

VITAL STATISTICS.

CITY OF ST. JOHN'S—WITHIN THE LIMITS.

CAUSE—	
Total number of births for month of May, 1924	103
Total number of deaths for month of May, 1924	49
Deaths under one month	5
Deaths under one year	4
Deaths from one to five years	5
Deaths from five years and over	35
CAUSE—	
Scarlet Fever	2
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2
Phthisis Pulmonalis	1
Phthisis	1
Carcinoma of Stomach	2
Carcinoma of Liver	2
Carcinoma of Intestines	1
Carcinoma of Breast	1
Carcinoma of Oesophagus	1
Carcinoma (unspecified)	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	1
Paralysis	2
Eclampsia	1
Endocarditis	2
Myocarditis	1
Disseminated Sclerosis	1
Bronchitis	2
Pneumonia	2
Chronic Nephritis	1
Cardio Renal Disease	1
Carbuncle	1
Senility	1
Gunshot Wound Abdomen	1
Burns of Body	1

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924
Total number of births for month of May	114	120	105	125	100	103
Total number of deaths for month of May	56	41	35	51	51	49
Deaths under one month	8	3	3	2	7	5
Deaths under one year	7	1	2	3	5	4
Deaths from one to five years	36	36	21	44	32	35
Deaths from five years and over	36	36	21	44	32	35

W. J. MARTIN,
Registrar General.Some Strange
Globe-Trotting Facts

An indomitable spirit of adventure, and nothing else, could have carried William Campbell, ex-soldier of the Black Watch, on his 50,000 mile tramp round the world in a kilt.

Through India and Australia, and many another land of the "Far East," this gallant Scotman braved a kilt to a jaunty stride. "At home in Italy," he tells us, "I was awarded for doing an impromptu Highland fling in the street. In Ceylon I came near to being murdered at a religious festival, for people mistook me for a devil. In New Zealand a Maori Chief offered me a native wife in exchange for my costume."

But the brave Campbell brought his kilt safely back to his native heath. It seems but yesterday that a man of mystery strode out of Trafalgar Square, London, on a similar trip round the world, but in a very different guise, for his face was concealed behind a black iron mask, and in front of him he pushed a perambulator. His journey was, it is said, undertaken to win a wager of \$100,000 made by a United States millionaire, and the conditions laid down were that as might well stand the most adventurous of nomads.

He was to start without a penny in his pocket; he must not reveal his identity to a soul during the whole journey; he must visit every country in England, buying a postage stamp at every town through which he passed; and, to crown his achievement, he must woo and win a wife on his way. His perambulator was stocked with photographs and pamphlets, on the sale of which he had to rely for his daily bread.

But more exciting were the conditions under which Martin Bernadotte Schröder started from Copenhagen like his way round the world, for the terms of the wager which Schröder set himself to win stipulated that he should carry no money in his pockets and that he should wear handcuffs for twenty-two hours of each day that he reached New York in spite of the heavy handicap; we know, qualified for his voyage from Liverpool by sailing as stoker during his two free hours a day, but of his further wanderings there seems to be no record.

Adventure And Tragedy
When, a few years ago, three Italians reached London on a similar circuit of the earth, they had a strange tale of adventure and tragedy to tell. When they started lightly hearted from Livorno on their long journey there were seven of them. Their journey was one of 45,000 miles, mapped out by the Rome Geographical Society. They were to earn their living on the way, and their guerdon for completing the journey was \$50,000.

All had gone merrily until they reached the Balkan States, where, more than once, they narrowly escaped death or capture by brigands. One of the party fell over a precipice and died from the injuries he received; in Montenegro another died from bronchitis, the result of exposure and exhaustion; in Albania a third of their fellows was shot through the head by brigands; while the fourth succumbed to the attractions of Monte Carlo and refused to tramp another mile.

In August, 1897, an enterprising American, Mr. G. M. Shilling, left New York on a tramp round the earth for a wager of \$5,000, the only stipulation being that he should neither beg nor borrow money. For seven years Shilling continued his tramp, covering 55,000 miles before reaching Berlin, and even then he had nine countries to go before he had finished his journey. He had travelled from end to end of Australia, China, and Japan; he had tramped through Manchuria as far as Vladivostok; and from the Straits Settlements he had made his way to Asia Minor, Constantinople, and Egypt; and everywhere he reaped a rich crop of adventure, hardship and danger.

Narrow Escape From Death.

But probably his most trying experience was during his long tramp from Adelaide to Perth over the untrodden ways of South Australia. Following the telegraph line, he trusted for his water supply to the Government tanks, which are often forty miles apart. One day he arrived at one of these tanks almost at the last gasp from thirst, to find that it was empty. He had no strength to walk another mile, and was resigning himself to death when a happy idea occurred to him. He cut the telegraph wires above his head; within a few hours a party of engineers arrived to make the necessary repairs, and his life was saved.

When Johann Beck, a German, left Hamburg on a similar journey, he conceived the daring plan of voyaging across the Atlantic packed in a box and shipped as "goods." Buying a packing case, six feet long, four feet high, and three feet wide, he lined the bottom with hay, put in two dozen pint bottles of coffee, a bottle of whisky, some chocolate, biscuits, and leaves; then packing himself as closely as possible in the small space left, was duly "consigned" by a friend to New York in the Hamburg-American liner Palatia.

Unfortunately stormy weather prolonged the voyage from the usual ten or twelve days to fifteen, and when the stowaway was at last discovered and rescued from his cabin quarters he was found unconscious and in a terrible state of emaciation. He had been without food for some days, and had suffered indescribable torture.

Little less uncomfortable was the method adopted not long ago by two Italians who, for a wager, started on a trip round the world in a barrel. Whether they succeeded or not, the writer is not in a position to say, the latest record of their strange journey

being a telegram running thus: "Much surprise has been caused by the arrival at the station of Mediana del Campo (Spain) of a barrel containing two men. The waybill accompanying the consignment read 'One barrel, weighing 3½ cwt., containing two Italians named Dianelle and Zenarich.' It appears that the two men made a bet that they would go round the world in this novel fashion, staying the whole time in the barrel."

From Klondyke to England.

When Mr. C. F. Dickson undertook for a wager to travel from Dawson City, in the Klondyke, to England in sixty-two days, he faced a more formidable task than he imagined. By the terms of his wager he was to start without money, not to pay for riding a single mile, and his entire wardrobe was to consist of the suit of clothes he wore.

Three terrible days of tramping took Mr. Dickson from White Horse to Skagway, from which place he worked his passage on a steamer to Vancouver Island. Four weeks were spent in crossing the American continent from Vancouver to Montreal, mostly as a stowaway on goods trains. For two days he was without anything to eat or drink while riding 500 miles in the unused water tank of an old engine, which was being conveyed to the Atlantic coast for repairs. From Montreal Mr. Dickson worked his way as a cattleman to Manchester, which he reached with two days to spare, after a journey of ten thousand miles.

For a wager of \$100,000 M. Georgescu, of Bucharest, undertook to walk through every country of Europe within two years, wearing the costume of a Roumanian peasant, taking no money with him, and no apparel other than that with which he started.

A sixteen year old boy, William E. Mason, left London in June, 1897, on a walking tour of the world, under much more exacting conditions, for all his raiment consisted of a suit fashioned from two penny newspapers. In this novel costume he quickly

made enough money to purchase a more durable suit, and succeeded in reaching British Columbia after a walk of 56,578 miles.

Swedish Athletes

BUSILY PREPARING FOR OLYMPIC GAMES.

STOCKHOLM.—(A.P.)—Sweden's preparations for the Olympic games this year began immediately after the end of the 1920 Olympiad. The games are taken much more seriously in Sweden than in some of the larger states. The Swedish Olympic Committee, a permanent body refreshed with new members after each Olympiad, has been keeping its eyes on the

promising athletes of the country, so that it will have little difficulty in making the final selection of the team to go to Paris.

The strength of the Swedes will be concentrated largely in swimming, light athletics, and horsemanship. Only men believed to have a good chance of winning prizes will be placed on the team. Consequently, Sweden's delegation will be small, but the national contingent that went to Antwerp four years ago.

In water sports the outstanding entry from Sweden is Arne Borg, who has been visiting Honolulu recently. His best records at several distances rank even, or almost so, with those of Johnnie Weissmuller, and on more than one occasion, he has improved upon the times set by the Australian aquatic prodigy, Allan Charlton.

Nils Trolle, another swimming star of Sweden, has covered 100 meters in just a fifth of a second over one minute. The Henning brothers will enter events calling for swimming on the back. High and fancy diving events will also be contested by Sweden.

In the cinder path this country has no sprinters of outstanding speed, but in the longer races of from 1,500 meters onward, there are several first class men available. The severity of the winter has hampered preparations for outdoor races.

The Swedish calvary hopes to regain the high place it won both at Antwerp and eight years before at Stockholm. The stars of the former games will be mounted again this summer.

The modern pentathlon, to a great extent a military sport, is being eagerly anticipated. Many young army officers are developing their skill in the varied turns that make up this number in the sport programme. All but the best of them will be eliminated in preliminary trials the end of May. Among other sports which Sweden will enter are bicycle races, yachting and association football.

Nobles of Mystic Shrine

TO DESCEND ON KANSAS CITY, KANSAS CITY, May 30.—(A. P.)—Lafayette preparations for the tidal wave of Shriner, expected to sweep into Kansas City for the Fifth Imperial Session of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, June 3-5, are being made by the nobles of Ararat Temple here. "Hang Your Hat with Ararat" is the slogan broadcast, which the convention committee expects to take advantage of by 35,000 wearers of the fez.

More than \$300,000 is being expended on decorations, entertainments and features. Between 30 and 40 temples will send their uniformed bodies.

"Pullman cities" will be set up in the railroad yards to house delegations, coming on their own special trains. City water and electric lights will be installed and restaurant and

dining car service will be provided conveniently close to the cars. Kansas City hotel men and hundreds of private home owners will care for others.

Sixty-five thousand Shrine convention camel trail markers have been erected along 3,000 miles of highway. They may be seen from Winnipeg to New Orleans and from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C.

Local radio stations announce their entire facilities will be turned over to the Shriner. Shrine bands, glee clubs and other entertainers will broadcast for practically three days and nights.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL.—St. George's Field, this evening at 7.30. B.L.S. vs. Saints. Admission 10c. Ladies free. Grandstand 10c. extra. Boys free.—June 3, 11

AT THE STAR MOVIE
The Big Attraction To-night—"The Midnight Alarm."

The Five Hawaiians in the following Musical Selections:

AKAHI-HOI—By Indetta and Company

NINIPO—By Eddie and Company.

"WHAT'LL I DO"—Solo by Bill Kalama.

Musical Instrumental Solo, by Charlie with his one string

"JAZZY" SELECTIONS, by Eddie, with his steel Guitar

FINALE—1-2-3-4.

THE SENSATION OF SENSATIONAL PICTURES.

"THE MIDNIGHT ALARM"

With Alice Calhoun and Cullen Landis.

THIS IS A WONDERFUL PRODUCTION—SEE IT!

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"They are all new shapes."

"Wonderful Quality."

"Gee, these are Christy's!"

"I know they must be good because you always give me such excellent values."

"I am wearing this one since your 50-50 Sale (and say boy that was in 1920), some hat, eh?"

Try out my goods and you will be one of my many satisfied customers.

SOFT FELTS \$2.99 to \$5.99

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Yours for Hats of Quality,

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When a single cinema film runs to thousands of feet, when the total output of new films runs into four figures every year in America, Britain, and Europe, and when this output is duplicated thousands of times to enable picture theatres by the tens of thousands to run the same film at the same moment, it would need a mathematical genius to estimate the number of millions of miles of film unwound in the course of a year for the amusement of the public.

What becomes of disused films? When a film has been thrown aside as "junk," it is cleaned by a special process, which removes the chemical coating. The coating is capable of

yielding silver at the rate of 112 ounces to the ton.

The cleaned celluloid strips pass into the hands of boot and shoe manufacturers, and a considerable portion of the patent toe-caps worn in this country and America are the result. So you may at the present moment be wearing on your feet a bit of film which has once held the charming curls of Mary Pickford or the laugh-provoking feet of Charlie Chaplin!

Your grocer will be glad to recommend Crisco for frying fresh codfish. The chances are he is using it in his own home and knows how good Crisco fried fish tastes.—adv.

—By Bud Fisher.

MUTT AND JEFF—

