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CANADA'S PROGRESS

Of Canada's exceptional position among the nations the Montreal Witness says:—

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PLAYGROUNDS

It may be hoped that the work of surveying and laying out a great public recreation ground at the entrance to Rockwood Park, on land presented to the Park Association by Mr. Joseph Allison for that special purpose, will as Mayor Bullock intimated yesterday, be carried out.

The Times has advocated such a course for several years. The editor of this paper went over the ground with an engineer, who declared that there was no serious difficulty in draining the property and converting it into a playground. Miss Mabel Peters, at the time the agitation was started to have supervised playgrounds established, paid visits to city officials and sought to interest them in the larger scheme. They were sympathetic—but busy; and nothing has been done. In her report to the Woman's Council on Sept. 8th Miss Peters referred to this scheme and the fact that Mr. G. S. Fisher had lately expressed his sympathy, and the city engineer had promised to survey the land and report upon it.

"The land," Miss Peters said, "will make a glorious model playground for hundreds of children, youths and adults. Here can be base ball diamonds, croquet lawns, tennis courts, etc.; while the overflow from Lily Lake can furnish wading pools, shower baths and canoeing creeks, and water power for gymnasium purposes."

This in bare outline suggests what may be done, and what within the next few years should be done for the benefit of the youth of St. John.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

The Toronto World never fails to present to its readers illustrations which come under its notice of the success of public ownership. Here is one from last Friday's issue:—

"New towns occasionally make their appearance even in the old country, and it may be of interest to note what one of these has done with its public services. Nelson, a town in Lancashire, England, was incorporated in 1890 and has grown very rapidly, having now an estimated population of about 38,000. It owns its water and gas works and supplies both to outside districts with a large population. It also owns and operates its electric lighting works and street railways, and also light railways connecting the municipality with the towns of Burnley, Colne and Barrowford. Nelson also maintains two large covered markets, a library, cemetery and a Meldrum refuse destructor. All this, no doubt, sounds very dreadful to the opponents of public ownership, but if they will just think of the town of Nelson as a company, of its citizens as shareholders, and of its council as directors with a president commonly called mayor, they may perhaps regard all these varied lines of activity as a remarkable exhibition of private enterprise.

"Now, to come to the practical question—What has the town done with its public services, extending as these do in a modern British practice far beyond the boundaries of the municipality. From the accounts for year year 1907-8, referred to in a recent number of The Municipal Journal, it appears that the gas, water, electricity, street railway and light railway undertakings produced for the year under notice a trade profit of close on $140,000. As the capital outlay on them is under $2,500,000, the rate of profit on the investment comes out at 5.71 per cent. Nelson, however, only pays 3 1-2 per cent. on the amount which it has been found necessary to borrow. If the trade profits were capitalized on a 3 1-2 per cent. basis it would suffice to pay off not only the total loan debt, but the whole of the outstanding liabilties of the municipality. These profits, too, are reached after making full provision for depreciation. The result is a sufficient justification of the policy purseud by the town of Nelson, which leaves it a free hand to improve and extend its public services unhampered by the attitude of antipathetic franchise holders."

TRIUMPH AND SACRIFICE

Undaunted by the accident to his brother's aeroplane which resulted in serious injury to that brother and the death of his companion, Mr. Wilbur Wright yesterday ascended once more with his machine at Le Mans, France, and for over an hour and a half kept it moving in an elliptical course round and round over the field, covering nearly 61 miles in one hour, thirty-nine minutes and fifty-one seconds. He at first kept close to the ground, but rose later to a height of sixty feet and increased the speed. It is stated that he guided the aeroplane so easily that it went with the regularity of clock-work and the steadiness of a railroad train. It was necessary, however, to wait for a high wind to subside before he ventured to leave the ground. The machine that will defy the weather has yet to be constructed, but wonderful progress has been made during the present year in aerial navigation. It has been attended by accident, and even the loss of life, but the pioneers in the field of discovery and invention are not deterred. Of the sacrifice that is inevitably associated with the experiments, the New York American well says

"All honor to the genius and the bravery striving to solve the problems of aerial navigation. Only by experiment and effort and sacrifice to danger can they be solved. Not only is the welfare of civilization involved, but there is a race between the genius of the great nations. Unfortunately, a splendid young officer of our army lost his life, and one of the gallant Wright brothers was severely hurt in the accident to the aeroplane at Fort Myer. Sorrowful and unhappy as this accident was, nevertheless, the sad death and the terrible injuries were in the interest of civilization and in behalf of American prestige. No soldier falling on the field of battle was serving his country more sincerely than Lieutenant Selfridge, the young soldier of the famous fighting family, who was crushed under the wrecked machine. All honor to his memory! And in sympathizing with Orville Wright in his affliction and pain, his countrymen will thank him for his efforts to gain victory over one of the most interesting problems in the world. Opinions vary about the utility of flying machines. However, one point cannot be disputed. It is that all great achievements have come through trial and privation. The men who are risking their lives in the operation of air craft are performing a work for posterity. However defective the present machines may be, there can be no perfected air navigation in the future without their dangerous experiments. It has been the history of all great inventions of large influence on civilization that many strove, perhaps vainly—in a practical sense—until some one succeeded in seizing the right principle. Then development followed."

Making a plea for a better system for the reformation of youthful criminals the Toronto News says: "A seventeen-year-old lad has been sentenced to two years more in prison for jail-breaking. The necessity of punishing the boy led the magistrate to regret the lack of some institution where youthful offenders could be taught a useful trade free from the contaminating association of hardened criminals. We are yet far from having arrived at a sane or humane method of handling young people guilty of first offences against the laws. There is a field here for effective philanthropic effort on the part of public-spirited citizens. It is certain that were they properly taken in hand many lads could be rescued from their first excursions into a life of crime, and transformed into useful members of society. The accomplishment of such a reform would be really worth while."

P. E. I. MAN DEAD IN BOSTON

Boston, Sept. 22.—J. Frank Brown was found dead in his room Saturday forenoon by the landlady of a lodging house on Milford street, South End. Medical Examiner McDonald held an autopsy and found that death was due to Bright's disease. The deceased came from Summerside, P. E. I., about twenty-five years ago and was employed as tinsmith by a firm in Charlestown. He was 50 years of age. As he has no relatives in Boston, funeral arrangements are being made by the officers of American Lodge I. O. O. F.

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Last night there was a glimmer on the height,
A mighty glow-worm in the mountain's hair.
It cast a sheen—a ghostly, tree-barred light,
Which quickened to a red and restless flare.
A sullen awe hung heavy on the night—
Save for a wavelike rushing from afar.
A misty clouding of the evening star—
And from his haunt of silence crept the bear.

At dawn to-day a shower fell from heaven,
The mighty glow-worm writhed and hissed and fumed.
The sun grew red with smoke, and Hell, new-riven,
Breathed of disasters buried and exhumed.
The cattle stood, amassed in fear, undriven,
The birds sat silent 'mong the forest spires,
All silent fell the mighty forest lyres.
And phantoms in the birches whispered "Doomed!"

To-night the pall has lifted, and the dark
Fades, wildly routed, to the western skies,
And all the east's ablaze, as never lark
Beheld in any dawn. The groans and cries
Of forest giants, battling, stripped and stark,
Against the writhing, red-eyed fiends of flame,
Torture the night with horror, pain and shame,
As on the yellow-hairy Demon flies

To-night—the face of man is blanched with dread.
To-night!—the soul of man is black despair.
He waits, he hopes, then slowly turns his head,
And mingles with the beasts that from their lair
Have leaped in terror and to safety sped.
As in millennium, in mad affright,
Forgetting kind, they rush on through the night,
While Hell's own banners wave upon the air.

—Stephen Chalmers.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

THE EARL'S PROPOSITION.

The Heiress—"Oh, pap! The Earl has proposed!"

Papa Bigwadd—"H'm! What's his proposition?"—Puck.

THE CERTAIN SIGN.

"Do you think Putter will marry again?"

"Inside of a year. I have never seen a man so inconsolable over the loss of a wife."—Life.

TALKING.

"It takes a baby mos' two years to learn to talk," said Uncle Eben, "an' den it takes de res' of its lifetime to learn to keep f'um talkin' too much."—Washington Star.

JOY FOR BOTH.

"Dear," said Henry Peck, "I wish you would have 'Happy at Last' carved on my tombstone."

"All right, dear, and while I am about it, I guess I'll order me some visiting cards with it on also."—Houston Post.

THEIR GAME.

(Everybody's Magazine.)

A lady the other day hastened to the nursery and said to her little daughter:

"Minnie, what do you mean by shouting and screaming? Play quietly, like Tommy. See, he doesn't make a sound."

"Of course he doesn't," said the little girl. "That is our game. He is papa coming home late, and I am you."

VALUABLE PIES.

(Yonkers Statesman.)

"You mean to say you ask 20 cents for one of your mince pies?"

"I do."

"But you can buy a mince pie anywhere for 10 cents."

"Not like these."

"I don't see why these should be worth any more than any others."

"Well, I do. Why, a fellow found a gold collar button in one of these pies, yesterday!"

BASEBALL ITEM.

The manager of a touring baseball team records this incident of a Southern trip: "We hit Palm Beach one spring to play a couple of exhibition games and the hotel was packed. It was so crowded that they doubled us all up in one room and before night the management had to fix bunks in the church connected with the hotel and send a lot of men to slep there. Along about 5 o'clock the next morning the church bell began to ring furiously, and finally the clerk chased one of the bellboys over to see what the matter was.

"'What's the trouble?' asked the clerk, when the coon came back.

"'Gennulman in pew 17 says he wants a cocktail, suh.'"

NORTHERN CANADA

An interesting contribution to the history of travel in Northern Canada is made in an illuminated booklet issuing from the press of the Cambridge Corporation of Montreal. It is titled "Glimpses of Northern Canada, the Land of Hidden Treasure," and is the work of W. Tees Curran and Dr. H. P. Adams. It is in the form of a recital of the doings of a party of Canadians last summer, their journey by canoe by way of the old Missinaibi route, north of Lake Superior to Moose factory, a distance of 350 miles, a yacht voyage up the east coast of Hudson Bay some 500 miles and finally by way of Hudson Straits to St. Johns, Newfoundland. Such an expedition must naturally have offered unusual opportunities for observation in a country which even yet is comparatively little known, and that these opportunities were appreciated is apparent.

The booklet gives graphic descriptions of the places through which the "Treasure Seekers" passed. It sets out in detail the possibilities of the development of the mineral, timber, agricultural and other resources of the North country and of the employment of the Hudson Bay route for transportation purposes. The Treasure Seekers speak with a warm confidence of the great natural possibilities of those portions of Northern Ontario and Northern Quebec which they traversed in their six thousand miles' jaunt. They testify to an immense wealth of soil, minerals, timber and fisheries in those regions and express the conviction that the Hudson Bay route is to be a Canadian highway to Europe. There is a great deal of interesting and valuable matter in the booklet, which is handsomely illustrated and well printed.

One of the most valuable features is the map, which is presented with the book, showing all the various mineral deposits throughout the Dominion of Canada.

TALE OF AN ENGLISHMAN

(Victoria Colonist.)

We have spoken of the Englishman who cannot get along. Now for the other side of the picture. Here is the case of a man who called upon The Colonist and said he had arrived in the city the day before and had a wife, four children and $4.50. Naturally he wanted work. When asked what kind of work he had been accustomed to do, he named an office employment, but added that he was strong enough to do anything, and willing to do it. He was told to go out and stop the first man he met on the street, tell him the same thing and ask for employment, and if he did not succeed in getting it to come back and report his failure, in which events he was promised two days' work. He did not come back for two months, and then to say that he was getting along very well, having done just what he was advised to do. Men who come to Canada with that kind of spirit have rarely any cause for complaint, but the man who runs away with the notion that because he comes from England he has some sort of title to have his ways and prejudices considered, and refuses to adapt himself to conditions as he finds them, is very likely to have a hard time.

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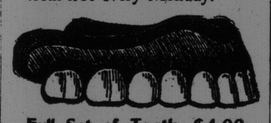

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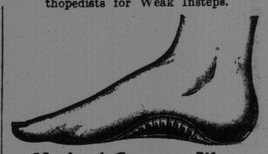

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