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### SAVING THE CHILDREN.

Mr. J. J. Kelso, superintendent of the Juvenile Protective Association of Ontario, has recently submitted his annual report. It should be of much value to all those in St. John and in New Brunswick generally who are endeavoring to improve the conditions of orphaned or neglected children. Perhaps the most striking feature of the whole report is the strong condemnation of that system which includes institutions known as Industrial Homes or Reformatories. Down here in St. John we are accustomed to think that the Reformatory at Crouville, is a valuable factor in caring for and teaching wayward boys and girls, yet within the past few months members of the board of governors of that institution resigned because they did not believe the Reformatory to be doing good work, nor that the system adopted was productive of much of value. They found no fault with the management of the home, which indeed is excellently conducted, but the methods prevailing have become entirely unsuitable for the development of a high type of character. This is one of the arguments put forward here in favor of the establishment of a Home Farm. Reformatories in Ontario, for both boys and girls have been abolished. The principal institution was some little time ago converted into an *Lunatic Asylum*. The results of this change have been very successful. It seemed almost hopeless to expect that a lot of tough boys confined in the Reformatory would improve if given greater freedom, yet no group of boys, says Mr. Kelso, ever showed such appreciation, regard, loyalty and honor. In response to sympathetic treatment, friendship, and trusts in their world, they have kept out of crime, have settled down to useful citizenship and are now everywhere, which indeed is the need of special supervision. A well-conducted institution where girls were cared for was also abolished and the inmates gradually distributed among private homes. Several who were formerly weak-minded are still being cared for; four others were later placed under control for offenses committed after their release, and five caused some anxiety before they settled down. All the others have done well. Mr. Kelso is a great believer in the system of finding homes for children. It does not oppose orphan asylums and such institutions but speaks very highly of the splendid work they are doing although he believes that they are not the places which should provide temporary shelter for children whose parents are needy or unfortunate. He thinks that certain classes of people will, however, possibly impose on these orphanages and in all cases the children accepted should be separated completely from the parents. In New Brunswick there is no legislation which can be compared with that existing in Ontario under which officers of Protective Associations are able to legally take children away from dissipated parents and provide for their future, but this is no reason why New Brunswick should continue to follow the methods which in other countries have been found altogether unsuitable.

### PROTECTING THE FISH.

During the present week the New Brunswick Fish, Forest and Game Protective Association will send a delegation consisting of representatives from several counties to wait upon the government asking authority to hold investigations and organize branches in different sections of the province. It is proposed to appoint three commissioners representing fish, game and forest interests who will work in conjunction with the association. The St. John river and its tributaries totals one thousand miles. It varies in width from a mile or so to a few yards, yet there is not one thousand square miles of land in the whole province which could be made anything like as valuable or as productive of wealth as could this magnificent waterway if it were properly protected. The Bay of Fundy is the greatest water area on the Atlantic coast with the possible exception of the Grand Banks and from it countless millions of fish enter the St. John river every year. No effective protection is given these fish. They are slaughtered by the ton, and in some sections where the people ought to know better, even the most valuable fish are hauled in carts and distributed over the farms as fertilizer. In several counties instances are on record in which hundreds of dollars worth of fish have been used to produce a few dollars worth of vegetables or grain. The popular idea at large has been that for certain varieties of fish there is an unfailing supply and that no matter how many are killed they will be just as numerous next year. Experiences with the lobster, salmon, shad, gaspereau and day.

trout should teach the people otherwise. It would pay a farmer better, or a hundred farmers better, to assist in protecting fish, to take them at the proper season and in the proper way, and to sell in the open market, rather than to devote all of their time to growing crops. There is no doubt that in a good many sections fish are regularly caught through the ice in what should be the close season and indeed the railroads know that American markets are supplied with consignments from New Brunswick of fish which must be illegally caught. The Protective Association is evidently very much alive to the situation and its efforts to more effectively guard against what threatens to be a serious loss to the province should be supported by all.

"Confound you! What made you send for a veterinary surgeon to attend me?"

"Pardon, sir, but you said you wanted a doctor because you were a little hoarse."

"I tried to pay the suffragettes a compliment last night in my speech, but it didn't seem to be appreciated."

"What did you say?"

"I said that the suffragettes would have large footprints on the sands of time."

"That author keeps his identity closely concealed."

"Yes, until I read his books I thought it was due to modesty."

"Isn't it?"

"No, discretion."

She—Is my hat on straight?"

He (looking)—Yes.

"Then it isn't right. Why didn't you tell me about it?"

A traveler waited at a certain English Provincial town in vain for the much-overdue train on the branch line. Again he approached the solitary sleepy-looking porter and inquired for the twentieth time, "Isn't that train coming soon?"

"Ah, yes, sir," replied the porter. "It'll be getting near now. Here comes the engine driver's dog."

"If you didn't take so much interest in horses you would be better off."

"Yes, sir," snapped Mrs. Growler. "You have had horses on your brain all your life!"

"I guess that is how I happened to marry a nag," retorted Mr. Growler, his face ambushed behind the sporting paper.

Mr. Jawback—How you women do love to see yourselves in print!"

Mrs. Jawback—"Print, indeed! No, sir—silk for ours, if you please."

"Your husband says he works like a dog," said one woman.

"Yes, it's very similar," answered the other. "He comes in with muddy feet, makes himself comfortable by the fire and waits to be fed."

"Down in Alabama," said John D. Fearhake in The Woman's Home Companion, "there's a deputy marshal who doesn't let any such trifles as extradition laws stop him. One day he rode into town on a mule, leading a prisoner whom he caught in Georgia. The prisoner looked as if he had seen hard service."

"Why, for heaven's sake, Jim," said the Judge, "you didn't make him walk all the way from Georgia, did you?"

"I hope not," said the Judge.

"No," said Jim; "part of the way I drugged him, and when we came to the Tallapoosa River he swam."

### GREAT DISTRESS CAUSED BY PLAGUE IN VENEZUELA

#### U. S. Consul Thought to be in Need of Help—Relations Between the Two Countries Not Friendly.

WILLEMSTADT, May 11.—W. W. Russell, the American Minister to Venezuela, has been here yesterday on the steamer Caracas for the purpose of seeing the American Consul at Puerto Cabello yesterday to bid Mr. Russell good-bye. Thomas P. Moffatt, U. S. Consul at Lagunaira is still in that city without the means of communication because of the plague, and it is feared, without the necessities of life. It is thought that the United States may send a gunboat there for the purpose of transferring the consul, for at present there are no American interests to care for. President Castro's decree guaranteeing Lagunaira may be prolonged until a full week passes without a new case of the plague making its appearance. There is great distress among the unemployed there, the death list is growing and the whole town seems to be infected.

### CHICAGO STREET CAR MEN WANT TO STRIKE

#### CHICAGO, May 11.—The strike vote taken by the North and West Side street car men resulted in a practically unanimous vote in favor of a walkout. The matter now goes to a meeting of the union for further action. The question of "closed" or "open" shops is the point around which the entire difficulty revolves.

### CHERBOURG, May 11.—Joseph Liecht, a first class passenger on the North German Lloyd steamer Latsow, which arrived here yesterday, died during the voyage. It was stated that Mr. Liecht was an American journalist. The body was taken ashore and will be shipped to New York Wednesday.

## HOPE FOR MACEDONIA.

Macedonia, known as the "cockpit of the Balkans," is a country where Christians fight and kill each other and the Turk eggs them on, watches them, and smiles. Sir Edward Grey, British Minister for Foreign Affairs, remarked in a recent dispatch after speaking of "outrages committed by Turkish troops and officials," that "the strife between the different nationalities and the outrages committed by armed bands have made life and property in Macedonia more insecure than ever, and have been accompanied by revolting crimes."

### FRUITFUL TOOL.

This state of affairs is encouraged by Hilmi Pasha, the representative of the Sultan in Macedonia, of whom the London Daily News says:

"Hilmi Pasha we know. A clever man, an astute diplomatist, an arch-bureaucrat, he has been at the helm of five years over the comedy of reform. He came with a record as a safe Palace man. He it was who drove the Arabs of the Yemen into revolt by his centralizing policy. In Macedonia he has been the faithful tool of Hamidian policy. He it is who has done the work of inflaming the feud of Greeks and Bulgarians. He it is who has reduced the European officers to nullity. Again and again, even the Austrian and Russian agents have complained of the veiled obstruction which the whole work of reform encountered."

At this present moment the English Foreign Minister and the Russian Foreign Minister, Mr. Lavroff, are entering upon negotiations which may result in such reforms as will bring to Macedonia peace and fiscal solvency, for the Macedonian budget has an annual deficit of \$1,500,000, and the people are crushed with taxation.

### MILITARY FORCE.

Yet nothing can be done without consent of the powers, and Austria, for one, has just formulated a scheme for railroad connection with Salonica. Sir Edward Grey suggests the appointment of a governor who shall be independent of the Porte, the levying of a gendarmerie to keep the peace, and a diminution of the Turkish forces, who do more harm than good, for the tranquility and comfort of Christian Macedonia and others of the provinces.

The main point of Sir Edward's scheme, however, is that the taxes shall be held up as a bribe to be paid before the troops to Constantinople or the military expenses are met.

The London Saturday Review says: "Every one who knows the situation knows well that the second point most strongly urged by Sir Edward Grey in his reply to the Russian proposals is also urgent, the mischievous retention in Macedonia of a military force vastly in excess of the needs of the province. This may seem paradoxical when the anarchy and disorder prevailing are considered, but the truth is that once the action on the part of the troops is hardly ever allowed. They impoverish the country, for they live on it while they do not work. They block the mutual massacre of Greeks and Slavs."

### POLICY OF BRITAIN.

The organ of the Anglo-Hungarian Foreign Office, the Fremdenblatt (Vienna), speaks in a fair and kind tone of the British Minister's proposal, but doubts its exact practicality. "We need here," remarks this organ, "a new and very moderate British scheme, which may facilitate negotiations between the powers." It is admitted by this paper that the proposal to diminish the number of Turkish troops is "administrative and not political."

To quote the words of this article:—"The English Minister's object is to set in order the Macedonian budget as a necessary condition of carrying on reforms. These reforms are to have the form of a loan, the completion of which is guaranteed by the Macedonian revenue, and Turkish tribute and military expenses only a second mortgage."

### A FREE HAND.

Yet the Fremdenblatt somewhat faltering concludes:—"The Porte, it is true, promised to make good the Macedonian deficit. But there is no claim that this promise was made on condition that order had been previously established in the country, and until this is accomplished a sufficient number of troops may be on hand to keep peace and guarantee the completion of reforms. How the Porte can accept a new arrangement of the budget at variance with this view is not told us in the British note."

The Vienna Zeit, which expresses widely held views, and in this case probably speaks with authority, declares that England and Russia may just as well be allowed a free hand in the matter, and adds:—"As Austrians there is not much prospect of advancement or peculiar satisfaction in this new turn in Macedonian affairs. But we have learned in course of time to be very modest, and ought to feel grateful if the present negotiations conclude with the avoidance of inter-

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The same semi-indifference to the action of England and Russia is shown by the leading French paper, the Temps (Paris), which remarks that recently "the question of Macedonia was discussed by a listless chamber," and that "Parliament, if it does not actually ignore Macedonia, takes absolutely no interest in it." We should therefore avoid putting ourselves forward uselessly in the matter, and above all should run no risk of breaking up accord of the powers, upon which we count in many ways for support in pursuing our own ends."

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### MARRIAGES

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### DEATHS.

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