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THE BOY-LIFE SURVEY.

The boy-life survey which will be made in this city in February, by the joint efforts of more than a dozen organizations, including the Rotary Club, Board of Trade and Commercial Club, is the first step in a movement designed to benefit all boys, and especially those who are not linked up with healthful organizations, are not receiving a proper education, and are making bad use of their leisure time. A survey of this kind made recently in Charlottetown brought out much information of value in regard to the boy life of the city, and pointed the way to needed reforms. The Times-Star recently told the story of a survey made in a congested district in Chicago, following which the Union League Club, a great business organization, established a Boys' Club with no less than six trained workers on its staff. To make a complete survey of St. John will be an easy or a difficult task according to the number of men who are willing to help. It should be possible to get so many men to help that no one of them would have much ground to cover. When the complete census has been taken it will be necessary to study and tabulate the information. When that is done the citizens will know their problem, and must next consider the best method of solving it to the interests of both the boys and the community. The organizations which have taken up this matter are making a very notable contribution to community welfare.

THE IMMIGRANTS.

Supplementary to the very instructive address on immigration by Rev. L. Touche Thompson before the Canadian Club it is interesting to note that in October 2,300 persons took the oath of allegiance and became full-fledged Canadian citizens, after living in the country three years or more. The Toronto Globe says—

"These new Canadians come from twenty-five countries, namely, the United States, Poland, Russia, France, Romania, Serbia, Armenia, Greece, Denmark, Sweden, Italy, Finland, Japan, Czechoslovakia, Belgium, China, Norway, Bulgaria, Holland, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Syria, Iceland, Austria and Germany. There are fewer than a score of Orientals, and only two or three from former enemy countries. About two-thirds of the whole number are of the previous citizenship in the United States. Most of them are farmers. While many from across the line bear Anglo-Saxon names, and are of the same stock as British-Canadians, a very large number are evidently of Scandinavian origin, and were either born in Europe or are the descendants of the Norwegian, Swedish and Danish who settled the Northwestern States. Such names as Forsman, Torgerson, Dwyer, Knutson, Hammergren, Jansen, Kometscher, Terison, Runkhart, Pederson, Reiten, Threlfall, Deane, Gunderson, Nels, Peterson, Stenbo, Groustad, Hagen, Cleson, Heller, Kuhl, Kraus, Hendrickson, Bergh, Vanderveen, Olsen, Thue, Flathen and Berwen—which appear by the dozens in The Gazette—are as numerous in Minnesota, Wisconsin and the Dakotas as the names of Americans of the old stock. The newcomers have made good farmers and good citizens in the United States, and they should do equally well in the Canadian prairie provinces."

If all these people who come to Canada to seek homes are not in good time imbued with the spirit of Canada and in sympathy with its ideals it will be chiefly the fault of the native Canadians who fail to take enough interest in them to have those ideals properly presented. To take such an interest is merely to be patriotic and to desire the upbuilding of a nation in which our own children and the children of the immigrant may live in harmony and in devotion to the same ideals.

Christmas is at hand. Consideration for their own nerves as well as for those of the clerks in the stores should prompt people to shop early; so that the work may be distributed over a longer period and done in a more leisurely and satisfactory manner. It goes without saying that a great deal of shopping will be done. Christmas is the great festival of the year, and to the children it means more than any other. The advertising columns of the Times-Star will be of great assistance to those who want to know what is offered and to make up their minds as to what they will purchase.

Once more we are assured by a minister of public works that the breakwater should be extended to Partridge Island. Hon. Robert Rogers declared it to be the first essential work to be done here shortly after he became minister. It is still waiting to be done. Let us hope Hon. Mr. McCurdy, being a maritime province man, will give us something more than pledges.

The people along the Valley Railway need a holiday train service beginning next week. They want a train into the city in the morning and out in the evening. Their wishes should be met if it is at all possible, and the traffic would be large. Country people desire to come to town and in the holidays many city people will desire to go to the country.

BE OF GOOD CHEER

The response to the Jewish appeal for the orphans of the Ukraine shows that the citizens of St. John are very generous, for there have been many appeals of one kind and another this year. It also shows that the scarcity of money is not felt here as it is in many cities. The people of St. John have no cause to be disheartened in the present period of world-wide depression, which is especially manifest in the United States. We shall have a harder winter than usual, and the problem of unemployment must be faced in a courageous way; but it is less acute here than in most other cities in Canada. This is a time for careful spending, but not for refusing to spend. This city and province will come through the period of depression without out great and general hardship, if the people co-operate to keep as many hands working as possible, and to provide for the needs of those who are least able to bear the burden of dull times. The pessimist should be given a wide berth.

Mr. Charles H. Sabla, president of the Canadian Trust Company of New York, referring to the general business situation in the United States, declared that "there is so much in the present situation to inspire confidence and hope for the future that it is little short of criminal for anyone to paint the picture so blackly, through either ignorance or intent, that these vital facts are obscured." Commenting on this statement Canadian Finance says—

"If these words apply to conditions south of the line, admittedly more serious than those in our own country, how much more do they apply to conditions in Canada. Mr. Sabla asserts that every man who countenances the circulation of mis-statements, or false rumors relating to the financial situation, should be branded as an enemy of his country, to which we say emphatically Amen. The time was when we lived under the domination of the optimist and now the pessimist is trying to assume control of this country. We have no room for the pessimist—the scowling deprecator of hope and all that makes for progress and prosperity. There is nothing so despicable as the which-ends at the vitals or the morale of a nation. Pessimism! The destroyer of men, the obstructionist, the defeatist, the insidious weapon of destruction which converts a mighty nation into a panic-stricken mob—what place has this scowling force in the hearts of red-blooded Canadians? Let us concentrate on this new aim and kill it at its inception."

THE TIMBER SUPPLY

The county council of Norfolk, Ontario, has given a committee the power to secure options on five hundred acres of land unit for cultivation with a view to planting trees thereon. As an illustration of what has already been done the council was told of a twenty-five-acre lot which seven years ago was a sand plain but today is a plantation of thirty young pines, ranging up to twelve or fourteen feet. It grew from seedlings planted in furrows and no after cultivation was necessary. Other instances were cited to strengthen the plea for a municipal forest, and the council adopted the course already noted. It may be noted in this connection that in Saxony and some other parts of Germany all land unsuited for agriculture is used for growing timber, and the product is a source of much profit to the municipality.

Mr. Frank J. D. Barnum of Annapolis declares that in a very few years Canada will be shipping little if any pulpwood, if her own pulp mills are to be kept in operation. Of the general situation he says—

"It is far better to look this situation squarely in the face and endeavor by every means at our command to prepare for the future. Therefore, anything that can be said or done which will tend to arouse the public to a realization of the danger that is confronting us with regard to the future timber supply is a public work of the first importance."

A split in the amateur ranks in these provinces is much to be regretted. There is no excuse for it except to get some professionals back into the game of hockey. The thing for those who believe in real amateur sport to do is to back up the A. A. U. of C., so that their boys as they come up may be able to compete in amateur sports anywhere in the world.

Every day brings news of the shutting down of industries and reductions in wages in the United States. An improvement in conditions early in the new year is, however, confidently predicted, as prices are believed to have got pretty close to the bottom for the present, and demand for goods will revive after the turn of the year.

Austria, Bulgaria, Finland, Luxembourg and Costa Rica have been admitted to the League of Nations. With or without the United States the League will continue to function, for in it lies the hope of world-peace.

The wonderful mildness of the weather is a bar to skating and coasting, but it saves cold and that respect is a blessing to poor people.



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SNOW.

When I was young, long ago, I loved to see the falling snow; but now that I am old and bent, I do not like it worth a cent. The land looks ghastly, stark and dead, when over it the snow is spread; the land where late the roses bloomed is in its shroud, in snow entomb'd. I like this good old pleasant gloom when shivering verdure forms its robe, when grass is growing on the hills, and colorful sport along the rills; then everything seems full of vim; I dance and shake a buoyant limb; and if some common village scold comes up to tell me I am old, I turn and laughing on the green, to show that I am as spry as a kitten. It takes the sunshine and the breeze to limber up a dotard's knees, and make him feel he's still on earth, a creature of some use and worth. But when he from the window looks on naked woods and frozen brooks, on snow wreaths whirling in a rage, he feels the burden of his age. It seems to him his age must be a thousand years, plus two or three. And all the boys he used to know are sleeping somewhere beneath the snow; and colder than a miser's soul the snow comes down, while church bells toll a requiem for Tom or Jim—when will the blizzard bells toll for him? Such thoughts the drifting snowflakes bring; and snow's a bleak and ghostly thing.

CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Domestic Happenings of Other Days.

INDIAN VILLAGES.

The primitive Indian of Canada was a village dweller, so the first settlers in the new world discovered. He adopted this style of living largely as a matter of safety, for even when he had the support of his tribesmen he was often very uncertain in the wild days of red warfare. To search out the sites of these villages is an interesting modern experience. In the Georgian Bay region many places have been found where it is fairly certain that a large number of Indians lived about 300 years ago. That was in the time of the great French explorer, Champlain, who paid a visit to the Huron camp at that time.

In Blandford, Ont., there are scores of house sites known. In that district the Indians were very numerous and lived very closely together, although one could hardly call their district a village. It was a dug, probably, and the fact that they were dwelling together, they were less exposed to the attacks of their Indian enemies than those near the Great Lakes and the rivers of the country. In Blandford many farms contain blackened spots of earth in which Indian burial mounds and other arrowheads and other articles of savage life. These are where the old houses were erected; the houses were probably part of the red man's fire place, but all other trace of the home has long since disappeared. The ruins of the houses are in the shape of a shallow pit, and the ruins of the houses are in the shape of a shallow pit, and the ruins of the houses are in the shape of a shallow pit.

AN INDIAN MASSACRE.

When the French captured Fort William Henry in 1757 one of the terms of surrender was that the British soldiers and their families who were within should be guaranteed safety and protection by the French and Montcalm. This was, in fact, one of the principal terms of capitulation, for the English knew well that the Indians were looking with the result that when the Indians entered the fort they were soon in a drunken condition. The liquor inflamed the spirits of the braves and in a short time they were crying out for the blood of the French. Montcalm made a heroic endeavor to protect the surrendering men but he was almost helpless and as a result a terrible massacre was soon in progress.

The English broke away from their captors and fled into the woods. Some of them were overtaken in the flight and scalped; others were killed by the hatchets of the redmen, while others were taken prisoner and carried away to cruel tortures in the villages of the various tribes concerned. The morning after the massacre the Indians started for Montreal, carrying off their prisoners, while the French set to work to remove traces of the terrible work of the savages. The dead were collected within the ruined fort and burned with the place. The bones of the dead were scattered over the failure of the Indians to maintain the peace terms and did all they could to recover the prisoners.

A SMALL BOY'S DILEMMA.

I want so much on Christmas
And want in without fail;
I want a new pair of mittens
With a really mane and tall,
I want a sword and pistol,
And cap and coat of red,
I want a little wagon,
And a double-rummed sled.

I want a pair of mittens,
For this one's lost a thumb;
I want a book of pictures,
A trumpet and a drum,
And with the nuts and popcorn,
And sugar plums and all,
I'm just afraid our chimney
Is 'bout a size too small!

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Lady Burton, wife of the head of the great English brewery house, had made up her mind to go to a fancy ball as the Queen of Sheba. "But there are pictures so many 'Shebas,'" she complained to a friend, "I don't know which to select."

"You should go as Beer-Sheba," rejoined her friend.—Boston Transcript.

Mrs. Dibbs—I'm going to write my photograph to a friend in Chicago as a Christmas greeting.
Mrs. Dibbs—The cost will be prohibitive, woman.
Mrs. Dibbs—How do you know, tightwad?

Mrs. Dibbs—I understand that it's based on the number of lines in the Jones's face.—Buffalo Express.

Jones met his friend Stinson in the street the other night.

"Hello, old fellow!" he exclaimed.
"How are you getting on?"
"Pretty well, thank you," answered Stinson; "but," he continued, "I've something to say to you—you'll have to keep your eyes open next week!"

"How is that?" queried Jones.
"Because you won't be able to see if you don't," and before Jones could kick him he was out of sight.

GEORGE CREARY GETS DOWN TO REAL BUSINESS

Has Reduced Clothing Prices,
and Some of the Reductions
Will be Permanent—Starts
on Friday With a Big Sale
of Overcoats and Suits.

"The price of wheat fixes the cost of production—all other costs are merely contributory, and must respond to the barometer of wheat cost," said George Creary, of the Semi-ready Store, in announcing his sale of Semi-ready overcoats to begin on Friday morning.

"High freight rates impose their toll, but all must pay somehow for the foolishness of public operation of bankrupt railways. This is merely a contributory cost."

"On Friday I will start a sale of overcoats at prices which I hope to be able to sell at regular in 1921, but at the present time I take a loss for both cloth and labor in these costs came at the time when the government was holding the price of wheat with our money and costs were high."

"I am willing to take the loss right now, to give the customers and also the ladies an opportunity to get a price-price overcoat at a bargain."

"On any overcoat or suit made to special order during the sale I will give a discount of 10 per cent. This refers to garments tailored to custom measure, and delivered within seven days from the day the cloth pattern is selected," concluded Mr. Creary.

IRISH RELIGIOUS ISSUE OVERDONE

Washington, Dec. 15.—The system of government which Irish republicans propose to set up in Ireland was described as "an ideal co-operative commonwealth" by Laurence Glinnell, former Irish member of the British parliament in testimony today before the committee of the house of commons investigating the Irish question.

Glinnell, as well as Miss Ruth Russell, another witness who last year investigated conditions in Ireland, declared that the religious issue in Ireland has been "artificially stimulated" and exaggerated.

PHILIPS DODGE CO. REDUCES WAGES

New York, Dec. 15.—A reduction of \$1 per week of the higher priced miners at the Phelps Dodge Corporation's copper mines in Arizona will become effective Jan. 1 if the terms of the corporation announced here today.

It was reported in financial circles that the copper companies were to make similar reductions in existing wage scales.

THREATEN TO CLOSE IN OPPOSITION TO INCREASE IN TAXES ON LIQUOR

Buenos Aires, Nov. 17.—(A. P. By Mail).—Wholesale and retail dealers in liquor in the province of Cordoba threaten to close their places of business if a recent law passed by the provincial government imposing increased taxes on alcoholic drinks is not repealed.

The law passed by the Cordoba legislature was intended not alone as a source of revenue but as a more to restrict the liquor traffic. Furthermore the provincial government has declared that if the new tax is resisted by the dealers, it will pass a law prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in the province.

RUSSIAN REFUGEES BOUND FOR MEXICO

Mexico City, Dec. 1.—(Associated Press by mail).—Sixty thousand Russian refugees from the Crimea are expected in Mexico within the next few months, according to a report recently made to the department of agriculture by one of its agents who has just returned from the Near East. The agent declared that many of the Russians will embark for Mexico within a few weeks. The government has signified a willingness to receive them.

COLLEGE DAMAGED

Quebec, Dec. 15.—The historic college at St. Anne de Pocaterra, on the south shore of the St. Lawrence on the C. N. R., about seventy-five miles below Quebec, caught fire this morning. One wing of the college was destroyed. No casualties were reported.

FIRE DRIVERS REINSTATED.

An investigation into the cause of the collision which occurred recently between the hose cart and the motor engine was made last evening by Commissioner Thornton. Evidence was taken and after a severe reprimand the drivers of both vehicles were reinstated.

From Furs to Gold.

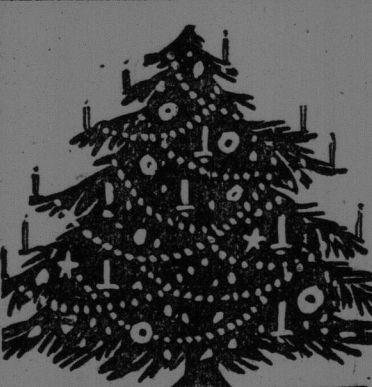
Dawson, Y. T., Dec. 16.—Recent heavy drops in fur prices will result in diminished catches in Yukon Territory and Alaska this winter, so reports coming from the surrounding country indicate. The hunters and trappers have turned their attention to prospecting for gold.

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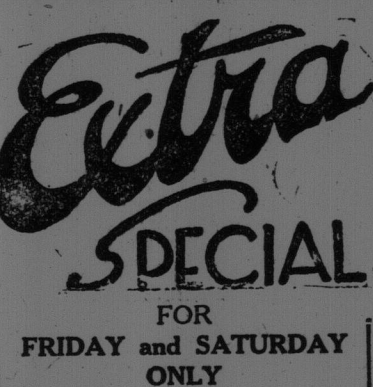
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GOVERNMENT IN SESSION HERE

Premier Replies to Council's
Request re Sharing Revenue—New Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

The mayor and city commissioners appeared before the provincial government in session here last evening and asked that the government consider the proposal of sharing with the city the revenue obtained from the taxing of motor vehicles and places of amusement and the fines obtained in the local police force. The mayor explained the impracticability of sharing the revenue from any of these sources with the city. It was announced that Harvey Mitchell, formerly dairy superintendent for the dominion government, had been appointed deputy minister of agriculture for the province succeeding E. P. Bradt. The government held a late session, concluding its work this morning so that the members will leave today for their homes.

With reference to the division of the revenue from the amusement tax, the premier pointed out to the city fathers that the amusement tax in New Brunswick was the smallest of any province in the dominion, being only half of that imposed by some provinces, and if the city wished to have this tax there would be an additional levy and therefore the amount might just as well be obtained by some other method.

In connection with the city's request for a share in the revenue obtained from the tax on motor vehicles, the premier explained that this tax was recognized as a purely provincial one and the revenue obtained from it was for the improvement of roads, and also certain roads had been built anticipating returns from this source. It would be different if the municipalities helped in the upkeep as they did in some of the provinces, the government does not give any portion of the revenue obtained in this manner to the municipalities, but in addition to the motor vehicles tax, it requires the cities and towns to assist in the upkeep of roads within a certain radius and this additional tax provides the government with about \$250,000 for the upkeep of these roads.

Regarding the request with reference to the fines obtained by the enforcement of the prohibition act, the premier pointed out that the fines collected by virtue of this act in the city of St. John did not pay for the cost of its administration in the city. He said that the government would be very glad to hand over to the city the administration of the act within the city's borders and let the city look after the whole revenue, but that such a proceeding would be against the maintenance of those convicted for violation of the act, while residing in jail. He also pointed out that the law of the province provided the municipalities with certain tribunals for the ad-

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H. G. Enslow, 1 Brussels Street.
I. Stout, Fairville.
W. E. Emerson, 81 Union St., West End.

The Ladies of the Old Ladies' Home

were entertained one evening this week by the Willing Workers of the Germain street Baptist church. Mrs. Charles Adam gave a pleasing address and others who took part in the programme were: Miss Tyner, Stewart Smith, Miss Nan Powers, Miss Cookson, Mrs. W. C. Cross is the president and the chief promoters of the entertainment were Mrs. Clinton Brown and Mrs. S. S. Poole.

At the close of the City Basketball

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