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ONTARIO BRANCH ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY

First Annual Report Shows Progress Comparing Favorably With Older Organizations.

The first annual report of the Ontario branch of the Royal Life Saving Society shows evidence of progress that will compare favorably with long established branches in other parts of the world.

The clubs and other institutions affiliated with the Ontario branch are: The University of Toronto, Toronto C.A., The Young Women's Christian Guild, Y.M.C.A. Institute, St. Andrew's College, Camp Timagami, the Hamilton Swimming Club, Beaver Swimming Club, Hamilton Police, Brantford Y.M.C.A.

The following awards were granted during the past year for expert knowledge of swimming and life-saving methods: 1 diploma, 5 awards of merit, 3 honorary instructor's certificates, 65 bronze medals, 17 proficiency certificates, 14 elementary certificates.

The visit of Mr. Henry, the famous swimmer and founder of the Royal Life Saving Society, to Canada last summer has given prominence to the society and impetus to the work being carried on. A Quebec branch being formed with headquarters in Montreal, while classes of instruction have sprung up in many of the western cities. The opening of the Harrison Baths, the first public municipal baths in Canada, is regarded as an event of great importance, and also the conclusion of the board of education of Toronto to have swimming taught to the school children, both of these steps have been continuously being advocated by the society, and many thanks are due to these gentlemen responsible for the promotion in Toronto in this manner.

Excellent Showing. The central executive has written a letter of commendation to the Ontario branch upon the result of the examination of A. L. Cochrane of Upper Canada College for the diploma of the society. This award is the highest granted for thorough and expert knowledge of swimming, both theoretical and practical, including the best methods of teaching. Mr. Cochrane was unanimously passed by the board of examiners, and his performance was so well considered the best ever submitted, and skill in the water "exceptional." Out of sixty applicants who have qualified for the diploma in 1909, only four have graduated with honors.

Mr. Cochrane has also been awarded the distinguished service medal, in recognition of his services as honorary representative in Canada since 1904.

Officers for 1910. Ontario Branch—Established 1908—Patron, the Right Hon. Earl Grey, G.C.B., Governor-General of Canada; vice-patron, His Honor J. M. Gibson, K.C., LL.D., Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario; president, Lieut.-Col. the Hon. J. H. Hendrie, C.V.O., Hon. Vice-President, H. W. Auden, John E. Lennox, James L. Hughes, Rev. D. Bruce Macdonald, M.A., LL.D., Charles Sheard, M.D., president, Arnold Morphy; vice-presidents, A. L. Cochrane, A. H. MacKenzie, M.D.; executive committee, E. J. Chapman, W. R. Underhill, H. C. Osborne, T. W. Sheffer, J. A. Sheffer and a representative each from the University of Toronto and the public school board of Toronto; hon. secretary-treasurer, A. J. Hardy, 19-2 Toronto-street.

CARRY SECOND CABIN ONLY

Important Change Announced by the Hamburg-American Line.

NEW YORK, March 2.—An important change has been made in the passenger accommodations of the steamers Pennsylvania, Grand Waldersee and Pretoria of the Hamburg American Line, carrying hereafter only one class of cabin passengers between New York and Hamburg.

In place of separate parts of the ship being restricted to first and second-class passengers, the first-class has been abolished and the accommodations of this class have become available exclusively for second class passengers. Not only are the state room accommodations greatly increased, but every part of the vessel formerly reserved for first class, such as the extensive saloons and promenade decks, have been placed at the disposal of second class passengers by this new arrangement.

These three vessels are the largest afloat carrying only one class and are very popular with the traveling public on account of their size, steadiness and comfortable accommodations. They are sister ships, of over 13,000 tons each, and when first launched were justly considered the levitans of the day. In addition to the above named vessels the steamship Batavia, plying between New York and the Mediterranean, carries one class passengers. The passage rate has not been changed on these vessels, despite the increased facilities and comfort offered.

FOUR VESSELS DAMAGED BY COLLISIONS IN FOGS

Murky Weather Around Sandy Hook Might Have Caused Serious Marine Disasters.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Four vessels, three of them steamships, crashed together in two collisions in the dense fog which prevailed outside Sandy Hook today.

None of the vessels was damaged to the sinking point, and no lives were lost.

The fruit steamer Minnesota, of the Cuneo Importing Company, which sailed yesterday for Kingston, Jamaica, limped back into the harbor today with her bow plates badly started from the shock of contact with the freight steamer Sidra. The latter, inbound from Cuba with a cargo of sugar, was harder hit by the shock, her bow being stove in from the deck to the water line as far back as the forecastle.

Wireless messages told of the running down, forty miles southeast of Barnegat, off the New Jersey coast, of the fruit steamer Minnesota, of the Cuneo Importing Company, which sailed yesterday for Kingston, Jamaica, limped back into the harbor today with her bow plates badly started from the shock of contact with the freight steamer Sidra. The latter, inbound from Cuba with a cargo of sugar, was harder hit by the shock, her bow being stove in from the deck to the water line as far back as the forecastle.

INSURANCE BILL CHANGES

Sub-Committee of Senate Make Recommendations.

OTTAWA, March 2.—Senator Forget in the senate banking sub-committee reported for the sub-committee considering amendments to the fire clauses of the insurance bill.

Section 4 forbade insurance to be carried on in Canada by a company without a license except as authorized by other sections. The amendment is practically the same, but forbids inspection or adjustment.

Changes in section 70, providing a \$50 penalty for soliciting insurance for an unlicensed company, were recommended to make it harmonious with section 139. The original bill provided that a person going outside of Canada for fire insurance should pay the government a fee equal to 15 per cent. of the premiums.

The fire companies objected to this, and also to the manufacture of a clause is now changed to permit any company or individual to solicit insurance in an unlicensed non-profit form, provided such insurance is effected outside Canada. The committee in the amendments recommended by the sub-committee.

The committee afterwards considered the life insurance companies doing a participating business to have policyholder directors on the board. The principle was affirmed by vote, and the bill decided that a shareholder will be ineligible as a policyholder's director.

DALAI LAMA SLEEPS HIGH UP

Occupies Top Flat of Hotel Because No One Must Be Above Him.

DARJILING, British India, March 2.—The Dalai Lama, the religious head of the Buddhists, who fled from Lhasa, two weeks ago, and more recently was in the Tibetan government, when he arrived here was the object of a great display of religious fervor on the part of the Buddhists.

The Dalai Lama's progress was frequently halted by hysterical women craving permission to touch the high priest's garments, or thrusting up babies to be blessed.

The Dalai Lama and his suite were installed in the Druid Hotel, the Lama himself occupying the top floor, as no one is permitted to sleep on a higher level than he.

There is an altar in the corner of the room, and incense lamps burn incessantly before images of Buddha.

SAVED BY WIFE'S CONFESSION

On Second Trial Husband is Acquitted on Murder Charge.

WATERTOWN, N.Y., March 2.—James D. Farmer, whose wife Mary was put to death in the electric chair at Auburn on March 29 last, for the murder of their neighbor, Sarah Brennan, near Brownsville, N.Y., in April, 1908, was acquitted after a second trial in the case. He had previously been convicted of murder in the first degree, but Mrs. Farmer, before her death in the electric chair, left a statement exonerating him, and the court of appeals granted a new trial.

BLOOD STAINS IN POCKETS

Show Motive for Murder of Michael Davis to Have Been Robbery.

PARRY SOUND, March 2.—An important clue as to motive for the murder of Michael J. Davis has been found on an examination of the clothing of the murdered man.

Davis was fully dressed when killed, and blood was found on the lower edge of his vest and in his trouser pockets, showing that after killing Davis, the murderer put his blood-stained hands in the murdered man's pockets.

SETTLERS' LOW RATES TO CANADIAN

Northwest and British Columbia, via the Chicago & North Western Railway daily. March 1 to April 30, from all points in Canada. Tourist sleeping cars daily to Pacific coast. Free reclining chair cars and first-class coaches via St. Paul or Duluth to Winnipeg. For full particulars address B. H. Bennett, General Agent, 46 Yonge-street, Toronto, Ont.

Chicago Market Nervous Traders Bearishly Inclined

Exchange Ignores Crop Damage Advice, and Wheat Options Sell Lower—Liverpool Cables Easy.

World Office, Wednesday Evening, March 2. Liverpool wheat futures closed today 1/4 higher to 1/2 lower than yesterday; corn unchanged.

May wheat at Chicago closed 1/4 lower than yesterday. May corn 1/4 lower, and May oats 1/4 lower.

May wheat at Winnipeg closed 1/4 lower than yesterday. May oats unchanged. Chicago car lots today: Wheat, 14,000; corn, 270; oats, 145, 25.

Winnipeg receipts of wheat to-day were 27 cars, against 167 a week ago and 105 a year ago. To-day, 41; a year ago, 50. Flax, 4; barley, 8.

Minneapolis receipts of wheat to-day were 27 cars, against 167 a week ago and 105 a year ago. To-day, 41; a year ago, 50. Flax, 4; barley, 8.

Duluth receipts of wheat to-day were 28 cars, against 40 a week ago and 21 a year ago.

Chicago Market. To-day's closing quotations on the Chicago Board of Trade:

Wheat—No. 1, 114 1/2; No. 2, 114 1/4; No. 3, 114 1/4; No. 4, 114 1/4; No. 5, 114 1/4; No. 6, 114 1/4; No. 7, 114 1/4; No. 8, 114 1/4; No. 9, 114 1/4; No. 10, 114 1/4; No. 11, 114 1/4; No. 12, 114 1/4; No. 13, 114 1/4; No. 14, 114 1/4; No. 15, 114 1/4; No. 16, 114 1/4; No. 17, 114 1/4; No. 18, 114 1/4; No. 19, 114 1/4; No. 20, 114 1/4; No. 21, 114 1/4; No. 22, 114 1/4; No. 23, 114 1/4; No. 24, 114 1/4; No. 25, 114 1/4; No. 26, 114 1/4; No. 27, 114 1/4; No. 28, 114 1/4; No. 29, 114 1/4; No. 30, 114 1/4; No. 31, 114 1/4; No. 32, 114 1/4; No. 33, 114 1/4; No. 34, 114 1/4; No. 35, 114 1/4; No. 36, 114 1/4; No. 37, 114 1/4; No. 38, 114 1/4; No. 39, 114 1/4; No. 40, 114 1/4; No. 41, 114 1/4; No. 42, 114 1/4; No. 43, 114 1/4; No. 44, 114 1/4; No. 45, 114 1/4; No. 46, 114 1/4; No. 47, 114 1/4; No. 48, 114 1/4; No. 49, 114 1/4; No. 50, 114 1/4; No. 51, 114 1/4; No. 52, 114 1/4; No. 53, 114 1/4; No. 54, 114 1/4; No. 55, 114 1/4; No. 56, 114 1/4; No. 57, 114 1/4; No. 58, 114 1/4; No. 59, 114 1/4; 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