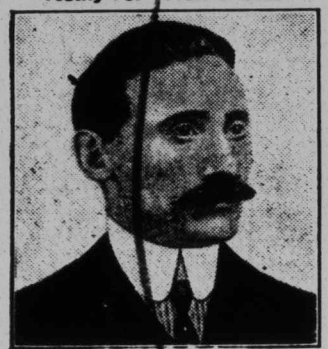


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FACTS ABOUT CANADA

New Brunswick has 1,168 industrial establishments with capital, \$36,125,192; employees, 24,755; wages, \$8,314,212; value of products, \$35,422,302, increase of 68 per cent. in ten years.

Thirteen years ago it cost \$0 cents to run a train one mile; now it costs \$1.49.

Value of various kinds of timber produced in Canada in 1911: Lumber, \$75,830,954; shingles and lath, \$8,724,364; pulpwood, \$4,338,023; poles, \$1,052,277; ties, \$1,682,881; firewood, \$50,000,000; posts and rails, \$10,535,567.

Western Canada Indian Trust Fund \$7,030,426; voted by Parliament for Indian Department, \$1,756,567.

The Hudson Bay Company sold between 1194 and 1912, \$1,953,576 acres of western lands for \$13,627,940. C. P. R. sold 10,709,621 acres for \$68,712,968.

An exchange says: "While rounding a buoy in one of the races being held on the Mississippi River, a power boat turned turtle, but was so fast that it recovered itself before it could be stopped, turning a complete revolution in the water, and continued the race, the helmsman having clung to his wheel."

Fraulein Derben, of Berlin, is the founder of a "league against beauty," members of which are pledged to marry only ugly men, on the theory that handsome males are unreliable.

ZAM-BUK

MRS. A. SAICH, of Cannington Manor, Sask., writes: "My brother suffered severely from eczema. The sores were very extensive, and burned like coals into his flesh. Zam-Buk took out all the fire, and quickly gave him ease. Within three weeks of commencing with Zam-Buk treatment, every sore had been cured."

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ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST CULLED FROM ALL SOURCES

Faloon and Hope Islands, of the Friendly or Tonga group, in the south Pacific, have disappeared from view. With them several hundred natives and a few white men have disappeared.

A Holstein cow in Portland, Conn., was seen during the hot weather to pick up a large cornstalk, bend it and use it to brush away the flies from her back.

"Go-between," a famous racing stallion, winner of The Suburban Handicap in 1906, fell dead under the wire as he won the mile running race at the Berk's county fair, Reading, Pa., Friday.

During the year ended March 31, 407,729 persons of British nationality left the United Kingdom for places out of Europe. The destination included:—Canada, 185,349; Australia and New Zealand, 92,629; United States, 94,176.

The body of the woman found in a corn field at Old Castle, in Ontario has been identified as Mrs. Newman of North Bridge, a hamlet ten miles north of Windsor. Mrs. Newman has been missing from her home for several days, and her husband and son are under surveillance.

St. John, N. B. is to have a million dollar cement plant. A statement that the Canada Cement Co., will establish such a plant at or near St. John was authorized by H. L. Doyle, controller of the company. F. P. Jones, general manager is at present in Venezuela. The exact location has not yet been stated.

A cow raided a tent of campers at Kingston Mills recently and made a meal of these goods: Four loaves of bread, four pounds of biscuits, one dozen eggs, one gallon of apples, one pound of cheese, one pound of ham, one dozen of oranges, one dozen of bananas, one pound of sodas, one half dozen of corn and last of all, two bars of castile soap.

John A. K. Drummond, aged 66 years, was killed at Kingston, Ont., last Wednesday on the railway track. He was a former member of the Manitoba Legislature and for years was employed in the Hudson Bay Co. His father was a major on the permanent British forces stationed in Kingston.

Thomas A. Edison, the inventor is ill at his home in Llewellyn Park. For the first time in eight years he was unable to go to his laboratory, a short distance away. Mr. Edison is suffering from the cold which he contracted while motoring in New England, and an attack of indigestion. It is said that he is not seriously ill. Mr. Edison is 66 years old.

The draft of the new constitution which Sir Edward Carson, leader of the Ulster Unionists and his colleagues are opposing for the Ulster provisional government provides for votes for women. This announcement has been made in the form of a reply to the Women's Social and Political Union, which recently sent a letter to Sir Edward Carson practically demanding equal rights for women, especially the suffrage.

The will of the late Dr. Oliver Livingston Jones, father of General Rosalie Jones, the suffragette leader, leaves an estate valued at from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 to his widow. Dr. Jones shot himself with a pistol at his home in New York and died August 9. Whether his death was due to an accident, or suicide has not been ascertained.

Aviator Hans Lorens was killed at Muenster, Germany, on Friday as he was completing a two hours' flight. He steered the machine too deeply in a downward direction and the wings bucked, the aeroplane falling to the ground. The gasoline tank exploded and the pilot's body was partly burned before the fire could be extinguished.

The Emperor sailed Friday with the largest number of souls ever aboard a ship, a total of 5,019, including passengers and crew. There are 828 first cabin passengers, 683 second, 613 third and 1,344 steerage, making 3,169 passengers. The crew which includes nearly 200 extra stewards, numbered an even 1,400. The Emperor's record cannot be lowered until the new giant Cunarder the Aquatania is in commission.

The Aroostook potato crop this year will be the largest ever raised in Maine and will exceed that of 1911—which holds the record—by more than 3,000,000 bushels. Growers estimate that the crop this fall will approximate 26,000,000 bushels. The crop in other sections of the United States is a failure. Bangor and Aroostook railroad officials say their territory will yield a 10 per cent. crop, as compared with an average of 22 per cent. below normal in other potato raising States. The farm value of the Maine crop in 1911 was \$16,855,300.

J. H. Finch, of Urbana, Ill., has in his possession a Masonic apron made by Martha Washington and presented to Mr. Finch's great-grandfather. It is a duplicate of one made by Martha Washington for her husband.

In Stroudsburg, Penn., a deer fled before a railroad train which was going at full speed, and for over five hundred yards raced before it, instead of turning into the woods. It easily maintained its distance, and was at no time in danger of being struck.

The bite of a mosquito proved fatal in the case of John H. Dames, Montreal. Dames had a mark on his forehead no larger than an ordinary mosquito bite. He scratched it so vigorously, however, that he soon had an open sore in its place. Then his head began to swell and he went to the General Hospital where he died. He was 48 years of age.

At the recent meeting of Dominion Alliance it was decided to attempt to have a declaration in favor of prohibition brought before the dominion parliament at the next session. Another important decision was the proposal to get legislation to amend the Canada Temperance Act so as to allow license inspectors to arrest persons selling liquor in prohibition districts without a warrant. At present a warrant must be sworn out by two magistrates and the arrests made by a policeman.

Richard Isaac, aged 35, of St. John, N. B., arrested in Boston more than a month ago has now been formally given over to the custody of the Canadian authorities as a fugitive from justice. Isaacs was arrested on a complaint charging forgery in the issuing of land certificates. Since his arrest he has been held in the East Cambridge jail without bail, pending the arrival of extradition papers. These reached Boston on Saturday, and he was given over to a New Brunswick officer, who left immediately with his prisoner.

King's Co. Circuit Court which opened on Tuesday morning before His Honor Mr. Justice McKeown, came to a sudden halt by reason of the absence of lawyers very much needed to file their records. Indeed, there were only two barristers in attendance, and one of them was the clerk of the court. The machinery for driving the legal car was all in evidence—judge, clerk, stenographer, sheriff, crier, constables, petit jury and witnesses, some of whom had journeyed from Boston to Hampton, was all in evidence, but the wheels were clogged by the legal gentleman who ought to have been there to turn the crank, and was not. Of course the Judge did not like it and so in very plain words, after which he adjourned the proceedings until Tuesday, the 30th day of September.

A fatal accident occurred at Beaconsfield, near Montreal on Saturday when a young woman named Miss Mary Brocklebank, aged 25, stepped from behind a number of carriages that stood in a siring, into the track of the Ottawa express and was knocked down and was instantly killed. It appears that Miss Brocklebank would not have gone across the track but for the fact that she was leading a large dogle dog in leash. The girl stood for a moment waiting for the express to pass on up the line, when the dog suddenly sprang across the track, at the same time dragging the unfortunate girl in front of the engine. When the body was pulled out from under the wheels of the last coach it was found to have been crushed beyond recognition. A bearer was at once found and the body was taken where an inquest was held and a verdict of accidental death returned.

The S. S. Laurentic of the White Star Dominion Line which left Montreal at daybreak on Thursday, had among its passengers a colonel of the British Army, a young woman, and Detective Hedges, of Norwich, England, who came across the water to take back the man and woman. There is a romantic adventure attached to the sailing of these three from Montreal which started from England, and will end there after six weeks time during which the detective sailed across the ocean, and followed the couple to Victoria, British Columbia, where the colonel was arrested. Extradition was waived from the army officer and Detective Hedges, of Norwich arrived in Montreal last night with his prisoners and registered at the Freeman Hotel. Before sailing the three visitors were in communication with detective headquarters, and later left for the steamer. The name of the officer was kept from the register. Detective Hedges refusing to give out any information other than that the man and the woman had waived extradition, and were going on the Laurentic.

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The Presbyterian Church in Canada has 863 Young People's Societies with 29,245 members.

Peter Ackerman, Jr. of Brooklyn, is 10 years old, has never taken a music lesson and plays entirely from ear, and yet has won a silver loving cup in a musical contest in which there were 20 contestants.

Harry Smith, of Skowhegan, Me., possesses a gun 150 years old with 50 notches on it, representing the number of bears which it has killed. It is one of the flintlock type and very heavy.

Hollow concrete tile blocks will be made at Panama and the canal commission has arranged for the erection of plant for their manufacture. Most of the buildings in the new town of Bibboa will probably be constructed of these blocks.

The dairy inspector for Eastern Ontario says that the production of cheese in Ontario will show a decline this year of 17,000,000 pounds, or over \$2,000,000 worth. The dry weather is the cause. In 880 cheese factories of Eastern Ontario the average decrease in production has been 80 pounds a day.

When one of the floors in a well-known New York restaurant was taken up to be repaired, underneath was found a pearl and diamond stickpin lost twenty years ago. The pin had worked its way through several payers of linoleum before resting on the wooden floor.

Inquiries are being made regarding the whereabouts of Samuel A. Belding, Head of Millstream, Kings county. The last record which his family have of the man was on August 12 when he called at the office of the Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation on August 12 to make a payment. While in the office of Canada Permanent Mr. Belding spoke of family circumstances which made him anxious to get back to his home and it was thought that he intended to return immediately. Before coming to St. John he had been away from home working in another part of the province and it is possible that he has gone away again seeking similar work but his family have become alarmed over his prolonged absence. Mr. Belding is described as a well-to-do farmer, about 45 or 50 years old, of medium size, clean shaven and of alert manner.

A serious fire causing damage to the extent of nearly \$80,000, broke out on Sunday morning and practically gutted the building in Dock street owned by the Small estate and occupied by Robertson, Foster & Smith, Ltd., wholesale and retail hardware merchants; Estey & Co., dealers in steel, metal and rubber goods and J. H. Poole & Son, warehousemen and manufacturers' agents, St. John. Peculiar circumstances surround the blaze, as some time after the department had been first called out, extinguished the fire and returned to the station, it started up on the same floor and did a great deal more damage than was suffered by the first outbreak. There is evidence that the fire was started by a person, or persons, who entered the building from the rear for the purpose of robbery, as the means of their entrance was found early Sunday morning.

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