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## News of a Day

### To Visit Canada.

London, Feb. 17.—Lady Dudley will visit Canada soon to obtain information in reference to a nursing organization in connection with the suggested scheme in Australia.

### Wages Advanced.

St. Thomas, Ont., Feb. 17.—Engineers of the Michigan Central Railway have been notified that commencing February 1st their wages will be advanced 20 to 25 cents per hundred miles.

### Railway Contract.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 17.—The Canadian Northern Railway contract will be brought down early next week. Following the delivery of the budget, speech and the granting of at least some supply, it will be the principal feature of the session.

### Rabies in Ontario.

St. Thomas, Ont., Feb. 17.—A dog frothing at the mouth and supposed to be suffering from rabies was discovered on the Wardell farm, four miles from here. It was killed with an axe and several other dogs it had bitten were also despatched.

### To Form a Society.

London, Feb. 17.—Miss Blanche Clark, lady farmer, hopes to raise \$20,000 from women to form schools of agriculture for women on sections in Canada. She suggests that the difficulty of obtaining sufficient reliable hired labor could be overcome by

training women in the handling of farm implements. She urges the establishment of government elevators in every wheat town.

### Hope Abandoned.

Washington, Feb. 17.—All hope that the missing U. S. navy tug Nina, which left Norfolk, Feb. 6, bound to Boston with 32 souls aboard is still alive, has been abandoned by the navy department and today the warships which for five days have been searching for the Nina were ordered to discontinue their hunt.

### Denies Statement.

Edmonton, Alberta, Feb. 17.—President Clarke of the Alberta and Great Waterways Railways, has made a statement denying that two sets of specifications of the railway had been prepared in order to justify the road's finances. One set has been referred to the government, and the only other plans are amended plans of Deputy Minister Stokes.

### Treaty Negotiations.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—The World's Ottawa special says:—Members of parliament have been watching with interest the progress of the boundary waters treaty at Washington. Newspaper dispatches tonight are meagre regarding the situation on Lake Huron and the Georgian Bay and politicians are non-committal, but there is a disposition to believe that Canadian interests have been conservatively

An equipage exactly similar was obtained and two ladies made up to represent Mrs. Berney and her friend as closely as possible—but with the important difference that they sported the Whig colors—drove out in it to parade the city. When the Tories discovered the deception their fury was great, and the two counter-attacking ladies narrowly escaped serious mistreatment. As it was, their carriage was hacked to pieces.

Somedays no married candidate in England would think of fighting an election without the help of his wife. At the general election of 1892 the late Mrs. Darwin took a leading part in the contest at Lichfield, when her husband, Major Leonard Darwin, was returned. At one meeting of miners which was being addressed by her, there was a good deal of interruption, but the lady was undaunted.

"You think, perhaps," she said, "that because I am a woman I am easily frightened and put down, but I am not. I am afraid of a cow, I confess, but I am not afraid of a miner."

During the Warwick and Leamington by-election of 1905, when J. A. Lyttelton was indisposed, his wife took his place on the platform with satisfactory results. Nor is the capacity for making a speech the only valuable quality in a candidate's wife.

The late Mrs. Arthur Brand sang her husband, so it was said, into Wichebe.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES YESTERDAY

The annual meeting of the St. John branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses was held in the Trinity church schoolroom yesterday afternoon. In the absence of Judge Forbes, the president, Hon. R. J. Ritchie occupied the chair. Those present were: Mrs. D. McLaughlin, Mr. Robert Thomson, Mr. H. Tuck, Miss MacLaren, Mrs. James Dever, Mrs. Thomas Walker, Dr. Thomas Walker, Dr. J. S. Bentley, Mr. F. B. Francis, Miss MacPherson, Miss Sparkhall and Miss Rogers.

The report of the board of management showed that the number of visits paid by the nurses during the year totalled 3,822, a falling off of 881 from the previous year, which was explained by Miss MacPherson as being due to a different system of counting. Night visits, however, increased.

The collections during the year from the patients amounted to \$570.30, as against \$425.80 in 1908. Subscriptions amounted to \$221, as against \$162 in 1908.

The financial statement showed that the receipts, including cash on hand last year, totalled \$2,106.26, while the disbursements were \$1,624.10, leaving a balance on hand of \$482.16.

The order continues to serve a useful purpose in that it ministers to the poorer classes, who otherwise would lack proper attention.

The question of assisting in the work of the society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis was endorsed. A resolution had been adopted at a previous meeting, pledging the support of the order when a definite programme has been formulated.

The board of management for the ensuing year was elected as follows: Mrs. J. P. Smith, Mrs. J. V. Ellis, Major Bullock, Judge Forbes, Hon.

## SUCCESS IS SURE SAYS DR. MacPHIE

Organizer of Simultaneous Campaign Tells of Progress Made So Far—Singing a Feature and Finances Promising—Big Meeting for Aged People to be Held Monday.

"The unity, sympathy and hearty co-operation of all the churches and all the people must prove an unspeakable blessing to our great city. The people are loyally supporting the meetings in their own groups and the leaders in a very hearty fashion." This is the statement of Rev. Duncan MacPhie, D.D., organizer of the simultaneous evangelistic campaign, who was asked to speak yesterday of the progress of the revival which has now reached the half-way mark.

"The choruses and singers are manifesting a splendid spirit of helpfulness," he continued, "and the high standard of the music has been a marked feature. The evangelists are making strong appeals for the surrender of the heart that is in men and women to the service of God and the response has been general in the different groups where the meetings have been held. Most of all, the evangelists are using sane and sensible methods, entirely free from emotionalism."

While taking no personal part in the meetings, Dr. MacPhie is busily engaged at headquarters in St. Andrew's church in arranging the details for the special meetings, receiving reports, etc. He keeps his eye on the finances and reports that the offerings have been generous. The prospects are that the meetings will be self-supporting and that the guarantee fund will not be drawn upon.

**Monday a Big Day.**  
Next Monday will be a big day for the campaign. In the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock there will be held in St. Andrew's church a special service for all aged people. The singing will be in charge of Chas. F. Allen. The old hymns are being hunted out and will be sung by the people and by the evangelistic singers. Every pastor will be asked to furnish a list of the persons in his congregation who will require a conveyance to get to the church. The committee have already received offers of sleighs from private leading owners and the lively men. The committee will be sent every person over seventy years of age with a suitable floral tribute.

This afternoon at 4:45 o'clock a meeting for boys and girls will be held in St. Andrew's church. The north end group will meet at the same hour in Main street Baptist church and the west end group in the Wesleyan church. At 5:30 in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church a meeting will be conducted by Rev. W. A. Cameron. Miss Margaret Conrad will sing. The ordinary evening services will be held as usual.

**ST. ANDREW'S GROUP.**  
Rev. Ora S. Gray Speaks on Death—Man's Threefold Outlook When The End Comes—Many Converts Come Forward.

To a very large congregation in St. Andrew's church, Rev. Ora S. Gray, before commencing his sermon for the evening, announced that he would take for his subject tomorrow night, "Future Punishment in the Light of Modern Thought," and stated that he would like to see a number of the professional men of the city there to whom he might present the arguments. Mr. Chas. F. Allen sang effectively "On Jordan's Banks" and "Saved By Grace."

Dr. Gray took for his text:—"How wondrous do in the dwelling of Jordan." His sermon was on the subject of "Death." Rivers about which gathers civilization may be taken as a symbol of death, because of the rising of the waters in the spring time is as certain as the return of spring. There is something certain and inevitable about the death of everyone. It appeared to every man to die, but after that the judgment.

If death itself is certain, the time is most uncertain. Youth and age each pass the portal. Not only so, but the Angel of Death makes no distinction. The great financier may have the greatest surgeons of the world tugging at his bedside against death, but ultimately death always wins. The sweetest words, which can be heard in the funeral service of any one is that he, or she was prepared.

Professor James of Harvard agrees with the testimony of practically all medical men, that a dead man has a threefold outlook. To the past with his memories, to the present with the friends that gather about him, to the future with the unknown. Many would be there anything but sadness in this outlook to the man who has neglected Christ and his calls? What a contrast to him for whom Christ is a personal friend and savior. For him in the eventide there is light. The aged man being heard to say with his dying breath: "Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all."

At the conclusion of the service a number again signified their intentions of beginning Christian lives.

**S. A. CITADEL.**  
The Fate of Those Who Believe But Harden Their Hearts—William Matheson in Earnest Address.

At the Salvation Army Citadel, Evangelist William Matheson gave a stirring address from the text Proverbs 29:1. "He that being often reproved, hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly destroyed and that without remedy." He went on to say that this did not mean annihilation. Many would be glad if it did. Convince a man that he was sick and he would seek the aid of a physician. Many say they believe in hell and heaven, but they will not stir hand or foot. The devil beat that for the Bible says the devil believe and tremble.

God sometimes has to lay people down in order to raise them up. Some people thought that preachers were posted about their lives. He told a story of a man who would not speak to his wife because he thought she had told a preacher about his evil ways. Many thought that it was a mark of weakness to be acquainted with sin.

**CENTENARY GROUP.**  
Rev. Chas. A. Sykes speaks on Salvation, the Free Gift of God—Singing a Great Feature.

The Terms of Individual Salvation, was the theme of Rev. Chas. A. Sykes' earnest discourse in Centenary church last evening. Salvation is offered as the free gift of God, but the receiving of it costs. It costs in an inner renunciation of all else. It costs in a repentance that involves a complete change of purpose and relation to God. It costs in the bearing of the cross.

Is there reward? Yes, "Men," said Carlisle to his soldiers as they asked them what he had to give them, "you will have night marches and bloody marches, poverty, hunger, peril, death. Ye shall have all this, but Italy shall be free."

And so there is reward for the disciple of Christ manifold more in this present time and in the world to come than in the life to come.

## THEIRME IN DRA DAPING HOLDUP

Another daring holdup and attempt at robbery took place on Wednesday evening about 10 o'clock when John Anderson was attacked on St. Andrew's street by two unknown men and an effort made to remove the contents of his pocket.

Anderson, who has not been in the city any great length of time, and is unacquainted with the streets, was returning to his boarding house from Reed's Point, went up St. Andrew's street by mistake. He says that while going past a corner he noticed two men standing against the side of a building. He had scarcely gone a few steps past the men when he felt himself roughly grasped from behind. He was drawn backward to the sidewalk with such force that the blow on the back of his head almost rendered him unconscious.

One of the men was proceeding to reach his inside coat pocket when apparently thinking that someone was approaching, the thieves became frightened and beat a hasty retreat.

Mr. Anderson had about \$5.00 in change on his person at the time, and also a silver watch. He describes the men as being of stout stocky build, but was unable to notice their features.

The feeling of the audience was intense and when witnesses for Christ were called for frequently three and four persons were on their feet at the same time to testify.

**BRUSSELS ST. GROUP.**  
Singing a Great Feature—Address on A New Commandment.

Every available seat was taken in Brussels street church and the meeting was one of the most interesting yet held in the group. Mr. Wood has quite recovered his voice and led and sang with real effect, Miss Margaret Conrad as a Gospel singer is a distinct addition to the working force.

Rev. W. A. Cameron preached on A New Commandment. The sermon was a simple and effective setting forth of the central truth of the Christian religion. An appeal to which a number responded, concluded an impressive service.

**ST. STEPHEN'S GROUP.**  
Rev. A. B. Winchester Speaks of Sin as the Great Tragedy of Life—Will Speak Particularly to Men Tonight.

There was a good sized audience in St. Stephen's church last evening when Rev. A. B. Winchester spoke on the tragedy of life. Sometimes, he said, you see men toiling and looking up to God when suddenly a great misfortune sweeps down on them and their lives are desolated.

Sin is the great tragedy of life. Paul in the seventh chapter of Romans gives us an idea of the way this tragedy is wrought out and pictures the great strife between good and evil for the possession of the soul.

The word profane literally means a treaded ground before the temple and the true part of life lies in the fact that many who are accustomed to holy things become hardened and lack the inspiration of Christian service.

This evening Mr. Winchester will speak more particularly to men.

**CARLETON GROUP.**  
"Is There a Hell?"—The Question Expounded by Rev. Milton S. Rees—God the Only Source of Authority.

There was another crowded house at the West side meeting and deep interest was manifested in the proceedings. Rev. F. A. Robinson led the singing. The subject that Dr. Milton S. Rees chose for his sermon was "Is There a Hell?"

This had been a fruitful source of discussion, he said, in all ages and among all classes. In answer to the question there was only one source of authority and this was God in the Bible. Some people said "no, no, no, believe the Bible," but even if they do not, they must face the question as to where they are bound for eternity.

It was argued that the doctrine of future punishment was not compatible with the teaching that God is love. He disputed this because if the guidance of God was accepted he would prove to be a God of love and hell would not enter into the Christian's calculations.

From the principle of cause and effect, it is reasonable to count on hell. Cause is sin; effect is death. Cause is loving to the flesh, effect is causing corruption. It is easy to drift. God cannot sweep the carnal and the spiritual together into heaven.

Where is hell? was often asked. Just outside the door that swings into eternity and life with Jesus Christ. Not this hell. Separation is hell. How sad to be left in the world without friend or relative but what about living through eternity separated from friends and relative and most of all, Jesus.

**HOTELS.**  
Royal.  
R. J. Sharp, Montreal; Mrs. P. Johnson, Vancouver; Mrs. P. Johnson, Victoria; Capt. C. C. Horn, Alberta; S. A. Finch, Vancouver; B. C. Mrs. P. C. Allen, Mrs. J. J. Winslow, Mrs. A. J. Thompson, Fredericton; P. R. Eaton, Pithsburg; Owens Wheeler, London; W. E. Johnson, New York; Mr. and Mrs. McMillan, Halifax, N. S.; Thomas Bruce, New Glasgow; Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, New Glasgow; Mrs. C. Roush, St. Catharines, Ont.; G. W. Anderson, Toronto; W. A. Bremner, P. E. Island, Victoria.

C. S. Clark, Moncton; T. W. Johnson, Truro; W. M. Lister, McAdam Junction; A. Macrae, Winnipeg; C. H. Clarke, A. Bidulph, Montreal; W. R. Vincent, J. W. Morrison, Montreal; A. J. Johnson, Halifax; W. Lambart, Theford Mines; J. L. Towse and wife, Port Elgin; R. C. Lacks, New Zealand.

**DEATHS.**  
Lynch—In this city, Feb. 17, Beatrice M., wife of David E. Lynch, and daughter of J. J. Sealey of Mount Pleasant.

## PRICE OF BROOMS NEARLY DOUBLED

Failure of Crop Has Advanced Raw Material --- Manager of Simms Brush Factory Interviewed Gives Some Interesting Particulars --- St. John Beating Out Ontario Firms in the West.

Mr. G. F. A. Anderson, vice-president of T. S. Simms Co., Ltd., when asked by a Standard reporter yesterday why brooms had increased so much in price during the past year, said that the advance was due to the failure of the broom corn crop in the United States. Where a year ago they could secure broom corn for \$100 per ton, today they were paying \$210.

Up to the present year they had imported their broom corn mainly from Illinois and Oklahoma; but recently they had received some shipments from Hungary, where prices, though high enough owing to the competition of American buyers, were not so high as in the States. On orders made up from the Hungarian material they were able to quote a reduction of 20 per cent, on present prices—in fact they had been giving quotations in Winnipeg which have provoked a storm of protest from Ontario manufacturers.

"Our factory," said Mr. Anderson, "is able to compete with the Ontario firms in almost any part of Canada, and that in spite of the fact that the city of St. John imposes upon us nearly double the tax rate that similar concerns in Ontario cities are required to pay."

**A Big Western Trade.**  
"Last year we sold over \$5,000 worth of brooms and broom heads west of Montreal; and judging from the orders coming in we will do a much greater business in the West this year. Of course, if our factory was not better equipped with machinery than any other brush and broom factory in Canada, we could not hope to pay the long railway haul, and compete successfully with the Ontario firms."

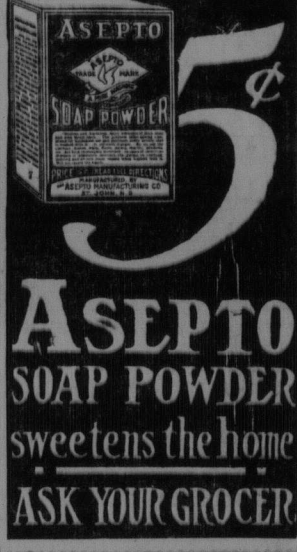
The company uses large quantities of beach wood, practically all of which is obtained along the St. John river. But its other raw materials, broom corn, bristles, and various kinds of fibres, have to be imported from foreign countries. It is impossible to grow broom corn in Canada, because it is planted in March or April and takes about seven months to mature.

**Working at Full Pressure.**  
The company today is employing 45 more hands than it did last year, or a working force of 175 hands, not including the office staff. It carries on every process of manufacture con-

ducted with the brush and broom industry, except the turning of broom handles and making the paper boxes in which to pack the brooms for exportation.

Very recently the company added a nickel-plating plant to the establishment, and today the management is considering the advisability of adding a box-making department. It is said the nickel-plating plant has proven a very profitable investment, and it is expected that a box-making department will effect a large saving, not only in the actual cost of the boxes needed, but in the amount of floor space now taken up by the immense quantity of paper boxes which it is necessary to keep on hand.

Moreover the company is anxious to do what they can to help promote the better and bigger St. John programme, and other things being equal would sooner distribute the money expended on boxes among the workers of St. John than to send it as now to the province of Quebec.



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## ENGLISH WOMEN AND POLITICS

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cynans the unpolluted voters. Lady Carle and other great Whig ladies followed her example.

The Tories took fright, and hastily summoned their own womenfolk to the field to counteract the influence of Fox's allies. Among those who came forward were Lady Salisbury—she who was fated more than fifty years after to be burned to death in a fire at Hatfield—and Lady Buckinghamshire. Then opened a battle royal; but Georgian was irresistible. At the end of forty days the poll closed according to law, and Fox had won.

**Mrs. Berney.**  
The electioneering of Mrs. Berney gained that designation during the Norfolk election of 1806. She was an enthusiastic supporter of the Tory cause. Day after day Mrs. Berney, accompanied by another widow lady, paraded the city of Norwich in a barouche, the servants, the horses and her own costume, as well as that of her companion, profusely decorated with the Tory colors. This excessive flaunting of her partisanship angered the Whig mob, and without the cognizance of their leaders they decided to play a trick.

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