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## WORKINGMEN'S HOMES

A suggestion has been made and received with some approval that in order to solve the housing problem in St. John the lawyers and doctors and other well-to-do citizens who are living in rented houses or flats should build homes for their own, and if they moved out no working man would be able to move in, for the house would not afford to pay the rent. A house of no service whatever to a man who can only pay from \$10 to \$12 per month. It is quite clear therefore that whatever people possessing means may do for their own comfort the necessity still remains for the erection of cottages for working men.

There are two phases of this whole question in St. John. One relates to the erection of new buildings which are needed, and will be needed in an increasing number from year to year, and the other to the improvement of existing tenements. In this connection some figures may be submitted to illustrate the relation of the tenement to the health and physical condition of the occupants. The following table, which was carefully prepared after thorough investigation, shows the death rate per thousand in tenements in Finlay, London:

In one-roomed tenements, 32.9  
In two-roomed tenements, 22.5  
In three-roomed tenements, 14.8  
In four-roomed tenements, or more, 6.4

In the city of Glasgow an investigation was made with the result that 7,287 children, aged from five to eighteen years, showing the relation of the tenement to the physical development of the children. The following table relates to the boys:

Age Height Weight  
From one-roomed homes, 32.1 45.6  
From two-roomed homes, 33.1 48.1  
From three-roomed homes, 34.0 50.0  
From four-roomed homes, 34.2 50.4

There is here a very marked difference not only in the weight but in the height of the boys, and a similar table shows that it is even more marked in the case of girls. If therefore it is desired to have healthy and strong children growing up, instead of puny and unhealthy ones, attention must be paid to the kind of tenements in which they live.

To return again for a moment to the suggestion made, that if people living in rented houses should build for themselves and leave their present homes vacant, it may be pointed out that since four people could not afford to occupy the latter, the result would probably be that they would be divided up into small tenements, or they would be over-crowded with lodgers, and undesirable conditions produced. This has been the result in other cities.

In conversation with the Times this morning, an employer of labor said it was entirely wrong to assert that working men did not desire homes of their own, or that they would not go a little distance out of town on a car line to secure better housing accommodations. Many of them have to pay a car fare, and a number of five or ten minutes more on the street car would amount to nothing. When the bridge at the falls is completed, and if forty of fifty cottages were erected, preferably on the co-partnership plan, on a portion of the land now owned by the city, and the street car service extended thereto, he was convinced that every cottage would be occupied, and more of them called for. As a matter of fact this has been the experience in cities where the experiment has been tried. It should be tried in St. John.

## A GREAT CONGRESS

Great preparations are being made for the seventh International Purify Congress, which is to be held in Minneapolis, November 7-12, under the auspices of the World's Purify Federation. It is worthy of note that one of the vice-presidents of the Federation is Judge Ben. Lindsey of Denver, and another is Rev. T. Albert Moore of Toronto, while Rev. Dr. Carman of Toronto and Mr. W. W. Buchanan of Winnipeg are on the advisory board, and Rev. Dr. Shearer of Toronto is chairman of the committee on Literature. When the touring party of the Federation was in St. John last year, a resolution was adopted urging that some Sunday be designated as Purify Sunday, when the aims of its work could be presented in churches everywhere. It was decided at a later date not to designate a particular Sunday, but to have it come at the same time each year as the International Congress. Hence Purify Sunday this year will fall on November 9, when the great congress is in session, and when every church and every hall in Minneapolis; the convention city, will be opened for the discussion of social, civic and moral reform, and the great question with which the World's Purify Federation specifically deals. The Federation anticipates that churches, fraternal orders and uplift societies all the world over will

respond to the appeal, which is also made to the governors of states and provinces, and the mayors of all cities, to issue proclamations designating November 9 as Purify Sunday, "urging on their members and people to assemble on that day for the serious consideration and discussion of these problems, which are so vital to the welfare of people everywhere." The Federation believes that "this day can be made a tremendous power for the advancement of purity in social and individual life." Among those who will address the congress in Minneapolis will be Mr. Stanley W. Finch, special commissioner of the United States for the suppression of the white slave traffic; Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, who recently returned from an investigating tour of the world; Dr. Shastri, one of the most eminent educators and reformers in India; and many others of world-wide reputation. Between now and November a campaign of publicity will be carried on in order that the people of all countries may have their attention directed to the congress and to the great work which the World's Purify Federation seeks to promote.

## CONCERNING PROHIBITION

Three Maine sheriffs were found guilty by the state legislature of neglect in the performance of their duty to enforce the prohibitory law. Apparently these sheriffs had proceeded on the assumption that the people did not want a prohibitory law enforced. At all events the sheriff of Penobscot county has now decided to give the people a taste of enforcement, and has made the city of Bangor dry. It is announced that during the past two or three days there has not been a single arrest for intoxication in that city, nor has the municipal court been in session to deal with any such case. Of course this does not mean that no liquor was drunk in Bangor during this dry spell. It does mean, however, that in a general way the law may be enforced, and the stronger the public sentiment is in favor of its enforcement the less business there will be for the courts. The Saturday Evening Post has an article on this subject, with special reference to the state of Kansas. It is admitted that liquor can be got in every city and town in Kansas, but the prohibitionists reply that at all events the enjoyment of the liquor is not presented to the young men, and that the great majority of these will not get the habit by patronizing kitchen bars and bootleggers. It is declared that if the question of prohibition were re-submitted in the state of Kansas a vote in favor of retaining prohibition would be two to one.

## A COLONIZATION SCHEME

A very interesting colonization scheme is to be carried out in the State of Wisconsin. An organization of men of wealth who are of Scottish descent has secured 80,000 acres of land, which will be divided into eighty-acre farms for one thousand young Scotchmen, who will not only be encouraged to settle thereon, but will be encouraged to establish themselves as successful farmers. Young men will be sent from the universities to instruct them in modern American methods of farming, and an agricultural college endowed with 10,000 acres of land is a part of the general plan. A number of experiments are what similar to this one are being made in various parts of the United States, and one of them was referred to recently in this paper. It was then observed that men of wealth could not make a better use of their surplus money than in giving encouragement to agricultural development and a larger production from the soil, and such a system of co-operation as would make the work of the farmers more successful as well as more agreeable.

Little Montenegro asserts its determination to retain Scutari; but, if it were agreed to, Bulgaria and Greece and Serbia would each want a larger slice of the spoils of war. Hence the powers will force the little kingdom to give up Scutari to Albania.

More interesting than even the variations of the thermometer are the impressions of the enterprising correspondents who write about the log drives. One day the drives are coming along in a very satisfactory way, and the next day they are hung up, only to be started again the day after. It will probably be found in the end that most of the logs will reach the mills.

There may be a suggestion for St. John in the following paragraph from Canadian Finance—"The Winnipeg Housing and Town Planning Association is a non-party and non-sectarian association appealing to the highest ideals of the community. It appeals to the social reformer, the commercial man and the manufacturer, the real-estate man, the builder, the engineer, the financier, the working man, the lover of the aesthetic; it appeals to everyone who stands for a bigger and better Winnipeg. If not already a member, join it by sending your name and \$1.00 annual membership fee to President Wm. Pearson, or Secretary G. Lynn, at the Industrial Bureau."

## BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

FRIDAY, APRIL TWENTY-FIVE.

The Hon. Henry Aylmer, second son of the seventh Baron Aylmer and superintendent of the training camp at Petawawa, was born on April 25, 1843 at Melbourne, P. Q. He entered military life as a young man and has had a long and successful career.

Aemilius Jarvis, prominent financier and sportsman, of Toronto, was born on April 25, 1861. He took up banking as a young man and was connected with various Canadian banks. He is now president of the Sovereign Bank and a director of many undertakings.

The Hon. R. E. McKechnie, prominent citizen of Vancouver, was born in Brockville on April 25, 1861. He took up the practice of medicine and went to Nanaimo, B. C., where he became medical health officer. He was president of the council in the Semlin administration.

## LIGHTER VEIN

A BIG DEAL.

"How's business?"  
"Fine," said the real-estate man. "Just sold my big apartment house, taking in part payment, a farm, a factory site and a row of small bricks. A \$200,000 transaction, and 418 of it was in cash."—From the Kansas City Journal.

OVER-CONSCIENTIOUS  
Dumplings—You're sending your daughter to a fashionable school, aren't you?  
Von Blumner—Yes.  
"How does she like it?"  
"Fairly well, but she complains that she has no time to study."—Life.

## SAD.

It unnerves a man to have his wife act as if she's used to it, when he's polite to her before company.—Lippincott's Magazine.

## CITY RIGHTS.

Summer Boarder—Don't you ever come to see the sights of a city?  
Farmer Medders—Oh, no, we see 'em every summer.—Spokane Spokesman-Review.

## SPRING IN GEORGIA

When it comes to exercising digging bait is far more popular than beating the carpet.—From the Atlanta Constitution.

## EXTRAVAGANT.

"Pa must have had a raise in salary."  
"Why?"  
"Ma started to fry things in butter again."

## A FLATTERING OFFER.

I would have liked to be a reporter—Mr. Carnegie.  
If Mr. Carnegie would learn to spell, he may apply at the city desk of the Sun.—New York Sun.

## SEEMS SO.

Tall Guest—Is that a full orchestra?  
Musical Friend—They play as if they are.

## THE SIGN DOMESTIC.

"It's spring all right."  
"How do you know?"  
"Ma says that Pa has started in being lazier than ever."

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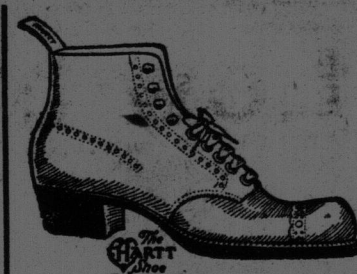
## REVENGE IN ART.

"That," said the futurist, pointing proudly to the canvas with which he had just finished, "is my attempt to interpret the infinite."  
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