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## THE BOY SCOUTS

The meeting held in this city Saturday afternoon to take preliminary steps for the institution of the boy scout movement on a thoroughly organized scale, in the province of New Brunswick, will doubtless be followed by vigorous action all along the line. The method of organization is to have a national council, provincial councils, and local associations.

There is already a national council, with Earl Grey at its head, and there are provincial councils in Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and Saskatchewan, and possibly one or two other provinces. It is hoped that all the provinces will be organized within the next few months.

At Saturday's meeting a committee was appointed to nominate a provincial council, and it may be hoped that at the public meeting, which will be held to receive this report, the provincial organization will be completed, and also an association formed for the city of St. John. It goes without saying that those who consent to take a leading part in this movement should be willing to devote some time and exertion effort at the outset, in order to ensure permanent success. Nothing could be more unsatisfactory than to begin this work and have it fall because of a lack of interest on the part of those to whom the success was entrusted.

Captain Birdworth on Saturday supplemented in an admirable way the address of General Baden-Powell, and the captain has volunteered to be present at the public meeting, shortly to be held, to give any further information in his power. He is the secretary of the national council, and therefore in close touch with the movement at headquarters.

Two facts were brought out clearly at Saturday's meeting. One is that the conduct required of a scout is the conduct which makes for the development of useful manhood, while it does not in any way interfere with his religious beliefs or make any distinction between classes and races. The scout is pledged to be the helpful comrade of every other scout. The other important fact is that there is no heavy drain upon the public to support the movement, since the scout must earn his own outfit, and must not ask or expect contributions which have not been earned. It may be added that a very large degree of latitude is permitted in the choice of a branch of work to be taken up by a patrol of scouts, the idea being to get as far away from military discipline as possible, and to encourage initiative in the boys.

The scout movement should help to solve the boy problem. Students of social reform in all countries have been impressed by the growth in the number of crimes committed by boys between 14 and 20 years of age. This question is exhaustive by deals with in a recent work entitled "Criminology in youth," by G. L. Duprat, and published in Paris. This author, from statistics gathered in various countries, proves conclusively the increase in juvenile crime, and finds among its causes degeneracy, alcoholism, disease, neglect by parents, defective education, unhealthy suggestion, gambling, etc., etc. Mr. Duprat declares there is great necessity for a complete re-organization of houses of correction, and of so acting on public opinion that unhealthy publications may be suppressed, the hygiene of dwellings improved, and war waged against alcoholism and other causes of degeneracy and crime.

The boy scout movement cannot solve so great a problem, but if it will take hold of boys of good instincts and keep their minds directed along healthy lines of effort, and if it will take the boys who have bad surroundings and encourage in them the growth of nobler ambitions and help them to fit themselves the better to earn an honest livelihood, it will have accomplished a great and noble purpose.

## THE HAGUE AWARD

The people of Newfoundland are highly gratified by the Hague decision in the fisheries case. There was some doubt at first whether the section permitting American vessels to employ other than American citizens would not work out to the disadvantage of the island, but this appears to be covered by the following clause:

"To prevent any misunderstanding as

to the effect of the award, the Tribunal expresses the opinion that non-inhabitants employed as members of fishing crews on United States' vessels derive no benefit or immunity from the treaty."

The St. John's Telegram interprets this to mean that while Americans may employ non-inhabitants of the United States on their fishing vessels, these men if they are Newfoundlanders are subject to the laws of Newfoundland. Hence, if these laws prohibit Newfoundlanders from working on American fishing vessels, they are liable to the penalties of such laws. Practically, therefore, the decision prevents American fishermen from going to Newfoundland with a small crew and picking up the balance from among the fishermen of the island colony.

## A RUDE SHOCK

A dreadful thing has happened in the city of New York. It is the more shocking because in that city we are told men accept office in order that they may participate in the carnival of graft which is characteristic of New York. The event which has thrilled the nation is the resignation of his office by an assistant superintendent of buildings who resigned because there was nothing for him to do. Here is an extract from this man's letter of resignation:

"I have come to the conclusion that the office is not necessary to my administration. The administration could get along quite as well without this office as with it, and I therefore take the liberty of suggesting to you that the office is unnecessary. I do this the more unwillingly, because it has been a pleasure to be connected with your administration. Please accept my resignation, which is hereby tendered to you."

The Boston Journal is so impressed by the action of this man that it commends the example to at least fifty men who are drawing salaries from the city of Boston. What effect this announcement will have in the city of St. John remains to be seen.

Faint echoes of the Father Vaughan incident will doubtless be heard for some little time, but the incident is really closed. So far as Canada is concerned the country is big enough and free enough to give every man freedom of speech, and there is no danger of stirring into dangerous activity the dying fire of intolerance and religious hatred.

It is stated that the present ferry service is inadequate and that there is great need of an additional boat on the route. This will mean the expenditure of a large amount of money. The question is one that must be considered from every point of view. The Laidlaw is a good ferry boat, but the expenditure upon her to date has been far greater than should have been necessary to provide such a service as we have had during the period of her existence.

It is announced that this week may witness some further negotiations with regard to the transfer of the west side lots. This affair has dragged along until the citizens are beginning to wonder whether it will ever be settled. The city council might have concluded the negotiations long before this date, and further delay would tend to arouse further suspicion that something more than a desire for the development of the port controlled the action of the aldermen. There is reason to believe that political leanings have had something to do with the attitude of some members of the council. But the interests of St. John are of more importance than any party advantage. This transfer is necessary to the carrying out of an extensive plan of development at West St. John.

The completion of the International Railway from Campbellton across northern New Brunswick to the Maine border at St. Leonard's is an event which means much to the development of the northern part of the province. This line opens up some very valuable agricultural territory and brings very rich timber resources within easy reach of the world's markets. It also traverses a region that abounds in fish and game, and will therefore develop a good business with tourists and sportsmen. It brings the people of the north-eastern part of New Brunswick and adjoining portions of Quebec into closer touch with the American market. The road is well built and when in full operation will be of immense value to the province.

A cable announces that some apples from Washington have brought a record price in the English market. The American states on the Pacific coast have during the last few years devoted a great deal of attention to the cultivation of orchards, and with very marked success. They have great apple farms every year, and much money is expended in advertising to the world the adaptability of those states to apple culture. Another fact worth noting is that the most extreme care is taken in picking fruit for market. Not only is the fruit very carefully selected, but it is put up in attractive packages and thus commands a high price. The people of New Brunswick might well profit by the example set them in the Pacific states of the union and also in the province of British Columbia. This province must in time also become the seat of a great apple growing industry.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST  
THE HOOK WORM

DR. C. W. STILES.

New York, Sept. 19.—Reports of plans for a coalition of members of the medical and zoological professions to facilitate campaigns against the hook worm and causes of other tropical diseases were brought here by Dr. C. W. Stiles, who has just returned from Naples.

Dr. Stiles, with Dr. David Starr Jordan, president of the Leland Stanford Jr. University, of California, represented the country at the meetings of the International Zoological Congress, which convened at Graz, Austria, last month.

One of the results of the congress was the appointment of a commissioner on medical zoology, the purpose of which is to induce co-operation between the medical and zoological professions.

"This new commission will be of chief importance to the United States," Dr. Stiles said, "because medical zoology is intimately related to tropical medicine. We need the active co-operation of medical and zoological men in the campaign against disease in our Southern States, the West Indies and the Philippines."

## THE JOY OF HOME

When I get home, I shut the door  
And don my slippers right away  
And deal to all the city's roar  
I settle down to peace to stay.

There no one comes with argument  
About the tariff bill or tries  
To tell me that our president  
Is neither plitite or wise.

At home I know that I am free  
From orators who take the stump  
To settle questions great for me.  
And now and then the table thump.

There no one has an axe to grind  
But there is only peace of mind,  
And I am glad to have it so.  
Some men enjoy the lure of town  
And like to wander here at night,  
But I am glad to settle down.  
To stay at home is my delight.  
I'm glad to have my hour or two  
Away from orators and such.  
To lock my door upon the crew  
Of folks who think they know so much.  
Edgar A. Guest in Chicago News.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN

DEFINED.  
"Say, Paw," queried little Sylvester Snodgrass, "what's a test case?"  
"A test case, my son," replied Snodgrass sen., "is a case brought in court to decide whether there's enough money in it to justify the lawyers in working up similar cases."

## SHOCKING.

"Yes," said the man who had been travelling in the far west, "I saw three trains held up in one night."  
"You don't say!" exclaimed the innocent bystander.  
"No," said the traveller, "they were held up by women in a ballroom."—The Bits

## THERE'S A REASON.

"But why do you talk of getting a divorce; you told me your self that I make biscuits just like your mother used to make?"  
"That's the reason,"—Houston Post.

BEST LIE COULD DO.  
"What," queried the millionaire parent of the callow youth, "will it cost to educate my boy?"  
"That," replied the college president after carefully sizing up the boy, "is a question I cannot answer. But I can put him through college for about \$3,000."

## AGREED.

"I suppose," said the young man with the soiled collar and the baggy trousers, as he sat down beside a stranger on one of the park benches, "you wouldn't take me for a member of a millionaire's family would you?"  
"No," answered the stranger after sizing him up, "I hardly speaking, I wouldn't."  
"Neither would the millionaire re-joined the young man, sadly. "I asked him last night."—Chicago News.

## ALL ALONE.

Attorney-General Wickersham, at a dinner in Washington, said of a wrong-headed financier:  
"His methods are so deplorable that when he tries to defend himself, he goes to a member of a millionaire's family would you?"  
"No," answered the stranger after sizing him up, "I hardly speaking, I wouldn't."  
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## HAUNTED.

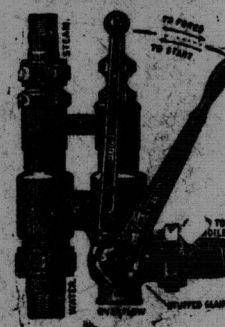
The memory of other years  
A spell magical casts o'er me  
The hopes that filled me and the fears  
In quick succession pass before me.  
So many scenes before me flit.  
As long I muse on Time's surprises;  
As in deep study here I sit,  
A face before my vision rises.

But 'tis no maiden's face—to me  
No maid has love given—more's the pity,  
Oh, no, this tale is not to be  
An ultra-sentimental ditty.  
That face was one that brightly shone  
On a gold eagle a friend borrowed—  
He disappeared to parts unknown  
And ever since I've wept and sorrowed.  
—Nathan M. Levy, in New York Sun.

## LYRIC.

As the vaudeville feature at the Lyric Theatre for the past part of the week Ben Smith, a singing and talking comedian has been booked. He is said to have a rare collection of new and up to date jokes and funny songs. He holds a reputation as being an all laugh maker, being both amusing and clever. The principal feature of the picture programme will be a story from the L.M.P. type entitled, "The Widow" from the pen of Ernest Golding of the Globe staff of this city. It is dandy comedy and will reflect great credit on the author. Four others are also included, making up an hour of good clean enjoyment.

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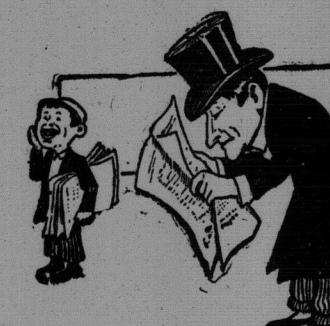
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"No, I don't," replied the lady, and was going to say more, but he interrupted her. "And I don't suppose you know the rate of the new tariff on silk goods," he continued, triumphantly, "and me in the business, too," he added.  
"No, I don't," said his wife again, "but—"  
"All these things," went on the man, "have their bearing on our daily lives. What is the matter my dear?" he asked, as he noticed his wife's eagerness to speak.

"Your speaking of useful statistics," said the woman, "made me think. What for instance, is the size of your socks?"  
"Why, why, why, you always buy them for me, my dear," replied her husband, smiling, "and I'm sure I can't say."

"What size are my stockings?"  
Mr. Ewing shook his head.  
"What size are Mary's or Tommy's? What size shoes do they wear? How many pounds of meat do we need for dinner? What is the measurement of Tommy's waist? What—"  
"Oh, I give it up," said Mr. Ewing, in disgust. "What should I know of those things? I was talking about real statistics."  
"But you said," returned his wife, "that women had no head for figures."  
—Youths Companion.

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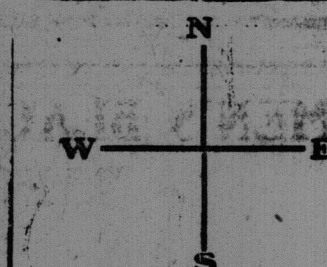
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