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## GET INTO THE CENSUS.

The Times desires again to call attention to the danger that the census now being taken may not do justice to St. John, and that the figures may put the city in an entirely wrong light in regard to its population. There are many families living out of town for a portion of the summer who are not being enumerated by the census takers in Kings county, and are not being listed in St. John. One citizen asserts that there is a large number of such families in Rothersey, and the like is doubtless true of all suburban points. Then there are single persons who work in St. John and board here most of the year, but go to suburban points for a time in summer. They have given up their rooms in boarding houses here, and are not enumerated. A member of one large city firm took pains to get blank forms to be filled out by employees who are in this class. He did it because he wanted St. John to make as good a showing as possible in the census returns. Every man and woman, every head of a family who is out of town for the summer, but should be classed as a citizen of St. John, should regard it as a duty to get a form and fill it out.

## TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT IT.

It is greatly to be regretted that the Globe has entirely mislead the people in regard to the harbor and harbor commission. Last night it said the citizens are assessed \$74,000 for interest and sinking fund on harbor bonds. This is exactly \$74,000 from the truth. The citizens are not assessed one cent on harbor bonds. The harbor revenue provides both interest and sinking fund and yields a surplus. The city accounts show it and any citizen can verify this statement at City Hall.

But suppose it were true that the city had to assess for the upkeep of the harbor. Then the harbor commission would have to raise the amount by increasing the charges on shipping, for it could not assess the people; and as the expenses of administration would be greater under commission, it would have to increase them more.

But the Globe's statement is wholly untrue, and if the city gives up the harbor it will not have that \$74,000 for "other purposes," as the harbor commission would receive and spend it.

commission under the act and trust to luck or the government at Ottawa. If that is good business it certainly does not correspond with what an alert business man would do with his own property.

There is also an insidious whisper to the effect that the wharves are in a very bad condition and that the city never could bear the expense of repairs. Who surveyed the wharves, and where is the report? Wharves in St. John do not decay rapidly. There is no danger that we shall awake some fine morning and find all of them in a state of collapse.

## CAPITAL VINDICATED.

We are likely to hear less about the abolition of capital now that the result of the Russian experiment is known. Lenin and Trotsky have been forced to acknowledge the failure of that experiment, and, in the words of Krassin, their agent in London, "to enter into trade agreements with capitalists all over the world." Russia must have capital. After all the destruction of life and property to enforce the decrees of the Bolshevik leaders, they have to confess that their theories are not practical. The country faces famine conditions. The principle of private ownership had to be restored, and now the aid of capital is sought.

Of course this does not imply that the abuses of capital are to be suffered. There are such abuses, and they are a fair target; but capital itself is as essential as labor, if great enterprises are to be carried forward and resources developed. Mr. Gary, chairman of the great American steel corporation, said a few days ago to the students of Syracuse University: "Accumulated capital provides the facilities for development, improvement, extension and application of natural resources. This could not be done by small contributions of money. Except for the accumulated capital invested in business enterprises and the working capital to maintain and extend them, millions of men and women who work for wages or salaries would be without a chance to earn a decent living. To the extent a nation is without capital, in a corresponding degree are its industries in a state of decay and its people impoverished and despondent."

This is an exact description of the conditions in Russia today. Not content with endeavoring to reform the abuses of capital, the Bolsheviks sought to destroy it utterly; and they now see how fatal was their error. Where the door of opportunity is open the people have the power by constitutional means to curb the arrogance of those who control large capital and would use it to oppress their neighbors, and that is the proper course to pursue. To picture a happy social state where no capital is available is to ignore the facts as Russia has revealed them. That country, after four terrible years, is now in search of foreign capital to do the work that might have been done by Russian accumulations of wealth, under the direction of the trained men who have instead been killed or driven out of the country or compelled to perform the most menial tasks without remuneration. The fanatics who destroyed the men capable of doing the nation's work, and denied the right of property, brought Russia to the verge of ruin; but they also erected a sign post that should be a warning to other nations where the breed of the Bolshevik is not unknown.

## A TRIBUTE TO ST. JOHN.

Those who have devoted so much of their time and work to the development of supervised playgrounds in St. John, and those, too, who have given of their means to assist in this praiseworthy endeavor, have the satisfaction today of nation-wide recognition of the success achieved. At the National Council of Women's convention in Calgary yesterday a committee on this subject reported St. John in the lead of the whole Dominion in advanced recreation. It is noted that public-spirited bodies have been backing the local playground workers in a practical manner. The work here has been carried on through the years under considerable difficulties, and not always with the general co-operation which it has deserved. Even today much more could be done, but the Calgary report will be accepted as a reward by those who have kept the movement alive and thriving for the benefit of the little ones, and it will be an incentive to continued effort.

Halifax Chronicle: General Smuts is undoubtedly the foremost among the Dominion premiers, and his declaration in favor of maintaining relations of friendship and true understanding with the United States is evidence of his leadership.

## THE CORNER STONE.

Sterile these stones  
By time in ruin laid,  
Yet many a creeping thing  
Its haven has made  
In these least crannies, where falls  
Dark's dew, and noon-tide shade.

The claw of the tender bird  
Finds lodgment here;  
Dye-winged butterflies poise;  
Emmet and beetle steer  
Their busy course; the bee  
Drones, laden, near.

Their myriad-mirrored eyes  
Great day reflect.  
By their exquisite farings  
Is this granite speckled?  
Is trodd'n to infinite dust;  
By gnawing lichens decked?

Toward what eventual dream  
Sleeps its cold on;  
When unto ultimate dark  
These lives are gone  
And even of man not a shadow remain  
Of all he has done?  
—Walter De La Mare in The New De-public.

## LIGHTER VEIN.

Sometimes Happens.  
"I thought Alice figured on marrying Jack."  
"So she did, but she was outfigured by another girl with more money." — Boston Transcript.

What He Preferred.  
"And did you say you preferred charges against this man?" asked the judge, looking over his gold-rimmed spectacles.  
"No, your honor," was the quick reply of the man to whom money was owed. "I prefer the cash." —Yonkers Statesman.

Our Language.  
"Don't you think Braggins puts on too much show?"  
"Yes, and a good deal of front; but I don't think it has any real backing." — New York Register.

Those Harried Britons.  
A juvenile club advertises, "You furnish the job, we furnish the boy." A correspondent states that he saw in an English saloon an amusing variant of the above, as follows: "You furnish the boy, we furnish the joy." — Boston Transcript.

Encouragement.  
"If I should attempt to kiss you what would you do?"  
"I never meet an emergency until it arises."  
"But if it should arise?"  
"I'll meet it face to face." — Boston Transcript.

## NOWHERE BETTER THAN IN N. B.

## A. P. Paterson Speaks of Conditions After Attending Wholesale Grocers' Convention.

A. P. Paterson returned yesterday from Quebec where he attended the Dominion convention of the Wholesale Grocers' Association, of which he was elected one of the vice-presidents. Mr. Paterson is enthusiastic over the benefits that he feels sure will accrue to the wholesale grocers of Canada as a result of the convention, which he said was the most successful ever held, but he returns to St. John, after having discussed conditions with men from all over Canada, firmly convinced that nowhere are financial conditions more secure or business enterprises more stable than in the province of New Brunswick.

## ACCIDENTS ON OUR RAILWAYS

Report of Railway Commission on This and the Forest Fires.

Ottawa, June 17.—A railway commission blue book just issued covering the nine months ended December 31, 1919, shows that accident for the period reported to the board by lines under their jurisdiction numbered 1,347 and accounted for 228 deaths. In 1911 accidents on these lines accounted for 494 deaths, and in 1919 to 646 deaths. In 1914 the deaths numbered 594, and the greatest death rate since then was 388 in 1917.

## NOW FACES A MURDER CHARGE IN MAINE COURT

Greenville, Me., June 17.—Ernest Pollock was held here without bail yesterday on the charge of murder in the first degree. It is alleged that last Saturday night he beat Holsey M. Moore, a Y. M. C. A. clerk, over the head with the butt of a flashlight, inflicting injuries that resulted in Moore's death two days later, as he was testifying at Pollock's trial on a charge of assault.

## CLOSING DAY AT NETHERWOOD.

## Rothersey Exercises Much Enjoyed.

Pleasant Programme in the School and Outdoors—Chancellor Jones Presents the Certificates and Prizes—The List.

The closing exercises of Netherwood school were held today at Rothersey, and the certificates and prizes were presented by Chancellor C. C. Jones of the U. N. B. of Fredericton. The valedictory was read by Miss Joan Burwash. The musical programme consisted of piano solos by Miss P. Richardson and Miss Burwash; a violin solo by Miss M. Lunan, a song by Miss Leila Bouillon, two selections by the Glee Club of the school under the direction of Mr. Ford, and two songs by the school. The outdoor programme was under the direction of Miss Catherine McAvity and consisted of a wand drill, sprites' dance and children's dance. There was an exhibition of paintings by Miss Holt's class and of the handwork of the junior school as well as historical drawings. Refreshments were served under the direction of the Old Girls. After the closing exercises a large number of the Old Girls, met at the home of Mrs. F. R. Taylor. The closing exercises were much enjoyed by those present.

## Prize List.

General Proficiency Prizes.  
IV. Collegiate—Virginia Cameron.  
III. Collegiate—Alice Tilley.  
II. Collegiate—Ruth Fleming.  
I. Collegiate—Daphne Patterson.  
II. Collegiate—Helen McKean.  
Preparatory, A.—Helen Bell.  
Preparatory, B.—Barbara Fairweather.  
English, 1st class in McGill matriculation—Leila Bouillon.  
Chemistry, 1st class in McGill matriculation—Margaret McLaren and Olive McKean.  
Prize for French conversation, presented by Mrs. Flood—Catherine Lambord, Sylvia Frink, Ellen Henderson, Dorothy Bell.  
Prize for Latin, presented by Mrs. Fowler—Marion Irving.  
Prize for English, presented by Miss I. McArthur—Joan Burwash.  
Prize for best poem in senior school, presented by Mrs. McAvity Stewart, won by Millie Hibbard; junior school, won by Helen Cancell.  
Prize for reading, presented by Dr. Walker.  
Scripture prize, won by Grace McDougall.  
Prize for highest average in school year—Won by Alice Tilley.  
Calisthenic prize, presented by Miss Catherine McAvity—Won by Margaret Tilley and Margaret Bligh.  
Tennis cups—Won by Margaret Tilley and Olive McKean.  
Prize for historical drawings—Won by Helen Cancell and Margaret Peters.  
Music prize, presented by Miss Davidson—Won by Helen McKean.  
Basketball prize for winning team, presented by Mrs. Fred Taylor.  
Sewing prizes, presented by the Old Girls—Won by Ruth Robinson and Peggy Jones.  
Certificates were awarded to:  
Form III, Collegiate—Alice Tilley, Rachel Powell, Louise Wynn, Phyllis Richardson, Ruth Robinson, Kathleen McKean, Ellen Henderson.  
Form II, Collegiate—Marion Lunan, Allison McKean, Catherine Lambord, Ruth Fleming, Helen Allison, Katherine Peters, Margaret Day, Elizabeth Thompson, Kathleen Blanton.  
Form I, Collegiate—Jean Williams, Margaret Tilley, Edith Richardson, Daphne Patterson, Grace McDougall, Marjorie Harding, Doris Armstrong, Muriel Tanley, Helen Cancell, Marguerite Bligh, Margaret Peters, Helen McKean, Sylvia Frink.  
Fourth and Third, Preparatory—Rachel Armstrong, Dorothy Bell, Helen Bell, Margaret Jones, Helen Fraser, Sheila McDonald, Audrey Allison, Barbara Fairweather, Odette Roach, Janet McDonald, Muriel Hibbard, Patricia Fowler, Muriel Henderson.  
Leaving certificates were awarded to: Virginia Cameron, Leila Bouillon, Joan Burwash, Catherine Henderson, Catherine Jones, Marion Irving, Margaret McLaren, Olive McKean.

## FAVOR CANADA IN 'CATTLE MATTER'

London, June 17.—(Canadian Associated Press.)—More Scottish witnesses appeared yesterday before the cattle association commission. One said that the Glasgow corporation had consistently for twenty years advocated the admission of Canadian steer cattle, which, he said, were free from disease than the home supply. In his opinion all the evidence pointed to the fact that Canadian imports would lower the price of meat. One witness reminded the commission that the minister of agriculture lost his election at Dudley on the embargo question.

The president of the London Retail Meat Traders urged the necessity of providing the country with a more abundant supply of home killed meat such as would come from Canada.

## N. S. METHODISTS

## Rev. C. E. Crowell Elected President of Conference.

Halifax, N. S., June 17.—Rev. C. E. Crowell of Sydney was elected president of the N. S. Conference at Berwick yesterday. Rev. F. E. Barrett of Liverpool was elected secretary. Other features of the session were the first of a series of lectures on early church history by Dr. J. A. Faulkner of the Drew an address on church financing by Rev. S. W. Dean, head of the finance department of the church in Canada, and the annual memorial service for the members of the clergy who have died during the year.

## NO CHANGE IN HOURS FOR THE CIVIL SERVANTS

Ottawa, June 17.—(Canadian Press)—No changes in office closing hours for civil servants have been made, and none

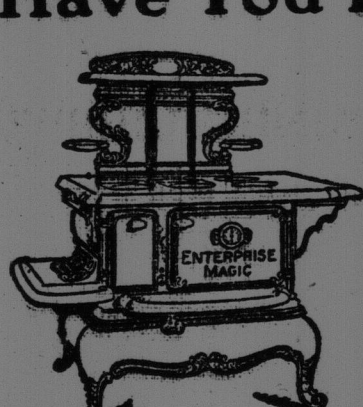
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