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Notable Gathering Of Press Men In Montreal

Montreal, Aug. 3.—Four hundred men from every English-speaking country in the world assembled in the banquet hall of the Ritz-Carlton here tonight as guests of Lord Atholstan, who greeted overseas delegates with lavish hospitality and invited to meet the delegates a score of prominent United States newspapermen and Canadian public men. Sir Henry Drayton, Federal Minister of Finance, and Sir Lomer Gouin, ex-Premier of Quebec, sat at the head table. The letter was acclaimed by Lord Atholstan as a distinguished addition to the ranks of newspapermen. Sir Lomer acknowledged in a brief speech.

Telegrams were read from His Majesty the King, David Lloyd George, Lord Milner, Colonial Secretary Lord Northcliffe and Lord Riddell. The keynote speech by Lord Atholstan was a warm welcome to the delegates to the second Imperial Press Conference, which he hoped would be as great a success as the first in London eleven years ago.

Sir John Willison, Toronto, made an eloquent speech on national aspirations of Canada. Stephen Leacock, Professor of Political Economy, of McGill University, made a brief and witty speech of welcome. Lord Furnham, chairman of the conference, acknowledged on behalf of the British delegates and E. Ward Jackson, chairman of the South African delegates, spoke for the overseas delegates.

The toast of the American newspapermen was acknowledged by G. H. K. Curtis, of the United Press, and John R. Rathon, of the Providence Journal. The keynote of their speech was the assurance that the English-speaking races of the world would work together for the good

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of humanity as they had done in the past. Mr. Rathon assumed the assembly that "not all the malcontents and miscreants in the world were worth one shot fired between the English speaking nations in the world of thinking people in the United States today."

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Weekly Agricultural Report

Weather conditions during the past week have not been of the best for hay-making. Frequent showers have somewhat retarded operations. The clover has been practically all harvested; generally speaking, there seems to be less clover in the province than last year. Much of the hay crop still remains to be cut. Since starting to cut, farmers are reflecting the earlier reports that there is from 50% to 25% less hay than last year. Pastures are said to be poor in nearly all the reports, but recent rains will cause them to improve.

The grain crop is good. Some reports say "Never better." A splendid grain crop in the province seems assured. The turnip crop is growing well and should be well up to the average.

The potato crop has improved very much during the past few weeks; many fine fields of potatoes are to be seen. Late Blight is starting to develop in some fields and, if it continues to develop, may cause considerable loss. Those farmers who have sprayed well with Bordeaux Mixture will again find it the very cheapest form of insurance. There are quite a number of misses in fields in certain districts but, considering the province as a whole, the potato crop looks fairly promising and, if Late Blight does not develop to any extent, the potato yield of the province may yet be well up to the average.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and therefore requiring constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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Says People Of Canada Are Better Dressed

London, Aug. 3.—"Although I was only in five towns in Canada, I saw myself a contrast in the people's improved clothing and feeding compared with my last visit six years ago," declared General Booth on landing at Liverpool. There is no doubt, he continued, "that prohibition has come to stay in Canada and the United States. In the Dominions generally there are many signs that prohibition is a living question, but present public opinion is not strong enough to carry it." The General also spoke of the serious danger emerging in every country of antipathy to work which was different from the ambition merely to be well paid. Speaking particularly of Australia and New Zealand General Booth said that some means must be found of keeping those peoples better fed. "Prominent men had told me that they felt isolated. 'I am quite aware,' he said, 'that some will say 'what about the extreme parties.' It is true that there is a section of the labor and a section of anti-British sentiment in which the Roman Catholic church is mixed up in some way. These sections are so noisy that they give the impression of being much more influential than they really are. I am convinced that one way to meet them is by free open conference."

Dempsey Bout is Now Assured

Benton Harbor, Mich., Aug. 3.—The fight between Jack Dempsey, the heavyweight champion, and Billy Miske, of St. Paul, on Labor Day, is assured, according to an announcement by Phil Campbell, business manager for the Benton Harbor, Mich., Boxing Club today. Campbell said he had received word from Promoter Floyd Fitzsimmons, in New York, to the effect that a conference with Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager, had resulted in Dempsey's signature to the articles of agreement.

Stumpage Rates For The Past Year

FREDERICTON, Aug. 4.—Announcement was made at the Department of Lands and Mines this morning that up to today about three-quarters of a million dollars in stumpage rates had been received at the department. All stumpage rates for the past year were due on Saturday and though on Monday a small amount of rates had been paid in, yesterday brought some large contributions. The total amount to be paid in by the lumbermen for the past year's operations is little short of a million dollars.

Music In Schools

From recent developments in Western Canadian educational circles, it would appear that the bonds of red tape will soon be cast aside. Saskatchewan provides that music shall be an optional study in the High Schools of that province. This provision states also that credit will be given for a musical education received elsewhere. The card dates presenting official evidence of having obtained a certificate in piano or theory may be exempted from examination in algebra or agriculture, Latin or Greek. This shows what the world is coming to. Imagine music being accepted in place of algebra as part of the training necessary for a second-class certificate in the old days.

Meat Supplies Shrinking

There are about 3 1/2 lbs. of meat for every person in the Dominion now ready in cold storage throughout Canada. That is less than ten days' normal consumption. Returns compiled by the Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa, for July, were: All meats \$243,200 lbs. Less meat in cold storage \$1,084,358 lbs. Meat ready for market \$3,476,842 lbs.

The average consumption is 137 lbs. a year for each person. A year's requirements, therefore, total 1,233,000,000 lbs. The quantity of meat in storage all told is equal to 15 1/2 days' supply for the Dominion and the quantity actually ready is equal to 9 1/2 days' supply. It is false to assume that there has been an increase because comparison with June returns only increases has been shown in pork, mutton and lamb. The decrease in the quantity of beef more than outweighs these increases. In fact, the net drop in all meat supplies is 5.15 per cent compared with a month ago and the net increase compared with a year ago is less than one-sixth of one per cent.

There are now in store in all the warehouses in Canada exactly one-half the supplies of meats there were in January, 1919. The drop since January last even is one-third

Vancouver Island's Famous Gardens



A View of Part of the Famous Bouchard Gardens 12 Miles From Victoria, B.C.

Some few years ago at the head of Tod Inlet on Southern Vancouver Island there yawned an enormous excavation like a gigantic wound on the face of nature. The cement works nearby had removed from this spot thousands of tons of sand and shale for utilization in the manufacture of cement, and it would be hard to conceive of a more desolate spot than these dry, grey acres which looked dead beyond resurrection. Not a blade of grass grew there, not a trickle of water leaved the gaping chinkness of it, not a bird sent its note across its waste, even the unfastidious crows disdainfully ignored it. A hundred feet above it the woods were green enough, and forest flowers thrived in fragrant profusion, but no wind-wafted seeds could take root in the dry sand and clay of the monstrous grave; they withered and died for want of sustenance, and because of the charm of the wooded glades above, the excavation looked all the more incongruous and ugly.

Today that same incongruity has become one of the most lovely garden spots in the whole length and breadth of America, not excluding the famous gardens of southern California. It is the Mecca of thousands of tourists every year, and as there is no real winter weather on favored South Vancouver Island, the garden blooms practically the whole year round. How was this miracle accomplished? Man's ingenuity aided by ever-ready Nature, is the answer. Black loam by tons was carried into the excavation, packed up against the clay-banks, and around the rocks, placed in thick layers all over the level, and in the very heart of the huge hole, water was led from a lake. Far above the banks in the woods themselves, a stream was di-

verted to toss down over the side of the thirty day in a clean, bright fall that splashed into the lake. A huge pinnacle of rock that stood in the center of the barren acres was banked with rich soil, while the same soil was placed in all of its holes and crannies. Rock stairways were built from the rim of excavation down into the place itself, a hundred walks, and by-paths and stretches of lawn were mapped out, and grass beds made. Rustic bridges were built across the lake, and the stream itself, and then the seeding and planting began. Scores of men were employed in the first stages of the work, and expert landscape gardeners, for not only was the excavation to be made into a great sunken garden, but the ground above, which had been cleared, was to be laid out in lawns, a rose-garden, a tea-garden, and a combination of Japanese and fairy gardens. More little streams from the woods were moved into this upper garden, and nourished from underground pipes, to send up rainbow fountains here and there. Avenues of hawthorns and other ornamental trees were planted and a thousand feet or more of pergolas were built. A large tea-house and a half dozen of other little summer-houses, all of the most artistically rustic design, were scattered throughout the different gardens, and every flower and shrub that grows found its home there. The pergolas were hung with climbing roses, the tea-house graced by clematis and wisteria, and each little summer-house had its own individual garment of colour. This upper garden is the first one to be traversed by the visitor, and having seen all of its beauties, the curious wanderer of the Japanese garden, with their dwarf trees and shrubs, their frog-crowned banks, their flower-bung pagodas, the elves, the dragons, the tiny fairy forests of the old, and the bewitching beauty of the rose-gardens, one's senses seem almost satiated, until by a secret path one emerges suddenly upon the rim of the sunken garden. Then indeed, one marvels at one's own senseless resources for one's whole being is entranced to unimagined ecstasy at what lies before one! Colour!—Every colour and tint from the glowing gorgeousness of the poppy, rhododendron, and larkspur, to palest pastel shades of old-fashioned lavender, Japanese-iris and sweet peas are seen. Perfidious Lilies, lilies-of-the-valley, wall-flower, honey-suckle, and every known blossom, except those which thrive only in tropical climes, lend their quota to the splendid array which floats on the placid air! Music! Surely the little birds must think they have reached their heaven, for never are their songs sweeter than here. Fountains send their rainbow sprays among the towers, water-falls tinkle down the cliffsides where ferns and vines of every hue riot in gay profusion; and the great gaunt rock which once marked the place like a tombstone, is crowned with rock plants, shrubs, masses of delphinium, lupin, foxglove, and every sort of new and old-fashioned flower till it resembles nothing so much as a gigantic nosegay. The lake is stocked with trout that come in crowds for the crumbs you may drop them; velvet cat-tails rise out of the shallows, and water-lilies float on the bosom of the water, while butterflies of every size and variety weave a haze of colour from flower to flower. N. de B. L.

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