

Our Montreal Letter

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
THE HEAVY CASUALTY LIST AT STREET CROSSINGS.

The traffic accident record of the past year brings out the rather startling fact, that the largest percentage of collisions have occurred at street crossings, where, during the busiest hours of the day a traffic cop stands to direct the movements of the road. The traffic cops have not been "asleep at the switch," but owing to ignoring their directions and warnings, and going contrary to the rules of the road, a large number of the accidents have occurred. In other cases, the accidents occurred before or after the hours of traffic control. In eleven specific street intersections, ninety-five deaths and serious accidents have taken place. And yet, this number is only 20 per cent. of the bad accidents in this city. The toll of human lives will still continue as long as the speed maniacs or incompetents will be allowed to drive autos and automobiles.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PROTESTANT SCHOOL BOARD.

At the annual meeting of the Protestant School Board Alderman J. J. Creelman, K.C., was re-elected Chairman. The other members of the Board are: Rev. Dr. James Smyth, L.D., Rev. R. W. Dickie, D.D., Major H. Leroy Shaw, Rev. James E. Peas, M.A., and Alderman J. N. Drummond. Six Government scholarships were awarded out of 41 applicants. The successful boys are granted four years in high school with tuition fees paid, but they have to buy their own textbooks, which in most cases will amount to a considerable number of dollars.

The financial statement for the year ending June 30, 1924, showed the financial position of the Board to be sound, with assets of \$10,000,000.37, against liabilities of \$8,999,946.50, leaving a credit balance of \$1,000,053.87.

The total income of the Board was \$2,370,755.06, with total expenditure for operation and maintenance of the schools (including \$522,454.99 for interest on bonds and sinking fund), \$1,869,414, leaving a surplus of \$275,340.45, transferred to capital account for new school buildings and extensions. During the year \$65,000 bonds were redeemed, with a net increase of \$36,086.

SIGNALER OF ONE OF THE WAR-SHIPS DROWNED.

Frederic Skinner, aged 23, signaler of H.M.S. "Cape Town," was drowned in the harbour here lately. He had returned from shore leave and on being recalled further leave, was seen to walk to the bow of the boat and lower himself into the water by means of a rope. When the splash was heard a search was made for him, but he could not be located. The body was found floating in the river four days after. The burial took place here.

A few months ago a man bought a house on Grand Trunk Street, Point St. Charles. When he went to examine the place he could not find it, but discovered only the remains of the walls standing in the spot where the building had been. The man wondered who had demolished his house, and who had told the party of parties to demolish. He accordingly reported the matter to the Police Station.

On investigation, the police discovered a second owner of the house in the person of a contractor, who stated that he had bought the place from a man who said it was his property.

The both men claim ownership. The original owner wants his house which is no more. The contractor says the material is his, as he paid for the place. The police are looking for the man who sold the house which was not his. It will probably be a case for the Courts to decide.

TELLS IN BABY ACCENT HOW BROTHER WAS DROWNED.

She was only four years old, and yet she appeared as a witness, the youngest on record, in the Coroner's Court. Speaking in baby accents, the little tot, Marie Rochon, told Deputy-Detective Prince how her little brother, Chamblay Rochon, aged 6, lost his life by falling overboard from his father's wood-saw, "William Dobell." The two children were playing on the deck of the craft, where it lay moored at the foot of Lachine Canal, awaiting its turn to pass through the locks, when the boy fell overboard. The baby's screams brought immediate help, but the youngster never resurfaced on the surface of the water, and all efforts failed to locate him. The body was not recovered until nearly two days afterwards. Mr. Rochon, skipper of the "William Dobell," brought the family with him from Greenville, Quebec, and within a few hours of their arrival, tragedy added its heavy hand on the party.

A RECORD SEASON FOR TOURISTS.

According to figures issued by the Royal Automobile Club of Canada, the tourists to the Province of Quebec will reach 150,000, compared with 130,000 last season. Possibly 40 per cent. of this number have been of the camping class, who pay no hotel bills.

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"Red" Propaganda in South Africa

(By L. F. NEAME, late Editor "South Daily Mail," South Africa.)

From personal knowledge I can testify to the national anxiety which the Daily Mail is performing by revealing the sinister activities which Sovietism is conducting behind a mask of official friendliness. But the campaign is not confined to Great Britain. Indeed it is more menacing to the Empire as a whole than it is to England.

Probably few people are aware of the extent to which "Red" propaganda is carried on in South Africa. Even the people of the Union would be astonished if they knew the anxiety with which some of their own high officials view Communist activities in their country.

The Red Revolt on the Rand in March, 1922, which caused more deaths than the entire campaign in German South-West Africa, is generally regarded as the final flare-up of Bolshevik effort in South Africa.

It was an ugly time, and it only narrowly escaped a horrible Red Russian climax. But it was not, and it not, the most menacing feature of Soviet endeavour in that part of the British Empire.

The mass of white South Africans who know that in their hearts.

And so the more fanatical of them are striving to reduce the coloured population. What success would mean in a land in which there are four coloured men to one white man can only be realized by those who have seen Kaffir tribes intoxicated by bloodshed. But the strange mentality of the out-and-out "Red" seems able to contemplate even such a race war with pleasure.

Within the last few years there have been many backroom secret meetings in the colored areas of Johannesburg, at which two or three notorious "Reds" have instilled Bolshevik poison into the minds of ignorant store boys and mine laborers. Two at least of the Rand "Red" leaders went to Moscow especially to study at the College in which the stirring up of rebellion among the black, brown, and yellow races is taught.

But an even more dangerous movement, and one more difficult to deal with, has recently been discovered out on the veld. Men high up in the Defence Department will tell you privately that an alarming amount of crude Bolshevism is talked in the kraals to-day. The evidence of "Red" propaganda so far from the industrial centres have surprised even officials who know the natives well.

Mysterious meetings are held far out on the veld. Some which appear to be religious gatherings to the passing white farmer are found to develop suddenly into extreme Communist propaganda missions.

No part of the British Empire in which there is a large colored population will thank the British Government for countenancing Bolshevism; for in those lands the real menace of "Red" propaganda is better understood than in England. With them it may be a matter of life or death.

Record Appetites

What is the biggest meal ever eaten by one person?

In the Transactions of the Royal Society, mention is made of a ten-year-old boy who ate 373 lb. of food in six days; while another, suffering from acute hunger, consumed 344 lb. of food in the same period, and when refused further supplies started to gnaw his own flesh!

In the same publication a doctor records seeing a Norfolk farm labourer eat a whole leg of mutton at one sitting. A woman patient in St. Bartholomew's Hospital ate three quarters loaves, 3 lb. of meat, and several pounds of potatoes every day for three weeks.

As for drink, the case is recorded of a child aged three who drank two pails of water daily and seemed none the worse. Glass-blowers have been known to drink forty pints of water a day, while a French physician had a patient who habitually drank fifty pints of red wine a day.

Shasta Slide

Breaks Walls of Canyon and Forms Huge Mud Lake.

Duquesne, Calif., Sept. 19. (United Press.)--A great slide, which roared down the southeastern slope of Mt. Shasta breaking down the walls of Mud Canyon for a distance of eight miles, has formed a huge lake of mud which may burst its barriers and flood the lowlands at any moment, according to word received here to-day.

Fifteen acres of volcanic sand slipped from near the top of the peak and blocked the only natural channel by which the mud from the disintegrating glacier has been reaching the bottom of the mountain.

An aura of panic just which accompanied the slide would be seen for 25 miles and the roar could be heard at a great distance. Mount Shasta in Siskiyou county is 14,380 feet in height, one of the highest peaks in the United States.

FOR CORNS AND WARTS--WIG-AND'S EXHIBIT.

New California Lake Discovered

FRESNO, Cal., Sept. 23 (A.P.)--Although Sequoia National Park has been a public playground for more than 20 years, new discoveries still are made. A forest ranger recently returned from a three-day trip in the Mount Shasta region and reported a lake larger than any hitherto known in the park. The find has been tentatively named Crater Lake.

Many of the French hats allow their height to slope back softly from the forehead.



CLERKS AT THE CITY HALL BUSY.

August, September and October, are very busy months at the Hotel de Ville. After the water and personal taxes have been paid up, the property owners are next in line, and the clerks have to prepare accounts to the number of 70,000. The civic officers are being greatly enriched these days. It's all haste and bustle in the civic departments.

A WOMAN CAUSES SCENE IN CORONER'S COURT.

There's no law; there's no justice.

"Oh, my poor children," shouted Mrs. Muriel Barry Seasons, widow of Harry B. Seasons, of 2806 Clement St., Halesowen, as the coroner's jury inquiring into the accident which resulted in her husband's death, rendered a verdict of accidental death. Mrs. Seasons almost collapsed, as she hysterically demanded the arrest of Joseph Dupuis, 743 Lacaire Street, on a criminal charge. Friends and attorneys soothed her, assuring her that the jury had returned a verdict in accordance with the evidence.

Seasons was killed near Laprairie. He was driving a small coupe. Along with him was his young son and a ten year old girl, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Archie Bedard, of 445 Grosvenor Street. Behind was a car driven by Mr. Bedard in which were riding Mrs. Seasons and others.

Seasons stopped his car in order that he might get from the box in the rear a blanket with which to cover the baby. Mrs. Seasons testified that as the following car drove by, her husband told her why he stopped.

Then from behind, according to witnesses, Dupuis' car came up at a rapid rate of speed, and struck the victim was standing. It was declared that the lighter machine was forced a distance of fifty feet, the young girl being thrown, and landing painfully

hurt. Seasons was struck and died soon after.

There was considerable contradiction of evidence, but the jury decided that death was caused purely by accident. Then Mrs. Seasons burst out crying and called for "justice." She was quieted and taken home.

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