this week.

Mrs. McDonald left for the city immediately on receiving word of the accident and has remained with him ever since.

EARLY CLOSING

Wellesley, April 18th, 1904.

We, the undersigned business men of the Village of Wellesley, heretofore promise and agree to close our respective places of business, on and after the first day of May next, until further notice, at 7 o'clock p.m., every evening, except Wednesdays, Saturdays, and evenings before holidays.

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REINER BROS. & CO.
PETER GLEBE
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H. KELTERBORN
H. K. FORLER
CHAS. F. OTTMANN
C. D. KOEHLER
A. J. SAUNDERS
HENRY ALTMAN

(Fred Biron's name was also on this list when it was brought to this office, but he afterwards had it taken off with the understanding that he would square the matter with the party who handled the list, and which, we are informed, he has not yet done. —Editor MAPLE LEAF.)

Lisbon Brick and Tile Yards.

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Tile of all sizes from 2½ inches up to 10 inches always in stock.

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Dealer in all kinds of
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Specialties in

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ALLEN BECHTEL,
Proprietor.

Yorkshire Pigs FOR SALE.

IMPORTED BOAR kept for service. Quite a number of imported pigs in stock just now and for sale.

Imported Shorthorn Bull "NON-PAREIL ARCHER," for service.

Several registered Clydesdale breeding mares for sale.

Have also a few head of Shorthorn Cattle for sale.

Reasonable Prices.

JOHN HILL,
WELLESLEY.

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Leaves Wellesley for Baden every morning at 7 o'clock, returning immediately after the arrival of the Toronto Express.

Passengers and Express Parcels carried. Messages carefully delivered. Baggage and all kinds of freight handled with promptness and at reasonable rates. Traying done.

PETER OTTMANN,
PROPRIETOR.

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The nicest and most up-to-date Selection of
SPRING SUITINGS

Ever shown can be found at C. D. KOEHLER'S.

Prices are always reasonable, and satisfaction guaranteed. Call when in town whether you buy or not.

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MERCHANT TAILOR,

OTTOMANN'S NEW BLOCK,

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Get your Stock in condition for spring by Feeding Stock Foods.

International Stock Food,
Hess' Stock Food,
Farmer's Condition Powders,

Are the Best.

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Wellesley

School Books of all kinds.

SEED GRAIN, MILL FEED FLOUR AND GERM.

YOU want one or all of the above articles. WE want to dispose of them.

YOU must buy what you want at some market, and why not make that market the

Wellesley Roller Mills ?

WE want your trade. Call and see us.

Chopping—Is given special attention, and we won't keep you waiting. Just give us a trial.

Gristing—Give us your gristing trade; In return we will give you the kind of flour you require.

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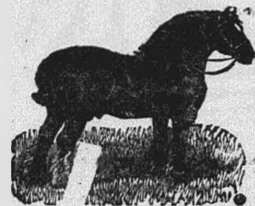
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A French writer who evidently was conservative and did not welcome the napkin kindly records with scorn: "The napkin is placed under the chin and fastened to the back, as if it were going to be shaved. A person told me that he wore his that way that he might not soil his beautiful frills."

It was a difficult matter to tie the two corners in the back, and it is said that thence originated our expression for strained circumstances, "hard to make both ends meet." This custom led to the habit of the table waiters of carrying a napkin on the left arm.

FISH IN ONTARIO.

A Death of Herring—Big Falling Off in Lacan's Catch.

According to the report of the Ontario Fisheries Department, the value of last season's catch was \$1,547,464. In 1892 the value was \$2,042,198. In 1900, \$2,069,687. The total value of the fish taken from Ontario waters since 1870 is \$37,742,415. The quantity of fish taken last year was a large falling off in many important classes, and the higher prices resulting from the scarcity were accountable for the increased value of the catch.

The following figures show the catch and the decrease or increase in class:

	Catch.	Decrease.
Whitefish.....	2,632,770	227,900
do. salted.....	34,400	14,400
Herring.....	3,084,150	1,993,204
do. salted.....	633,700	210,700
Trout.....	5,713,310	969,742
do. salted.....	704,800	473,900
Bass.....	6,600	92,750
Pickeredil.....	2,604,540	325,815
Sturgeon.....	1,539,325	181,505
Sturgeon.....	648	10,760
Caviare.....	30,450	2,884
Eels.....	37,950	35,268
Perch.....	868,700	421,164
Catfish.....	1,987,000	141,971
Coarce fish.....	1,987,000	141,971
Tullibee.....	22,250	36,518
Bladders.....	710	9312
Total.....	2,131,205	2,360,305

Whitefish increased 66,965 pounds in Lake of the Woods and Itany River district, 165,907 pounds in Lake Superior, decreased 337,173 pounds in Lake Huron north channel, increased 10,790 pounds in Georgian Bay, increased 2,812 pounds in Lake Huron proper, decreased 1,009 pounds in River St. Clair, decreased 20,250 pounds in Lake St. Clair and Detroit River, decreased 146,006 pounds in Lake Erie, increased 19,909 pounds in Lake Ontario, and increased 20,100 pounds in Nipissing district.

Herring decreased 75,520 pounds in Lake Superior, increased 1,111 pounds in Lake Huron north channel, and 441 pounds in Lake Huron proper, decreased 1,625 pounds in Georgian Bay, increased 3,200 pounds in St. Clair River, decreased 200 pounds in Lake St. Clair and Detroit River, decreased 791,750 pounds in Lake Erie, decreased 945,519 pounds in Lake Ontario, and increased 14,630 pounds in Nipissing district.

Trout increased 33,576 pounds in Lake of the Woods and Itany River district, 307,784 pounds in Lake Superior, 498,453 pounds in Lake Huron north channel, 49,803 pounds in Lake Huron proper, decreased 187,280 pounds in Georgian Bay, increased 2,067 pounds in Lake Erie, and 6,588 pounds in Lake Ontario.

The fishing industry has grown rapidly during the past few years, and last season there were engaged in the fishing business in the province 589 men, 1,295 boats and 2,296 men.

There were 93,701,000 fry distributed in the waters of the province by the Dominion Government, the Dominion fisheries during the year. The total number of fry distributed by the Dominion Government in Ontario waters was 93,701,000, 862,200. In 1902 it was 101,993,000.

A ROMANTIC WEDDING.

Here Southern Elements to Claim the Girl of the East After Making Millions.

A romantic ending to a lengthy courtship has occurred at Glace Bay when Frederick H. Strong, a millionaire mine-owner of South Africa, has just returned and claimed as his bride Miss Mollie R. Newhook of the Newfoundland village of Tilt's Cove, to whom he became engaged eighteen years ago. They were a plain country lad and lass of seventeen and fifteen years, respectively. Strong left for the Canadian West, went into the Klondike at the early strike, and made half a million dollars. Leaving Dawson City he went to South Africa, invested in mine, and in a month made two millions. He never forgot the pretty maiden at his old home, and a few days ago returned to Tilt's Cove to claim his bride. Miss Newhook was then at Glace Bay, N.S., and there Strong hastened and the wedding took place, the clergyman receiving a fee up in the thousands. Mr. and Mrs. Strong will depart on the 23rd March for Cape Town.

The Chinook.

The Chinook is the peculiarity and one of the blessings of Western America and Southern Alberta. It affects the broad belt of territory contiguous to the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, blow-

ing down the slopes as genial breezes in the winter time, and in summer tempering the heat as currents of cool and moisture-laden air. The winter climate of these Provinces is very like that of Colorado, a season of bright, cloudless days, infrequent and scanty snowfalls, and frequent and prolonged breaks of warm weather, heralded by the Chinook wind. No doubt the Japan current, which in British Columbia plays the part of the gulf stream in northwestern Europe, contributes to temper these wintery conditions.

The Chinook is so called because it blows from the quarter where lies the land once inhabited by the Chinook Indians, on the banks of the lower Columbia River.

French-Canadian Authors.

Out of thirty French-Canadian authors who submitted works of dramatic composition for a competition got up by Mr. Georges Garvrau, of the Theatre National-Francais, nineteen produced pieces considered worthy of public representation. The fact is indicative of the most notable phase of the great literary activity going on at present among the French-Canadians. Almost all these works are in the domain of light comedy, and are more French than Canadian in idea and expression.

HUDSON BAY NAVIGATION.

Ship's Lighthouse of Assan's Cove Available Information—Woods Hole Ready to Better Withstand Ice Pressure.

Speaking of the navigation of Hudson Bay and Hudson Straits, Captain Lofthouse of Kewaritz states that boats could be safely navigated from the middle of June until nearly the first of October. Trading vessels, which were entirely whalers, with the exception of the two Hudson's Bay Company's boats, entered the Bay every year during that period. The whalers, which were American, never came very far south, but remained on the northern part of the Bay above Marble Island. These boats were all wood and double-sheathed, built to withstand the ice, and were of about 700 tons burden. In his opinion steel vessels, unless specially constructed, would be useless for navigating the Straits and the Bay, as an ice-pack could crush them almost as easily as an egg shell. Ice was really so entirely out of the Bay, and he thought that this was due to the fact that no warm currents of water entered the Bay with the exception of the waters which flowed into the Bay from the rivers, which emptied themselves into that great body of cold water. The currents in the Bay come down the western side until the mouth of James Bay was reached. They then turned and went up the eastern and out into Hudson Strait. These currents were constantly carrying ice in their course, and he had personally in the month of August encountered 50 miles of field ice in the Bay with 100 miles of Fort Churchill. Adding to such a condition of affairs the presence of no warm currents, it was not to be wondered at that the surrounding territory was cold and barren; in fact, the country at Fort Churchill then in the southern part of Greenland.

The country to the south of James' Bay, around Moose Factory, His Lordship says, has a totally different climate from that at Fort Churchill, which was 700 miles further north. At Moose Factory he had seen as the vegetables grown as field crops around the city of Toronto, such as potatoes, roots and carrots. He had also seen wheat ripen, and had fed the oats at Moose Factory during the winter with the oats grown there. Though it had been carried on there as late as the 4th of November, but field work usually closed down at the end of October, and commenced about the end of April. The country around Moose Factory was swampy, and very little was known about it in the general sense of the word. At Fort Churchill there was a two months' difference in the length of the winter, compared with Moose Factory, and it was not possible to

ever grow a potato there, let alone wheat or ripening grain. In fact, he did not think that the grain could be relied upon to ripen anywhere in the country between Hudson Bay and Lake Winnipeg. The coldness of the waters of the Bay and their effect upon the surrounding country making this an impossibility.

The Hudson Bay country was not in the general sense of the word a mineral country, and he was inclined to doubt any statement to the effect that gold had been located in the country. There were unquestionably iron and copper deposits. The iron deposits on Chasterfield Inlet, north of the Churchill River, were extensive and of a good quality, but there was no coal, peat or even wood in the country; it was practically 1,000 miles from anywhere. Native copper deposits must exist on the shores of the Arctic, for the Eskimos often bring into the stations great lumps of native copper, from which they make their spear heads.

Again referring to the navigation of the Bay, His Lordship says that steamers built for the purpose of carrying the products of the Northwest from some port on the Bay to Great Britain, would be practically useless for anything else during the period in which the Bay was closed up, as they would be too heavy for ordinary mercantile use. No definite dates could be set for arrivals and departures on account of the ice, but safety could be relied upon.

His Lordship says that the Indians around Hudson Bay are practically the only remaining remnants of to-day living in the same manner, as all the Indians in Canada West were living 120 years ago. They were still hunters and trappers, and the Hudson's Bay Company was the only commercial company with whom they traded. This condition of affairs was changing at Moose Factory.

Shipping and Labor.

Tonnage is but a poor basis for comparing the worth of the shipbuilding work done. In the ordinary trade, a 2,000-ton steamer, which represents a large proportion of the year's shipbuilding work, the number of workmen's hours spent in constructional work, from first to last, is from 200 to 250 per ton of builders' finished weight, whereas, even in the intermediate liner with moderately handsome accommodation for passengers, the time spent is at least 400 hours per ton of finished builders' weight. And in warship work the time is seldom less than 700 hours; so that in considering the relative value of the work of different firms this ought to be taken into account.

The Master as a Tree.

The charming manner in which trees relieve the monotony of the buildings, the sweet harmony they impart, and the refreshing shade they afford ought to be an inducement to encourage the growth of town trees; but the reverse is the case. In the second year after planting a barbarian with a knife, hatchet or saw, every branch lies down to the stump; in a few years the head becomes most unsightly and scraggy; not a particle of beauty remains; the practice is a fashion, and infectious.—Amateur Gardening.

An Ingenious Woman.

The limit of masculine has been worked in it. — makes him W. His wife makes him a w. ticks in the sleeves of his nightgown, trimmed with pink ribbon so that the baby won't know the difference when he walks the floor with it in the night.

Quaint Logic.

A bit of reasoning is in mode de Demas ascribed to Rossini. "I don't like spinach, and it is very fortunate I don't, because if I did like it I should eat it, and I can't endure it."

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