

Early December Suggestions

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MANY DOCUMENTS WERE FOUND IN VICTORIA
 Official of Dominion Department of Archives Returns to Ottawa

CROWD OF STUDENTS HAD NARROW ESCAPE
 Catholic Institutions Destroyed by Fire—Teacher Loses His Life

Dr. James Hannay, F. R. S. S., of the Dominion archives department, left last evening for Vancouver en route to Regina. Before then Ottawa and home to Fredericton. He states that he has been fairly successful in the quest for old documents in this city.

The foundations of the history of British Columbia is in the journals of the northwest and Hudson Bay companies. At all the principal forts regular journals of the proceedings from day to day were kept and have been preserved. The Hudson Bay fell heir to the books of the Northwest company and the local offices state that all these papers were sent to England. A good many years ago Herbert Bancroft, the author of a number of historical works visited Victoria and succeeded in getting a great many original documents from the old residents in the employ of the Hudson's Bay company. He obtained for instance the journal of Sir James Douglas from the late governor's widow. These papers were borrowed on the understanding that they would be returned. Through the historian is still living and is in San Francisco, but he has not returned. British Columbia is deprived of a number of valuable documents which ought to be in the provincial library.

The provincial librarian, Mr. Scholefield, Dr. Hannay continued, "has been very zealous and energetic in getting books and journals relating to the history of British Columbia. For instance, he has succeeded in getting the journals of Mr. Murray, who established Fort Yukon in '47. This is a most valuable journal as it contains a number of illustrations by an artist who was an artist of no mean capacity. He has also the journals of John Todd, dating back to 1841 and many other journals of similar character, all throwing light on the early history of British Columbia.

"All these were examined by me and from some I took ample notes. For instance I copied a number of original letters by Simon Fraser, the first explorer of the Fraser river, dated December, 1806 and January and possession of the provincial librarian. "He has also the minutes of the first legislature of the province and the original proclamations and ordinances, all of which are important to the historian. He has also the narrative of the exploration expedition which, under the command of John Brown, visited the west coast of Vancouver island in 1804.

"British Columbia is fortunate in having the files of a newspaper which go back almost to the foundations of the province. These form a most useful source of reference for the historian. "The objects of the archives at Ottawa are to discover where historical archives may be found so that they will be accessible to students of Canadian history. The archives at Ottawa contain many papers relating to British Columbia, and many of these are not in the archives here. It is very desirable that there should be an interchange of such documents, the department at Ottawa giving copies of such as they possess to British Columbia and vice versa. In this way an interest may be created and valuable work done.

Dr. Hannay thought that Victoria was one of the prettiest cities he has ever seen. He admires the climate and scenery great and hopes to be again able to visit Vancouver island.

Picking district orchards have supplied fruit fillings for 25,000 apple barrels this season.

CANADIAN ATHLETIC RECORD OF THE YEAR
 Only Two Old Marks Broken But Two New Distances Established

Toronto, Nov. 30.—How many new Canadian athletic records were made this year? Two.

Only two? Why, I thought that—Well, never mind thinking at all—only two records were made this year. One was by Ed. B. Archibald for the West End Y. M. C. A. who cleared 11 feet 6 inches in the pole vault at the Y. M. C. A. League championships, another by Percy Sellen of the L. C. A. C. who ran five miles in 26:25 at Ottawa, August 8. Longboat set a 15-mile mark of 1:25:55 in Montreal, November 9, and Chuck Skeas set a mark for the mile walk, which is a new distance.

There were other records made at Ottawa that day, but they will not stand, because the track measurements had not been certified. As a matter of fact, the track of a horse track, and is short for running.

George Adams of Hamilton claims the five-mile and ten-mile records. He says he made the five miles in the Martin road race in St. Catharines on January 1, in 26 minutes flat, and that he covered the ten miles in 53:59. Those distances have never been certified to, either, and the record goes to the island oval track, where Percy Sellen, of the Irish Canadians laid a mark of 26:25, made at Ottawa, August 8, 26:26 3-5, made at Varsity in the five-mile Canadian championship is the nearest to it.

The best marks made this year in Canadian athletics, together with the Canadian record, and its holder follows:

A Hundred Yards.
 100 yards—Robert Kerr, Hamilton Y. M. C. A., 10:2-5, at C. A. A. U. fall championships, Toronto, Sept. 14; Canadian record, 9:4-5, J. W. Morton of England, Montreal, Aug. 1905. Kerr has been credited with 10 flat in Hamilton a couple of times.

The 220-Yard Dash.
 220-yard dash—Robert Kerr, Hamilton Y. M. C. A., 23:1-5, second, at C. A. A. U. championships, Varsity track, Toronto, Canadian record, 21:3-5, P. J. Walsh, Montreal, 1902.

The Half-Mile Figures.
 800-yard run—J. T. Parks, West End Y. M. C. A., C. A. A. U. fall championships, Varsity track, Toronto, Canadian record, 1:54:3-5, H. Kinpatrick, Toronto, 1895. Irish-American.

The Mile Run.
 One mile—Jack Tatt, West End Y. M. C. A., 4:32:3-5, C. A. A. U. fall championships, Varsity track, Canadian record, 4:21:4-5, George Orton, Montreal, 1892.

Over the Jump.
 150-yard hurdle—G. H. Barber, Central Y. M. C. A., C. A. A. U. fall championships, 15:2-5, A. C. Kranzlein, Montreal, 1898.

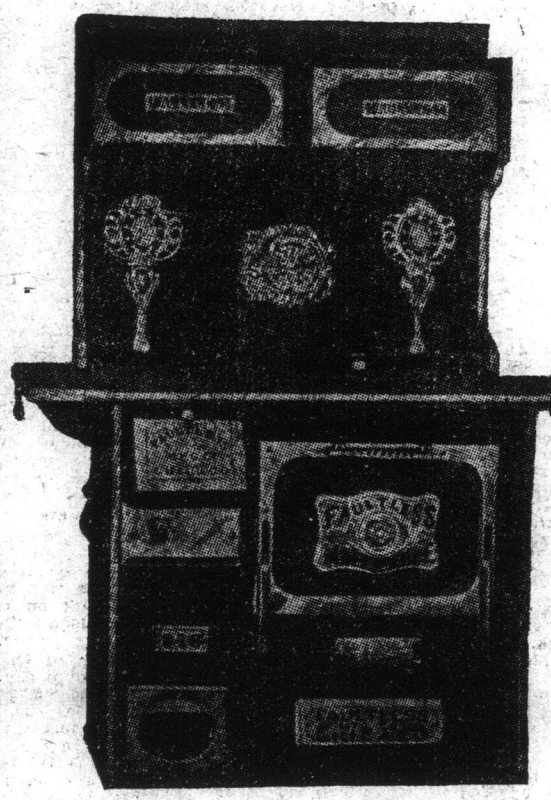
The Walks.
 One mile walk—Charles Skene, West End Y. M. C. A., C. A. A. U. fall championships, 7:20-1-5. This is a flat distance, and Skene therefore holds the Canadian record. He walked three miles at Ottawa, Aug. 5, in 24:15, lowering the Canadian record by three minutes.

The Quarter-Mile Run.
 440 yards—Robert Kerr, Hamilton Y. M. C. A., 51 seconds, C. A. A. U. fall championships, Varsity track, Canadian record, 49 seconds, M. W. Long, Montreal, Sept. 1907.

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Henceforth the new Cunarders Lusitania and Mauretania, sailing on Saturdays from New York, are, it is stated, to get the bulk of the first-class mail matter for the United Kingdom and the continent. The practice was to give the great bulk of the mails leaving New York on Saturdays to the steamers of the American line, which are subsidized for the purpose. By the new arrangement the New York Saturday mails will be delivered in all parts of the United Kingdom on the Friday following, affording ample time to send replies by the outgoing liners from Liverpool on the Saturday. It is stated that the conveyance of the trans-Atlantic mails will be considerably facilitated when the proposed system of the ocean post is in operation on both the two latest Cunarders. In their construction special provision was made for sorting correspondence on board, with a special staff of sorters, but it is understood there is some difficulty between the Cunard line and the English postoffice as to the terms to be paid for this provision. The London Shipping Gazette says that Richard Hennessy, chairman of the Queenstown urban council, who crossed to Ireland by the Lusitania, stated that he had been informed by the Cunard manager that if Queenstown wished to retain its position as a mail port it would be absolutely necessary for special trains to await the arrival of the Lusitania and Mauretania and special steamers to run from Kingston to Holyhead for the acceleration of the American mails and saloons passengers to London. Mr. Hennessy said that Queenstown might be relied upon to do everything possible to meet the exigencies of the case, as the withdrawal of the White Star mail steamers had proved most detrimental to the interests of the port.

Reporter and Plenipotentiary.
 Canadians are learning something of the heavy spirit of the Japanese, but in at least one Toronto newspaper office the staff was already familiar with it.

Railway Appropriation Case
 New Westminster, Nov. 30.—It is expected that the decision in the arbitration case between C. Brown, a Surrey farmer, and the V. V. & B. railway will be given on Tuesday by Judge Howay. The arbitration is to settle a dispute over the value of land appropriated by the railway through Mr. Brown's farm.

THE LOCAL MARKETS
 Retail Prices

Fruit
 Apples, local, 4 lbs. for 25
 Apples, California, per lb. 30
 Bananas, per doz. 40
 Fig table, per lb. 25
 Raisins, Valencia, per lb. 25
 Raisins, table, per lb. 25
 Grapes, Com., per bush. 40
 Pineapples, each 50
 Peas, per box \$1.25 to \$1.50
 Cranberries, per lb. 25

Meat and Poultry
 Lamb, per lb. 15 to 20
 Mutton, per lb. 15 to 20
 Pork, per quarter, hind \$1.75 to 2.00
 Veal, per quarter, hind \$1.75 to 2.00
 Lamb, dressed, per lb. 25 to 30
 Goose, dressed, per lb. 25 to 30
 Ducks, dressed, per lb. 25 to 30
 Chickens, per lb. 25 to 30
 Chickens, per lb., live weight 25 to 30
 Pigeons, dressed, per pair 60 to 80
 Rabbits, dressed, each 25 to 30
 Hare, dressed, each 25 to 30
 Bacon, per lb. 25 to 30
 Beef, per lb. 25 to 30
 Pork, dressed, per lb. 15 to 20

Experience
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Railway Nov.
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Eugene Coste, Mission of Gre to Pro

Vancouver, Nov. 30.—Eugene Coste, a geologist, is among the future. An field operations will be the next few weeks. Canadian Mining guest at the Hotel Coste will lead a provincial mineralogical conference in order to discuss the names of the localities to visit.

The Toronto geological survey, credit of having natural gas fields in six counties of Ontario. More recent new oil field in Kern Ontario. Several are now being drilled. The past summer as consulting engineer operations for natural gas in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Mr. Coste is a geologist who has been in the petroleum industry for many years.

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