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MILITARY TRAINING.

Sir Frederick Borden, Minister of Militia, has on various occasions expressed his opinion that the twelve or fourteen days training in camp, provided under the present system is scarcely sufficient for the Canadian Militia. Sir Frederick would be even more deeply impressed with this view if he were able to visit the several camps of instruction now in progress. New Brunswick volunteers are as good as any in the Dominion; they are quite as intelligent, and eager to learn, yet it is not too much to say that the men who are now ending their stay at Sussex know practically nothing of military discipline and drill. Regiments have gone under canvas this year, as in other years, consisting of from thirty to fifty per cent of recruits, men who have never before held a rifle. In the towns and cities of the Province there are better opportunities for acquiring knowledge than exist in rural communities. Boys in St. John are able to see some of the militia on almost any evening during the summer months. They gather around and watch the drill, and so acquire an elementary understanding of what is necessary, which forms a foundation for their training when they become acquainted with any of the companies. In the country there are no such opportunities and new men who join are totally ignorant of even first principles. They go to Sussex one year and find that in many cases their officers are little better equipped than themselves. Those in command, who have a thorough knowledge of the drill, are not sufficiently numerous, nor could they be expected to be, to give attention to each individual under their command. The men must be trained in companies or squads and the progress made is necessarily very slow. Today at the close of camp there are hundreds of men who have not really grasped the meaning of the various words of command, to whom the rifle they carry is an incubus, and who, while mechanically going through the different field movements have no idea of what it means. There is not even time for anything like accuracy in the mechanical part of the drill. This is not because the officers imparting instruction are not earnest in their efforts, nor because the men are too dense to learn readily, but is simply due to the fact that there is so much in military training that for raw recruits a considerable longer period than twelve days is needed to acquire knowledge of the work. If the same men remained in the regiments year after year a high standard would probably be reached, but so many new men join between camps that the short term now allowed does not afford proper opportunity. Arriving at Sussex on Tuesday of last week and again today must be struck by the progress made, but must also be deeply impressed with the fact that now towards the close of the camp the men are not by any means proficient in military drill. This applies more particularly to the infantry than to the cavalry and artillery.

THE HARBOR BILL.

With commendable celerity, members of the common council have prepared the bill under the provisions of which it is proposed to place the west side of the harbor in commission. Such energy on the part of the aldermen is all the more refreshing because it was unexpected, and the hope may be expressed that the promptness with which this preliminary work has been done may constitute until the matter is brought to a successful conclusion. The bill according to Hon. Wm. Pugsley's proposal, will now go before the federal parliament, but until the provincial legislature grants permission for the transfer of control of the properties involved it cannot become operative. This permission will not be obtained until next spring, but the intervening months may be profitably spent in settling the financial and other details of the transaction in order that when the time for the transfer comes a definite agreement may be in existence. St. John, according to the bill, is to be repaid the amounts expended on harbor work on the west side. This city has no desire to demand profits, but will merely ask for fair remuneration, the amount being equal to that actually expended. A very large portion of the civil debt may be accounted for by the construction of west side wharves. Relief from the burden so imposed will free for other public use large sums now demanded by annual interest payments. It is not wise to count the chickens before they are hatched, but certainly St. John's future today seems brighter than for many years. The usual lethargy or indifference regarding matters of civic interest is apparent in connection with this harbor scheme, but there has been no opposition to the

proposal, and while silence on the part of citizens may not mean anything it can be regarded as approval of what is now being done.

Senator Perley says that St. John is the most progressive eastern city he has ever visited. Shure an' its blarney ye're givin' us, Senator.

AN IRISH LOVE SONG.

In the years about twenty (When kisses are plenty)
The love of an Irish lass fell to my fate—
So winsome and slightly,
So saucy and sprightly,
The priest was a prophet that christened her Kate.

Soft grey of the dawning,
Bright blue of the morning,
The sweet of her eye there was nothing to mate,
A nose like a fairy's,
A cheek like a cherry's,
And a smile—well, her smile was like—nothing but Kate.

To see her was passion,
To love her the fault;
And, darling to love her,
I soon did discover
A Katherine making as mischievous Kate.

No Kitty unruly,
But Katherine, truly—
Fond, serious, patient and even sedate;
With a glow in her gladness
That banished sadness—
Yet stay! should I credit the sunshine to Kate?

Love cannot outlive it,
Wealth cannot overgive it—
That saucy surrender she made at the gate,
O time, be but human,
Spare the girl in the woman!
You gave me my Katherine—leave me my Kate!

"If yoh husband beats you, mebbe you kin hab him sent to de whippin' pos," said Mrs. Potomac Jackson.
"If my husband ever beats me," said Mrs. Oliver Grapevine, "day kin send him to de whippin' pos if dey want to. But dey'll have to wait till he gets out'a de hospital."

An old friend of the family had dropped in to see a young glayver whose father was still paying his office rent. "So you are now practicing law," the old friend said, genially.
"No, sir," said the candid youth. "I appear to be, but I am really practicing economy."

"Does he believe in realism?"
"Yes; but he carries it to excess. In the second scene he has severely wounded him and he has a doctor Jesus bulletins between the acts."

Lola—Last night young Borem declared he would willingly go to the ends of the earth for me.
Grace—And what did you say?
Lola—I finally got him to make a start for home, and let it go at that.

"Do you think this bathing suit will shrink when I get it wet?"
"If it does I'll bail you out."
"Bail me out?"
"Sure! If that suit gets any smaller you'll be arrested."

Knicker—Where is the Twilight Zone?
Barker—Between the Lighthouse and the Moonshine Zone.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The drawings for the third round of the handicap singles now being played by the ladies of the St. John Tennis Club are as follows:
Miss Jean Trueman vs. Miss G. McDonald.
Mrs. W. M. Angus vs. Miss E. Trueman.
Miss Clara Schofield vs. Miss Elizabeth Miller.
Miss Katie Hassen vs. Mrs. L. W. Barker.
The time limit is Tuesday, July 7th.

LIVING ON \$15 A WEEK.

"The problem of how to live on \$15 a week and still keep in fine physical condition is being solved by an economy diet club at the International Young Men's Christian Association training school at Springfield, Mass. The club was organized at the suggestion of Harry O. McGuire, of Toronto, Canada and has been in existence nearly three months. The students in Mr. McGuire's club have certainly reduced eating and cooking to a science. A room over the gymnasium is rented by them for \$1 a week. The gas for cooking costs them from 25 to 50 cents a week and this leaves only \$11 a week from each student for food. In other words, twenty-one meals are furnished for \$1—less than five cents a meal. The heaviest expense each week is for butter and lard, with meat a close second. Six or seven pounds of meat are purchased weekly, and most of it is used in stews as they are found to be the most nourishing. Cornmeal mush and cornmeal fried can always be relied upon and rice is cooked in every form. Puddings are generally eaten for dessert, and these are of rice, bread or custard."

BOY SHOT PEEPER AND IS ACQUITTED.
RALEIGH, N. C., July 2.—The coroner's jury in the case of Engineer B. M. Stultz, of the Seaboard Air Line, who was killed last night in this city, acquitted Turner Smith, the 19 year old boy who admitted shooting Stultz because he was peeping at his young sisters while they were undressing.

KILLED BY FALL FROM STAGING.
LIVERMORE FALLS, Me., July 2.—Followed by a pulley weighing 1500 pounds which had broken through a staging, William Cuy, an employee of the Chisholm Mills of the International Paper Company, fell 85 feet to the ground late today and was instantly killed. His back was broken in three places and it was supposed the pulley fell into him. At the time he was making preparations to place the pulley in position. He was 62 years old and leaves a widow and one child.

GERMANY'S REFUSAL TO ARBITRATE.

The chief foe of arbitration now stands revealed. It appears in no less formidable a shape than the German Empire. A year ago it was whispered about among the European press that the efforts being made at The Hague for international arbitration and limitation of armaments were being blocked by von Bismarck, the leading German delegate, and now this rumor is confirmed by two delegates to The Hague, who spoke at the Lake Mohonk Arbitration Conference a few days ago.

"DETERMINED OPPOSITION."
"Obligatory arbitration would have been adopted but for the determined opposition of Germany, the great military power of the world," said ex-Secretary John W. Foster, who represented China at the Conference, and Dr. James Brown Scott, who has been called "the brains of the American delegation," said the same thing. Simultaneously with these announcements comes the news that Germany has declined to conclude with the United States an arbitration treaty such as the United States have been negotiating with the other powers. Great Britain, Japan, France, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Mexico, Portugal, Netherlands, Sweden and Denmark have entered into arbitration agreements with the United States, but Germany declines.

GERMAN POLICY.
This attitude of Germany arouses interest in the motive. Is Germany contemplating some war that such a treaty would interfere with? The New York Sun does not accuse Germany of any such design, but takes this refusal as part of the settled policy that has made the Empire what it is today. The editors practically say that Germany's cause in her great wars have not been such as an international court would be likely to approve. We read, in further explanation of her attitude:

"A good deal of surprise seems to have been caused by the refusal of the Atlantic by Germany's refusal to conclude with the United States an arbitration treaty similar to the conventions which we have lately agreed upon with Great Britain and other nations. At first sight, undoubtedly, the refusal is hard to reconcile with the repeated and emphatic promises of Germany's desire to bring about the most cordial relations with the United States, but upon reflection it will be found in harmony not only with her opposition to the establishment of a Hague tribunal, but also with her determination, which since 1870 has become fixed, never again to hamper by treaties her power to obtain and preserve what she believes to be her rights."

"NATIONAL UNIFICATION."
The history of Germany has taught her that not until she had learned to rely upon herself alone was she able to satisfy the aspirations and passionate craving for national unification. So long as a part of her children leaned on a foreign power and the rest of them on another, she was inevitably divided. The assemblying of German unity should be sacrificed. "Each of the three steps by which German unity was attained, the master dramatist and author of 'Ghosts' has his work at 'Oswald' wrote and congratulated him on his success. This asportation of 'Ghosts' is much prized. Mr. Townsend is one of the most versatile of the present day actors—a fact, our playgoers will see for themselves—during his engagement here with The Selman Stock Company, he gives three distinct character studies. Monday and Tuesday—Dr. Sydney Sherwood in 'Northern Lights'; Wednesday and Thursday—Jerome Holcombe, in 'Sweet Clover'; Friday and Saturday—Jonathan Small the convict, in 'Sherlock Holmes'.

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DEATHS.

EDWARDS—Suddenly in this city on July 2nd, at his late residence, 55 Pitt street, John Edwards, aged 72 years. Funeral on Saturday from his late residence at 2.30 p. m.

LOST HER IDENTITY
Marie Daley Was Placed in a Convent at an Early Age

QUELPH, July 2.—Living for twenty-eight years without a knowledge of her own name, and under the impression that she had the relative in the world, has been the startling experience of a lady of this city, who has now discovered her name, as well as her mother and brother, who have arrived here.

They are Mrs. J. Daley, of Buffalo, and her son Mr. J. J. Daley, of Chicago, and the daughter and sister who has so long been separated from them is Marie Theresa Daley.

The lady has for the past twenty-three years lived with Mr. and Mrs. P. Hartnett, and was always known as "Minnie Hartnett." Her foster parents did not know anything of her name or her parentage, having taken her from St. Joseph's Hospital when she was but four years of age.

It now developed that Mrs. Daley placed her child in St. Joseph's Convent at Hamilton, being a resident of that city then, but shortly after she went to Buffalo and was very sick for many months, during which time it was thought she was dead, and the child was brought to this city by an old lady, who died a couple of years later and then the child was taken to the hospital, where she was secured by Mr. Hartnett. The discovery has taken place as the result of an investigation conducted by the brother from Chicago, and the police of Hamilton and Quebec.

REBLYON'S HANGING GARDENS.
The hanging gardens of Babylon were terraces on columns. The gardens were 400 feet square and over 400 feet high. The ascent from terrace to terrace was by flights of marble steps and on the highest was a large reservoir.

Miss M. S. Whitman is spending her vacation with friends in Sandy Cove, Digby.

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THE OLD WORLD NOTIONS OF DISLOYALTY

Most Americans have little idea of what constitutes a treasonable offence in countries of the Old World wherein despotic notions still prevail. A year or so ago there took place a trial in Paris, France, which, according to our up-to-date ideas, would have been most amusing, had not a man's liberty been in jeopardy.

It appears that one day, in the streets of that place, a laborer at work had been cheerfully whistling. Suddenly a gendarme, who had been with in hearing, appeared at the man's side. The workman, however, did not observe the officer, and continued to whistle his tune.

ARRESTED FOR SEDITION.
"You are under arrest," said the gendarme, placing his hand on the unsuspecting laborer's shoulder.
"What for?" demanded the astonished toiler.

"For seditious conduct," explained the officer. "You have been whistling 'La Marseillaise,' because it is the French revolutionary air, is forbidden in German Alsace."

The workman at once indignantly denied the allegation, explaining that he had not been whistling "La Marseillaise," but the march of the Brunswick Hussars—

"I used to belong to that regiment," said he, "and that is our regimental air."

The gendarme, however, who as a German prided himself on his knowledge of music, insisted that he was well acquainted with both of the tunes

and that he could not be mistaken. Accordingly he took the offender into custody, and the man was in due course of time put on trial on the charge of having whistled a seditious tune in a public place.

WHISTLED IN COURT.
Both the accused and the gendarme told their stories to the presiding magistrate with every appearance of truth and confidence. Moreover, as the workman had the reputation of being an honest and loyal man, the court was much perplexed.

In this predicament, adjournment was taken to the council room adjoining. There the accused and the gendarme were summoned in turn, and the workman was commanded to whistle the march of the Brunswick Hussars while the officer was ordered to "render 'La Marseillaise.'"

Each did his best; but the air proved in the ear of the court to be as much unlike that it was regarded as highly improbable that the gendarme could have been mistaken. The accused was therefore sent to prison; but his general bearing, not to speak of his excellent whistling impressed the court so favorably, that he was sentenced to only three days' confinement.

"You ain't engaged yet daughter, and your ma knows from experience that a young man who finds things running too smoothly is apt to get bored and quit."

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