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PRIVILEGE DEGENERATING INTO LICENSE.

In a statement issued on Saturday, the Board of Park Commissioners drew the public's attention to a number of nuisances, which have, like weeds, sprung up in Victoria park. Some skaters, while using the park lake have abused their privileges and wrought damages to trees and the boathouse, and others are said to nightly have gone on a war dance, to the annoyance of nearby residents.

That these nuisances cannot be permitted to continue needs no argument. The Board are public trustees, placed there not only to beautify the park and increase its attractions as a breathing spot and recreation ground for all who use it, but to protect it from injury by thoughtless persons.

The parks are public grounds, provided for enjoyment. These are commonly owned. Those who so far forget themselves as to destroy a tree or to damage a building are marring their own property. These are injuring themselves as well as every other citizen.

A public park consists of grounds set aside for general use. The money expended in growing grass, mowing trees and cultivating flowers and shrubs distinguishes it from a common. These are the marks of a community's culture. All may freely enjoy their possession while none may wantonly injure the units that form a beautiful whole.

Rightfully citizens, young and old, should take a pride in Victoria park. It has required nearly a generation to bring it to its present state of development. It is one of the city's best assets.

The Board endeavors annually to add to its attractions as a recreation ground, in order that a greater number of citizens may use and enjoy it. To accomplish this it is necessary that regulations be laid down and observed. Were every visitor to the park to pull off a branch from a tree, rip off a board from a building, or destroy a light, the grounds better be converted to other purposes, though to do so would inflict a loss upon the people of the city.

In a word it is desirable that all who will use the park but that none abuse the privilege. The training of the rising generation to understand that while they are at liberty to extract all the fun they can out of their games at the park, they have no license to injure public property, may be difficult yet is necessary. Here is an instance where they carry on their sports to their hearts' content without destroying the sources of their recreation. They can, so to say, eat their cake and still have it.

On the other hand he who destroys a tree or a flower in a park injures himself, in that he loses a proportion of his self-respect. He is the poorer for his indiscretion. Not only this, he has deprived his fellows of the opportunity of enjoying that which he has damaged or destroyed.

A law-abiding community like this, the authorities shrink from inflicting penalties upon thoughtless young folks, who in the exuberance of their spirits commit depredations. They do not even desire to withdraw the privileges granted because of a few offenders. Instead they desire the park to be an uplifting influence. Therefore they turn to parents and teachers and invite their assistance in cultivating a respect for park property.

The word "gentleman" has several meanings. One, which every youth in the community ought to try to attain too, is that of being "a person of refined manners." Having this as an ideal, he will view with disfavor anything savouring of destruction in connection with either private or public property.

The youth of Athens had centuries ago, a motto, which in part reads:

FARMS LESS FERTILE.

Canada has about 28,000,000 acres in field crops of which probably 20,000,000 acres are in the three Western Provinces. Is the fertility of the soil being kept up? Is it being exhausted, is it being increased? To get an answer, the Commission of Conservation carried out a survey of 2,245 farms. It asked questions of 2,245 farmers located all over Canada. It took them in groups of about thirty or forty—in all about 60 groups, from British Columbia to Prince Edward Island. On this point, it made a definite enquiry of the farmer as to whether the fertility of his farm was being maintained or was deteriorating.

Here is the answer: 30 per cent. of them reported about the same yield per acre as 20 years ago, 40 per cent. reported some increase in yield, and 30 per cent. reported some decrease. That is to say, the land, as used by 30 per cent. of all the men reporting, was poorer in its power to produce crops than it was 20 years before. From Manitoba, 32 per cent. of the farmers reported about the same yield per acre as 10 years before; not one man reported an increase; and 46 per cent. reported some decrease. That is a summary of the answers to the question when put under an intelligently conducted survey.

We want in Canada more serious and intelligently conducted surveys of our conditions in order that we may acquire real knowledge of facts as they are. Then we can come to conclusions and plan our course of action to deal with the facts discovered and properly interpreted.

In the West, the lure of land was for a time similar to the lure of the Yukon; and the lure of the Yukon in the main led on to disappointed men, deteriorated health, and parts of the Yukon left with less material substance than could be called wealth than it had before. There is some excuse for the pioneers taking more than one generation's share of the fertility stored in soil by the beneficence of nature during long ages of preparation. In the pioneer days they needed and had some right to more than their share of this store of natural wealth while making the place ready for occupation; but, after that first need is satisfied, it becomes their duty to make the place more fertile while in their hands.

The history of other countries and other farmers sheds light on our problems; and we may be instructed, to our great advantage, by their experience. In central New York, wheat growing was followed successfully for 60 years. During 20 years more the success was doubt-

ful. Then it became definitely unprofitable. With a climate favourable for agriculture and propitious for crop-growing, it took 40 years of exclusive grain growing to make that system unprofitable, and 20 years more to compel the farmers to stop that sort of practice. Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and other Western States either have or are making similar history. Commission representatives have gone over them and talked to the old men; from 30 bushels of wheat to the acre they came down to 14.

Certain European countries have within about 30 years been able to effect an increase of about 30 per cent. in the yields per acre of their crops.

On the other hand, over large areas of Canada our methods of farming are exhausting the fertility of our farms to some extent; and there is danger that the fertility of considerable areas will be reduced below the point of profitable farming.

A mile or Two

Pure and Simple.

Percy (after the proposal)—Have you ever loved before?

Edith—No, Percy. I have often admired men for their strength, courage, beauty, intelligence or something like that, you know; but with you, Percy, it is love—nothing else.—Dallas News.

Almost Over.

Tardy Arrival—What are they playing now?

Usher—The Ninth Symphony.

Tardy Arrival—Dear me! Am I as late as that?

WAIT A MINUTE.

Baseball Meetings This Week.

New York, Jan. 6.—Several matters are on the baseball calendar for this week that promise to furnish some live discussion for the winter league fans. Several trades and changes that have been pending for some time, involving the possible transfer in the controlling interest of one of the major league clubs, are believed about due to come to a head. In addition, important developments are expected from one or two meetings of officials and club owners that are scheduled to be held this week.

Reports from Cincinnati that August Herrmann would tender his resignation as chairman of the National Commission when that body convenes in Chicago today for its annual meeting are construed here to mean that Ban Johnson and Herrmann have determined to acquiesce in the demand of the progressive club owners of both major leagues for a reorganization of the supreme governing body of professional baseball.

At the Hotel Imperial in this city the club owners of the new International league come together today to consider and decide upon important matters preliminary to the opening of the season. First on the agenda will be the election of a president of the league. The man most prominently mentioned in connection with the place appears to be "Davy" Fultz, who held the spotlight for a time as president of the now defunct Players' Fraternity.

Midwinter Tennis at Pinehurst

Pinehurst, N. C., Jan. 6.—This resort today became the mecca for the faithful who stand high in the ranks of the tennis world. From North and South some of the foremost racket wielders of America are here to participate in the annual midwinter championship tournament which will be opened tomorrow on the courts of the Pinehurst Country Club. All indications point to the greatest attendance of players ever gathered together at one of these tournaments.

Birthday of Famous Prelate.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 6.—Many messages of greeting were received today at the archiepiscopal residence in this city to remind the Most Rev. Charles Hamilton, Archbishop of Ottawa and Metropolitan of Canada, that this was the eighty-fifth anniversary of his birth. The Archbishop, who is the titular head of the Anglican Church in the Dominion, was born at Hawkesbury, Ont. and received his education at Oxford University. In the early part of his career he was attached to various churches in Quebec. In 1885 he became bishop of Niagara, where he remained until the creation of the diocese of Ottawa in 1896, when he was chosen to be the first bishop of the new diocese. Ten years ago he was made first Archbishop of Ottawa and Metropolitan of Canada.

Non-Partisans to Control.

Bismarck, N. D., Jan. 6.—With more than three-fourths of the membership of both houses, the Non-Partisan League will be in absolute control of the North Dakota legislature which is to assemble for business tomorrow. In the last session, the Non-Partisans had the majority of the members of the house but lacked control of the senate. At the opening of the session, following the work of organization, the lawmakers will listen to the message of Governor Lynn J. Frazier, in which he will outline the legislative policies for the session. It is expected the Governor will deal particularly with measures aimed at establishing the workingmen's compensation in operation, the establishment of State-owned plants, elevators and flour mills, and other measures for which the Non-Partisan League stands.

Today's Anniversaries.

1819—John Overton, Gen. Andrew Jackson and Gen. James Winchester entered into an agreement which resulted in founding the city of Memphis.

1832—Gustave Dore, the world-famous illustrator, born in Strasbourg. Died in Paris, Jan. 20, 1883.

1857—Vermont State Capitol at Montpelier burned.

1858—Canton was bombarded and taken by a combined British and French force.

1865—Federal military expedition under Gen. Terry sailed with the fleet of Admiral Porter from Hampton Roads to attack Fort Fisher.

1896—Fire in Toronto destroyed property to the value of \$1,000,000.

1915—Russians defeated the Turks at Sarikamish, annihilating one whole army corps.

1916—French city of Nancy bombarded by the Germans from a distance of 15 miles.

1917—War council of Allied statesmen and military leaders convened at Rome.

One Year Ago Today in the War.

Berlin temporarily suspended the peace negotiations with Russia.

Petrograd dispatches stated an armistice had been declared in the Ukraine region.

Today's Birthdays.

Most Rev. Charles Hamilton, Archbishop of Ottawa and Metropolitan of Canada, born at Hawkesbury, Ont., 85 years ago today.

Rear Admiral Hugh Rodman, U. S. N., commander of the Ninth Division, Atlantic Fleet, born in Kentucky, 60 years ago today.

Duncan U. Fletcher, senior United States senator from Florida, born in Sumter County, Georgia, 60 years ago today.

Joseph Medill Patterson, author journalist and playwright, born in Chicago, 40 years ago today.

Adeline Genée, one of the world's most famous dancers, born in Aarhus, Denmark, 43 years ago today.

Henry E. Dixey, long a popular actor of the American stage, born in Boston, 60 years ago today.

This Woman Only Weighed 90 Pounds

Takes Tanlac and She Now Weighs 135 Pounds—Condition Was Alarming

"When my wife began taking Tanlac she only weighed ninety pounds and she now weighs one hundred and thirty-five, giving her an actual gain of forty-five pounds," said Clarence E. Malin, the well-known contractor living at 815 West Fifty-first Street, Seattle, Wash., recently.

Mr. Malin's statement, while indeed remarkable, is by no means exceptional, as thousands of well-known people all over America have testified that they have used the Master Medicine with the same astonishing and gratifying results.

Mrs. Malin commenced to fail in strength and go down hill two years, just after the birth of our last baby, continued Mr. Malin. "Her appetite was very poor and she would get so weak and dizzy at times that she would have to catch hold of something to keep from falling. The least little thing would bring on one of these dizzy spells. She always suffered this way just after getting up in the morning and was hardly ever free from headaches. I have known her to go five or six nights in succession without getting any sound sleep and I don't see how on earth she ever managed to lay down every little while during the day. As I said before, she only weighed ninety pounds and her condition was getting to be alarming.

"She never seemed to be able to get anything to help her, so I got her to take Tanlac and now she is just like a new person and I have never seen her looking better. Her appetite is just fine, she thoroughly enjoys her food and has not had a sign of dizziness since she began taking Tanlac. She sleeps like a child now, is cheerful and happy all the time and her work is not the least trouble to her.

"Well, I had been suffering a great deal with rheumatism in my arms and shoulders. I could scarcely raise my hands to my head and my right arm especially was so stiff that it took every bit of nerve and will power I had to do any work. So I decided to try Tanlac myself, as it was doing my wife so much good and now I never feel a sign of rheumatism. I can swing my arms and use them without feeling a pain of any kind and I also have picked up five or six pounds since I began taking the medicine. I certainly have every reason for praising Tanlac, for it has been a wonderful thing for both my wife and myself."

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LABOR CAMPAIGN FOR PEACE LEAGUE

London Jan 3.—A great public campaign to advance the establishment of a League of Nations as an integral part of the peace settlement is to be launched in Great Britain tomorrow under the joint auspices of the British Trade Union Congress and the Labor Party. In London the campaign is to be inaugurated with demonstrations in the Albert Hall. Among the speakers invited are G. Bernard Shaw, Arthur Henderson, Ramsay MacDonald, Will Thorne and Mrs. Snowden.

Other demonstrations will be held simultaneously in Glasgow, Birmingham, Manchester, Carlisle, Leeds and Bristol next Sunday which organized labor purposes to observe as League of Nations Sunday, and the trade union and labor movement throughout the United Kingdom has been requested by party leaders to organize meetings of a public and representative character that day.

At all these demonstrations, the following resolutions will be submitted. That this meeting joins in the address of welcome to President Wilson by the Trades Union Congress parliamentary committee and the executive of the Labor Party congratulates him and those others who have worked for the ideal of almost universal acceptance of the League of Nations as the only means of preventing future wars, and calls upon the official British delegation to the Peace Congress to make the definite establishment of the League of Nations one of the foremost clauses in the peace settlement.

Recovered Strength After Sickness
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He—In that case I suppose I'd better not print any kisses there.

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What is it that you really want? Religion? A surprise? Music? An admirer? A new hat?—this much you DO know, you want SOMETHING ELSE! Your whole being cries aloud for a change of everything, inside and out. 'T would help some if you could go to a little church sit quietly in a deepy garden and on your knees there say, "Gentle Jesus meek and mild, look upon a little child."



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