

The Advertiser

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VICTORIA DAY

The move to make May 24th a continuous holiday has caught the popular opinion of the people. King Edward VII made a popular decision in the transference of the celebration of his birthday to this date. His subjects will love him the more for his desire to perpetuate the memory of our late Sovereign. In all her ways as a wife, mother, Queen, and a true woman in all that is womanly, she yet lives in the hearts of those who were her subjects. Over six decades of Queen Victoria's reign only made her people sing with increased fervor as the years have gone by—God Save the Queen. Now, though Victoria the Good is dead, to-day millions of hearts will echo the old song and without any lack of loyalty to our King, Victoria will remain first in our thoughts. The 24th of May has become so much associated in the minds of the people with the celebration of British sovereignty that it would be a positive wrench to our feelings to allow the date to pass without public recognition. We will still celebrate Victoria Day and time which heals all wounds will gradually transfer our affections and loyalty from the memory of the Queen to the King who now rules and has inherited the virtues of his mother.

We expect to see sights when we go to Buffalo this summer. Last week two women were seen riding horseback and both rode astride. One hundred per cent straddle is pretty high for that city.

When we were children we often heard that old King Coal! was a merry old soul, but now that the British have put an export tax on him, he is burning with indignation.

The attorney of Mrs. Carrie Nation has put in a plea of insanity for her. We presume that those who admire the woman and avowed themselves as her followers will not ask for the same plea.

There is always hope of a future existence. Even the Wedge has had a resurrection.

The notorious Frana Sabean is evidently having his own way in terrorizing and plundering the quiet people of Annapolis Co. As long as he is at large we cannot tell at what time he may make an excursion into Kings County and gather plunder. People should be on the watch for unknown or suspicious characters and report their movements to police officials. It seems strange that one man should defy our laws and do as he pleases without fear of capture.

On May 27th one of the greatest political meetings ever seen in Canada will be held in Toronto under the auspices of the liberal conservative party. Every Ontario conservative member of both houses will be present, and the speakers will include R. L. Borden and F. D. Monk, leader and first lieutenant of the dominion opposition. Massey hall, with a seating capacity of six thousand, will be the scene of the demonstration, and an energetic committee is making arrangements.

The Toronto Evening Telegram says it is proposed that E. B. Osler, M. P. for West Toronto, should resign his seat in the commons and accept the conservative nomination for the Ontario legislature in North Toronto at the coming general election. Should the conservatives come to power, Osler would become provincial treasurer, and possibly succeed Mr. Whitney as leader. It is also intimated Hon. Geo. E. Foster's removal to Toronto is a move to qualify him for the conservative nomination in West Toronto upon Mr. Osler's resignation. Mr. Foster will settle in Toronto as manager of the Union Trust Company, a new organization, of which Dr. Oronhyantekha, supreme chief ranger of the Independent Foresters, is chief promoter.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Mr. Editor and Friends. No doubt you have all noticed in the St. John's Telegraph the outrageous and scandalous pieces about Miss Hamilton and myself.

Now kind friends please allow me to make an explanation. Of course I am aware, that as a general rule, when a person is accused of anything in the newspapers, the public are very apt to tramp on the accused one at once.

But I can assure you, that when a person is accused of anything as bad as I have been and they are perfectly innocent, it is pretty hard luck, and one like myself, who I think has always had an honest and upright name, to go around with the thoughts that every one I meet or pass are saying, there he goes, that the fellow that stole the bicycle and run away with the girl.

Yes, as I said before, it is pretty hard luck. The first letter in the St. John Telegraph, to start with, stated that I was a sergeant in Fredericton. That was wrong, for I was a lance corporal. Of course that was a very small item. They also said that I had purchased my discharge.

Now most every one that knows me, is aware of the fact—that it is over three years since I left home and enlisted in the Royal Canadian Regiment. Therefore my term of service had expired and I took my discharge at my own request, and the best discharge that any soldier could get in three years, character VERY GOOD. This, any one can find out in Fredericton to be true. Now, as regards Miss Hamilton. They stated that we eloped from Fredericton and that I deserted her in St. John and there she had been waiting for my return. This is false.

Miss Hamilton is a friend of my sisters and did accompany me to St. John, where she intended to visit a friend of hers and when I left St. John to come home, she proceeded to her friends house and found her away, she therefore went to the Fremont House to wait for her friends return, which would not be for a week or two. When she had been at the Hotel but a few days unfortunately she was taken ill and had to remain longer than she had expected. But when she recovered her illness, as she had intended to visit my sister, and her friend in St. John had not returned, she came to Nova Scotia and is now residing with my mother.

As regards the getting married part of the Telegraph's story, we both took it as a huge joke and had a good laugh at the idea. The papers stated that her mother was dead, that is wrong, for she is living.

However the most particular part that I wished to call your attention to was, where this would be smart reporter stated, that when Miss Hamilton and I left Fredericton we brought with us a lady's wheel, belonging to a Mr. Burt, the hire of which had not been paid, neither had the wheel been bought. He said that I had asked Miss Hamilton if she would like to go for a ride and when she replied in the affirmative, I went to Burt's bike livery and got a wheel, saying it was for Miss Hamilton and when we left Fredericton we brought the wheel with us.

This was all contracted by Mr. Burt himself in the St. John Globe, a copy of which I will put in the Advertiser as soon as I can get one. However it is an evident fact that Mr. Burt would know where the wheel was, if I had taken it, for goodness knows it was advertised enough and I think this should be evidence enough to clear Miss Hamilton and myself from being put down as thieves and people who were not to be trusted, for if it was Mr. Burt's wheel he would most surely send for it and I would have been arrested for theft before this.

The truth of the story is, the wheel belonged to Miss Hamilton and therefore she had a perfect right to do as she saw fit with it and she sold it to me, as I was in need of one.

As I have said before, I have always had a good name and have always been considered honest and upright and I do

not think there is a person with whom I am acquainted with, that can say a word against me in any way.

And friends I do hope you will look at this outrageous piece of scandal in the right way, for I am sure there is not one word of it true and kindly give me credit for the honesty that is due me.

Hoping that I will not be looked down on by those who were once my friends, I will say good bye, from Yours truly,

PANCY C. KIDSON,
Pt. Williams, N. S.

Mr. Louis Harris who has recently moved to Canning with his wife and child, intends erecting a beautiful residence on the farm recently purchased from Clifford Harris. The house will be of colonial architecture of handsome exterior and will cost in the vicinity of \$8000. The cellar is now being excavated. The foundation is laid for a fine barn 42 x 100 feet and other buildings and a silo are to be built. Mr. Harris is a young man who by his own inventive genius has made a handsome fortune in New York, and purposes spending part of it in development here. He is consulting engineer of the Universal Gas Co. of New York and this position requires his attendance in New York at frequent periods. The invention of Mr. Harris was in a process for cheapening the use of gas and his process made such a saving in the manufacture of that article that he readily disposed of his patent to the above company and took a large interest in it himself. We are pleased to welcome Mr. Harris and family to this county.

The Anniversary Exercises at the Casard Church on Sunday and Monday last, proved a most decided success in every way. The congregations on Sabbath at both morning and evening services, were large and Mr. McKinnon charmed every one by the simple but earnest and forcible manner in which he presented the old truths of Gospel that "still are ever new." His themes were chosen with special reference to the season of the year and were treated in a practical way that interested all. Monday evening, despite the busy time of year, a large and appreciative audience gathered for the lecture and listened with pleased attention while the speaker delivered one of his popular addresses. No greater compliment could be paid Mr. McKinnon, than the regret expressed by every one that it was not longer. The collections amounted to over forty dollars and the ladies who had charge of the arrangements, heartily thank their many friends who showed their appreciation of their efforts to give them a pleasant treat, in such a practical manner.

Mr. MacLeod Again Wins

An Ottawa despatch of the 15th inst., says that in the celebrated case of the Insurance Companies, appellants, vs. Hon. R. C. MacLeod, Summerside, respondent, in the Supreme Court of Canada on the above date, a verdict for the respondent was given in twenty minutes after Hon. R. L. Borden, K. C., had concluded his address. B. Russel, K. C., was associated with Mr. Borden. The case has been before the courts for some years, and time and again the Companies have been beaten, and just as often they have appealed. Now they have been beaten in the highest court of the Dominion, and it is to be hoped that they will recognize the justice of Mr. MacLeod's claim against them, and accept the inevitable. We congratulate Mr. MacLeod and those interested with him in the matter, on their victory in the highest Canadian court. This is the first case Hon. Mr. Borden has had before the Supreme Court of Canada since he became Leader of the Opposition, and it has attracted a good deal of attention all over Canada.

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