

Our Montreal Letter.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

THE MONTREAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

The Montreal Technical School, situated at 70 Sherbrooke Street West, was founded by the Government of the Province of Quebec and incorporated by a special Act of Legislature, on March 14th, 1907. In September, 1911 the present edifice was opened for Day Classes, and in October, 1911, the first Evening Classes were held. The School was placed under the management of a Board of Directors appointed by the Provincial

Government, Trades and Labor Council, Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Montreal Chamber of Commerce, City of Montreal, and the Montreal Board of Trade, in all ten directors. The Government appoints 4, the City Council 2, the Trades and Labor Council, the Chamber de Commerce, Canadian Manufacturers' Association, and the Board of Trade 1 each. The Montreal Technical School is built on a lot of ground over 150,000 square feet in area, situated between Sherbrooke, Manoe, Ontario and Church Streets. The main building is a large and commodious structure made of brick with sandstone facing, consisting of basement and three storeys. On the ground floor are the administra-

tion offices and waiting room, the museum, a series of class rooms, and a circular amphitheatre, which has a seating capacity of 600. The first floor has offices and classrooms, while the second floor has classrooms only. The Chemistry and Physics laboratories and lecture theatres are located on the same floor as the basement, but owing to the slope of the hill on which the school is built they really are on the ground floor. Here also is located the dining room for the pupils. The buildings are heated by a forced hot water system operated by steam turbines. The electric lighting is up-to-date. The pupils have at their disposal a large waiting room, hygienic toilet rooms and shower baths. Behind the main building and extending almost to Ontario Street are located the Workshops and Automobile Schools. The Workshops, which are laid out in the same manner as shops in industrial concerns are provided with machinery, both modern and complete. In the centre is the necessary plant for the production of motive power, light and heat. All around are located the various buildings, such as the Smithy, Foundry, Machine Shop, Woodworking, Pattern-making and Electrical departments. There are about fifty teachers and instructors attached to the School. I paid a visit to the School a few days ago, and was surprised as well as delighted with the excellence of the pupils' work. The first year showed samples of their woodwork, such as miniature tables, crosses, boxes, chairs, and several other articles. The second year had a fine exhibition of iron work, in the shape of vices, screws, bolts, worm gears and compasses. The third year had polished stands, an excellent stairs, and brass and steel work that would be hard to excel even in a larger shop. The automobile accessories, the spiral gears, the volt metres, and the electrical appliances as turned out by the third year pupils were gems of perfect workmanship. In the same building is the Provincial Domestic Science School, which embraces Cooking for Sick and Convalescents, Sewing and Dressmaking, Flower Making and Millinery. During 1921-22 the Day School showed 408 who took the regular courses, 172 special courses, a total of 580. In the evening classes 722 attended, making a total of 1,322. The past year the number reached over 1,500. No doubt every facility in the educational arena is provided for the children of the Metropolis of Canada, and the work that this institution has been commented upon by the official. Twenty men were employed since the ground was fit, and the city has been embellished, he stated, to a great extent, but without much expense.

adrian soil will, I am sure, further cement the friendly relations which so happily exist between Canada and the countries in which the order is established."

PROVINCIAL ROAD BUILDING PROGRAMME.

The Provincial Government has of late years done very elaborate work to promote the settlement of its vacant lands. In its road building programme, which involved the expenditure of over \$80,000,000, was included the construction of highways penetrating hitherto undeveloped areas. In the colonization lots mapped out in such sectors a small acreage was broken and made ready for the incoming settler and a house and barn erected on the property for him. The bonus for clearing comes in addition to these former provisions. In an old-established province like Quebec, which has the reputation of satisfactorily maintaining a staple and contented farm population, it may come as something of a surprise to learn that there is such need of further colonization efforts. As a matter of fact, out of the province's total land area of 218,723,687 acres, there is only 24,571,120 acres settled upon and 12,096,110 acres actually improved. There are yet millions of acres of fertile land and it is the Government's endeavor not only to turn the tide of new immigration towards them, but to induce the younger men in the older settled areas to seek out the new lands and pioneer them.

CONVICT KILLED AT WORK.

Death came quickly to Thomas Gorman, alias Ryan, four year term convict, with less than three months of his term served while doing convict labor at St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary. Engaged at removing ties from the penitentiary quarry his duties compelled him to board a train of three flat cars, carrying the ties from the penitentiary quarry. Gorman was sitting on top of a pile of fifty ties when they rolled off carrying him with them. When removed from under the weight of many solid logs the convict was dead. Accidental death was returned by Coroner McMahon, who held an inquest.

BEAUTIFYING THE PARKS AND BOULEVARDS.

The transplanting of 130,000 plants bushes and shrubs has just been completed in the parks and boulevards of the city by Emile Bernadet, superintendent of parks, and the work that this intendant has been commented upon by the official. Twenty men were employed since the ground was fit, and the city has been embellished, he stated, to a great extent, but without much expense. The limitations placed upon expenditures necessitated the pruning of appropriate except for strictly necessary purposes, and so the parks department was obliged to make the most out of what it had. This meant that multiplication of the plants and flowers was resorted to by taking slips and transplanting these in the spring.

There resulted a tremendous increase in the number of flowers that were ready for the beds this year, but also an immense outlay of care and work during the past winter and spring.

ROYAL VICTORIA GETS \$10,000.

John D. Rockefeller Jr. has presented the Royal Victoria Hospital with \$10,000 to be devoted to the treatment of diabetic patients; calling for the following reply from the hospital: "The Governors of the Royal Victoria Hospital acknowledge with grateful thanks the generous gift of \$10,000 from John D. Rockefeller, Jr. through the Rockefeller Institute of New York, and are agreed that this money shall be used by the hospital for increasing the number of free patients who may be treated with insulin, as well as to teach physicians in general practice the proper method of employing insulin in the treatment of diabetes. The hospital keenly appreciates this effort for the relief and care of its diabetic patients, and hereby places on record its indebtedness for this generous benefaction."

The work of the metabolism clinic of the Royal Victoria Hospital has become so important and so widely known that it has aroused the interest of many physicians to the south of the border. It is said. Already a large number of doctors from various hospitals have visited Montreal to see the equipment and the work being done there which is along the most modern lines.

ACCIDENTS ARE STILL INCREASING.

Accidents are on the increase. The river and the canal are adding victims to the already big list. A sailor lost his life in the canal, while a boy of 17, by rocking a boat at Verdun, was drowned, and though two of his companions made desperate attempts to save him, he became frantic by nearly choking them, and they were obliged to let go their hold on him. A schoolboy of 13 trying to jump on a motor truck, missed his hold, and fell under the wheels and was crushed to death. A driver of a Kennedy taxi, lost his life by being crushed against an iron pole as the steering gear got out of order. A young man was killed by a fall down an elevator shaft. A man who was injured by the upsetting of his automobile on the King Edward Highway, died at the Dupont Hospital. A child of two years and eight months was scalded to death by climbing up the side of a wash-tub in which the mother was washing clothes, and falling in the water.

Le Devor, commenting on the large number of week-end automobile accidents in and around Montreal, says: "The only conclusion that can be drawn is that there are too many impudent chauffeurs, whose imprudence amount to criminal negligence in certain cases. We are always hearing of the need for better roads. It would be an excellent thing if we

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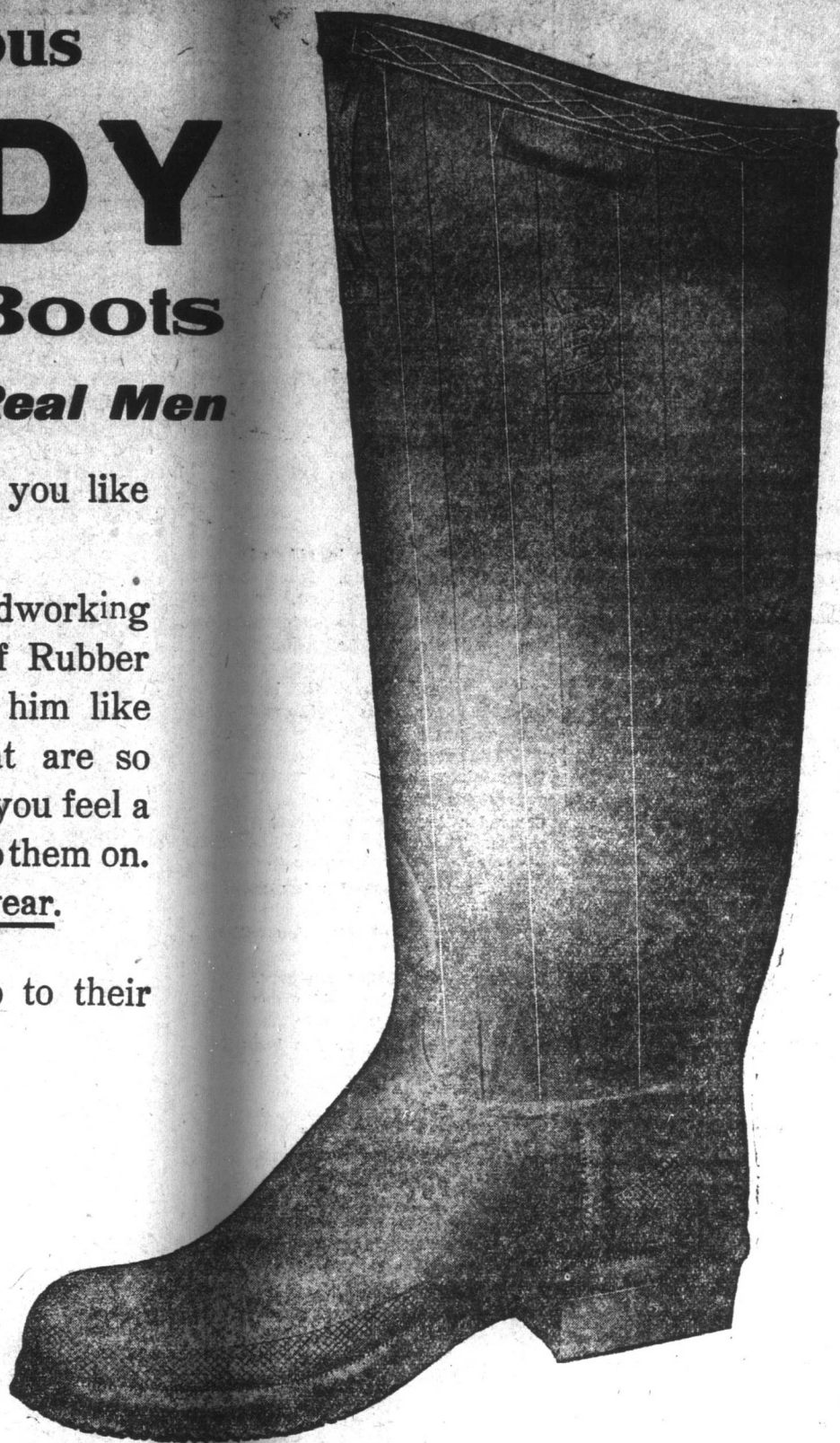
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In welcoming the convention Premier King said: "Having in mind the splendid war and peace-time record of the Knights of Columbus, I can assure the members of a hearty welcome to our Dominion. The holding of this international convention on Can-

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could make better a larger number of automobilists, so that all would be inspired with a proper respect for their own safety. It is time an example was made of the criminally negligent drivers by sending to the penitentiary men who when an accident happens through their fault, attempt to speed away without care for the victim whom they may have injured or killed. It will devolve upon Mr. Lacombe to prove his utility in the office that the Provincial Government has created for him."

THE EXPENSES OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of the Health Department for 1923 has just been completed by Dr. S. Boucher, the director, an advance proof of the document having been sent to the Executive Committee of the city. The preliminary statement deals with the expense of the Department for the past year which amounted to \$1,088,856.95 divided as follows: health department proper \$267,652.09; municipal assistance \$676,412.46; aid to unemployed \$15,000; pensions and annuities \$39,681.65; grants to universities \$40,000; official time from McGill University \$150.

It will be noted that the grants to universities and annuities and pensions does not really come under the head of hygiene but the department includes it in the report because no other department of the city will handle the matter. This brings the total of the department's budget to over a million while in reality the

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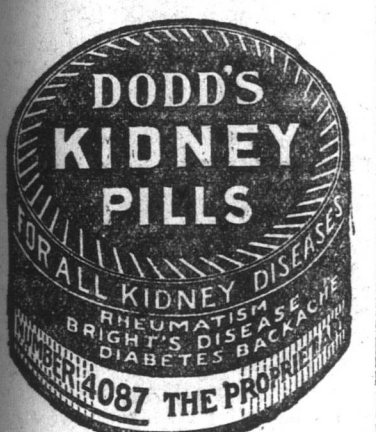
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