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MISS CAMERON'S LECTURES

Miss Agnes Deane Cameron cannot claim to be a prophet without honor in her own country, for she has certainly produced a very excellent impression upon those people of her native city who were able to hear her very interesting lectures. Miss Cameron's recent career proves that in many things one "can never tell when it is loaded." How many people foresaw at the time of the lady's difficulty with the School Board that the situation was loaded with such possibilities as have arisen out of it. We are not now referring to the fame and, we hope, fortune that Miss Cameron has been able to achieve, but to her triumphs in the broader sphere of education into which she was precipitated. She is a teacher still, but a teacher whose schoolroom is a continent, whose pupils are numbered by hundreds of thousands. Her success is a conspicuous triumph of merit. She has brought to bear upon her special line of work an originality and force which are almost unique. Physically she is admirably equipped for the arduous tasks which she has set for herself, for she has been a student as well as a teacher. The Colonist extends to her its heartiest congratulations upon what she has so far accomplished and expresses the hope that her future career may be in keeping with what she has already achieved.

ARTESIAN WATER.

Borings in the rock in the vicinity of Victoria indicate that at no great distance below the surface there is an abundance of excellent water. Out on the highest point of the bare rocks, Plains, exclusively of the bare rocks, an artesian well has been sunk. At 193 feet a copious supply of beautifully clear, soft water was struck, and it rose in the pipe to within 16 feet of the surface. The point where the well was driven is 64 feet above sea level, and consequently the water comes from a depth of 29 feet below the level. Apparently if the pipe were tapped 20 feet below the surface there would be a flowing stream from the well. Another well is being driven at a lower elevation and it will be interesting to note the result. The claim is made that there are springs in the bottom of Elk Lake, and we know of at least one person, who says he can show where they are located. The general impression is that the springs, which lie along the side of the hill at Cordova Bay, are fed by the lake, but this has not been established. The quality of the water in these springs is very much better than that of the lake, but this may be due to filtrations through the hill. The springs may originate in subterranean water.

The received explanation of artesian wells is that they originate not in great subterranean bodies of water or in clefts in the rocks through which water runs, but in water-carrying rock, lying between two strata that are impervious to water. Suppose one should enclose a layer of sponge between two plates of rubber and bend them into a U shape. If water were poured into the sponge at the top of one arm of the U, it would pass along through the sponge until it reached the top of the other arm. Now if the upper rubber plate were pierced and a tube were inserted in the hole, the water would work its way up that tube. In the case of artesian water wells the water is carried by certain rocks in strata shaped somewhat in the same fashion. Perhaps the most remarkable well in the world is one near Paris which is two feet four inches in diameter and 1,223 feet deep. It discharges 5,532,000 gallons daily and throws it in a column 54 feet in the air. It might be possible to supplement Elk Lake by artesian water. At any rate it would not cost much to try.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPORTSMEN

In order to avoid repetition of the distressing occurrences which have marked previous shooting seasons, it may be well to mention a few things, which do not seem to be "generally known." 1. Deer do not as a rule wear clothes, and they almost invariably have four legs. 2. The resemblance between a grouse and a small boy is not great, and almost any one ought to be able to tell the difference. 3. It does not follow that because something moves in the bushes it is necessarily a bird or larger game. It may be a cow. Possibly it may be a man. 4. Guns seem to be most dangerous when not in use. There is an old saying that "A gun is dangerous without lock, stock or barrel, because a man once beat his wife to death with a ramrod." Just bear this in mind when you are taking down your gun from a rack, or cleaning it, or showing it to a friend, or showing off with it. 5. Do not take it for granted that you are the only person in the woods. 6. Remember that there are such things as highway roads over which the public have a right to pass. 7. Remember that a bullet will kill a person just as quickly when you don't mean it as when you do, provided it

strikes him. 8. Give the party of the other part the benefit of every doubt. When in doubt, don't shoot. 9. Being sorry for killing a man does not help the man any.

THE TARIFF

Signs multiply that we have heard the last of the tariff as an issue in Canadian politics. Both parties stand as nearly as possible upon the same ground, the only difference between them being as to the incidence of tariff taxation in certain specific instances. Doubtless we have yet many theoretical free traders in the country, but no one seriously proposes that such a policy shall be adopted under existing conditions. At the same time, as the Toronto News says in the subjoined paragraph, there is considerable low-tariff sentiment in many parts of the country, and this being the case, it seems no matter what party may be in power effect must be given to this. Under these circumstances it seems folly for certain Conservatives to lay any stress upon the customs schedule as a prospective issue. The News suggests that the Conservatives ought to take the tariff out of politics. We are inclined to think they did so to all intents and purposes in the general election of last year. The Liberals have abandoned wholly their old position on this question, and any possible issues that could be raised would be over technical points, that the average voter would fail to appreciate. Any way, once the principle upon which the tariff is to be framed is conceded, the rest is a matter for experts to decide. We quote what the News says, for it is always well to give readers an opportunity to know what others are saying. In this way only can they be kept advised of the trend of public sentiment. The News was started as an independent paper, but it has come to be recognized as voicing the views of the progressive Conservatives of Ontario. Our contemporary says:

"It is manifest that in Canada we can have only a moderate tariff. Generally the West is opposed to extreme protection, and there is still a certain low-tariff sentiment in the rural constituencies of Ontario and in the eastern provinces. These facts Conservatives understand, and they know that if their leaders should secure office at the next election there would be no general increase of duties. There probably would be a reduction of duties equal to any that will be made by representatives of the Liberal rule. While the Conservative party, like the Liberal party, believe in a measure of protection to be necessary for Canada, it does not propose, in case of success in the constituencies, to raise the duties above the figures at which they now stand. As the Liberal party has adopted the old Conservative policy, feet below the surface there would be a flowing stream from the well. Another well is being driven at a lower elevation and it will be interesting to note the result. The claim is made that there are springs in the bottom of Elk Lake, and we know of at least one person, who says he can show where they are located. The general impression is that the springs, which lie along the side of the hill at Cordova Bay, are fed by the lake, but this has not been established. The quality of the water in these springs is very much better than that of the lake, but this may be due to filtrations through the hill. The springs may originate in subterranean water."

"IN DECADENT" ENGLAND.

So many things are claimed nowadays for the United States, and the claims are thrust so prominently under the notice of Canadians, that we sometimes think erroneous ideas are engendered in the minds of Canadian readers about the progress of the Mother Country in things material. When Mr. Currier made his flight at Rheims and gained the James Gordon Bennett prize his feat was heralded—(no pun intended)—as the most wonderful achievement of the time; but it was not. Every now and then an experimental run is made on a railway in the United States, and the world is forthwith told that it ought to "go way back and sit down" in the matter of rapid transportation. Nevertheless, our friends in the "right little, tight little island" are not wholly outdistanced, but as a matter of fact, when it comes to speed on railways it is a case of Britain first and the rest nowhere; that is not for casual runs, when everything has been got ready for a special effort, but for regular business from day to day. The Westminster Gazette thus summarizes some of the recent regular performances:

The fastest run of the year was made on the Northeastern railway from Darlington to York, a distance of 44 miles, which is covered at the speed of 61.7 miles an hour. The Canadian does a similar short run, Portar to Perth, 32½ miles, at 60.9 miles an hour; but the best company for speed, taken all round is still the Great Western. Its fastest single effort is Leamington to Ealing Broadway, 100½ miles at 59.6 miles an hour. But its superiority is more fairly shown by the fact that if you take the mileage of its runs at 56 miles an hour, it amounts to 919 miles; while the London and Northwestern, which is second to it

here, can show but 1,635 miles, and the Midland, thanks, no doubt, to the hilly routes which render travel by it so often a delight to the traveller's eye—comes third only with 816. The Great Western also has the longest non-stop run, Paddington to Plymouth, which is 226½ miles, and is covered at a speed of 64.6 miles an hour. The London and Northwestern comes second here; on their express from London to Rhyll they have instituted a non-stop run of 209¼ miles, performed at a speed of 52.9 miles an hour.

A Toronto despatch says that there is to be a reorganization of the Conservative party in Ottawa with the view of uniting all the elements which support the Whitney government with those which oppose the Laurier ministry. It is claimed that this will strengthen the Conservative party in federal elections.

Now that the wonderful Neptune has been launched Dreadnoughts will give place to Neptunites, which will be a much worse disease, because the Neptune is vastly more formidable than the great ship which revolutionized the navies. Except that she is bigger, faster and more heavily armed than any other ship afloat, the public knows little of this latest triumph of marine architecture.

Mr. J. D. McArthur, the contractor for the part of the National Transcontinental railway that lies between Winnipeg and Superior Junction, said that all the track would be laid by the end of last week. This section of the line is 245 miles long, and Mr. McArthur claims that, considering the nature of the country, he has performed his work more expeditiously than similar work was ever previously done in the Dominion. As we have published what was said reflecting upon the contractor's course, it is only right to publish what he says on his own behalf.

The News-Advertiser is disposed to treat seriously the incident where the United States flag, flying over the office of the United States Consul here was treated with indignity. The report on "the street" is that the performance was the outcome of a quarrel between some Canadians and Americans who were all more or less the worse for liquor. It is hardly necessary to say that no one in his senses approved of what was done. Our contemporary thinks that the perpetrators of the deed ought to be apprehended and punished. The police have made inquiries, but as yet have learned nothing.

A London despatch of the 25th inst. says that the chief Liberal whip says he has made no arrangements for a general election, and that he does not expect one for the next two years. The despatch adds: "The newspapers, without exception, accept it as a fact that a general election is imminent. Today they devote their most prominent columns to the political situation. The prospects and prospects of the contest, speculations regarding the action of the House of Lords on the finance bill, the effect of such action on the position of the upper house and other matters naturally concomitant with an electoral fight." It is thought that the Budget will reach the Lords about October 20th.

A London despatch gives the following interesting speculation on the political situation in Britain: "Extremists of all parties hope the lords will summarily reject the bill, but the bulk of moderate opinion does not desire such drastic action. One course the upper house might take is to lay the bill on the table, and instead of returning it to the House of Commons, send the latter body a reasonable resolution declaring that the proposals concerning the Budget in the bill are so revolutionary in principle and intention that the peers will withhold their assent to it until the will of the country shall be ascertained. It is believed in some informed quarters that this course will be chosen in preference to other possible methods, insuring a verdict from the constituencies. It is inconceivable that the government would attempt to evade on some technical excuse the issue raised in such a manner. Premier Asquith's recently declared eagerness to accept the Lords' challenge was followed last night by a statement by Mr. Gladstone, Home Secretary, in a speech at Cinderford, to the effect that if the Lords refuse to pass the Budget the opposition's professed longing to grant the country's decision would be gratified. The government, he declared, would appeal immediately to the electorate, not only for the Budget in its entirety, but for free trade and also for a change in the constitution of the upper house."

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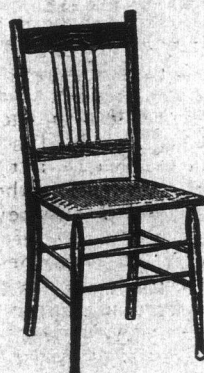


Let Us Show You These Chairs

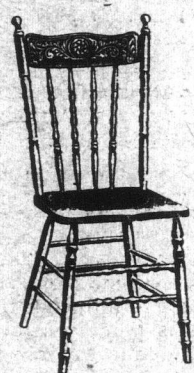
JUST A FEW PICKED FROM A VERY COMPLETE CHAIR SHOWING

CHAIRS are among the "hardest worked" pieces of furniture in the home. They come in for much ill-use. The chairs of the dining room should never be used for "balancing stunts" but they are in many homes—when "company" is absent. Not the thrilling feats of vaudeville artists, of course, but you know that big, heavy men sometimes balance their weight on two chair legs and you must have chairs that'll stand this and other ill-use.

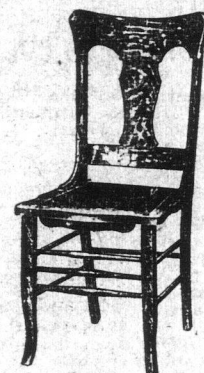
Other makes of chairs may resemble ours in appearance, but they differ in quality quite often—they haven't the little extra touch of workmanship and material that goes to make the reliable chair. Come in and see the wonderfully complete showing of chairs for dining room, bedroom or any room. Fourth floor. Here are four styles picked at random—



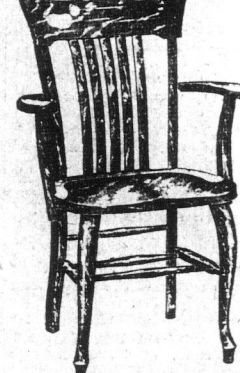
The CHAIR illustrated above is an attractive style, and specially desirable for bedroom use or as an "occasional" chair. Comes in mahogany finish, with cane seat. Well braced, as you can see. Priced at\$1.60



This DINING CHAIR is a popular one with those looking for a low priced chair style. It is finished in the golden finish. Seat is wood. It is a well-built chair that will stand considerable hard wear. Priced at each\$1



This CHAIR comes in golden Empire oak. A popular style, and one of which we have sold a great quantity. Seat is upholstered in Boston leather. Price\$3
Arm Chair to match.....\$4.50



This cut shows an ARM DINER in a very attractive style. Made of oak, finished golden, highly polished. Wood seat. This arm chair is priced at Price\$7
Same without arms\$5

DON'T FAIL TO SEE THESE DAINTY NEW CHINA PIECES

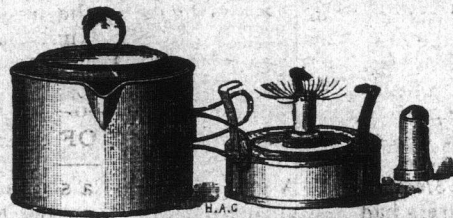
Some of the Most Attractive China Values We Have Shown

DON'T miss this showing of beautiful new china we have just opened. Fresh from the "Old Abbey" Limoges' potteries it comes and the mere mention of this name is sufficient to make many turn their steps this direction. For this china is famed for its beauty and quality and these fully bear out the reputation it has gained for itself.

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Other useful items such as Liquid Veneer, Lemon Oil, Secotine, etc., shown also.



Teapots From Each 25c



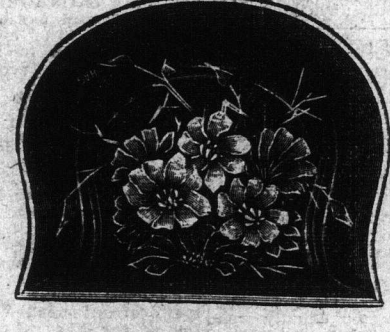
These Make the Best Tea

Most homekeepers will agree that the best tea is made in Rockingham teapots. Whether it is just "luck" or good management or good teapots—the fact remains that it tastes just a little better.

Our stock of these teapots is an exhibition of a great many different styles—a great, wide choice of decorations. From the plain brown to the highly "illuminated" there is a great choice of styles and sizes. And the little prices should appeal to you for we have them from 25c

These are shown on the first floor—close to the Gordon street entrance.

Crumb Trays and Brushes



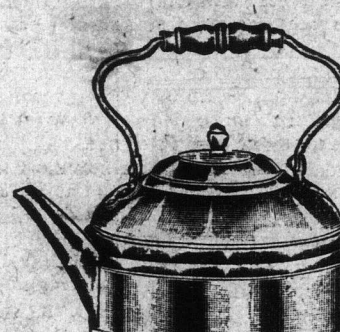
Choice of Styles From \$1

In crumb brushes and tray we have several interesting styles to offer you. Come in and see these—shown in the "kitchen goods" department. These articles are useful to have in the home and when they are priced so reasonably fair there isn't any good reason why you shouldn't own one.

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THE CHURCH AND

Are church services losing for the people, and it is, and what can be done to restore former position? The answer is not to be found by comparison at services with what years ago. Probably the who attend church services, term all religious services, regularity, is as great as it greater. But there has been in the population, and it is that the non-churchgoing than it used to be. This is the cities, and as the urban areas are more rapidly than means that on the whole the people, who do not go to church, say, half a century ago, published not long ago, the Roman Catholic congregation were more than held merically, but it was admissions upon the figures that creasing number of persons, parentage, who had dropped aggregations. The same was even to a greater extent, of that city. Outside of the tions there is an increasing called Protestants by courtesy attendance at any kind of might as well be called head of Victoria and vicinity the of about 40,000, perhaps more be claimed that the seating, places of worship within the ceeds 10,000, and even if were all filled twice daily, different people at each service that the great majority Victoria are at best very irregular church services. In this probably not specially different. The fact is that, while ample accommodation for a wish to go to religious service if every one should adopt habit at least once a Sunday churches in this city would be

A noted player was once equally noted clergyman were full and the churches empty. The answer was: fiction as though it were true speak the truth as though The churches are overweigh of their own responsibility, capped by a burden of trammelled by formality. plant human reason by the There are tens of thousands think of God and Jesus Christ to be emphatic in their they only think of the word to whom those names have use of these expletives is in scious. In one of his public Ingersoll, arguing for Ath knows that I," and so on, frequently hears church denominations conducted went thought of what is really as Col. Ingersoll gave to ordinary profane swearer significance of his language cases the services are only sances, conducted by men way for the supposed ben are paying only that more perfect wonder is not that more perfect services under such circumstances so many do. Today the cr much: "What shall I do t ever was. Most reverend, just ordinary reverend good make any mistake on that the salvation felt today is from the need felt by the was on earth or when preaching the Gospel. It take effect at some indefinite from undefined and undefi the gaoler put his famous o Silas he was not thinking earthquake that was shaking prison, and if Paul and Si their answer when they sa Lord Jesus Christ and thou thy house," they must hav and immediate salvation, such a salvation today. of the cities need it; the b of the masses of the peop tricts need it; all human ually, as it is, missing the powerful enough to make of health and happiness, n have asked for the bread the churches have given creeds and reiterated forms great majority of the peo church services what they seek a substitute somehow of salvation is shown the amusement instead. Cons tres are thronged and the If the religion of Jesus at all it is a real thing. in an imaginary salvation ilis. If the story of the G of the Apostles is true, Ch acquiement through faith By what were the sick hea the eyes of the blind open the dead raised? These d rected to men who say healed; the eyes of the bli the dead were not raised;