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ST. GEORGE, ST. PATRICK AND ST. ANDREW.

The national characteristics of the three principal divisions of the British people could in no way be more strikingly typified than in the choice made by these races of their patron saints. Those qualities which have through history been regarded as predominant in the English, Irish and Scotch are the same qualities which have influenced the lives of those men chosen as patrons. Today Englishmen the world over honor the anniversary of the birth and death of St. George. Many histories have been written of the valiant deeds of this personage of the early Christian era, but in spite of all that has been put forward historians are inclined to discredit detailed accounts of his life. Beyond the fact that he was a native of Lydda, a military tribune under Diocletian, and was put to death for his efforts on behalf of Christians in A. D. 303, little is recorded. It is not, however, wholly because of his life on earth that England has adopted him as her patron saint. St. George stands for the church militant, the ideal of those who exert their strength that good may come. He is credited with having assisted the Crusaders against the Saracens in the siege of Antioch in 1098, after the manner of the gods who fought around Troy or perhaps more in the way St. Andrew helped the Scots. St. George stands in romance as the slayer of the Dragon of evil, the hero who delivered the church from the powers of darkness. Honor, liberty and courage are typified in St. George, but these are linked together by a broad-minded Christianity which realizes that other men may be of other minds, and that while differences may exist in the application of truth the important point is that men shall live up to their own highest ideals.

On March 17th the sons of Ireland worthily honor the memory of St. Patrick. Their saint spent his life in teaching and preaching, in living among and suffering with his adopted people in observing their customs in so far as these were worthy of observance, and in directing them to better ways where he found opportunity. The rigid adherence to the faith, unvarying generosity, hospitality and honest virtues of the people were accentuated by the teachings of St. Patrick, and his memory is today inseparably linked with the history of the Irish race.

The stern, rugged Scots might naturally have been expected to select as their patron one whose very name would appeal to their dispositions. Andrew, the manly one, represents all the traits which endure in all things, the strength of purpose and the unyielding determination to carry forward to the goal. With their accustomed caution the Scots have chosen as their saint one whose life record is well a clear history of St. Patrick, but the English suffer because of the fact that there lived at about the same time two men by the name of George. These are often confounded. One of them, not the saint, is described as a rascal, an artful army contractor who by fraud was made an archbishop and who was put to death by those whom he had wronged.

THE PRE-ELECTION SILENCE.

As the time for the presidential election in the United States approaches there is a very noticeable slackening of efforts toward the enforcement of various stringent laws made during Roosevelt's tenure of office. Despite the somewhat cynical criticism of Mr. Bryan, who wants to know why the more offensive combines are not being rigidly prosecuted, the government is exhibiting a carelessness very different from the course outlined by the president at various times during the past few years. The popular explanation is of course in the fact that nothing will now be done which could create more enemies to the Republican party. Roosevelt in a number of messages to Congress laid down his instructions in such strong terms that the country expected to see half the leading financiers and merchants in jail inside of a very few weeks. He ordered the officers of his departments to institute actions against many corporations, and it all his commands had been carried out it would have been found necessary to trouble the number of politically-appointed judges in order that the cases might be speedily tried. But of late there has been a silence. The trusts, those "grants with their feet on the necks of the people" are still doing business in the same old way. The banks and trust companies have not taken to the woods, nor has the Standard Oil been declared dissolved. The collapse of the Roosevelt scare is a live topic of discussion in political circles. The people, however, look upon it as a natural pre-election development and are not worried. During the term of office of any government when

there is no immediate prospect of defeat, the electors give their attention to all movements in the way of reform. They think it is their duty to support the government in every attempt to right what may be regarded as injurious to the general welfare, but with an election in sight, all minds turn to party action. Pure food laws, anti-trust prosecutions, and gambling hills are forgotten. The sole aim and object is to retain for the party as many votes as can possibly be held, to do nothing which can embitter even a small section of the electorate. Thus it is seen that in spite of all denunciations hurled against them, the moneyed men of the United States are the real rulers of the country. Their methods may be assailed in the bitterest manner, but eventually their favor is sought even by those who in non-election years most strenuously oppose them.

ST. JOHN.

Where the winds blow free and the wild waves roar,
And a river runs down to the sea,
Is a city I love whose rock-bound shore
Is ever most fair to me.
So sturdy and bold in the morning light
As it watches the wild waves play,
Where the sea-gulls gleam in their wheeling flight
O'er the wastes of Fundy's Bay.

And the beautiful river that runs to the sea
Sings the sweetest of joyous songs,
Bringing tokens of love for the queen to see,
Which only to her belongs.
And clear is the song it sings at her gate,
Which the giants of ocean keep,
'Neath the crested hills where she sits in state,
By the shores of the rolling deep.

And her wandering sons in far away lands
Turn their eyes to the northern verge,
For their hearts are drawn to the rock-bound stand,
Where the breakers of Fundy surge.
No other home shall her loyal sons find so fair to gaze upon,
As this mother of men and of sturdy ones,
The Flower of the North—St. John.
J. L.

"Is he a well-informed man?" was inquired during an elegiac moment. She smiled slightly.
"He should say so," she rejoined. "His wife tells him everything."

"De faith cure," said Uncle Eben, "may be good for some ailments, but I hate to see a man standin' 'round' tryin' to mend his fences an' 'li' de mortgage wid' him."

"Jack told Maud her teeth were like stars."

"That's a singular expression. He probably meant to say 'pearls'."

"No, I've a suspicion of what he really meant, though Maud didn't see it. He meant they were like stars because they come out at night."

"They're a most affectionate couple. Do you know they've been married twelve years, and she still greets him at the door with a kiss?"

"That's not affection. That's her way of finding out what he has been drinking."

"Whistling girls and crowing hens were outcast a generation ago."

"Well, 'But now they can both make money in vaudeville."

Mother—"If you marry Robert I swear that I'll never set foot in your house. Daughter—"Please put that down in writing. I'd like to give your promise to Robert for a wedding present."

HE COURTED THE NUN UNDER DIFFICULTIES

Young Man Wore Gird of Sisterhood and Thereby Won a Pretty Wife

DES MOINES, Ia., April 22.—Courtship by her lover wearing one of the nun gowns, Florence Tinsley, sister in the convent of the Good Shepherd at Omaha, Neb., was sent out into the waiting arms of Maxwell Hirsch, formerly of Chicago, freed by writ of habeas corpus secured on a showing that the girl was overage.

While employed in the laundry of the convent, Hirsch saw the young girl bending over the elevator shaft on the floor above. Observing the rule against conversation with the laity, the nun yet returned often to the shaft to watch for the young man. Three months ago they began a correspondence by notes secreted in the bundles of laundry sent by each nun to Hirsch's department. Two weeks ago the girl dropped a duplicate of her nun's garb down the shaft to her lover, who, by donning it and dropping the veil that the nuns wear when outside their corridors, entered the hall where Sister Florence roomed.

Words of love won the girl, and she planned other meetings. Hirsch, who is a slender blonde of twenty-five, brought her books and magazines, and told stories of the outside world that sounded like fairyland to the nun. She had not been outside the walls since entering, and her daily air in the open court was taken in silence and under guard of the superior. A flashing brunette, the hot-headed girl fell in love with her woe.

The girl betrothed herself to Hirsch at last, and they established a common law marriage by mutual agreement. The escape was planned for Sunday, April 12. Wearing boys' clothes, and with a pipe in her mouth, the nun was on the point of leaving with her husband when the mother superior discovered them. She locked the girl in her room and discharged Hirsch, threatening arrest because the girl was under legal age.

Hirsch, wired to Mrs. Debrunner, remarried mother of the girl in Salt Lake City, and secured proof that Florence was over eighteen. On this evidence he today secured a writ of habeas corpus, and the nun-wife was released shortly before noon.

ACTIVE SEASON FOR SASKATOON

An Extensive Programme of Construction Work

Grand Trunk Pacific, Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern are All Making Good Progress

SASKATOON, April 22.—There is no mistaking the spring activity in this city. It is visible on all sides, and it displays itself in a most conspicuous way to the man who is watching for it. The same man may be conversant with the recent history of Saskatoon and he is likely to wonder if this growth and development will ease off for a year or so. He can see no sign that there is likely to be an easing off this season. Some elaborate schemes may fall down through lack of nourishment, and the visionary enterprises may remain in a state of bubble. But the solid progress on which the permanence of the community depends is not based entirely on the big features. The settler from the United States who brings in his family, his bunch of horses and cattle, and his carload of general effects is not a conspicuous arrival here, and his departure in the direction of Langan or Asquith or Dundurn, new towns tributary to Saskatoon, scarcely an event. It is when his case is multiplied a thousand times that the effect is felt. The big increase of the population factor which promises renewed vigor and constant growth in the business life of the country and these farmers who are now swarming in furnish the guarantee that the particular district of which this city is the centre will continue its industrial and commercial progress for an indefinite period.

HOUSING THE PEOPLE.

The other branches of the activity which is now shown here are as notable for their number and variety as for their magnitude. While the building programme for the present season may not include a large number of banks, office buildings, hotels, and large structures of the character which will "go heavy" on the residence or dwelling, the small store, and building in which a small amount of capital is invested. This class of construction work has been making strides during the past season, and even at that it has scarcely received all the attention which it deserved. The big thing in the building line comes in for much consideration. There is now a prospect that the operations on a small or medium scale will have a better opportunity of securing a place in the programme.

BIG CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME.

It is not to be supposed, however, that the work of building up this city during 1908 will be confined to the lighter work. Three railway companies have been pushing forward the work of laying their lines to and from Saskatoon, and they intend to continue with more energy than ever before. The buildings to be provided by the Dominion and Provincial Governments for the use of their various officials in the city mean a substantial addition to the business structures. In connection with the plan of municipal improvement great activity is likely to be shown. A very favorable sale of a bond issue amounting to \$400,000 has enabled the City Council to make up its mind definitely with regard to the need for following up the policy of improvement which was inaugurated about three years ago. Waterworks, sewers, electric light, streets and sidewalks are prominent items on the list which require attention, and it may be taken for granted that by the end of the present season the extent of public utilities will have answered at least the urgent needs of the community. The municipal authorities have some difficulty in keeping the citizens supplied with the necessities of life, and in the meantime no one is worrying.

RAILWAY BUILDING.

The building of railways is the outstanding feature of the exploitation which is now proceeding. No more certain guarantee of the future of a city could be given than is furnished by the three great transportation systems now in operation. The Canadian Northern holds first place for the time being, so far as the actual operation of trains is concerned. It has the old Qu'Appelle, Long Lake & Saskatchewan line, which runs through Saskatoon from north to south. A quick transfer arrangement also confers the benefit of direct connection with the through route, and

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the city is practically on the main line. Next in importance, from the standpoint of present location, is the Canadian Pacific. This road, which has been largely responsible for the building up of the place through its long operation of the Q. L. & S., has brought in from the east its extension of the Kirkella branch, to which the Yorkton branch, formerly known as the Manitoba & Northwestern, is being joined. After passing through Saskatoon, this important branch, which is generally called the secondary main line, proceeds westward on its way to Weyakowin and Edmonton. It has already been constructed in that direction as far as Asquith, a distance of about twenty-five miles, and trains between that point and the city are running regularly.

The company has made Saskatoon the divisional headquarters for the handling of its traffic, and has erected extensive terminal buildings, including a fine passenger station. The connection from the east waits on the completion of the railway bridge across the Saskatchewan River in the northeastern portion of the city. It is expected that this structure will be completed during the present summer, and that the company will be in a position to share in handling the enormous east-bound traffic which arises from the great production of grain in the district.

THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

The relation of Saskatoon to the Grand Trunk Pacific is fairly well known, but it may not be amiss to repeat that the new transcontinental line contributes the chief cause of the satisfaction which the citizens feel when they are considering the subject of transportation facilities. The work of laying the steel on the great national highway has made remarkable progress, and it is hoped that in a few days, or a few weeks at the most, the last link between the Saskatoon and Portage la Prairie will be on the ground. The short stretch between Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie will undoubtedly be considered early in the season, and this city will then be in direct communication with the present commercial capital of western Canada.

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MARRIAGES.

HOSFORD - LIVINGSTON.—In this city, on April 22nd, by the Ven. Archdeacon Raymond, rector of St. Mary's Church, Thomas F. Hosford to Mrs. Martha C. Livingston.

DEATHS.

MILLER.—In this city, after lingering illness, Arthur Miller, aged 17 years, only and beloved child of Wm. and Georgie Miller.

Funeral from late residence, 88 Chesley St., Saturday at 2.30 p. m. GRIEN—Suddenly in this city on the 22nd inst., Esther Gooley, beloved wife of James Green, leaving a husband, one son, father, brother and sister to mourn.

Notice of funeral hereafter. (Beverly, Mass. papers please copy.) ENSLOW.—In this city, April 20th, Mary Josephine (Marie), eldest daughter of Charles T. and Mary Enslow, in the fourteenth year of her age, leaving a father, mother, two brothers and six sisters to mourn their sad loss.

JOHNSTON.—After a short illness, at his home, Otter Lake, on April 22nd, Edward J., eldest son of Joseph and Eliza Johnston, in the forty-second year of his age, leaving a father, mother and three brothers to mourn their sad loss.

Funeral from his home, Otter Lake, at twelve o'clock Sunday. Interment at Fernhill.

(New York and Chicago papers please copy.)

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PRAIRIE FIRES RAGING THROUGH THE WEST

WINNIPEG, Man., April 22.—Reports from various parts of the west, chiefly from the newer districts of Saskatchewan, indicate that losses by prairie fires are at the heaviest in recent years. Farmers are praying for rain as practically no rain has fallen this spring, while snow went away several weeks earlier than usual. As a result, the prairie soil is dry as tinder, while the high winds prevail, have driven the flames at a terrific speed, whenever they have started. Only one death is reported. The loss to property and stock is very considerable. A report from Shoho, received this morning, says fire has swept the district northwest and south, destroying everything unexpected, including vast quantities of hay.

A report from Carlyle says that a prairie fire is raging in Moose Mountain district.

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