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ARBOR DAY.

Arbor Day was observed in the schools yesterday, but with the academic ideas which permeates our school system the exercises were confined within the four walls of the school buildings. The day is supposed to be used to teach the children the creations of nature and a greater respect and love for the beautiful trees and plants which the Creator has decked the earth. Yet with all our doors at their command, with all the wonders of spring time surrounding them, those in charge of our schools can find no better way to observe Arbor Day than by keeping the children in the close atmosphere of a school room while they discuss learnedly and possibly possibly, but still dry, the wonders of nature.

It is hard for the schools to break away from their proceedings and from the reverence of text books. Arbor Day is one occasion however when this idea might be abandoned and the children given an opportunity to learn from Nature herself. One day in the open with competent guidance and instruction would be worth many such as were spent yesterday.

It is the fashion in other places and, in some occasions in the past, has been the fashion in St. John, to plant trees on Arbor Day. It is a splendid practice and helps to teach the scholars a higher regard for such things.

If a boy has contributed his penny towards the purchasing of the tree and helped to plant it with appropriate ceremonies, he is not likely to allow it to be wantonly injured afterwards. Such a spirit may easily be fostered, so that the acts of vandalism which have made it almost impossible to cultivate trees around St. John may be largely checked.

Each room for this practice as may be found in many other cities, but sufficient space can be secured. If not on the school play grounds there are the public parks or the outskirts of the city. Properly directed this might do much to beautify our city. At the same time the scholars might be taught many beautiful lessons which can never be learned from the text books.

OIL SHALES.

The summary report of the Geological Survey branch of the Department of Mines, contains a concise report made by Dr. P. W. Ellis on the oil shales of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. This affords most interesting reading for provincial people and should be given wide circulation. Dr. Ellis' findings cover ten full pages of the report, and comprise a mass of technical information, much of which is surprising in its estimate of the value of these deposits to the province. In order to acquire a more thorough understanding of the oil shale industry, Dr. Ellis spent some months in Scotland, and on returning to Canada he was able to compare the oil shales of Scotland with those found in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. A shipment of shale from Albert Co. was sent to Glasgow in March, 1908, for distillation, and the result of this was the statement that the Albert Mines are worthy of development. Albert, as it is known here, affords from 92 to 100 gallons of crude oil per ton; the shale found in Scotland gives from 40 to 125 gallons per ton, while the oil shale of Pictou County runs as high as 125 gallons per ton. Dr. Ellis expresses the opinion that the Pictou County deposits merit early and most careful experimenting. In New Brunswick the areas in which shale is found are quite extensive and he has no doubt that even with the competition of the natural oil, the operation of the Albert Co. deposit could be conducted very profitably and that an excellent quality of both kerosene and burning oil could be produced. Of the areas already examined (those at Balmuccie, Albert Mines and Taylorville, on the shore of the Memramook river, are the most readily accessible. The Taylorville area is somewhat limited, although the beds equal in character the best found in Bort Co. Being situated close to the river and within a mile of the interior, the location should be of value for future operations. At Albert Mines, formerly the site of Albert Industries, six beds of shale were uncovered. The exposed masses are rich in sulphate of ammonia, and all are easy of access and although faulty, should be extensive. A careful test of the shales has not yet been made.

mining up his investigations Dr. Ellis says: "All that can be definitely said in the present practically undeveloped condition of the several districts in which oil shales are known

to occur in Eastern Canada, is that these areas are well worthy of being tested in the most thorough manner and by all available means, especially by careful core drilling at several well selected points; in order that the whole series of beds may be located, their thickness ascertained, a careful analysis of the several beds drilled through in the sections should be carried out; since in the folded and faulted nature of much of the ground their natural positions in depths and extent cannot otherwise be ascertained. It may be stated that in general character and value both as regards the contents of crude oil and sulphate of ammonia, the shales of New Brunswick compare favorably, and in some cases undoubtedly surpass those drilled in Scotland. These two substances render it possible to utilize at the present scale of prices certain of these deposits at a fair profit, while the bonus recently granted by the Dominion Government of one and a half cents per gallon on oils manufactured from shale, or the same as that taken from wells, should practically offset the supposed greater cost of mining the crude material."

Dr. Ellis continues that there is no proof that the main vein of Albertite has been worked out.

A PROFITABLE SERMON.

(The society ladies of two continents are interested in the Bishop of London's arraignment of catty women.)

"My dear, the bishop said such timely things."

About the catty way some women speak.

Of all their friends, I know that week by week.

One hears this talk in our society; if some improvement from the sermon springs.

How splendid it will be!

"You know Miss Martha-Brown; whenever she starts visiting her friends, you'll find that she has simply overcharged her mind."

With some new scandal, which she she decks with wit.

To hand around. This warning ought to be to her benefit.

"I heard the sermon catches Clara's eye."

In spite of all the art put on her face it says so plain she hates to find a.

Of beauty in a woman's looks or clothes.

And she sees defects to criticize in everyone she knows.

"There are so many persons that it fits."

I'd like to send the sermon all around.

That Geraldine, who thinks that she is bound.

To be sarcastic, just a spiteful doll; Oh, I've so many friends with catty wits.

It ought to reach them all."

—F. J.

SUIT OVER FLEA-BITE.

The legal advice of a minims no court case, was apparently reversed in the Glamorgan County Court, held at Cardiff, Wales, recently, when a woman seriously sued her employers for compensation for injuries sustained while putting in a shop front, the result of being the result of a flea-bite.

The claimant's solicitor asked for an adjournment, he said, "my client is ill. The judge granted the adjournment, but was informed immediately that the claimant had been seen in the neighborhood of the court. Thereupon the judge called the defendants on the ground that the man might have been carrying the flea for half an hour before he went to work."

FILIAL CONSIDERATION.

"Aren't you afraid you are paying more attention to athletics than to your books?" said a college youth.

"I've got to," answered the other, "so that when I go home I can talk about something that will interest father."

—Washington Star.

Locomotor Ataxia Cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills

Read the Strong Testimony of a Man Who Was Helpless for Years and Whom Hospital Doctors Said Was Incurable.

Locomotor ataxia is a disease of the spinal cord, characterized by peculiar disturbances of the gait, and difficulty in governing the motion of the legs. As the disease progresses there is a total inability to walk. One of the earliest signs is a tired feeling particularly noted in the knees and ankles. Often a numb feeling is associated with it. As the disease is of slow growth, some cases covering a period of years, the increase and intensity of the symptoms is not noticed, but its progress is constant and gradually a total lack of feeling in the legs, causing a wobbling gait and entire inability to govern the steps. As it grows the patient loses control over the bowels and water. A further symptom is the sensation of a pressure at the waist, as the upper part of the spinal cord becomes affected.

Locomotor ataxia is stubborn in yielding to treatment, and before the discovery of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills was considered incurable. It has been demonstrated, however, that this disease can be cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

The length of treatment required depends upon the stage at which it is commenced. It is dangerous to delay taking the pills after the presence of the disease is recognized, although this medicine has wrought cures in many cases of long standing.

We give the following statement of Mr. Henry Furzer, a well known resident of Delta, Ont., in proof of the claims that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will cure this most dreaded of diseases.

Mr. Furzer says: "I am deeply grateful that I know the great benefit I have derived from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Some years ago, while working on the Grand Trunk Railway, I injured my back while lifting a heavy weight. Gradually the trouble grew worse and I was unable to work at my usual occupation. I was finally taken to the hospital at Brockville. The treatment there seemed to help me and after some weeks I returned to work. I was only at work a few days when the trouble returned worse than before. Again I went to the hospital, but there was no help for me, as I would never be able to use my legs again. I returned home in the belief that I would always be a helpless cripple, and that death only could bring relief. I gradually got worse. There was absolutely no feeling in my legs. I lost control of both bowels and bladder, and suffered great torture from a grinding pain about the waist. I was, in fact, a complete wreck and could scarcely sleep at night. Finally a friend asked me if I had ever tried Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I began to use them. It was quite a while before I found any benefit, but finally relief began to come. I slept better and my appetite was better. Then the feeling began gradually to return to my legs, and then I was again able to stand alone. As time went on the improvement continued, and I was at last able to go about with the use of a cane, and I could get in and out of a buggy without assistance. I scarcely hope to be the vigorous man I once was, but only those who have suffered as I did can imagine the great gratification I feel for what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for me. I sincerely advise a similar sufferer to give this medicine a fair trial."

You can procure Dr. Williams' Pink Pills from any medicine dealer or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

SATURDAY SERMONETTE

HOME FROM COLLEGE.

To live up to the standard of the young collegians who are wending their way homeward, will tax the best endeavor of father or mother and the brothers and sisters of the graduates and undergraduates.

The graduates own the trains now, and to hear their scientific college slang is to feel that the fastest train is a very slow one, when you have to hear them talk and laugh and giggle college slang for two or three hours, for these undergraduates especially the "freshies" always talk to the gallery. The "they seeds," "lumber jacks" and the others who do not wear class colors are their gallery, and while they have a great contempt for the gallery, they like to have an audience.

We saw a crowd of students getting back to college from their Easter vacation, and we enjoyed for a while their breezy talk and their care-free laughter, but when they got self-conscious and were evidently trying to call our attention to their vitticisms, and were giving us extracts from their scientific text books it began to be tiresome, until at last one middle aged passenger, thoroughly exasperated, turned around to an old man and shouted into his deaf ear, "Where you ever as young as that?"

I think some of us begin to think of next summer and what it would be for the old folks, when they were turned loose on the farm, and what a hot disagreeable summer it would be for them.

I always pity the old folks the first vacation. It is often unpleasant for them the whole college term and for a year or two after graduation, but the freshmen year is the hardest.

A cowed, broken-spirited child is not a pleasant sight, but a cowed, broken-spirited father or mother is a sadder one.

Every old folks they scarcely dare speak before their children who talk so glibly about the "eternal age."

Father and mother went to school two or three winter terms and learned the multiplication table, went through Euclid's arithmetic, knew Sandy Murray by rote, and all about the active verb "I love thee" and "I hope thou lovest me," and then the first of June they were married, and when the children came said they were to have better education than they had ever had.

And now the daughter tells her mother that the "eternal age" oppresses the verb. And, oh, mother, you said "I seen, instead of I saw." The next time the mother has to say she saw something she says "I saw," "I mean I seen," and then flushed like a girl as she caught her daughter's eyes.

That boy tells his father "that modern science has shown us that the displacement of the transubstantiation have gone into disuse by reason of the syncretistic dogmatism of the ages." And the old man wishes he had sent his son to learn a trade and not to college.

Thaddeus

On entering his club one evening not long ago a young Philadelphia fellow, who was accompanied by a friend, who claimed to be a "buddy."

"Why, Charley, you are positively beaming Thaddeus!"

"In the greatest luck imaginable," responded the other. "You know I've been hanging about a pretty good deal lately, and I've been during all that time she would never admit that she loved me; she would only say that she was in love with me. But now, old chap, congratulate me, for last night she confessed she respected me no longer—that she loved me!"

"What's that dog doing, may?"

"That makes him growl that way."

"He is enjoying his dinner."

"Huh! he's different from pa, isn't he?"

SECRET HISTORY OF THE RUSSIAN POLICE

Indictment of Lopukhin, Former Head of Department, Astounding Document

Azef, Betrayed by Lopukhin to Revolutionary Leaders, Disappears From London.

LONDON, May 7.—The secret history of the plots and counterplots of the Russian police and of the Terrorists is given in an astonishing document which reached London yesterday.

This document is the text of the indictment against M. Lopukhin, the former head of the Russian police, who was arrested as the result of revelations of the police spy and Terrorist. His life was threatened both by the Terrorists and by secret police agents. In that dilemma he wrote to M. Stolypin, the premier, the letter asking for protection, which was the immediate cause of his arrest.

PART PLAYED BY AZEF.

The indictment describes in full the part played by Azef, the head and front of the Terrorist "fighting organization," who was at the same time in the pay of the police.

During a period of eight years Azef is credited with having supplied information which led to the frustration of plots to kill the Czar, the late M. Stolybin, the premier, the letter asking for protection, which was the immediate cause of his arrest.

In October last year, the indictment says, the Terrorists in Paris appointed a committee to inquire as to Azef's good faith. Before this tribunal witnesses were called, and the committee made statements as to Azef's guilt. Azef went to St. Petersburg and besought M. Lopukhin to save him by denying knowledge of him. M. Lopukhin was evasive, but Azef returned to Paris.

M. Lopukhin, in his evidence at the preliminary inquiry, said he first admitted Azef's duplicity to Burtsev, one of the Paris Terrorists, whom he met accidentally in a train in Germany.

Toward the end of last year M. Lopukhin said that he went to London on business affairs. Two hours before he started on his return to Russia he was met by a Russian revolutionary, Chernoff, Savenkov and Argonoff, who had come to London to meet him. They told him that they wanted to see him concerning Burtsev's allegations of Azef's treachery.

ON TRAITOR'S TRACK.

They said that Burtsev had quoted M. Lopukhin as his authority, and they wanted to verify these statements. They asked M. Lopukhin point blank whether Azef was a traitor. M. Lopukhin replied in the affirmative, and gave various particulars concerning the reports furnished by Azef to the police headquarters. The revolutionary leaders thanked him. M. Lopukhin expressed the hope that his life would be spared. A suggestion received by the revolutionary delegates with ominous silence.

It was as the result of this interview that Azef was compelled to disappear.

NORMAN LEWIS HAS ANOTHER BRIGHT IDEA

OTTAWA, May 7.—E. Norman Lewis, Dun Hurst's purveyor of new ideas for the parliamentary law makers, has given notice of another ingenious proposal. He has given notice of a resolution providing for setting apart for the government of ten thousand acres in Northern Quebec contiguous to each other, as a prison farm where all offenders and criminals except those convicted of the most heinous crimes, may be imprisoned on indefinite sentences at hard labor and kept there either at farming or making roads or any other employment which will not interfere with free labor until the Inspector certifies that the prisoner is able and willing to earn his own living and it is proper to give him a chance to do so.

Mr. Lewis is to deal in some sensible and effective manner with the tramp nuisance and to do away with the present system of herding all prisoners within stone walls where they are kept in idleness and without organized labor and where the environment tends to make more vicious those who might otherwise be reclaimed.

"Do you think posterity will recognize you?"

No, answered Senator Sargham, "no, unless I am lucky enough to strike a sceptor more than ordinarily successful in preserving likenesses."



STR. LAURENTIC REACHES MONTREAL

Largest Vessel That Ever Went Up the River

New White Star-Dominion Liner A Fine Boat Though Not Particularly Speedy—Her Fittings.

MONTREAL, May 7.—The Laurentic, the new steamer of the Dominion White Star Line, the largest of the Dominion fleet, arrived this afternoon after a pleasant voyage. No attempt was made to establish a new record, but that is expected before the end of the St. Lawrence season.

The Laurentic, built by Harland and Wolff, Limited, Belfast, for the White Star Line, was launched on the 15th of April, and after undergoing a brief trial proceeded to Liverpool. She took her place in the Canadian service, sailing from Liverpool on Thursday, 28th April. Since her trial in January the vessel has undergone considerable alterations, especially to her propellers, with a view to increased speed.

Probably by reason of recent times has created much interest than the Laurentic, says the Liverpool Daily Post. In the Laurentic the Dominion line proposes to inaugurate a service in conjunction with the Dominion line between Liverpool, Quebec and Montreal. This, simultaneously with this announcement, interest in the White Star Line was further stimulated by the announcement of the Dominion line, as well as the travelling public, by the intelligence that the new arrangement of machinery—a combination of reciprocating engines with low pressure turbine—would be introduced in the Laurentic. It was felt that this bold step was in keeping with the White Star traditions, and was an indication that the Dominion line was determined to provide not only the most modern and up-to-date, but also the most comfortable and serviceable of ships.

There is a barber's shop in the first-class accommodation, fitted up in the most luxurious style, and the inquiry office is an attractive and useful apartment in the main entrance on the promenade deck.

The second-class staterooms are on the shelter deck, and the saloon on the middle deck—a very fine apartment, extending the whole width of the ship and seating 254. The second-class library is on the lower promenade deck—both elegant apartments tastefully decorated in polished hardwood. The second-class passengers on this vessel will find the provision made for their comfort second to none on the Atlantic. The third-class dining room, which is aft on the upper deck, is also an exceptionally good room, extending the whole width of the ship. The promenade spaces form a special attraction, the fullest advantage having been taken of the vessel's size to provide the pleasurable recreation so much enjoyed by Atlantic voyagers. The vessel is fitted up with the latest improved Marconi system of wireless telegraphy, and has also a submarine signalling apparatus.

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promenade deck, and also forward on the shelter deck. There is a number of cabins on deck, with private bathroom and lavatory, adjoining each suite. These staterooms are upholstered in blue moquette, decoration consisting of small white panelling; the ceiling is lacinated, all white.

The principal feature in the decorations is, of course, the treatment of the chief public rooms in the vessel—namely, the first-class dining saloon, the reading room, the lounge, and the smoke room.

The first-class dining saloon is a handsome apartment. Situated on the saloon deck, it extends the full width of the ship. It is exceptionally lofty and airy, and contains seating accommodation for 212 people. It is oaselled in the stately fashion of the time of Charles II., and is painted chastely and simply with a delicate and ivory-like white. The room has the popular "well" arrangement overhead, with verandah for the band stand, and the tables are arranged on the restaurant principle. Over the vertical sliding doors are handsome iron grilles and led lights—a useful and artistic combination, assuring fresh sea air without draughts.

On the upper promenade deck is the reading room, a charming apartment. The walls are decorated in the Adam style, with delicate ornaments in relief. The floor is parqueted. The furniture is inlaid birch, carpet crimson. The room is a most comfortable and pleasant place for reading and study. Writing tables afford an opportunity for correspondence, and the comfortable sofas with which the room is amply furnished, the work tables provided for the industrious, the cosy corners for intimate conversation, and the card tables for those to whom bridge appeals, complete the furnishings. The windows contain in stained glass effigies of poets, painters, dramatists and philosophers.

In the smoke room (also on this deck) cosy comfort is the keynote of the decoration and furnishing. The walls are hung with stamped leather and adorned with handsome leaded glass windows at the forward and aft end, with graceful symbolic figures of poetry, music, sculpture and painting. The seats are deep and luxuriously upholstered, of a kind to invite the smoker to lazy enjoyment. The rich and mellow tone of the stained glass windows affords a light in which the mahogany seats with their carving and their brown leather coverings fairly glow with a sombre magnificence of coloring.

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