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THE SPORT OF BOOK-COLLECTING.

The Napoleon of the book action room has just passed away in the person of George D. Smith. Only a few weeks ago nearly every paper in the country told of his purchase for an American collector of a rare volume of Shakespeare—unique in being the only copy known—for which he had paid $50,000 in an English auction room. Book buyers gasped when the Mazarin Bible in the Hoe library sale went for forty odd thousand a few years ago, and it was freely predicted then that never again would such a price be realized. But ther are more book collectors today than there were when the Hoe library went under the hammer, and the collectors are ready to pay larger sums than ever before to secure the treasures of the printing presses.

It is an amazing business, this buying and selling of rare books. Both in England and America it has been developed to a remarkable degree, and sales running into the hundreds of thousands of dollars take place all through the season, both in London and New York. On a side street in New York, up a dozen stories, may be, a group of people gather in a comfortably furnished room, and there, catalogue in hand, bid down the rarities of the book world just as in the lower sphere men and womes buy in stoves, bureaus, dishes and kitchen utensils at the disposal of somebody's household effects. Items are called from a printed catalogue and the sales go forward with a speed that is bewildering to the novice. It is not even necessary to attend the sale, for bids come in by mail from every part of the country, and go into competition part of the of the buyers actually present.

Tastes in book-buying change from year to year, but there are what are known as standards in the business. Elizabethan literature, Shakespeariana and the drama of that period, is always in demand. First editions of the poets bring ever higher prices, out perhaps no class of rare book shows greater advance in value from year to year than those known as Americana, the books and pamphlets dealing with early history and travel on this continent. Usually printed in limited editions to begin with, time has lessened the number of copies year by year, and anything that relates to America printed before 1800 will usually command a high price, while many items printed after that date are also in demand. It might be thought that rare books of this kind would reappear again and again in the auction rooms, but this is not the case. Each year sees a large number of these rare books absorbed into public and university libraries, from which they never depart. Once a book is bought by other than a private collector its end has come as far as the auction room is concerned.

There are Canadian books, or, rather, books relating to Canada, that command high figures among collectors. Among the most desirable of this character are the famous Jesuit Relations, the little missionary reports that were sent home to France by the black-robed missionaries on the shore of Georgian Bay. These little volumes were designed to stimulate the interest of the generous-hearted in France, and also to stir young men to work in the mission field, and they present a remarkable picture of the life among the aboriginal tribes of this part of the country. No library in the world, aside, perhaps, from the central Jesuit Archives, has a complete set of these little reports. The Jesuit Archives at Montreal have a partial set, there are quite a number in the Library of Parliament, still more in Laval University Library, and the New York Public Library lacks but three or four. There are some issues that appear almost every year in the market, but of others there is no recorded sale for a generation past.

Book-collecting in such fields as rare Americana is possible only to those who combine a long purse with a real love for the pursuit of such treasures. In other fields, however, there are unnumbered collectors who extract the same pleasure out of picking up items that are more easily secured, and this city possesses some private collections in limited fields that have given satisfaction to their owners in the collecting, and that may give yet wider benefit if eventually made available for general use.

MAKE THE LAZY WORK.

British Columbia is the latest province to join the movement to provide mothers' pensions, a bill having been introduced before the Legislature there providing a fund out of which married women and widows whose maintenance is not secured shall receive as of right a monthly allowance varying with the number of children. With Alberta and Manitoba already covered by similar laws, and Ontario adopting the plan, there is a large section of the Dominion now under social legislation. In an address before a gathering of social workers at Toronto last week Dr. W. A. Riddell of the Ontario Bureau of Labor made the statement that there are 16,000 widows and 9,000 children in Ontario who are in genuine need of state aid. It is not unlikely that the estimate is a conservative one, since there are so many cases where the need is concealed by the mother who suffers privation that no one knows of.

Dr. Riddell is of the opinion that there should be more rigorous laws to compel men to support their families. Anyone who follows the police courts of this or any other city knows that the number of cases of non-support that come to court are few compared with those that are suffered in silence. Our courts might well have greater power in this respect, the right to impose heavier punishment, if necessary, upon the offender, the right in all cases to set a minimum to be paid weekly towards the support of the family. In these days no man who ies not incapacitated can plead the lack of employment as a reason for neglecting his family. We had a law during the war that required every man to be at work. It is a pity in some ways that we cannot carry it over into peace days. There are idlers in this city, as in every city, some of them men who have families and who allow their wives to go out to day-work in order to support the home. The soviet government of Russia can teach us one lesson in its law that he who shall not work shall not eat. There is good precedent and authority for that injunction.

Sometimes the criticism is heard that our governments are becoming too paternal, given too much to regulating the life and conduct of the members of society. There is a danger in that direction if the principle is not observed that those who are chiefly to be regulated are the people whose line of conduct is a menace to society. The paternalism that imposed a law during war-time requiring every man to be employed was not directed at the mass of society, but at a few shirkers too lazy to do an honest day's work. We have a large number of such laws on our statute books, but in general they trouble the great bulk of society not at all. For those who are derelicts, the lazy, the criminal, we must always have adequate machinery for our own protection.

A Florida paper features the news that "eight insane persons are at large." Pshaw! A real sensation would be in announcing that eight sane persons were at large.

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Dr. Clarke, Dean of dedicine, says our education system "is theoretically perfect, but practically a dismal failure." A writer in a Toronto paper says: "Everybody knows that the present system of education in this province does not make for true and sound scholarship. There is no originality or initiative. True scholarship should add to the sum of personality, a gift from on high that makes for character in terms of eternity. But we are not building up character in our srhools, but, raher, a wobbly, flabby superficiality that crowds out serious scholarships and sound thinking.

THE CRANIAL THESAURUS

The judge asked the witness, "Where were you hurt?"

And the witness replied in this language so pert:

"I was drummed on the dome," and "rammed on the bean,"
"I was tapped on the conk," and "slammed on my scene,"
"I was biffed on the bealer," and "wiffed on the skull,"
"I was bumped on the coco," and "ripped on my hull."

"I was cracked on the cranium," and "nailed on the nut,"
"I was slugged on the belfry," and "bowled on my hut,"
"I was lammed on my peak," and "knocked on the knob,"
"I was dinged on the brain box" and "pealed on the cob,"

The judge roared at the witness, "What's wrong with your head?"
"I was hit on the head, your Honor," he said.

—Theodore Sharpe.

M.P.P.'s Sheep Sold at $9.00 and Retailed at $375 !

J. D. Baskerville Knows That Cost of Living is High.

Winnipeg, Feb. 27.—Why is the H. C. of L. so H.?

J. D. Baskerville, M.P.P. for Emerson, Man., rises to tell the world that he doesn't know why it is so H., but he'll testify in any court on earth that it is H.

Mr. Baskerville walked into a Winnipeg restaurant and, after scanning the menu and chuckling a chuckle of appreciation of the wag who had printed across the bottom: "no order served for less than ten cents," decided he'd have some mutton chops.

In due course two and a small fraction ounces of meat were deposited in front of him. The waiter assured him it was mutton and confirmed the price on the menu, 45 cents.

Mr. Baskerville took out a pencil and began to figure on the cloth. Only last week he had sold a sheep that weighed about 57 pounds dressed. He sold it on the hoof for $9 and the hide alone was worth around $2. At the price he paid for the so-called chops in the restaurant that very same sheep, which wholesaled at $9, was retailing in that cafe at about $375.

NAPANEE

Mr. Roy Perry, of Camden East, left on Wednesday for Winnipeg, where he will spend a couple of months with his brother, Mr. John Perry.

Mrs. Robt. J. Robson and Mrs. H. D. Babcock and son, Harold Ross, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. William Thurston, Sillsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McLennan and son Ralph, of Lindsay, spent Easter week with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kent.

Miss Evelyn Parks returned to her home in Toronto on Monday, after spending the Easter holidays with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Parks.

Mrs. J. E. Madden returned on Sunday from spending Easter week with Mrs. R. D. Martin, Montreal.

Miss Eileen Penney, Hinch, returned home on Tuesday after spending a few days the guest of Miss Pearl Hagerman, Bath.

Mr. Claremont Carroll, of Belleville, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Herrington for the week end.

Mrs. W. J. Campbell, who has been spending a month in Belleville and Napanee, returned this week to Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Loyst and Miss Helen and Miss Mary VanSlyck attended the wedding of their niece, Miss Florence Doller, anf Mr. Wilfred Bennett, at Kingston, on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Beatrice Kouber McMullen, with Mrs. A. B. Coates and little daughter Betty, left Florida via New York, where they stayed a week, before leaving for their home in Virginia, Minn.

Miss Diana Miller, Miss Hazel Leonard, and Messrs. Isaac Brisco and Percy Laidley attended the spinsters' dance in Belleville on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. D. Lasher and Mrs. H. McCracken and little son Francis, of Roblin, went to Kingston on Thursday where the little boy underwent an operation for the removal of his tonsils and adenoids.

Many friends of Mrs. W. H. Wilkison were pleased to receive Easter remembrances, in the form of handsome hand-painted cards. Mrs. Wilkison, who during the war worked so faithfully at Red Cross work in Switzerland, is now making her home in Bordeghera, Italy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Howie and daughters Aileene and Eleanor, attended a birthday party on Saturday evening last at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Antnony Hagerman, near Bath, it being the occasion of Mr. Hagerman's birthday. The evening was spent in games and music, after which hot maple sugar and other refreshments were served in abundance and to the satisfaction of all present.

Mrs. J. N. Lloyd has left for the coast. On her way she will make a short visit at Chicago with her two daughters, Mrs. G. McAlynn and Mrs. T. Spence, and from there will go to Vancouver where she will join her daughter, Mrs. W. S. Boyd, and her son, Mr. Raymond Lloyd.

Mr. Springstead who has been assistant to the Representative of the Lennox Agricultural Office for the past year, left yesterday to take charge of the work in Grey county. Mr. Springstead will be missed, as he made many friends both in town and county during his short stay.—Beaver and Express.

Hydro-Electric Grows in Central Ontario

Important Developments in Course or Planned for Several Districts

Cobourg April 18 —The Central Ontario System of the Hydro-electric Power Commission is entering into an important work in electrical development for this district by planning to develop the Raney Falls at Campbellford, where 9,000 horsepower is ready to be harnessed and transmitted to supply needed power, light and fuel to the district.

A new power line from Healey Falls to Peterboro' is being completed, which will connect the Northumberland county part of the system with Fenelon Falls and the two powers on the Otonabee River. It is eventually expected also, it is stated, to build a line from Lindsay to Oshawa, thus completing the power circle in this district. A great advantage from this to lake-front towns such as Trenton, Brighton and Cobourg, will be that in the event of a break or accident on the lake front power line, light and energy can be obtained from the connecting line to the west.

The Central Ontario System now extends from Kingston to Whitby along the front, and back to Madoc and Tweed. The past year it has been extended south to Picton in Prince Edward county.

In the northern part of the district, where the system is being materially extended by the erection of the new power line from Healey Falls to Peterboro'. Norwood has entered into a contract with the Commission for the supply of 200 horse-power. A resolution has been passed by the village council instructing the Commission to proceed with the purchase of the distribution system from the present owners on behalf of the municipality, and to reconstruct the same.

At Havelock similar action has been taken, where 200 horsepower is contracted for. Bylaws have been carried at Lakefield, and contracts completed for a similar supply of power. At Marmora a pole type substation will be installed in the village on the Campbellford-Deloro transmission line. Thus, it will be seen that sufficient electrical development will be carried on in the coming season to materially stimulate commercial activity.

From the pole yards of the system, recently located at Cobourg, the poles, each 75 feet long, were shipped a few days ago to Bala Falls and the price was just $75 each.

Christ Church Had a Prosperous Year

Congregation Raised Over $7000 for Local Purposes—New Rectory Now Purposed.

Th adjourned annual vestry meeting of Christ Church was held last evening in the Parish Hall. The rector, the Rev. Rural Dean Swayne, presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

After reading and confirming the minutes of the previous meeting, the reports of the various church organizations were presented. The reports showed that much had been accomplished during the year and that a lively interest in the welfare of the church was being taken by all the members. The attendance at the meetings had been large and they closed the year with a substantial balance. The missionary secretary reported that although the apportionment for missions had been increased the amount had been paid in full. The church warden's report was most satisfactory and showed that the church was in a good financial condition. The new altar and reredos had been erected during the year, the remaining debt on the Parish Hall had been wiped out and the congregation had exceeded the assessment in the forward movement by over 50 per cent. The total amount raised by the congregation for local purposes exceeded $7000.

A vote of thanks was moved to the rector, choir and church wardens for the splendid work they had accomplished for the church and to the Womans' Guild, Womans' Auxiliary and Choir Club for the interest they had shown in their various organizations. Election of officers then took place:

Rector's Warden—A. R. Symons.
Peoples' Warden—John Neate
Vestry Clerk—Arthur Harman
Missionary Secretary — F. P. Thompson.
Sidesmen—Messrs. Geo. Thompson W. Harden, L. Carre, E. Geen, H. Dillnutt, J. Hall, Chas. Bishop, Jr., L. C. Wilson, Chas. J. Symons, Geo. Watkin, Bruce Taylor, G. H. W. Field.

STRONG DECLARATION HANDED TO THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT

Virtual Ultimatum That Allies Will Stand No More Nonsense—Food Supplies Shut Off if Disorders Continue.

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch from Canadian Press Ltd.)

SAN REMO, April 20—All the Allied powers concerned now have approved of the form of collective representations to be made to the Berlin government regarding execution of the Versailles Treaty. The declaration is regarded as an ultimatum and probably no time limit will be set for Germany's reply. She will be given to understand, however, that as a disagreeable alternative to compliance with the terms of the treaty regarding disarmament, Allies will be unable to continue the relations re-established by the peace treaty. Strong representations will be made likewise regarding continuance of the insurrections in Germany and prospects will be held out of the withholding of food and other necessities in the event of the development of counter-revolutionary movements.

Synod delegates—John Newton, O. H. Scott, G. B. Smith.

A strong committee was appointed to take in hand the obtaining of a rectory. As there is a substantial balance on hand for this purpose. The committee were given full authority to either build or purchase.

A motion also prevailed to make the church financial year coincide with the calendar year.

The meeting then adjourned after the rector pronounced the benediction.

Champagne For Chemong Cottage Seized in Transit

The villagers of Bridgenorth have been all agog of late over the reported seizure by License Inspector Stewart of a shipment of choice liquors in transit to the summer cottage of a wealthy New York business man who was evidently determined that his ice-box would be well stocked with the refreshments that readily blend with ice and other thirst-quenchers in the hot dry season. Mr. Stewart refused to discuss the rumors except to remark that they were decidedly exaggerated and that they distorted the facts. From Bridgenorth sources it was stated that the champagne, whiskies, etc., had been forwarded from the city from an express office. Some of the cargo had been taken to the cottage at Chemong Park and stored in the cellar. The estimate of this quantity is placed at eighteen cases, some of them containing fifteen bottles. The rest of the order was deposited in a Bridgenorth cellar for safe keeping. Apparently this was a precaution against losing the entire supply if news of its storage in the cottage tempted the unscrupulous to break in and carry it off. From all accounts the cases that had been held in Bridgenorth were seized by Mr. Stewart probably for the reason that they were in a place other than the owner's dwelling. In that case there will be a $200 fine to be paid by the New York man when he arrives this summer. The number of cases surrendered by his Bridgenorth agent were rumored at all the way up to twenty, but the exact number is probably less than ten.—Peterboro Examiner.

German Civic Guards Will Be Disbanded

BERLIN, April 20—Disbandment of the German civic guards, demanded in the Allied note of March 12, has been decided upon by the Berlin government. In a note to General Nollet, head of the Allied commission of control here, the government states it is taking this step under pressure exercised by those who ignore actual facts. The assertion is also made that there was no idea of using civic guards for military purposes. Every precaution had been taken to avoid employing them in this way, while the guards during the recent trouble, performed remarkable protective service, the note says.

Tornado Scatters Death and Disaster

ABERDEEN, Miss., April 20 — Several persons are reported to have been killed and between forty and fifty injured in a tornado which struck Aberdeen early today. Early reports estimated the property damage at approximately two hundred thousand dollars.

Miss Addona Hubble, a young woman of Brazil, Ind., is telegraph operator and station agent at West Union, 60 miles away, but West Union is such a lonely place she prefers to sleep at home and goes back and forth each day by train.

Better Wear Out the Old Clothes

OTTAWA, April 20—The denim overall movement invaded the House of Commons today. C. G. Macneil and David Loughnam, G.W.V.A. officials, appeared before the pensions' committe clad in khaki denim suits and stated that the G.W.V.A. executive had all joined the movement. Members of the House of Commons this morning stated they intended to wear either overalls or old clothes. Many of them claim it would be better to wear out old clothes than start a rush on overalls.

Bandits Attack the Royal Spanish Train

SEVILLE, Spain, April 20 —Bandits attacked the train last night on which Queen Victoria and her brother the Marquis of Carisbrooke, were travelling from Madrid to Seville. The robbers made an unsuccessful attempt to carry off the royal plate which the Queen was taking with her.

Farmers Will Continue to Get Good Prices

OTTAWA, April 20—Farmers throughout Canada will continue to get good prices for their products during the next two years, according to the opinion of Dr. J. R. Robertson who addressed the Parliamentary Committee on Agriculture and Colonization today. It would take at least two big crops to catch up to anything like normal supplies of breadstuffs, ten years to attain the pre-war status on milk products and four or five years for beef products. Dr. Robertson reiterated his statements that prices were entirely dependent upon world conditions. Announcement was made that the Federal Government intends to send representatives overseas to watch European markets.

Blind Veteran Asks for Increased Grant

OTTAWA, April 20—Jas. C. H. Rawlinson, the blind veteran of Toronto, was the only witness heard this morning by the special committee on pensions. He pleaded for more generous treatment of widows and dependents and totally disabled men. He asked that $1,200 annually be awarded for total disability with five hundred dollars per annum for an attendant. Of the difficulty of blinded soldiers he said there was no monotony like that of total blackness.

Strike Fever Gets Solar Plexus Blow

CHICAGO, April 20—Strike fever among railroad employees suffered a set back today when thirty thousand railway clerks and eight thousand freight handlers in Chicago district announced their decision to permit the hearing of their wage demands by the railroad labor board at Washington. The freight movement in Chicago district continued to increase today and elsewhere in the Middle West and Far West traffic conditions were returning to normal.

TURKISH TREATY TO BE PRESENTED ON MAY 10.

SAN REMO, April 20—The Turkish Treaty will be handed to the Ottoman Government on May 10th. France will also insist that Germany be completely disarmed.