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### NEWS FROM ALL POINTS.

Mrs. Jane Hickey died at London, Ont., aged 98 years.

Windsor has presented a gold watch to each of its boys who fought in South Africa.

The early publication of a life of Queen Victoria by the Marquis of Lorne is announced.

The Bank of Montreal has offered to float the Montreal city loan of \$I, 500,000 at a commission of one-half of 1 per cent

A mild case of smallpox has been isolated by Dr. Bryce, P. H. O., at Penetang. He believes there is no

Passenger train No. 5 on the Erie Railway was wrecked near Greenville, Pa., Eight passengers were killed and ten injured.

Mr. F. H. Cunningham of the Marine Department has been appointed head of the fish-breeding establishments of Canada.

was attacked by a bull, tossed in the ant changes will be made in the air, trampled under foot and gored. Grand Trunk yards along the water His recovery is doubtful.

At Rat Portage, Ont., Richard Gould, a dairyman, who lived about a mile from town, was frozen to of the women's institutes, is out. death yesterday about half way It contains interesting papers by home.

The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York will leave England of rural homes, butter-making, poulabout the end of March or beginning try, and the thousand and one subof April, in time to reach Australia jects of interest to farmer's wives early in May.

Mr. James Dulmage's house and barns in South Gower were destroyed by fire, and two inmates, Mr. Dulmage's nephew and the latter's aunt, lost their lives.

Mr. Thomas Timbs, one of the oldest citizens of Niagara Falls, Ont. wandered away from home on Wednesday, and it is thought that he fell into the whirlpool.

Mr. Geo. W. Allen, Government supporter, was elected to the Legislative Assembly for York, N.B., by acclamation, his opponent, Mr. Pindar, being unable to attend the nomination, owing to a severe storm.

King Edward will open Parliament in full State on Thursday next. Queen Victoria last opened Parliament in person in 1886, but a full the gas running low entered the gas State opening has not taken place since the death of the Prince Con-

Quebec, has been offered the mission the cap from the well when there of going to St. Petersburg to study was a sudden explosion. Mr Lawarenives, and make extracts of the record in connection from his perilous position but not with the Alaskan boundary dispute between Canada and the United erely burned. His large fur over-

Two hundred and fifty saloonkeepers in Chicago were arrested last week, charged with keeping their places open on Sunday. It is said this action is but the fore-runner of the arrest of every soloonkeeper and innkeeper in Chicago who sells liquor on Sunday.

Nine unmarried men of Benton Harbor, including Probate Judge F. H. Ellsworth, have organized a bachelors' society, and an ironclad agreement is signed that the first one to get married in five years must pay the club \$500 in eash. This is intended as an offset to the matrimon ial excursions from Chicago during the summer.

On Thursday afternoon Austin Disher, a well-known farmer of Pelham township, Lincoln county was killed in his barn. He had climbed into the hay mow, and was getting downward, when a rung of the ladder broke, allowing him to fall. He struck the barn floor, head first, breaking his neck and dying in-

stantly. On Thursday while James Birth, an employe of the Niagara Falls Hydraulic Power and Manufacturing Company, was thawing the ice about Penstock No. 2, of the fore bay, he slipped and fell over the bank to power house below, a distance of about 200 feet. He was picked up dead. Birth was about 40 years of

Graves Bros.' general store, Tillson Block, Tilsonburg was badly to them in lead pencil. According damaged by fire Thursday morning. to them, however, as they then stood The fire is supposed to have started the farmer was to pay two per cent. from the furnace. Miss Swain's whether a sale was effected or not. dress making and living apartments On a \$10,000 farm this meant a conon the second floor were badly da- siderable sum. The agreement was maged. She narrowly escaped suffor presented to a number of the men cation from the smoke. The con- who had signed the original dotents of C. H. Denton's insurance cuments, and three of them are said office on the same floor were badly to have settled with him. The agent charred and smoked. The building left the district, and those affected,

While men of Toronto have been discussing in an academic way the erection of a statue to Queen Victoria the women have gone to work to collect funds for a memorial hall. At a meeting of the Historical Society it was decided to collect a ten-cent subscription among the women of Toronto, and secure other financial help, to erect a hall in which the central feature will be a statue of the Queen. The hall would be available for meetings of the various women's societies.

Two suits were entered against the Toronto Street Railway Company, Walter Wellwood claiming \$1,5000 demages for injuries received in a recent accident, and Dennis O'Brien in a separate action claiming unstated damages for loss of an arm.

In the Toronto police court Tuesday, W. G. Lewars, of "the great 56piece tea set for nothing" fame, was committed for trial on a charge of having fraudulently used the mails for the furthering of a scheme for cheating the public and obtaining money by false pretences. Two city druggists were finel \$25 and costs each for recommending "certain medicines" to customers.

Extensive improvements are being planned for the coming season on the middle division of the Grand Trunk Railway, which will involve an expenditure of about half a million dollars. The improvements will consist of new station buildings and the renovations and remodeling Henry Parent of Sandwich West of yards and tracks. Some importfront in Toronto.

> A pamphlet issued by the department of agriculture, in the interest well-known people on domestic science, bread-making, improvement and daughters. The movement to inaugurate women's institutes, was begun last year with two instittes, and its development has been much more rapid than anticipated. There are nineteen institutes.

### A CLOSE CALL.

Jude Lawson of Hagersville Severely Burned by Gas Explosion.

What might have been a fatal ccident occurred at the gas well in rear of the Lawson House on Monday afternoon. It appears that the company keeps a small jet burning under the regulator, during the frosty weather to keep the regulator from freezing. On Monday afternoon, Mr. Jude Lawson, finding house to inspect the working of the regulator. He thought that the jet had gone out as he did not notice Charles Langelier, advocate, of any flame. He proceeded to remove son succeeded in extricating himself before his hands and face were sevcoat was completely destroyed. Mr. Lawson was taken into the house where his injuries were attended by Dr. McDonald. His injuries are severe but not dangerous. It will be some weeks before he will be able to attend to his duties again.

There were stored in the gas house from fifteen to twenty gallons of coal oil. This ignited at once and combined with the escaping gas made one of the fiercest little fires ever seen in the town. The loss will be about \$100. - Standard, Hagersville.

### Farmers Were 'Taken In'

A number of farmers to the north of Plattsville are out of pocket as the result of the operations of an agent who recently visited them. Away back in 1893, it appears, Frank Payne, of Guelph, induced some of the farmers to enter into an agreement with him to advertise their farms for sale. If he effected the sale he was to get two per cent. The agreement was partly printed and partly written. It contained a valuation of the farm, and unless the sale was effected within three years the agent was not to get anything for adertising. Since 1893 nothing has been heard of the agreements until a few days ago, when a man, who was said to be a Toronto lawyer, appeared in the neighborhood. He had the agreements with him, but they were now wholly printed, with the farmers' names signed are now on the lookout for him.

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