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VICTORIA DAY

To all Canadians who have reached middle life Victoria Day is associated with memories of the great Queen whose birthday it commemorates. The day has also come to be recognized and valued as the first holiday of the opening summer, dear to the hearts of anglers and children, suburban dwellers and excursionists in general, to say nothing of the opening, locally, of the baseball season. It is a pleasant break in the monotony of toil, and a cheerful introduction to the pleasures of the season during which so many people in cities visit the country or dwell at suburban resorts. Always provided, of course, that the weather is fine.

There are not too many holidays. Modern city life is very strenuous, and there is a tendency to become so much absorbed in its cares and its none too healthy diversions that the faculty for real holiday enjoyment falls into disuse. There is no more pitiable spectacle than an individual who on a holiday does not know what to do with himself, in a world so full of simple pleasures within the reach of all.

WESTERN CAPITAL COMING

The editor of Canadian Finance, Winnipeg, who a few months ago visited the lower provinces, and who has also been to the Pacific coast, has this to say:—

"It is interesting to note that western capital—from both British Columbia and the middle west—is being interested in the awakening of activity that seems evident in the maritime provinces. In St. John real estate (central and suburban), and in colonization plans for the St. John valley's fruit growing development, well-known western names are in evidence. Of course, any attempt to make real estate activity in the maritime provinces a cause rather than a concomitant of basic development would be regrettable. But the optimism discernible down by the sea gives promise of a coming 'strong pull' and a pull altogether. A time of large harbor and transportation developments seems a psychological moment to put energy into plans for developing a rich but too neglected adjacent territory."

The editor of Canadian Finance, after a reference to eastern investments in the west, says:—

"It would now seem that sound, eastern industrial offerings yielding a fair return can almost certainly find a growing market in the west. More particularly will this be the case, as time goes on, when corporations plan to establish important western branches, whether by way of manufacturing or important distributing houses."

Canadian Finance makes a strong argument for inter-investment in Canada, east and west, which the editor finds is actually coming to increasing favor.

In the course of the article he writes one paragraph which unfortunately applies as well to some places in the east as in the west. It is this:—

"An alert young business man with a sound concern in his charge that is ready to profitably expand, and the other day it is apparently easier to get capital for a banana plantation than for a local industrial plant that has already made good."

All that is necessary to make inter-investment more of a factor is for the west to secure a larger share in the east. The east is constantly sending funds west for investment, and it is only quite recently that the complement has been returned.

We know today that western investors hold considerable property in St. John, and that there is a steadily growing interest among western financiers in the forward movement in New Brunswick. The capital that flowed west for years and helped to build up that country is thus yielding a practical return. Every effort should be made to conduct business here on a sound basis, keeping values at a level warranted by the actual conditions, in order that confidence may not be shaken nor the eastward movement of capital checked. The east now has its opportunity, and should continue to pursue a policy at once sane and progressive.

RAISING ALFALFA

While efforts are being made in a small way to interest New Brunswick farmers and dairymen in the cultivation of alfalfa, the province of Quebec is also giving attention to this very important matter. Conservation for May says:—

"One feature of the work of the Dominion Committee last year was the beginning of an investigation into the conditions under which alfalfa can be successfully grown in the province of Quebec. Three farms in each of the counties of L'Assomption, Beauce and Huntingdon, and two farms in Chicoutimi were used for this illustration work. Professor Klinck of Macdonald College had charge of the work. The following is taken from his report of the work conducted last year: 'The farmers in these districts appreciate very much the opportunity that is being afforded them for co-operating with the Commission of Conservation. Without exception, every man with whom the commission is co-operating in these counties has done his utmost to ensure the success of the undertaking. The communities, as a whole, have shown unusual interest in the work and seem to appreciate the fact that, if this high yielding, nutritious plant can be grown successfully, it will not only be a boon to the farmers themselves, but a blessing to the entire community.'"

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Alfalfa can be grown in New Brunswick and has been raised successfully from the native seed. It is a crop of the greatest value to the farmer, and its general intro-

duction should prove of very great benefit. The Flemish government should give more attention to the encouragement of alfalfa planting in different parts of the province. There is money in it for the farmer."

Tomorrow, Victoria Day, the Times will not be issued.

The legal movement in real estate has taken on another burst of speed.

Russia now has a \$251,000,000 naval programme. Where will this folly end?

Hon. Richard McBride demands a navy for the Pacific coast. What will Mr. Borden do about it?

The people of Chipman have had a town-cleaning day, and everybody helped. They have set a good example.

Premier Fleming will no doubt interpret the "sterling silver shovel," as a delicate hint for him to "dig down."

Dr. George R. Parkin, in a speech in London, defended Ambassador Bryce against the gross attacks of Tory journalists and others.

The governor of Newfoundland is alleged to have said he was glad reciprocity was defeated in Canada. At the same time Newfoundland is seeking reciprocity.

Even Ohio Republicans prefer Roosevelt to Taft. That is the unkindest cut of all, and greatly improves the chances of the ex-president for the nomination.

There will be general assent to the statement that civic by-laws should be enforced until they are repealed. If they are good they will not be repealed, and if they are bad they should be.

The Moncton Liberals, in securing May or Robinson as their candidate, have made another strong claim on public confidence. Mr. Copp is to be congratulated on the high character of the candidates who are rallying to his support.

The Fredericton Mail says:—"The bonds of the St. John and Quebec Railway Company, endorsed by Hon. Harry F. Me-Leod, provincial secretary, do not seem to be in very great demand among British capitalists at the present time."

With the aid of a band and a sod-turning celebration the Carleton county Tories held their convention yesterday. Mr. Fleming posed as the favored son and during the day received a silver shovel from a railroad contractor.

Who is responsible for the further delay in connection with the application for advanced cases of tuberculosis? What sinister influence is at work? To delay action is to further disgrace the city, and show a reckless disregard for the public health.

The sentence of nine months in jail for Mrs. Pankhurst and Mr. and Mrs. Pellick Lawrence may seem severe, but they committed a crime, and English justice does not discriminate as to persons. The sentence should make window-smashing less desirable as a womanly pastime.

This striking statement appears in the report of the National conservation commission:—"The average length of human life in different countries varies from less than twenty-five to more than fifty years. The span of life is increasing wherever sanitary science and preventive medicine are applied. It may be greatly extended."

While Empire Day is not observed as a public holiday, the children in the schools have their attention drawn on this day to the meaning of the word as it relates to the British Empire, and to the responsibilities of citizenship in the far-flung realm over which the Union Jack floats as the symbol of freedom and progress.

In a speech in London, alluding to the fact that Great Britain bore the burden of the defence of the Empire, Earl Grey declared that thousands of Canadians were galled by that thought; and that they envied her that privilege and were counting the days until they could stand and claim their share. Mr. Borden will please sit up and take notice.

Mr. F. C. Squires, who has been named with Mr. Fleming and Mr. Munro on the ticket in Carleton county, appears to have made in his speech last night some disparaging remarks about the United States. To be able to do this is the test of patriotism. But why did this young patriot go to Harvard, where he will take a degree next month? What can a Carleton county patriot do with a Yankee degree? Why should he desire it?

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"To your chauffeur an expert?"
"Yes, indeed," replied Mr. Chuggins. "He can explain in a most interesting way exactly why the car isn't running most of the time."—Washington Star.CLEVER.
Mrs. Muggins—"I hear your husband is quite versatile."
Mrs. Higgins—"Why, he can actually stay out late every night in the week and not give the same excuse twice."—Philadelphia Record.POPULAR YOUTH.
"Now that your son is through college, what are you going to make of him?"
"Can't tell for a couple of years. He went to a good institution, and he's booked up for two years solid to act as an usher at weddings."—Louisville Courier-Journal.REASON ENOUGH.
"Why didn't you ask for your transfer to get to it before the man behind me could get to it?" the woman replied, calmly.—Buffalo Express.WAS A SHAME.
He—"So you lost that handsome little dog you had?"
She—"Yes, in a railroad accident. I was saved, but the dog was killed."
He—"What a pity!"—Boston Transcript.THE AVERAGE INCOME.
The average income is sorely tried. In the struggle to make ends meet—to pay the wages of the men who help, and the bills for the food we eat.

For butter is up, potatoes are up, and milk is up. The average income is just dashed still. Or else grows smaller each year.

The cook in the kitchen asks for more, and so does the serving maid; and then, perforce, as a matter of course, the increase must be paid.

We are told that coal is about to rise. The gas bills are twice as large. And for every strike which threatens the land.

The consumer must pay the charge. So, what are the people going to do, and how are they going to live, when the average income is stretched and strained?

Beyond what it's able to give?

ONE ON THE AUTO MAN.
"That's a damned fine-looking car of yours, mister," said the old man with a chin whisker, as he inspected Dubbleigh's motor standing in front of the Eagle House at Togo.

"Yes, but it is," said Dubbleigh. "I came over here from Watkins Corners this morning in just fifty-five minutes. Give some, eh?"

"Yes," said the old gentleman, stroking his chin whisker thoughtfully. "Kin ye prove it?"

"I have witnesses in my garage," said Dubbleigh. "I'll take ye word for it," said the stranger. "Just fork over twenty-five, and we'll call it square. I'm jockey of the Peace around here, and it'll save time to settle this here violation right now."—Harper's Weekly.

THE AXE IN CHARLOTTE.
Reason:—John T. Catharine, of Letete, who was an excellent official, but who happened to be a liberal, has been dismissed as a factory official and his place filled by the appointment of Elgin McNeichel.A Good Fruit Salad
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MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

The machinists in Halifax have been granted an increase of from 12 1/2 to 20 per cent. in wages. They struck for 23 per cent.

The body of Captain Holland, of the Salvation Army, was found yesterday near Chebogue, N. S., in shallow water near the wharves. There were no marks or bruises upon the body, and it is a mystery whether it was suicide or accident. He had lately been transferred from Fredericton. He leaves wife and three small children.

The police of Boston are still at work on the murder of Mrs. Lillian Jewett, formerly of Montreal, who was found strangled in her apartments on Saturday. Charles W. Hopping, a waiter, who had been arrested was released yesterday.

Dublin, May 22.—A great home rally has been arranged for July 19 in the Theatre Royal here. Premier Asquith is on the list of speakers.

London, May 22.—The house of commons adjourned today to June 4.

Amherst, N. S., May 22.—(Special).—N. Curry, president of the Canadian Car & Foundry Co., will be tendered a complimentary banquet by the citizens of Amherst under the auspices of the Amherst board of trade at the Terrace Hotel on the evening of June 30.

BERKING OF CHARLOTTE.
Reason:—The "berking" of Charlotte county, is undoubtedly George F. Beach, of Honeydale. His standing army—or to be more correct, his "flying army"—is contained in 100 hives. As each of these hives is sheltering from 20,000 to 30,000 bees, with a continual brood going on, some idea of the immensity of this army may be obtained.

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(Canadian Finance)

It is fitting that in Winnipeg, where "best meats wars" a movement of all-Canadian interest should have its beginning. It is now definitely announced that the first town-planning congress in Canada will be held in Winnipeg on July 15, 16 and 17, and will in fact be of an international character. The sessions will be held in the auditorium of the Industrial Bureau. The Duke of Connaught has consented to speak at the congress which, during its sessions, will be addressed by many prominent men from various parts of the world, and one lady.

Among the speakers will be Frederick Law Olmsted, of Boston, for three years president of the International Town Planning Congress, on "The Four Cardinal Points of Town Planning;" Walter D. Moody, managing director of the Chicago Improvements Commission, on "The Improvement and Development of Large Cities;" B. Antrim Haldeman, town planning engineer, of Philadelphia, on "Some of the Fundamental Problems of Town Planning;" Guy W. Haysler, of London, Eng., on "The Essential Elements of City Planning;" Louis Betz, of St. Paul, on "The City Beautiful;" Mrs. Franklin P. Ians, on "Housing the Working Classes;" Herbert Vivian, M. P. of London, Eng., on "Decentralization and a Provision for Working Class Modern Suburbs;" Raymond Unwin, London, Eng., on "Arts and Crafts of Town Planning;" Barry Parker, Letworth, on "The Art of Building a Home;" Duke of Connaught, on "Housing;" and A. A. Shurcliff, of Boston, on "Beautifying the City." A number of medical officers of health have promised to give a series of short papers on "Sanitary Effects, Prevention and Their Cure."

SEVEN YEARS IN PRISON

Portland, Me., May 22.—Arthur G. Eaton, the self-confessed embezzler of funds from the Prudential Insurance Company, of which he was local manager, was sentenced to seven years in state prison at Thomaston by Judge Connolly.

Sentence was imposed on three counts of fourteen indictments returned against him for embezzlement and forgery.

He was sentenced two years on one count, two years on another, three years on three counts.



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