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OLD AGE ANNUITIES.

The Star reproduces today, the information contained in a pamphlet issued from Ottawa, dealing with the system of old age annuities now being introduced under the Act passed at last session, which was promoted by Sir Richard Cartwright. Little more is known here as to the working of this scheme other than is contained in the article referred to, but it is pointed out that full information regarding any particular case, or condition, may be obtained by intending investors on application to the postmaster.

There can be no doubt that this annuity plan will become popular. It is an easy solution of the problem of providing comfort and happiness in old age. The person depositing money with the government must by giving invitably win. There is no such thing as losing, nor is it necessary, as in many forms of life insurance, for a person to die in order that reasonable returns may be received. This is not a charitable institution, it is a plan by which all Canadians are permitted to purchase for themselves, according to their means, annuities which will be payable quarterly after they have reached the age of fifty-five. The amount of such annuities depends wholly on the sums paid. Applications are received from anyone over five years of age. Payments are accepted at anytime and of any amounts. They may be paid in advance, or a man 40 years old now can deposit what he would have paid had the system come into operation twenty years ago. In short the scheme is one in which no other consideration than the convenience of the people has entered. It has been arranged for the benefit of the Canadian citizen and whatever his wishes are they will be met.

This is altogether different from the system of old age and invalidity pensions which has been in operation in Germany for a good many years but perhaps Canada will some day be in a position to adopt a plan similar to that by which the German government protects workmen against poverty. According to a recent report it is shown that there are now 18,000,000 persons paying into the German funds. The amounts charged vary from three to nine cents per week. Half the charge is paid by the man or woman entitled to the pension, the other half by the employer. In the event of disability from any cause whatever, no pension is paid until the twenty-sixth week, but thereafter it remains payable as long as the disability continues, and it is payable at a higher rate than is provided for those claiming the old age pension. Thus a man may at the age of fifty-five be incapable of earning for himself, either because of ill health, or some other cause, and may apply for, and receive, the invalidity pension. He can continue in the enjoyment of this pension until he is seventy years of age, and in particular cases for even a longer period, although at the age of sixty he will be entitled to the old age pension.

For the administration of this system the German empire is divided into six districts, each under an Imperial officer, and among certain classes payment to the fund is compulsory. The lowest annual return made is at the rate of $4.00 per year, and the highest $112.00. The very low amount mentioned is for cases in which the incapacity is not total.

Under the new Canadian Annuitites plan, no one may purchase an annuity of less than $50.00 or more than $600.00 per year.

ADULTERATION OF PEPPER.

A brief despatch, a few days ago, referred to a report issued by the Inland Revenue Department, stating that considerable adulteration of pepper was still carried on in Canada. The bulletin from which this information was taken has now been received. It shows that although adulteration is still common, it is not nearly so bad as before the Adulteration Act came into force. In an inspection made in 1906, out of 1,848 samples of pepper examined, 673, or almost exactly 50 per cent. were found to be adulterated. In the recent inspection in which 298 samples were examined, the percentage of adulteration was only 23 per cent. While gratification is expressed by the chief inspector regarding this marked improvement, he is still compelled to acknowledge that in spite of it, ground pepper remains one of the most badly adulterated articles of food in Canada. In partial explanation of this, he says, "The recent enforcement in the United States of a strict inspection of food stuffs and the refusal in several of the states to admit materials imported for the express purpose of adulterating spices, has resulted in attempts on the part of shippers to secure dumping ground for these adulterants."

While it is not stated that any of the substances identified as foreign matter, in ground pepper, are unwholesome, still sand, flour and cocoanut shells are not pepper, and their use is fraud.

Out of the 298 samples examined in Canada, 216 were genuine, 13 doubtful, and 69 adulterated. In New Brunswick, 20 samples were taken, 14 being genuine, one doubtful, and 5 adulterater. Thus the percentage of adulteration here was 25 per cent. Most of the adulteration seems to be done in the Montreal district, although New Brunswick is responsible for a small share.

SATURDAY SERMONETTE

GOING HOME.

I don't know which is the saddest, to go away from home, or to go back home.

To go away from home is sometimes almost heart breaking, if we are oak like in our attachments.

To go through the rooms of the old house, when every room has its associations, and then to go down the old familiar steps for the last time and hear the door close behind you, which is like the sound of gravel on a coffin lid, is to have a bad half hour.

To go down the street saying good bye to the friends we meet. To keep laughing when you feel more like crying—if you are a woman—and more like swearing—if you are a man, is to have another bad hour.

Home-sick? lonely? Oh yes, just a little you say, but only your sleeper knows (if you are a woman) how you cried, and only the smoker knows (if you are a man) how you smoked and smoked and scarcely knew what you were doing.

Good bye, good bye, the wheels are saying as you rush through the night.

New scenes and work put the old home in the back ground. But the old home got her own again at times, for old faces would come back to you and you grew heart hungry to see them again.

"I am going home," you said one day, and then with mingled feelings of pain and pleasure you bade good bye (for a time) to the new home and started back for the old one.

The streets have changed. The children have grown to men and women.

Old faces have disappeared and there are streets so changed you do not want to go down them.

New names are on the signs. The names of the old firms are carved on the tomb-stones over their graves.

You go down the street where you used to live; there is not a spot where you have not placed your feet.

Strangers are in the old house; your eyes go from window to window. There is the room where you wept your heart out for your dead.

There is your own room where you read and wrote and slept and dreamed. Every room has its distinctive memories and associations.

"I am going home, and I am impatient at the delay," said the weary old man of more than ninety years. "I am lonely and home-sick. I want to go home."

Thaddeus

PHYSICIAN TELLS HOW HE TREATS RHEUMATIC PATIENTS.

A Distinguished Specialist Gives Valuable Advice.

In the first place I always impress upon my patients the importance of careful living and regular habits. Moderation in eating, keeping the feet warm, and wearing plenty of warm clothing are some of the precautions.

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A prominent local merchant who has tried this treatment states that it relieves backache, bladder trouble, and urinary troubles almost immediately and has a gentle but thorough action on the kidneys.

We advise all our readers to keep this prescription. The instructions are valuable.

MISSING WITNESS HAS BEEN DISCOVERED

NORTH BAY, Jan. 16.—Nora McKeown, the missing witness in the Ryan murder case, who mysteriously disappeared on Wednesday night, was discovered by Detective Greer last night after a search of twenty-four hours. Circumstances which led this important Crown witness to leave the house where she is employed as domestic will not be made known just yet but she is and has always been willing to tell all that she knows about the tragedy. She is very ill, and it is doubtful if she will be able to attend court for some days.

VOTES FOR WOMEN WORKERS.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 14. — The Belgian Chamber on Saturday passed a bill giving women the right to vote for and be members of joint conferences of employers and employes.

ANOTHER SCENE IN THE VILLAGE OF BAGNARA

This also gives an excellent idea of the awful force of the earth tremor which wrought so much damage. All the buildings in the cities of Messina and Reggio and the surrounding towns were in the space of a few seconds reduced to a mass of timber, stones and mortar, burying tens of thousands of victims.

CANADIAN CLUB WILL HEAR F. S. SPENCE

Will Lecture on City Government by Board of Control Next Tuesday.

The Canadian Club will have the privilege of hearing an address on next Tuesday evening by F. S. Spence, ex-comptroller of Toronto. Mr. Spence will speak on the very timely subject, "City Government by a Board of Control." This subject is of live interest in St. John owing to the proposal that some such plan should be introduced here and a large attendance is expected at this meeting. W. S. Willison, of the Toronto News, writes concerning the lecturer: "Mr. Spence is one of the very best speakers we have in Ontario. No one here better understands municipal politics and particularly the details of city government. I feel justified in saying that he could not fail to answer your purpose admirably."

Light supper will be served in Keith's Assembly Rooms at 6.15 on Tuesday evening. Tickets may be procured at Nelson's book store.

A committee will be appointed at this meeting to nominate officers for the coming year.

RELIGION AND POLITICS DISCUSSED BY DR. ELIOT

Says Prejudice Should Not Interfere With Elections.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. — President Chas. W. Eliot, of Harvard, in an address tonight before the Public Education Association, took occasion to declare that religious differences did not prevent harmonious co-operation of great bodies of electors in this country.

It was in speaking of the improvement of municipal boards of education that Dr. Eliot made this point. The City of New York, he said, with its cosmopolitan population and enormous school attendance, was a particularly fine field for the development of the ideal board of education, and then he pointed to the school committees of Boston and St. Louis as examples of the modern experiments in this direction.

"It is contended by some," Dr. Eliot said, "that the great obstacle in the way of school reform is the great racial and religious differences that exist here. But why couldn't a board of seven members be elected at large here where there is such a diversity of religious opinion and racial attributes.

"Take Boston, old Puritan Boston, which has now become a Catholic city. The Catholics are made of three races, the Italian, the Irish and the French-Canadian, and they constitute a majority of the voting population. And yet in this Catholic city the school committee elected at large is composed of two Catholics, two Protestants and one Jew.

"Who shall say then, that religious differences will prevent harmonious co-operation of great bodies of electors in choosing at large members of a school board? And this is no peculiarity of that old New England city.

"What sort of a man is it that has been elected to the presidency? A Unitarian Protestant. Two evangelical denominations in the west sought to prevent his election because of his religion, but they failed completely in the attempt. Isn't there an indication here that religious opinions or membership in any religious organization, no matter how small, is not going to stand in the way of a man's election to office by popular vote. The Unitarian denomination is a small one and only a few years ago it was hardly considered Christian, but millions of voters cast their ballots for a candidate of this denomination. Let us take heart and be assured that we can overcome religious prejudice at popular elections, particularly where the interests of schools are at stake."

Miss Leslie Smith, of St. John, N. B., arrived yesterday, and is the guest of Mrs. D. C. Cameron, "Loche," Fort Rouge.—Winnipeg Telegram.

The Best Thinkers choose Grape-Nuts from personal experience. "There's a Reason"

PROGRESSIVE COMPANY CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

Store of Scovil Bros. & Co. Ltd. Thronged With Old and New Patrons.

Throughout the week the store of Oak Hall, King street, has been thronged with those eager to participate in the twentieth anniversary of one of the best known clothing houses in Eastern Canada.

Scovil Bros. and Co, Limited., the proprietors of the business, is a name to conjure with in the industrial activities of the province. The history of their establishment is a continued story of sound and material progress, the result of absolute integrity, persistency of effort and sound business skill. Their present position in the community is as well a source of pride to the citizens as it is an asset St. John could with difficulty do without.

During the past week the house has been chiefly active in celebrating the twentieth anniversary of its founding. It is fitting that the general public should evince the interest it has in the occasion for in recognizing real and deserving achievement it establishes itself the more securely in a position that must eventually make for a greater St. John.

NEGRO ROW ENDS IN MURDER

Man Who Did the Shooting a Promising Boxer Who Had Just Received a Good Offer.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 15—Alonzo Polk, a negro, who was shot yesterday during a quarrel with "Jack" Blackburn, the negro lightweight pugilist, died today from his injuries. Blackburn was arrested. Mattie Polk, wife of the dead man, was also shot by Blackburn and is in a serious condition.

Maud Pilian, white, was slightly injured by a bullet. She was arrested and held in bail, charged with assaulting the Polk woman. Jealousy caused the fight, it is said.

Blackburn is said to be without an equal at his weight, 140 lbs. The Western Coast clubs have been after him and an English syndicate last week offered him a large sum to go to England to fight.

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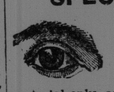

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CANADIAN CURLERS WELCOMED AT LIVERPOOL

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 16—A deputation from the Royal Caledonian Club, together with a party of local players, met the Canadian curlers on their arrival here today from Canada and gave them an enthusiastic reception. The visitors left for Dumburgh on a special train.

LONDON, Jan 15.—The engagement of the Jam Sahib of Nawanager, will shortly be announced n India. The Jam Prince Ranjitsinhji, the famous cricketer, will marry a well-known princess. The Jam who is now on his way back to India, is just thirty-six years of age, while his future bride is said to be much younger

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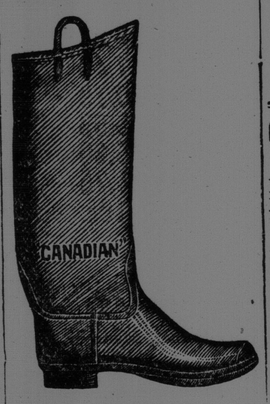

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McFARLAND AND HYLAND, TEN ROUNDS, NO DECISION

But Packy Had the Advantage Throughout the Battle.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 16—Packy McFarland, of Chicago, and Dick Hyland, of San Francisco, fought ten rounds, no decision, before the Pacific Athletic Club last night. McFarland displayed more cleverness in his style of fighting than Hyland throughout the fight, coming back after every exchange with the exception of the final round. McFarland landed many more clean blows than Hyland and was stronger at the finish. He started after Hyland in the tenth round, fighting him from one side of the ring to the other. The only thing resembling a knock down occurred in this round, when Hyland half slipped to one knee. Almost immediately he was up and fighting but McFarland fairly smothered him with rights and lefts to the head. Hyland was hanging on throughout the last half of this round. McFarland excelled in long range fighting but Hyland more than held his own at close quarters. Charles Eyton was referee.

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DEATHS

WARN—Mrs. Margaret Warn, wife of the late Wm. Warn, passed away at her residence Thursday, Jan. 14, 1909, in the eightieth year of her age. Mrs. Warn was the second daughter of the late John Purves, builder, of this city.

Funeral will be held Saturday afternoon. Service will commence at 2.30 o'clock, 34 Exmouth street. (Globe please copy).

McPARTLAND—In this city, on Dec. 15th, James McPartland, in the 85th year of his age, leaving two sons and four daughters to mourn.

Funeral from his late residence, 177 Prince William street, Sunday, at 2.30 o'clock. Friends invited to attend.

HENDERSON—At 50 Orange street, this city, on Jan. 15th, Mary Eleanor second daughter of Arthur E. and Laura Henderson, in the 6th year of her age.

Funeral (private) on Saturday, 16th inst. at 3.30 o'clock.

SPECIAL—Captain Dreyfus got a new trial so does Carter, asking you to come in and see the bargains for five days only, in the line of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Clothing, Boots and Shoes, that will satisfy you, style and price. Remember the place, opposite Estabrooks' Tea Factory, 48 Mill St. Everything is guaranteed or money refunded.
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THINK ST. AGATHA HAS APPEARED ON ETNA

Peasants of Catani Excited Over Report—Believe Their Escape Due to Her.

CATANIA, Jan. 15—For two days the populace of Catania has been in a state of great excitement over a report that an apparition of St. Agatha, the protectress of the town, had been seen on the summit of Mount Aetna. Those who say they saw the spectre declare that the vision seemed to them "like an angelic dream," St. Agatha being enveloped in thin vaporous clouds, through which shone rays of dazzling light, while her right hand was extended as though in a sign of benediction and protection over Catania. Because of these reports, the belief has spread among the simple folk that Catania was saved from the earthquake only by the intercession of St. Agatha.

Groups of persons assemble in the squares or on the roofs of houses facing Mount Aetna, waiting for the vision to re-appear. Many of them say that when the smoke from the volcano was densest and the sun was shining strong on the glittering snow they saw St. Agatha fall upon her knees. The credulous, on hearing these tales, kneel in prayer and beat their breasts as penance for their sins.

The Duke of Genoa arrived here yesterday and visited the hospitals, where he addressed words of consolation to the wounded. He had also talked with persons who had lost their all in the earthquake and promised them assistance and relief.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Captain Fowyer of the U. S. battleship Illinois, who has had his men searching the ruins of the consular building at Messina, cabled to the Navy Department today that the bodies of the American Counsul, Arthur S. Cheney, and Mrs. Cheney have been found.

At a meeting of the finance committee of the municipal council yesterday afternoon it was decided to recommend that a bill, introduced into the legislature some years ago to place the appointment of commissioners of the alms house in the hands of the council, should be reintroduced at the coming session. The commissioners are now appointed by the local government and the feeling of the committee was that as the council paid the bills it should have a voice in the management.

Store closes at 11.30. Saturday, Jan. 16, 1909.

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SPEAKERS HONORED.

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—Hon. Raoul Dandurand, speaker of the senate and Hon. R. F. Sutherland speaker of the Commons in the last parliament have been appointed members of the King's Privy Council for Canada. It is customary to confer this honor on the retiring speakers of the House.

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If you have any kidney or bladder trouble get Munyon's Kidney Remedy.

Munyon's Vitalizer makes weak men strong and restores lost powers.

ARBITRATION TREATY WITH AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 15—With the signing of an arbitration treaty between the United States and Austria-Hungary at the State Department this afternoon, conventions of that character with more than twenty nations of the world have been agreed to. The treaty now goes to the Senate for ratification.

Secretary Root also signed an extradition treaty with Honduras. Officials of the State Department declined to say whether the treaty is retroactive.

FOUR NIGHTS WALK

AUBURN, N. Y., Jan. 16—The standings of the contestants in the four nights' walk at the Armory at 11 o'clock last night were as follows:

Hoagland 51 miles 3 laps, Brown 50 miles 11 laps, Hubbal 50 miles 7 laps, Slater 50 miles 1 lap, Blake 48 miles, Klubertanz 47 miles 4 laps, Howell 46 miles 9 laps, Wright 45 miles 13 laps, Fenton 45 miles 9 laps, Graham 40 miles 10 laps.

The men will finish at 10.30 o'clock tonight.