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### ..The Fad for Fencing..

By AUBREY NEWTON.

"Dear Stan: There's not a word of truth in it, as I telegraphed you, and don't read the papers. If you could see the headlines. 'What the New Women's Fad for Fencing is Leading to,' and the fencers dragged into it, and my picture in fencing clothes—oh, don't look at a single paper until I tell you. Why did you leave me? Why did you leave me in the care of your 'dear little chum'?"

Early Tuesday morning he sent over from the hospital with a note asking me to go with him to see "Sherlock Holmes." Well, we went.

There's lots of high lights and lots of inky darkness in that play, and it's a play where you want to watch the stage every minute, but right in front of us sat Amy Wilnot. You remember she was the girl who fenced with me in the tournament last spring; the one who was so angry with the fencers for something Crawford said about a foul thrust. She's gone on the stage, and is to lead in a new company.

She wore a black hat with three enormous plumes, so that neither Herbert nor I could see at all, and we couldn't change our seats and she refused to take it off.

Finally Herbert wrote on the margin of his programme: "How much longer are we going to stand it?" And I wrote back: "If I had a pair of scissors I'd cut them off."

Well, just then the lights were turned down in the house and on the stage, and I felt Herbert lay something heavy and cold in my hand—a huge pair of cartilage scissors, that he had in his pocket when he left the hospital. I felt them.

"Dear you?" he whispered.

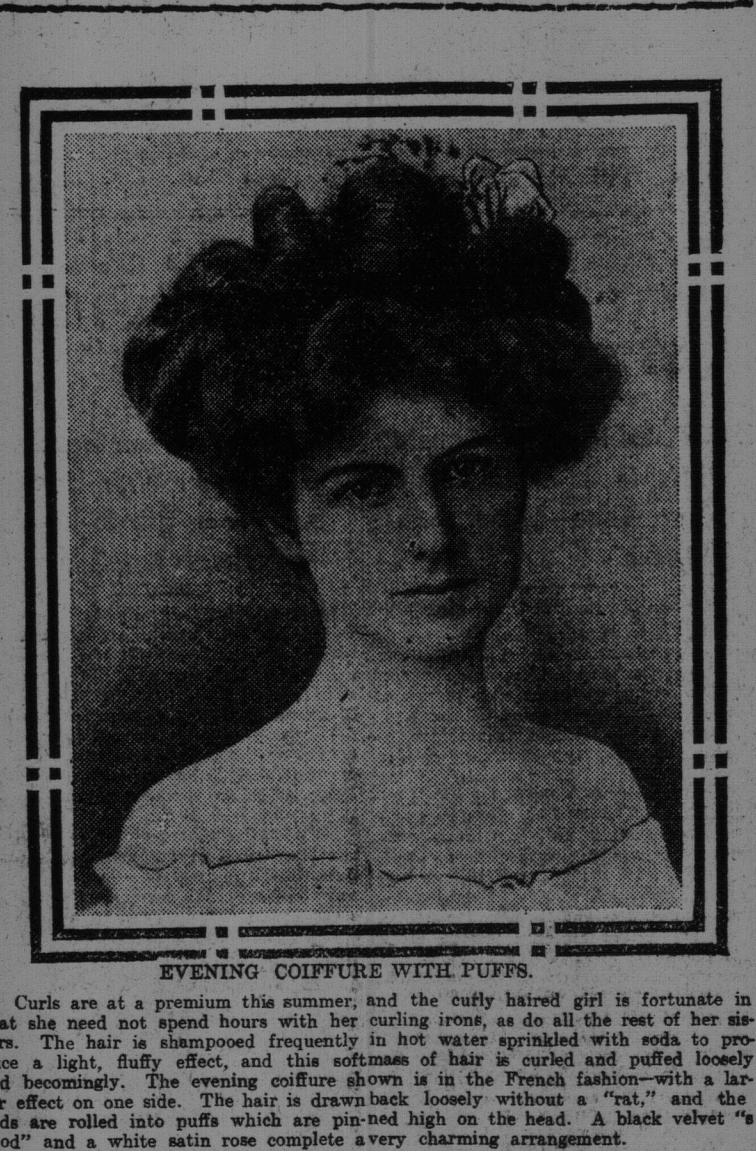
Now comes the horrible part. Stanley, you know I never could take a dare. I didn't mean to cut off her feathers—I wouldn't do such a thing. I only meant to pretend. I lifted the scissors—the dark, you know—and opened them close to the feathers, and the deadly things must have been razor. Before I felt—oh, how I felt—Stan, I'd have given my life to put those feathers back. But there they were, light and long and curling, in my hand.

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### Fashion Hint for Times Readers



Curly are at a premium this summer, and the curly haired girl is fortunate in that she need not spend hours with her curling iron, as do all the rest of her sisters.

### RAILROADS TO OPEN UP A NEW CANADA

Development of Old Territory of Hudson Bay Company in Alberta Goes Steadily Forward—Arctic Pleasure Trips Suggested in Report

Edmonton, Alberta, July 13.—What some men believe to be a new Eldorado of commerce is now beckoning through the half opened gateways of the real northland of Canada. The recent action of the Alberta government in securing railways that are to be built into the northern country in the next five years marks only the latest and most significant step.

One of these railroads will penetrate the broad fertile valley of the Peace river, while another taps the immense waterway of the Mackenzie, upon which there will be long established a tourist steamship service to the Arctic. Work is already begun upon the railway to connect Edmonton with Fort McMurray.

The reason for the delay in opening this territory, so at least western Canadians agree, is that this north is the greatest fur bearing country in the world and the trade dies in a country where gates are hung open to settlement. It is so obvious it scarcely needs retelling that the whole policy of the Hudson's Bay Company was planned to retain the west as an immense game preserve for their own benefit for the company of gentlemen Adventurers trading into the Hudson Bay and for its modern successor.

Even after the formal transfer of its holdings had been made to Canada strong traces of the company's new policy lingered in high places and low.

**RAILROAD GUARANTEED.**

The important step just taken by the government in guaranteeing hundreds of miles of railways into the north was shadowed last year by a publication of the Edmonton board of trade concerning the outland trails of this region. This work, begun for local use, has had results outside of Alberta.

Numerous enquiries received in Edmonton about the possibilities of the Edmonton route to the Finlay River gold fields, together with the increasing number of people going into the North country, last year, aroused members of the board of trade to a sense of their responsibilities as residents of a city that will always be the meeting place of the North and the Western trails. The selected J. K. Cornwall and H. M. E. Evans, two men to whom the outland trails are open books, to make a report and this when completed was pronounced the most striking document yet published by any Western body. The time table is a unique affair—a concise and accurate showing of every main trail and route; the mode of travel, by steamer or zoow, wagon pack train or dog train; the meals, freight, time of departure and arrival and sleeping accommodation.

The report combines the primitive, the frontier—the stops at Johnnie Stony's at Shaganappi and Lewis' half-way house, Devil's canyon in the Rockies and stern forts in the Arctic regions—with hand-drawn sketches of a box of soap and a hand press brought over the trail in an ox cart 27 years ago. The territory covered is from Edmonton north to the Athabasca and the Mackenzie to Fort Macpherson near the Arctic shore—190 miles from Edmonton—and from Edmonton northwest through the Peace river country to Fort Graham in the Finlay district—788 miles.

### MILLIONS OF CELLS

The human body is composed of countless millions of cells. These cells are constantly dying and new ones are being created. Dead cells are removed from the blood by the bowels, kidneys and skin. These great eliminating organs filter this waste matter from the blood, and thus purify the blood.

If there is constipation, or non-action of the bowels—if the kidneys are strained or weakened—if there is defective skin action (then the dead cells are not removed from the body. The blood thus becomes loaded with impurities, and we suffer for it.

The only way to purify the blood is to cure the skin, bowels and kidneys. When these organs are healthy and doing their work as nature intended them to do, the waste matter is promptly removed and the blood is kept pure and rich. "Fruit-tives"—the famous fruit liver tablets—act directly on the skin, the bowels and the kidneys. "Fruit-tives" purify the blood because they keep the whole body strong, vigorous and healthy. 60c a box, 6 for \$2.50, or trial box, 25c. At dealers or from Fruit-tives Limited, Ottawa.

on the open range all winter. It is in this region that an immense ranch has recently been secured by Williams, the Canadian, who has been in the ownership of his western ranch.

Already at Fort Vermilion, which lies 600 miles north of Edmonton and railways, Sheridan Lawrence threshes each year with his own steam thrasher from 10,000 bushels of wheat.

### WHERE'S THE MISSING CASH? MR. FLEMMING WILL HAVE TO ANSWER

Mr. Flemming says the province had a surplus of \$44,409 at the close of the fiscal year 1908. This he says was a real, not a paper surplus.

In a return laid before the house on March 30, 1909, of the bank balances at the close of each month during the previous fiscal year the cash on hand in current account on October 31, 1908, was \$36,215.

In whose hands was the \$8,194, difference between the surplus claimed and the cash on hand? Mr. Flemming says there are no suspense accounts. If this is true who got this \$8,194?

The total balance on hand in favor of the province, October 31, 1908, is given by the Auditor-general as \$136,956. The bank statement at the same time shows only \$118,997 on hand—a difference of \$17,959.

Who has the difference between the money in the banks and the balance shown on the books? It is up to Hon. J. K. Flemming, who says there are no suspense accounts, to explain these very serious differences between his so called balances and the actual cash in the banks.

### THREE BODIES IN SAME GRAVE

Slain Members of Christie Family at Oak Hill, Charlotte Co. Are Interred Together.

St. Stephen, N. B., July 14.—The bodies of J. W. Christie, wife and daughter, who were murdered in Rudolph (S. D.), about ten days ago, arrived at Moore's Mills today and were taken to Oak Hill, where they were interred.

It was a sad sight to see three bodies of a once happy family, occupying one of a section of the market today indicated that many of these traders had become alarmed at crop reports.

### MAXWELL MADE A SERIOUS BREAK

His Visit to St. Martins is Likely to Cost the Conservative Candidate Some Votes

Hon. Robert Maxwell, who on Tuesday night spoke at Fairfield, St. Martins parish, in the interests of the Conservative candidate, judging from a report which reached the city yesterday, succeeded in doing his cause more harm than good. In his estimation the future of the Conservative party in the county is in jeopardy, and he is in favor of the Haesen administration, he laid claim to the credit of the creation of the Yarmouth bridge.

This caused amazement, every man in the audience knew, even if Mr. Maxwell did not, that the bridge in question was in place eight months before the Haesen administration came into power, and so it proved that he had chosen the wrong place to try this feature of the campaign of the Conservative party.

Being quite a long distance removed from the Suspension bridge, Mr. Maxwell was unable to see it, and he was obliged to attack James Lowell, M. P. P., in connection with it. He condemned Mr. Lowell because he opposed patching that structure and favored the erection of a new one. In the eastern end of the county this gratuitous attack on Mr. Lowell will do as little good to the Conservative candidate as did the Yarmouth bridge blunder story in the western end. Mr. Maxwell will probably wish Mr. Maxwell had stayed in St. John.

### THE FIGHT AGAINST THE WHITE PLAGUE

Board of Health Will Distribute Pamphlets Showing How to Combat the Disease

At a meeting of the board of health yesterday the committee on tuberculosis matters, consisting of Dr. Daniel and Dr. Pratt, made a report. They submitted literature which they had drawn up dealing with the best means of treatment and prevention of the disease. This pamphlet will be printed in pamphlet form to be distributed in the schools and to the general public.

All doctors in the district will also be notified that, under the act they are kept to report to the board of health on all cases of tuberculosis under their observation. Books for the entry of particulars relating to such cases will be kept at the office of the board. It was decided to proceed against all milk vendors who have failed to take out a license for 1910. Twenty-four names in all will be handed to the counsel for the board to be proceeded against in the court. All shopkeepers who are selling milk from other than earthenware crocks, are required by the act, will also be proceeded against.

A good part of the meeting was taken up with the consideration of the inspectors' reports. Six have finished their final inspection, and three are yet to finish their last round.

### NATIONAL DIVISION S. OF T. TO MEET IN ST. JOHN NEXT YEAR

Worcester, Mass., July 14.—The National Division, S. of T., of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, opened here this morning with M. W. P. J. O. McCarty in the chair. A goodly number of representatives were initiated.

Rev. Mr. Noon, who last year was appointed to attend the National Division of England, made a lengthy report.

An invitation was extended by the G. W. P. of New Brunswick, E. S. Hennigar, for the National Division to hold the next session in the city of St. John, and was accepted.

The New Brunswick Kennel Club is making preparations for a bench show to be held here in September, when it is expected there will be an unusually fine collection of dogs on view.

### ANOTHER INSTANCE OF QUESTIONABLE CONSERVATIVE WORK

The Conservatives seek by all means, fair or foul, to bolster up their falling cause. Here is one instance.

The Standard published, in its list of names alleged to be signed to the Mosher nomination papers, the name of Samuel Toner, of Miramichi. Mr. Toner said yesterday that he did not sign Mosher's nomination and he did not authorize his name to be used. How many more were there like this?

### MR. BENTLEY WELCOMED AT BLACK RIVER PICNIC

Hon. F. J. Sweeney, James Lowell, M. P. P., and the Liberal candidate for the county, A. F. Bentley, were among those who attended Rev. Father Porter's picnic at Black River yesterday. Mr. Bentley received a very warm welcome from his numerous friends and acquaintances in that section. There were about 350 people present and the visitors moved about among them enjoying the amusements provided for the occasion.

On the drive back to the city the party were stopped on the road many times by friends of the Liberal nominee, who wished to shake hands with him, and give their support. There seems no doubt that where in the county and gaining every day, an election day draws nearer.

### The Times Daily Puzzle Picture



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