

Local and Other Items

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.—Wille Lawry, a 14 year old boy of Hamilton, was struck by lightning and killed, on Monday afternoon. He sought refuge under a tree.

A MATERIAL REDUCTION.—The debt on the St. James' Methodist Church, Montreal, has been reduced during the year by \$70,000. In the case of the Montreal Conference \$21,000 out of the \$50,000 promised has already been paid up.

THE DEWEY TESTIMONIAL.—The attempt to raise a fund with which to buy a home in Washington for Admiral Dewey will be abandoned if the returns do not shortly increase more rapidly than they have been doing. Instead of the \$50,000 which it was hoped might be subscribed by this time, less than \$5,000 has been received.

BUSY AT THE DOCKYARDS.—The Halifax dockyard officials expect a lot of work at the yard the coming summer. It is understood that considerable repairs will be made to the British flagship Crescent. H M S Intrepid has been ordered to England to undergo repairs to cost over nine thousand pounds. The Intrepid will sail from Bermuda.

A PRINTER'S STATUE.—A statue of Benjamin Franklin is about to be unveiled in Philadelphia. It stands on the very spot, in front of the Post Office, where Franklin made his first experiment in the printing, and where in later years, the University of Pennsylvania, which he founded, was erected. The statue cost nearly \$18,000 and is the gift of one of Philadelphia's leading citizens.

FAST MILES.—The fastest miles yet reported this season in public or private were reeled off at Detroit recently by E. H. Harriman's great pacing stallion John R. Gentry. Trainer Andrews drove him three miles in 2.15, 2.14 and 2.12 1/2, and a day or two later gave him his head for the first time this year in a brush of a quarter of a mile. Several horsemen caught the quarter in 0.29 1/2—a 1.57 gait—while Andrews' watch stopped at 0.29 1/2.

NO SUCH FAMILY.—The London Tablet, the noted organ of the English Catholics, tells this good story: The confraternity of the Holy Family of that city recently issued a number of circulars, and in the hurry of sending them out one was addressed as follows: "The Holy Family, Grosvenor Square." The postman, unable to find any family of that character in his route, solemnly wrote on the envelope: "No such family in Grosvenor Square," and referred it to his superiors.

NEW YORK'S HOTTEST DAY.—The record of the hottest June day in New York since the foundation of the weather bureau was established last Tuesday. From early morning, when the thermometer stood around 78, until late in the afternoon the mercury scrambled up gradually one or two degrees an hour. The biggest jump was made between 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning, when the mercury exalted from 82 to 87, a rise of 5 degrees. Between 1 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon the mercury jumped two degrees and in the next hour it reached 98, just at 3 o'clock. Only two days in the past twenty years has the temperature reached anything like what it did on that day.

BRIEF HISTORY OF A COURTSHIP.—Met him—met him again—in love with him. Met him again—no longer in love with him, but he is in love with me because I am so beautiful. Met him again—he is still in love with me, not only because I am so beautiful, but because I am also good. Sorry for him. Again I met him—he is colder than he was. Think he has forgotten my beauty and my goodness. I, however, am inclined to think that I am in love with him after all. How lucky he is, and how angry mamma will be. Mamma proves to be strangely pleased. Makes me angry, for I know she is not a good judge of a young girl's heart. Flirted with him outrageously to make mamma angry—didn't succeed. Engaged to him—glad. Married to him—sorry.

HEARTLESS BRUTALITIES.—In Vienna baby farmers are called "angel makers," and despite the derision of the title it is sadly apt. Here is an account of the heartless brutalities of one of them, named Caroline Bismar, who is under arrest. A 3-year-old girl in her establishment was tied to a bed and whipped with cords in which pins were placed. The child was covered with wounds, and blood-poisoning set in, causing painful sores all over the body. Subsequently the child was tied down tightly on a bed, and the right leg twisted up until the foot touched the forehead. At this point the leg broke with a snap, and the screams of the tortured infant brought neighbors to the rescue. Little Theresa died of her injuries, and Caroline Bismar was arrested. Investigation proved that the woman had broken the arm of one child, cut off the toes of another, and roasted a third over the kitchen fire.

THE TAX ON TRAVELERS.

(The Dry Goods Review.)

It seems strange that a Province with such intelligent wholesalers as Prince Edward Island should maintain the tax on commercial travellers. In fact the tax has been increased to \$20, and some travellers avoid the Province on this account.

The ostensible ground for levying this impost is to raise revenue. It must be a hard tax to collect, as indeed all such levies that savor of the Middle Ages are. How can a traveller be distinguished from any other man unless he be laden down with samples?

They tell a story of a visitor to Charlottetown, who was walking along with a grip in his hand. A man accosted him with: "Are you a commercial traveller?" The visitor looked astonished and replied: "Why do you want to know?" The man said he wanted to know as there was a tax on commercial travellers. The visitor grasped his hand—barg more firmly and grew indignant. He ejaculated: "I never heard of an imposture! Who the devil are you—that should stop me in the street and try to pry into my affairs?" The man felt back discomfited and the visitor went on.

Now, it seems to us that any tax which has to be collected by such means is wholly objectionable. Supposing people who are not commercial travellers are accosted in this way, what will visitors think of the Province? The Island, with its fine climate, its resorts and attractive scenery, is admirably adapted to secure a good slice of summer tourists. But a tax of this sort would, we fear, tend to give the locality a reputation for inhospitality which it does not deserve.

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