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CANCER AND THE SIMPLE LIFE.

Dr. Robt. Bell, an eminent English surgeon, who has made a life study of cancer, has reached the conclusion, among others, that one of the surest safeguards against this disease is to be found in leading the simple life. He does not, however, point out just what conditions of modern life are responsible for the development of the affection. Sir Robert finds that the death rate in England from cancer has increased from 0.55 per thousand of population in 1885, to 0.93 per thousand last year, or nearly double. And in spite of the enormous amount of study on the part of the scientists, no important advance actually has been made in discovering either the cause of or cure for this malady. In advocating a simple life Dr. Bell says that cancer rates in Brittany, Normandy and in all his experience ever heard of or met with a vegetarian who had become a victim of this disease. He admits that vegetarians are rare and that the latter fact might or might not be significant, but it is actually true that Britons are lacking in cancer. And that those people still lead the lives and follow the customs that their forefathers did hundreds of years ago. They live the simplest of simple lives and Dr. Bell believes that perhaps these people could teach modern science something of what is to be avoided in life if cancer is to be overcome.

FRIGHT RATES.

Upper Canadian merchants appear to be greatly troubled over the announced increase in west bound freight rates on steamship lines trading between Canada and European ports. As yet the increase affects only certain lines including dry goods, millinery and hardware, but it is said that the increase which meets at the close of the present week will arrange new schedules for other lines as well. Steamship companies operating to Boston, and certain other American ports, have also announced increases. Lines of goods, their new rates being made the same as those to St. John, and it is reported that the companies doing business to New York and Philadelphia will follow the example set by the Boston line. A strong protest is being made by upper Canadian importers against this action on the part of the Canadian lines, not so much because of the increase as by reason of the fact that it has been brought into effect without any warning. Importers in many cases have made contracts for sales of goods covering their whole winter's delivery and are therefore unable to reimburse themselves from their customers for the additional outlay in haulage charges. They will therefore be subject to considerable losses on contracts now made but still unfilled, which losses in a number of cases, it is said, will be well up in the thousands. Another argument used against this increase is that it will prove a serious blow at the British preference. The extra freight charges it is contended will overcome the advantage now enjoyed by Britain and will result in a greater demand not only for domestic goods but for the output of industrial concerns across the line. Mr. Bosworth, fourth vice-president of the C. P. R., who is now out after any argument to refute the contentions of the Canadian importers.

ORGANIZED.

In the present movement to boost St. John a great deal may be accomplished by effective organization. The Board of Trade has undertaken the general supervision of the campaign, the newspapers of the city are acting together in forwarding it, and individual citizens are showing an awakened interest. But outside of this none of the important groups or factors in civic life as yet displayed any marked activity. There are numerous institutions and organizations which could accomplish more as such, than their members can do individually, and if these were to join heartily in the work now being carried on the result would be of the utmost importance. Different associations, wholesale merchants, hardware men, trades' unions, of which there are many, athletic organizations and all such institutions, whether in mercantile, sporting or social lines, might by adopting a definite policy of patronage for home industries materially aid in the excellent work which is now to be inaugurated. These bodies have frequent opportunities for discussion and might take up subjects of local and civic importance and by the presentation of individual views develop valuable ideas whereby the progress of the city can be enhanced. It is of course in the home that the great work is to be accomplished, for that is the source of all strength, and the sentiment which is developed there influences all matters of business. In each family there can be aroused a larger interest in the advancement of the city—and there is no doubt that this is now being accomplished—it will

mean much, but while this is going on the organizations referred to can find opportunity for valuable action along the lines suggested.

Mr. Bourassa has joined the lonely band led and hitherto solely composed of Mr. Monk, who believes that Canada does not need and does not want a navy. Politics makes strange bed-fellows, but these two have a common characteristic—they like to be different. It does not matter in the least what the position may be, they are satisfied if it is contrary to the view of the majority.

Of course Canada doesn't need a navy. This country will never need a navy, for that matter, so long as the people in the old land can raise enough money to maintain Britain's supremacy. But is not such an attitude on the part of a growing nation thoroughly discreditable to a rich Dominion?

Bonar Law, says a London cable, will be a member of Balfour's cabinet if the Unionists win. They won't win this time, but other elections are coming. And some of these days Bonar Law will be in about the same position as Asquith is now.

ST. JOHN IS GOING AHEAD.

¶ The Sun and Star want to help it grow.

¶ Do you?

¶ Will you lend a hand for a boost?

¶ We want a slogan, a phrase of progress, a battlecry—call it what you will.

¶ Something that will boil the gospel of go-ahead down to half a dozen words in a sentence that will hit home like a hammer blow.

¶ Something that the papers can use for a headline or business men on a letter head.

¶ If you can think of a good slogan, send it in.

¶ The Sun and Star will pay \$10 for the best slogan, and \$5 for the next best.

¶ Scores have already been received—all of them good. Send more.

The List closes Jan. 14

SUSPECTED OF MURDER, HE CUT HIS THROAT

Coachman Tries to Throw Blame on Japanese Butler When Questioned

Blatant—Still Alive

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Jan. 13.—Frank Schermerhorn, coachman on the Compton place, cut his throat today but he is still alive. Chief McCabe found him in his home near his employer's place. Just before he attempted suicide suspicion had pointed to him as the slayer of Sarah Bryner. He is being brought to the hospital here.

"I am not guilty," said the coachman. "I would rather die than go to jail."

Schermerhorn was taken into custody and his wound was dressed by a physician, after which he was brought to the county jail here. On the table in the room the chief found a note which read:

"My dear wife: I am not guilty. "FRANK."

Schermerhorn was too weak to make much of a statement. He did say, however, that he stood watching under a window of the Compton mansion while the Japanese butler committed the crime. This statement the police discredit. They say there is no doubt that Schermerhorn strangled the girl to death.

An enjoyable entertainment was held in the hall at Grand Bay last evening under the auspices of the school children of that place. The programme consisted of recitations, dialogues, songs, etc. Special mention should be made of two tableaux and a play entitled "Rascal Pat," which were rendered to the pleasure of all present. At the close of the entertainment a vote of thanks was tendered to their instructor, Miss Corey of that place. Among those present from St. John were Misses F. M. Hubley, C. A. Lingard and Messrs. B. S. Morrell and E. C. Prime.

The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON

I heard an accusation against my sex the other day that I very much fear has quite a deal of justice in it. I wish every woman who reads this would think it over and if she acknowledges its justice would do all she individually can to make it less just.

A school teacher made the accusation. She said: "I dislike to discipline girls far more than I do boys because the girls are so much more resentful than boys."

"If you punish a boy he may stare up tremendously at the time, but he forgets it as soon as it is over."

"But if you punish a girl she lays it up against you and acts injured for days and is resentful for months."

I think it is largely this tendency which keeps most women from being good "sports" in the finer sense of the word "sport."

Resentfulness is a weakness of small minds. Of course I do not mean that all women possess this trait by any means or that no men are afflicted with it, but I do think it is a trifle more common among women than men.

And the sooner women get rid of it the farther they will have traveled on the road to being universally acknowledged as man's equal in every respect.

Most people don't seem to realize somehow that cold air can be just as stale and close as hot air.

In the summer if a room has been all shut up for a few hours, when we go into it we say, "How close and stale the air is," and we promptly throw open the windows.

But in the winter we have the same room shut up for twice as many hours and then just because the air is cold we do not realize that it is stale and merely turn on the heat instead of opening the windows when we go into it.

If we systematically opened the windows in our living rooms and dining rooms and chambers several times a day and aired out I fancy a good many of us would be healthier.

We would never get the house warm if we did that. I can hear the coal buyer explaining. Please don't forget, my friend, that fresh air is very much easier to heat than stale.

Is your card with your full address upon it in your glasses case? Suppose you lose your glasses to-morrow? If your card is not in the case that means that you regain them by paying out quite a little money for advertising or that you simply give them up or that you pay out the money for advertising without regaining them.

Is any of these things satisfactory as simply being informed by the finder of the whereabouts of your glasses as you doubtless would be if your card were in the case?

It is an extremely small thing, almost too small to remind you of, but maybe it's one of those little things that you always meant to do and always put off until tomorrow.

In that case, why don't you just do it and do it tonight?

Ruth Cameron

The Lighter Side of Life

MIMMA BELLA.

Where Mimma lies, some nameless children sleep. Whose graves in the obliterating grass sink slowly, as the empty seasons pass. And look like waves upon Time's slow-heaving deep.

No tears, no flowers; save when Spring-time weeps Upon them of the breeze with faint "Aloes!" Brings them stray petals from the flowerly mass.

Upon some grave that Love and Sorrow keep. Who were they? No one knows. But there's this wreath Of fourteen berries, that a stranger brings With blossoms for his child that sleeps beneath.

For Life, their names are faint forgotten things. But now within the large book of Death Their names are written with the names of kings.

NEW COLORS FOR THE SPRING.

The new shade cards for the spring and summer of 1910 have just been issued by the Parisian Flower and Feather Syndicate Chamber. "Perhaps the most distinguishing characteristic of the new shades is the comparative absence of greens," says the *Drapers' Record*.

"There is an appropriately named range of citronelle, a little group called sea-breezes, and a group of sea-green dubbed Neptune, but of true greens there are none. Elephant grays come third on the card under the title *Cover*. Pride of place is given to some cold blues called North Poles (inevitable application), and a good group termed *polgen fesse*."

Greys and "greyed" shades are again widely given prominence, and it is indeed, a card of subdued tones once more. At the end of the card appear half a dozen very delicate shades of different hues, grouped as *Fluorecente*. Rosewood shades are again present, this under the very indelicate name *gaine* (holly wood), and the rose range, dimmed, dubbed *lump* (lump, not to be confused, on translation, with *goblin*).

She would him with the sorcery Of a thousand sympathies. And so infused herself in him. Her hopes for him were prophetic.

For city children in a flat Drawbacks are growing greater. For how many Santa with his pack Crawl through the radiator?

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LADIES' FELT SLIPPERS... 25c. to \$1.50
MEN'S FELT SLIPPERS... 25c. to \$1.25
LADIES' FELT BOOTS... \$1.25 to \$2.25
MEN'S FELT BOOTS... \$1.50 to \$3.00

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Believe Me

PEERLESS COUGH SYRUP

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Union and St. Patrick Sts.

ACQUITTED ON HER SECOND TRIAL

Young Men Saved Lives of Three Children

McKay Will Not Go West—Suits Against Directors of Sovereign Bank—Strathcona Again Contributes

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 14.—Mrs. Martha Scott was acquitted at London, Ont., last night on her second trial on the charge of shooting Harvey Scott, her father-in-law. The evidence of old man's harshness and brutality to the prisoner and her good conduct were the chief points brought out. Chase, Hodgins and Wyn, Bartlett of Samra saved the lives of the three children of David Barr, who being left alone in the house upset a lamp and set the room ablaze with burning oil. The young men then rushed in, rushed in and carried the children out and extinguished the fire.

A suit against the directors of the Sovereign Bank to collect the amount of notes given by them for stock was opened before Chancellor Boyd yesterday. The last case is against Donal McMillan and Jas. McPee and the amount is slightly over twenty thousand. The defence contends that the notes were signed at the instigation of the management with the understanding that there should be no litigation.

MONTREAL, Jan. 14.—Archbishop Brochu announced last night that Lord Strathcona had promised a subscription towards a fund of \$100,000 which the Archbishop intends to raise towards defraying the expenses of the Bucharest Congress, which will be held in Montreal this fall.

Two additional protests were registered before the Liquor License Commissioners at a meeting yesterday afternoon in the Seamen's Institute. Besides the petition against the granting of the application of M. J. Nugent, the commissioners were asked by delegates to refrain from issuing licenses to James Barter and Percy Harnoy. The commissioners will meet in the afternoon next at 3 o'clock, when the licenses will be issued.

Lieut.-Colonel Howell who is in charge of the recruiting work of the Salvation Army has just returned from the Old Country, where he has completed arrangements for the emigration of a large number of settlers, who will engage in farm work in the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick during the coming season. These emigrants will arrive in conducted parties during the months of January, February, March, and April.

LEAD

Watch This Space

A fresh reason given weekly for choosing

Butter-Nut

BIRTHS.

DUNLOP.—Died at Sydney, C. B., on Jan. 13th, Mrs. Jane Dunlop, wife of James Dunlop, in the 71th year of her age, leaving husband, one son and two daughters to mourn their loss.

FUNERAL from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Morley E. Strang, 37 Metcalf street, on Sunday, at 2.30 p. m. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

CAMPBELL.—At Campbell House, Norton, N. B., January 11th, J. Wesley, dearly beloved husband of Catherine Vicars McLaughlin, son of the late Daniel J. McLaughlin, and Eliza B. McLaughlin.

FUNERAL today (Friday) from his late residence, 285 Germain street, at four p. m.

A COLUMN FOR WOMEN

Fashions and Fads

Rough furs for some reason seem to take precedence this season over the smooth and silky ones. Even the bristly mink skin has a place in favor. Velvet and gilt are much used in Paris neckwear for the season, the velvet in tiny bands and edgings and the gilt in embroidery, tassels and drops.

White homespun and blanket weaves are in vogue for skating suits. They are also being used to make up garments for automobile touring in the southern climes.

Drapery effects are progressing in essay costumes, taking the form of real or simulated tunics, long full side draperies, panniers, scarf-like folds, etc.

Black and white are attractively combined in many of the new gowns, the black usually taking the form of satin pipings, jet buttons and tiny buckles.

Orthodox jabots are newly made of net-top laces, the edges of which are outlined with a single row of mother-of-pearl spangles and tiny gilt or silver beads.

The fashion of yellow as a color for coats and hats is promised a strong vogue and finds its entering wedge in the increasing favor of "yellow" and ecru laces.

The eight-button gloves are graceful with a dress sleeve, avoiding any dividing line between the glove and sleeve.

Velvet shopping bags are returning to favor.

White suede gloves are most popular for evening.

Plumes are to be swept about the new big hats.

Tulle and maline were never more popular than now.

Household : Hints

Cold-boiled potatoes, dried and added to an equal quantity of canned salmon and a few chopped olives, make a foundation for a tasty salad. Serve with mayonnaise.

For hurts or scalds, nothing is more soothing than the white of egg, which may be poured over the wound. It is softer as a varnish for a burn than colloidion.

In building or remodeling a house, before the final boards are put on the pantry, have it lined throughout with mosquito wire. It will make it forever mouseproof.

Never scrape cooking utensils of any kind. Clean them out as much as possible, fill with water and washing soda, cover and allow them to steam. They will then clean easily.

Before washing silk stockings soak in borax water, then wash gently in tepid soapwater. Don't wring, but squeeze out, and after rinsing in several waters hang up to dry.

To clean gilt, try touching it with a little at a time with a camel's hair brush wet in alcohol. Don't let it dry, but rub off with a flannel, which should be changed frequently.

When in the large view the dress is being refashioned, the sleeves are fitted and the center front and back are extended to allow a pointed yoke band, and to it is attached the deep flounce which is plaited at the center front and back. The sleeves are fitted and the center front and back are extended to allow a pointed yoke band, and to it is attached the deep flounce which is plaited at the center front and back. The sleeves are fitted and the center front and back are extended to allow a pointed yoke band, and to it is attached the deep flounce which is plaited at the center front and back.

After washing woolen socks, wring them out, but should not be rubbed on a board.

Clothes will not dry out so quickly if sprinkled and packed in a tin boiler the night before ironing day. They should be packed as tight as possible and the top heated on the boiler.

LAW WOULD BE IN

BALFOUR'S CABINET

Former Premier Makes Straight Protectionist Appeal.

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 13.—Lyon cables from York-Balfour, who, if the Conservatives win, will have Bonar Law, a Canadian, as one of his chief colleagues in cabinet, visited York tonight in an attempt to induce the electors to reject another Canadian, Hume Greenwood.

It was a great meeting, and an enthusiastic one. Balfour is as much a master of the conservative party as ever. Darnley and Salisbury were. He wears his honors easily too. A combination of gold and politics is carrying him through the strain of the campaign which many of his followers thought would prove too much for him.

He was greeted with cries of "Good old Balfour," and he looked over the audience with that winning smile that goes far toward explaining his popularity.

Balfour is daily being driven to say more in defence of the Lords, as he finds their action in rejecting the budget is the central feature of the fight. To-night he took the ground that the Lords had given the people a chance to control their own purse.

Proceeding, Balfour declared himself strongly in favor of import duties and indirect taxes as generally broadening the basis of taxation rather than increasing direct taxes. Once more he pledged himself absolutely against any increase in total duties on foodstuffs of workers. "Free traders," he said, "think there is something inherently wicked in the tax on wheat, instead of on tea and sugar. Preference to colonial wheat would, by bringing into use a vast area of untouched wheat land, which, thank heaven, the empire possesses, keep down the price of bread to the poor. Even if it was wrong this preference would result in continuance of tariff favors from the colonies, and do much to provide markets for British products."

D. BOYANER, Scientific Optician.

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Star Fashions

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All Seams Allowed.

That universal favorite, the princess dress, is here presented in new and charmingly attractive form, and combines the yoke and plaited skirt in a very unique fashion. The neck may be being effected at the back leaving the front in panel effect, and especially suitable for embroidery, braiding or other trimming in silver style. The front is extended to form a pointed yoke band, and to it is attached the deep flounce which is plaited at the center front and back. The sleeves are fitted and the center front and back are extended to allow a pointed yoke band, and to it is attached the deep flounce which is plaited at the center front and back.

The design is attractive. The pattern is in six sizes, from 32 to 44 inches, requires 8 1/2 yards of material 36 inches wide, with, as illustrated, 3-4 yard of sleeve lace 1 1/2 yards wide. Width at lower edge, about 4 yards.

Price of Pattern, 10 cents.

CANADA HAS OVER 30,000 MILES OF RAILWAY

Annual Report—Increase in Freight Traffic, But Decrease in Passengers.

OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—The annual report of the controller of railway statistics tabled in the Commons today contained some interesting and illuminative particulars as to the growth of the railway business and earning power of the railways of Canada and as to the number and character of the railway accidents during the last fiscal year.

The mileage of railways in actual operation increased 1,138 during 1909, exclusive of 675 miles of railways open for traffic on the new Transcontinental line which is officially returned as being still "under construction." On June 30th last it was estimated that at least \$300 million were in process of being built. The total mileage on that date is given as 29,324 miles. Comparative statistics show that Canada has the largest railway mileage in proportion to population of any country in the world, while relation to area it has the smallest.

Canadian railways carried 3,283,203 passengers and 66,842,253 tons of freight in 1909, a decrease of 1,851,883 in the number of passengers, and an increase of 3,771,091 in the freight tonnage, as compared with 1908. The aggregate of earnings for the year were \$145,056,326, a decrease of \$1,861,977, as compared with 1908. Operating expenses were \$104,800,084 a decrease of \$2,704,053. The net revenue was \$40,256,251, showing a betterment of \$62,299 as against 1908.

Some interesting statistics are given in regard to accidents. There were 475 persons killed and 1,404 injured on Canadian railways in 1909, representing an increase of 29 in the number killed and a decrease in the number injured. Of the fatalities 36 were passengers, 113 employees, 190 trespassers, and 67 non-travellers. Six passengers were killed in collisions and 34 injured. One passenger in every 20,343 miles killed, and one in every 11,311 injured.

MONTREAL, Jan. 12.—Senator Casgrain tonight announced that he had decided to run for the majority against Dr. Guindé, the candidate of the citizens' committee. This means that Montreal will have a hot civic election.