

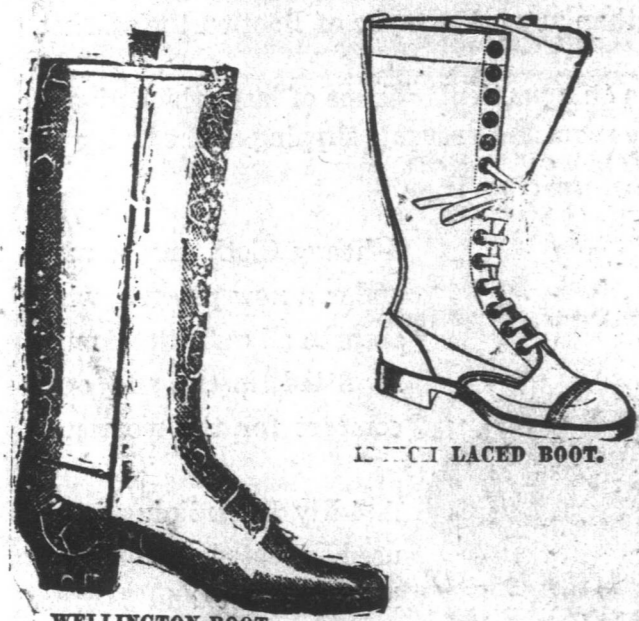
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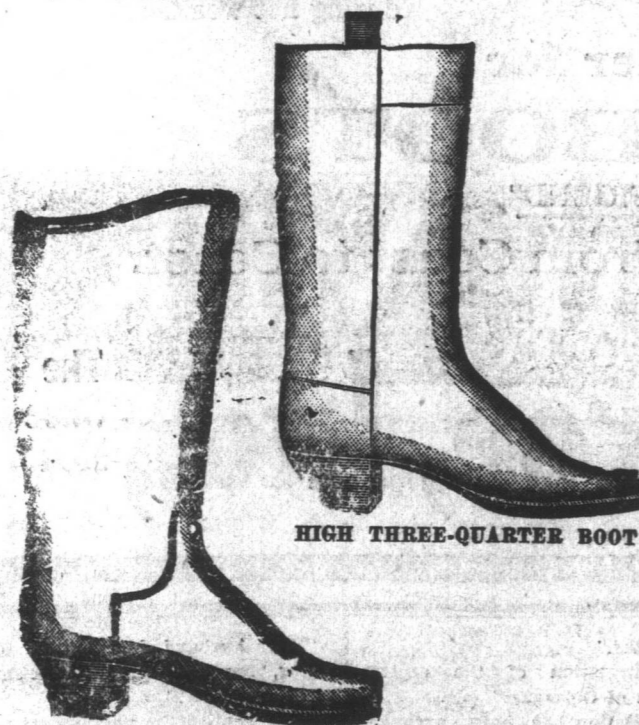
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Our Montreal Letter.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
THE APPLICATIONS FOR HELP ARE LARGE.

In a large and growing city like Montreal, the applications for help are very numerous, notwithstanding the fact that the employment conditions have been greatly improved. The Director of Public Charities, Mr. A. Chevalier, says that all through the summer months the Meurling Refuge, the city shelter, has housed an average of seventy men a night. Most of these are sick or convalescing, but the fact remains, they are homeless and out of work. It is anticipated that the close of navigation, harvesting and outdoor construction work, will see a large number seeking help at the Institution. Mr. Chevalier has six men and women of the Public Assistance Department looking after the needy sick. Every day several patients present themselves at the city hospitals for treatment and claim they are too poor to look after their treatment. If the facts are as presented the city and province divide the cost of hospital fees. If the patient is able to contribute anything he is requested to do so.

In the case of immigrants who have been in the country less than five years deportation is sought if there is danger that the person will become a public charge. Until he is well enough to be safely transported, the hospital gives requisite care and treatment.

Previous to 1914 homeless men had to be looked after in the police stations and shared the cells with the prisoners. This was not at all an ideal condition, Mr. Chevalier stated, and the utility of the Refuge has many times been demonstrated. The per diem cost of a public patient was about \$2.00, of which the city and province each pay a third. If the patient can, he is asked to contribute the balance.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONValesCENT HOME.

The annual report of the Montreal Convalescent Home shows that the representatives of four religions and twelve nationalities, were among the 181 patients treated there during the past year.

From countries as far distant as India and Russia they came, but the great majority were Canadians. Roman Catholic and Protestant patients were equal in numbers, the other two religions being Hebrew and Greek Orthodox.

The cost of maintaining one patient for the day was \$1.56, and the average stay of each patient was 26 days. The Home which was organized to supplement the work of the hospitals, and to care for those sick people who, while being well enough to permit of their being moved from the hospital to make room for more serious cases, still require skilled attention and feeding, is dependent on voluntary contributions, and relies almost wholly on the collections made on the annual tag day, which was held a few days ago. The new officers of the Home are:—Hon. Presidents, Lady Hingston, and Mrs. John McMartin; President, Miss May Stewart; vice-Presidents, Miss E. Muriel Fraser, and Mrs. M. W. Hackett; Hon. Treasurer, Miss Mary E. Jones; Hon. Secretaries, Miss Mary Rafferty, and Miss Margaret Walsh; Business Manager, Miss Sarah P. Tansey. Among the Life Governors are: Lord Adair, Mrs. W. I. McDougal, Mrs. John McMartin, P. M. Wickham, and Leo G. Ryan.

YOUTHFUL ROBBERIES ARE GROWING.

The youth of to-day are being well trained by some persons in many evil habits; stealing forming the principal one. The habit is becoming an epidemic and "the gangs" are working all over the city. Here are a few examples of their work:
Three boys of ages ranging from 7 to 9, broke the seal on a C. P. R. freight car, entered the car and stole

112 pounds of butter valued at \$40, and thus landed before Judge Choquet in the Juvenile Court. They are remanded for trial.

Capt. Coleman, of the C. P. R. Police declares that the case is most serious as the railroad has suffered at the hands of boy gangs who break car seals, sometimes for the pure "fun" of causing trouble to officials. He alleges that the three lads taken also are responsible for the breaking of a number of plate glass windows in passenger cars, and the charge will be investigated.

One boy of 13, less imaginative than the railroad gang, admitted to-day he had taken a sack of beets from a garden near his house.

Just think of boys of such an age able to accomplish such work. I'm afraid that others much older, and better acquainted with such doings must have been behind the scenes. It is almost unbelievable, that mere children, should have the nerve and strength necessary to do such things. And yet they did them.

Police Inspector Robert, in pyjamas, and revolver in hand, aided in the arrest of three members of a gang of five fifteen-year-old boys who broke into the store on the Inspector's property, and under his home at 1842 Ontario Street East, at 1.35 o'clock in the morning, as they were preparing to decamp with clothing valued at over \$2,500.

Two members of the juvenile gang escaped in the darkness while a patrol fired at them with revolvers. In their flight they dropped \$500 worth of goods, police say. The three caught were found hiding under piles of underwear on a top shelf in the dry goods store rented by Mrs. John Boranowski, and were pulled down legs first.

Sergeant Alonius Desjardins and Constable-Chauffeur Gilhault, forming a section of Chief Belanger's new night automobile patrol, were driving thru a lane behind Ontario Street east, when they saw the boys run from the yard at the rear of the store and the Police Inspector's home. The officers jumped from the automobile and chased them. When they refused to stop the Sergeant fired four shots over their heads, but in the darkness the boys dodged into branch lanes and yards and escaped.

Returning to the yard the officers discovered the rear door of the Boranowski dry goods store had been broken. The sound of revolver shots had aroused Inspector Robert and, alerted only in his pyjamas, he joined the officers in searching the store. Constable Caron, of the Ontario Street police station, was on patrol in the neighbourhood and came running up at the sound of the shots also.

The police claim that besides the \$500 worth of goods dropped by the boys who escaped, overcoats, suits, and cloth to the value of \$2,000 were found bundled up in the store ready to be removed.

Mrs. Robert, the Police Inspector's wife, heard someone moving around in the store shortly before the boys were discovered, but thought that the tenant was working late there.

The three boys held will be dealt with by the Juvenile Court.

A youth was sent to the Penitentiary for 3 years for stealing a gramophone from his mother. Thieves are also found in many of our schools. Automobiles and bicycles are also stolen, repaired, and part of the machine altered. The youthful schools of vice are growing, the parents seem to be powerless, and "the gang" can even get away from the mighty arm of the law. It's simply fierce.

PROPER INSTITUTIONS FOR DRUG ADDICTS.

The rounding up of the "dope" fiends has kept the special squad of police and detectives very busy of late. John Chinaman figures prominently in the raids. One man arrested recently had 98 decks of cocaine; 75 on him and 23 in a house. What puzzles the authorities is where all the "dope" is coming from. The recent net, the big machine, the men be-

hind the scenes that control the situation; these are the things that still remain a mystery. Young girls are becoming addicts.

The jails are not the place for drug addicts, there should be institutions run by the government where the proper treatment can be given to these cases, declared Dr. Dunstan Gray at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Kiwanis Club in the Windsor Hotel. Dr. Gray stated that all nations have used and abused narcotics. In China the use of opium does not have the same effect on the colored races as on the white people. He went on to say that it is very hard at the present time to stop the drug traffic as narcotics are so very easily smuggled into the country and may be obtained in Germany and Switzerland for \$1.90 a pound, and sold in this country at enormous profits. In his opinion the only way to put a stop to this trade is to control the source of supply of the world for these drugs so that only a certain amount, which would be used for medical purposes, would be sold by the producers. In conclusion he made an appeal to the members of the club to help in getting the government to establish institutions for the treatment of drug victims who have been arrested.

WILL PAY FORTY CENTS ON THE DOLLAR.

The latest report in reference to the Home Bank is that depositors may be paid forty cents on the dollar if they wait long enough and the realization of slow assets come up to the modest expectations of the curator. The shareholders of the bank will have to pay every cent that can be collected of their double liability. The assets and liabilities show a deficit of \$3,000,000. Parliament is to discuss the situation, as it claimed that the Canadian National Railways had money deposited in the defunct institution.

THE LAW MUST TAKE ITS COURSE.

Women who keep disorderly houses cannot expect leniency just because they happen to have been jailed for selling liquor illegally. Recorder Geoffrion made it clear when he refused to reduce the sentence of \$100.00 and costs or three months in jail passed on a woman who kept a resort on Notre Dame Street west.

"I would point out that the prisoner has been in jail since September 10, and that she was fined and given a month in jail for selling and keeping liquor illegally," said the prisoner's counsel, who suggested that the three months referred to by the Recorder in his sentence might date from the day of arrest.

"Oh, no," replied the judge. "I cannot allow that. If they offend the law they must take the consequences."

MCGILL CRICKET TEAM ESTABLISHED A RECORD.

The curtain rang down for cricket on Saturday, Sept. 29th, at the McGill Campus, when the All-Montreal team met defeat at the hands of McGill. The All-Montreal team batted first and Thompson of Lachine and Taylor of Westmount faced the bowling of Mitchell and Ince of McGill. The second ball from Mitchell's over took Thompson's wicket, but after that the score mounted up to 105 before the next wicket fell. Bott bowled four out in two overs, and the score read 109 for 5 wickets. The score started to soar

again when a catch from Bott's bowling sent the sixth wicket down. Gill, a recruit from the second eleven, bowled the next man and All-Montreal had netted 167 for 7 wickets and declared their innings finished. McGill started their work with Godsell and Goodman. When the latter had made 22, he was caught out. Wanstall joined Godsell after young Gill who had added nearly 30 to the score, was run out. Wanstall got bowled by Clarke and the score was then about 135. Godsell got caught out after adding 69 to the score. Ince got going and drove four drives over the second campus for 4 runs each, then a two hit, and finally landed one out on Sherbrook Street for another 4, and the score mounted up to 133 for the loss of 4 wickets. All-Montreal used six bowlers and Clarke was the only one who took a wicket. McGill used five bowlers, Bott taking five wickets, Mitchell 1, and Gill 1. Taylor made the biggest score for All-Montreal, 52. Godsell for McGill 69.

McGill established a new record this year, by going through the season without a defeat besides winning four first-class honors: the Championship, the John Ross Robertson Cup, the District Cup, and the honor of beating the team of stars from the picked eleven of the Senior League. Clarke of Lachine holds the record for a single match, taking 7 wickets for 29 runs against McGill, and making 37 runs. Goodman of McGill made three centuries during the season.

Godsell made the best average at batting for McGill.

Clarke the best average for bowling. Frank of Lachine was the only other player during the League matches that made a century against McGill. Arthur Burgess "the little man" of the Verdun team, made a century against Ontario, and saved the day for Quebec. Arthur is considered the best bowler in the League. He was missing from the All-Montreal team on Saturday.

G. J. C. Potter was an interested spectator at the last match, owing to injuries received to his back while playing tennis in the morning. His trip to Cambridge has been delayed owing to some difficulties as regards his examination papers. The season of 1923 will go down in the annals of cricket as being the most successful on record.

JOY RIDERS MEET DEATH IN AUTOMOBILE.

Returning home after a picnic a party of thirteen in an auto truck came tearing down Guy Street owing to the chauffeur losing control of the machine. The truck struck an automobile, swerved across the street hitting a pole and ran on the sidewalk where all the occupants were dashed out. Two struck their heads against the curb stone and died a few moments after, while another of the party is dying in the hospital. Mayor McCarthy of Henryville, Iberville County, in camping with some friends was going to attend a banquet at St.

Alban's Vermont, when rushing a steep hill the car skidded, fell, an embankment and the Mayor instantly killed. His companion, capped. The hill where the car happened is situated between the Springs and Swanton, Vt., and considered a very dangerous one.
R. J. LOUIS CUDDER

Wilhelm, in Need of Cash, Sells First Wife's Jewels

Amsterdam.—Wilhelm Hohenzollern is raising money by the sale of the jewels belonging to his wife and by the sale of several certain Hohenzollern portraits. Pictures by French masters, certain Hohenzollern portraits, have been disposed of through a Dutch and a number of old Dutch and man paintings will be brought to the market shortly. Some of the late empress' pearls, including a beautiful pearl necklace, were sold through a Cologne Jew. Some time ago a number of Gobelins, tapestries and ancient pictures were sold privately to a bank and the proceeds used for purchase of Dutch funds.

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