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## DIARY OF EVENTS

HISTORIC DAYS IN CANADA

HALIFAX MAKES MERRY.

As indicating the class of entertainments provided the patrons of British American playhouses a century ago, the programme of the Halifax Theatre Royal for a performance to be given "by permission" of the Lieutenant Governor on Monday evening, July 5th, 1813, is not without interest. The Halifax amusement seekers who doubtless filled the playhouse, which had been "well aired and cleaned," a century ago tonight, were afforded a wide variety of entertainment, beginning with the playing of "The Gaby of Old Gaul" by the band of the 64th Regiment. This was followed by "An Occasional Address" a cantata. Then followed "An overture on the organ, accompanied by two pianofortes, one of which will be performed by a young man of years of age. Then the band played, after which came "A Recitation—Eliza, by a Gentleman." The program is equally indefinite in regard to the identity of all who appeared. A "Comic Song—The Fitch of Bacon, or Matrimonial Strife," as sung by "a gentleman," doubtless convulsed the house, and one may imagine that wild applause greeted "Blue Bells of Scotland," with variations on the piano, by a lady. Other features of the programme were a "Comic Song—A Captain Bold in Halifax," or "Miss Bailey's Ghost," "Clarinet Concerto," "A Hornpipe," and "I'll gage nae mair to your town." The admission was five shillings to boxes and four shillings to upper boxes and pit. "Doors open at quarter past seven, and to begin precisely at eight."

## OPHELIA'S SLATE



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## IN LIGHTER VEIN

**A Marine Misnomer.**  
"It's rather odd that they should call a steamer a tramp."  
"Why so?"  
"Fancy a tramp needing water to get along on."  
**Loquacious Diet.**  
Missionary (to cannibal)—What makes your chief so talkative today?  
Cannibal—Oh, he ate a couple of barbers this morning.—Minnesota Minne-Ha-Ha.  
**A Riot.**  
Willie—My father put down a disturbance last night.  
Billie—Is that right?  
Willie—Yes; he ate a Welsh rabbit.  
Yonkers Statesman.  
**A Hint to Summerers.**  
Canoeing and danger  
Are "hand and glove,"  
You fall in the river  
Or else in love.  
**Getting It Right.**  
"Jenks says he lives by his wits."  
"I should say, rather, by other people's lack of wits."  
**Puzzled.**  
Bees—Something that Jack said last night didn't sound just right.  
Tess—What was that?  
Bees—I told him if he called me pet names I wouldn't speak, and he replied that he would call me dear at any price.—Brooklyn Life.  
**More Progress.**  
That dollar graduating gown  
Was certainly immense,  
And now they have the same marked down  
To 87 cents.  
**Haw Hhe Did It.**  
"How did he raise the wind?"  
"Well, he had a fine air to start with, so he just blustered a bit and blew about his prospects."

### SIR WILFRID LAURIER'S TOUR.

It was officially announced, not long ago, that Sir Wilfrid Laurier would make a tour of Quebec and Ontario and address meetings in those provinces during July and August. It will naturally be expected that he will devote much of his time to explain his attitude on the naval question. Last year he made a tour of the same provinces and exercised great reserve on this subject. But in a public speech delivered before the naval proposals of the Government were brought down he declared that he would not be guilty of introducing party politics into the question. That was, perhaps, the most memorable of his utterances last year. Naturally the country will require an explanation why this pledge to keep the discussion of naval defence free from the taint of party politics was flagrantly broken as soon as the Naval Aid Bill was introduced. The exhibition Sir Wilfrid Laurier made of himself as the leader of an obstructive opposition in the last session has not been forgotten. Never before in the history of the Dominion did a party chief so grossly abuse the privileges of Parliament for purely party advantages as did Sir Wilfrid Laurier during the whole course of the debate. Having so solemnly promised that he would refrain from party tactics in the matter of naval legislation he went to an extreme of partisanship to prevent the passage of the Naval Aid Bill such as no other political leader in Canada ever approached. It will not do to resort to the familiar false statement that there is no emergency in the naval situation. The action of the British Government in immediately ordering work to begin on three battleships which were not to be built until the next fiscal year was altogether because of the frustration of Mr. Borden's efforts to increase the effective naval force of the Empire. That action followed quickly on the defeat of the bill in the Senate, and as the British Government announced, was in consequence of that defeat.

operating Dominions, would be stored to best advantage, and the markets could be regulated and the goods distributed under ideal conditions. A splendid site of some thirty acres can be secured within six miles of the city of London. It is situated on the banks of the Thames, and is connected with the city by rail. We should concentrate our trade more. England is a great consuming country. It wants the best, and is prepared to pay for the best that we can supply. Another witness, Mr. Harold Beauchamp, acting chairman of the Bank of New Zealand, placed before the Commission a scheme having for its object the encouragement of Empire-development. Mr. Beauchamp suggested the creation of an Imperial board whose place will be to receive and examine into all plans submitted to it as of Imperial utility. If the board approve, a loan would be issued under the guarantee of the United Kingdom and the other self-governing states, the borrowing Dominion remaining primarily responsible for payment of the interest and repayment of the principal. Mr. Beauchamp suggested that the Parliament immediately concerned should authorize the raising of the money required and refer the proposals to the development board. No loss of autonomous power, he argued, could result because if the scheme submitted was not held to be of Imperial utility, the Dominion would go on the market with its issue as usual. On the other hand, an Imperial guarantee would enable the money required for work of Imperial service to be obtained on the most favorable terms. This Commission, which has been holding meetings in the sister Dominions will, at a later date, visit Canada. There can be no question that much valuable information will have been obtained and that many practical suggestions will have been submitted for the further development and use of natural products in all parts of the Empire.

### NOT A "PERSON" YET.

That no women will be allowed to practice law as solicitors in England, at least for the present, is the result of a judgment given by Mr. Justice Joyce in a recent action brought by Miss Gwyneth Marjorie Bebb in London. Her object was to obtain from the Law Society a declaration that she was a "person" within the meaning of the Solicitors' Act, and therefore was entitled to be admitted to act as a solicitor. This judgment was probably not unexpected, but the occasion offered Mr. Stanley O. Buckmaster, K.C., counsel for Miss Bebb, the opportunity in presenting his case to show the wide range of a woman's past activities in the Old Country. He maintained that she could act as queen, marshal, champion of England, sexton, churchwarden, constable, workhouse governor, returning officer or overseer of the poor. He gave instances of women acting as keepers of prisons, and the offices of jailer had, he said, apparently been common among the fair sex. It was recorded in books that Anne, Countess of Pembroke, had said as hereditary sheriffs at the Assizes with the judges on the bench, and although it was not said that she administered justice, he maintained that was obviously meant.

### THE HUMAN PROCESSION

The "purple lotus mother." Mrs. Catherine Tingley, the international leader of the Universal Brotherhood and Theosophical Society, and the "purple lotus mother" of Point Loma, Cal., will celebrate her sixty-first birthday tomorrow. Willing to give up her ties with the universal cult has spent most of the last year in Europe, where she arranged for the New and Scandinavian propaganda headquarters. The "purple mother" who claims to be the successor of Helen Petrovna Blavatsky, the Russian woman who founded theosophy, and William Q. Judge, the Irish-American lawyer, who was responsible for the development of the cult, was born at Newburyport, Mass., July 6, 1852. She claims descent from early in the century. She became prominent in theosophical circles in 1896, following the death of Mr. Judge and soon claimed to be the "outer head" of the "inner school" of the cult, a claim that was denied by Annie Besant. The warfare between the women resulted in a split in the ranks of the disciples of universal brotherhood, and they are now divided into rival camps, one section holding to the teachings of Mrs. Tingley and the other branch to Mrs. Besant.

### CO-OPERATION IN TRADE.

Reports of the evidence given before the Dominion's Trade Commission at the meetings held recently in Australia indicate that several valuable suggestions for the closer trade co-operation of the Dominions were submitted and which the commission will doubtless take into consideration. Sir John Taverner, until recently Agent-General for Victoria in London, was one of the witnesses before the Commission. He expressed the opinion that the Overseas Dominions should co-operate in the establishment of a joint depot for the marketing of their products in Great Britain. He thinks that Canada and Australia might well go into such a scheme for the reason that their producing seasons are at the opposite ends of the year, and they could, therefore, utilize a common reception, classification and distribution agency in the Old Country without conflicting and with advantage to both Dominions. At the present time colonial fruit and dairy products are often subject to unnecessary handlings, exposure and delay in distribution, and such an inter-Dominion depot as is suggested would tend to eliminate middlemen and promote rapid direct delivery to the British consumer. Outlining his proposal before the Commission, Sir John Taverner, in response to questions by Hon. George E. Foster, Canadian Minister of Trade and Commerce, said he would strongly favor the Dominions combining for trade purposes. He was particularly anxious for Canada to go in with Australia because their differing seasons would make it easy to maintain a year-round depot at the heart of the Empire and divide the expense of the enterprise.

### CURRENT COMMENT

Round the World in (7) Days. (New York Sun.)  
Placid weather, perfect connections, engines that never fail, time tables that cannot tell a lie, the very flower and the best of luck to Mr. John Henry Mears, a voyager of the Evening Sun who starts today to see how many holes he can take up in buckling Ariels' girdle tighter than mortal yet has done it. May be best memorably and gloriously the "record" made by Mr. Jaeger-Schmidt, trample on Time, convince Space of its want of spaciousness and take off his shoes swiftly as per schedule or nobly near it!

### SIR RALPH ANSTRUTHER.

Sir Ralph Anstruther, who recently visited Montreal to look after his Canadian interests, will pass his fifty-fifth birthday today. He is one of the wealthiest of baronets, and the proprietor of large estates, in addition to holding interests in industrial concerns in both sides of the Atlantic. He is the convener of Fleetwood and the colonel of the Seventh Battalion of the famous Black Watch Highlanders. As a member of the Royal Engineers he served in the Egyptian and Boer wars and in the expedition to the early thirties.

### NO CAUSE FOR ALARM.

Decreases in bank clearings at leading centres of business are now being reported. They are the natural result of the curtailment of trade in a number of lines which were exceedingly active during the past two or three years. It should cause neither surprise nor alarm. It means in considerable part that an unhealthy factor in the situation is ceasing to have effect. The development of healthy factors will in due time counteract the adverse activity and on a sound basis.

### FIRST 'CHINGS

The Salvation Army. The first company of the Salvation Army was organized by William Booth at Mile End, England, forty-eight years ago today, and the branches of the army throughout the world are making plans to celebrate the semi-centenary two years hence. The founder, the late General Booth, and his wife, started out from the Methodist New Connection to reclaim the wayward, the neglected and the degraded. They obtained their work in the east end of London, naming it the "Christian Mission," but the project was not very successful until it became a military organization. It was not until 1878 that the military organization became fully effective, with Mr. Booth as general. The army had to fight its way to recognition, for its street meetings, both in European and American cities, were at times broken up by police, and the leaders were jailed or fined. The uniforms of the men, the bonnets of the women, the songs, and the sound of drums and timbrels, served the purpose of drawing crowds to hear the preachers, who held forth at the barracks. The plan was successful in London, and in 1880 extended to France and America. The army now has branches all over the world, in fifty-six countries and colonies.

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## EX-DOCTOR IS NOW POET

Premier Asquith Post to Dr. Robert Bridges, who Accepts it.

Dr. Robert Bridges, who, I suppose, has been appointed Laureate by Premier Asquith, physician at London hospital many years and since retired to the practice of medicine in 1894, voted himself to poetry and writing. Dr. Bridges was born on 23, 1844, in the town of Thetford, mouth of the Thames. He was educated at Eton and Oxford, and then at his school in London, and became a classical scholar there. Later he was a physician at the Children's Hospital and physician at the Great N. Hospital. In commenting on the writ Dr. Bridges, the Encyclopaedia Britannica says: "As a poet Robert Bridges rather apart from the current English verse, but his work is a great influence in a selection by its restraint, purity, precision, yet strength of expression and it embodies a distinct prosody. His chief critical work 'Milton's Prosody' (1893), a made up of two earlier essays (1889) and 'John Keats, and al Essay' (1895). He maintained English prosody depended on the number of syllables, and poetry should follow the natural speech. 'His poetry was privately in the first instance and was making its way beyond a commonly small circle of admirers.' IN THE COURTS In Chambers. An appeal from Magistrate's decision was heard yesterday in chambers before Mr. Justice in the case of Myles Carroll, a vs. John B. Jones, respondent. In this case, the magistrate's decision for keeping his restaurant open during public hours, and imposing a fine of one month in prison. This was appealed from. Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C., in support of the appeal, argued that the restaurant was entitled to be open as a restaurant keeper, he was prohibited from either keeping or selling beer during public hours. There was evidence having sold beer during the public hours, and the magistrate that, as selling beer was his business, he was obliged to serve the prohibitory hours. One section of the Liquor Act states that nothing shall be done to prevent a restaurant from selling beer during public hours; but another section of the Act states that nothing shall be done to prevent a restaurant from selling beer during public hours, making the act in contravention of the Liquor Act. The respondent, J. B. Jones, was reserved. Fred R. Taylor made an appeal before Judge Jones yesterday, order to examine W. A. Corbett, manager of the bank, in the matter of the Bank of Nova Scotia vs. Dr. St. Mary's. The order was returnable on next Friday. Chancery Division. Mr. Justice McLean yesterday ordered to examine W. A. Corbett, manager of the bank, in the matter of the Bank of Nova Scotia vs. Dr. St. Mary's. The order was returnable on next Friday. Chancery Division. In the Chancery Division Mr. Justice McLean yesterday ordered to examine W. A. Corbett, manager of the bank, in the matter of the Bank of Nova Scotia vs. Dr. St. Mary's. The order was returnable on next Friday. Chancery Division.

## WEDDINGS.

McCORD-McDONALD. The Glace Bay Gazette of has the following: At 8.15 this morning of Miss Mary C. McDonald, of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh MacGlance Bay, and Samuel H. M. St. John, N. B. took place at St. John's church. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. H. Ald in the presence of a large number of invited guests and friends. The bride wore a beautiful gown of her father, passing under arch, was attended in a beautiful dress of white with a bouquet of bridal roses and flowers. She was attended by Miss Sara McNeil, simple dress of white and