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### The New York Zoo Gets Worst Snakes

The consignment of snakes from Africa received recently by the New York Zoo was called "the worst assortment of poisonous devilry yet to arrive in this country." It included African vipers, cobras and green mambas, called the deadliest and most vicious reptiles in the world. The zoo keepers who received the snakes were obliged to wear glasses to protect their eyes from the poison the cobras would spit. A steel conveyance was used, and armed guards were on hand to protect human life.

One of the prophecies of the Bible that has had conspicuous fulfilment through the centuries was the word of judgment pronounced by God upon the serpent in the Garden of Eden because of its part in the fall of man. "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed". Quite apart from the deeper meanings found in this Scripture passage by students of the Word, it is evident enough that there has been mutual enmity between the offspring of the serpent and the offspring of Eve from the day of this. Snakes are loathsome things.

Yet they play a prominent part throughout the Bible narrative. Everywhere the serpent appears as man's enemy. At its worst, it is venomous unto death. It was used by God as a judgment upon His Own people, Israel, for the sin of murmuring against Him. When, having been brought out of bondage in Egypt, the Israelites were being led through the wilderness to the Promised Land they rebelled against God and Moses, and protested against the manna provided as their food. We read: "And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and such people of Israel died."

### FRIENDLY TOWNS

Some cities and towns that do not have a "Welcome" sign on every main road leading into the place are regarded as "slow" and out of date.

And as a rule, the signs emphasize friendliness, regardless of whether the community has it.

Once upon a time, it is related, there was a man who believed in signs, and taking the one at the edge of a strange town literally, he drove in, and prepared to be real friendly. He sat on the curb for an hour and not one person even looked friendly, much less asked him any questions about what luck he was having among strangers.

This is a mistake common to us all. We boast of our friendliness and advertise the fact to the world, but we never exercise our shaking arm on strangers, and never discommode ourselves in order to give them pleasant remembrances of their visit.

The touring season is at hand. Hundreds of motorists are going to be passing through. Some of them will stop here if they get the right kind of a reception: more of them will be our guests if we show ourselves hospitable.

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### Here and There

All tourists' records, motor and train, are being broken at Banff, Alberta this year. More than 13,000 cars were registered by the first of August with the big rush yet to come. As many as 2,000 were under canvas at one time in the Government auto camp ground.

Maple sugar and maple syrup production in Canada during the season of 1925 amounted to 9,791,359 pounds and 1,672,093 gallons, respectively, with an aggregate value of \$6,825,416. This compares with an output of 9,385,415 pounds of maple sugar and 1,970,696 gallons of maple syrup during 1924. Quebec province accounted for over 90 per cent. of the production of maple sugar and over half of the output of maple syrup.

Production of the four basic industries of British Columbia during 1924 aggregated in value \$210,692,793, as compared with \$207,934,041 in the previous year, according to a statement issued by the Provincial Government. The 1924 production was made up as follows, with 1923 comparative figures in brackets: Forest products, \$80,702,000 (\$86,674,400); agriculture, \$60,029,224 (\$55,129,798); mines, \$43,704,604 (\$41,304,320); and fisheries, \$21,256,965 (\$20,795,923).

Canada's ordinary revenue for the four months of the present fiscal year ended July 31 last, shows an increase of \$2,932,163 over the same four-month period last year, according to a statement made by the Department of Finance. Ordinary revenue for the four months of 1925 amounted to \$141,739,416. Ordinary expenditures during the four-month period show a decrease from \$96,546,541 in 1924 to \$95,656,692 this year.

George H. Ham, known throughout Canada as the Grand Old Man of the Canadian Pacific, celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday on Sunday, August 23rd, and was the recipient of a deluge of congratulatory messages from all parts of the country. Col. Ham has been with the Canadian Pacific since 1891 and by his social activities and powers as an orator has made for himself and for the company a veritable army of staunch and faithful friends.

Butter exported from Canada during the twelve months ending June, 1925, amounted to 25,096,120 pounds, valued at \$8,934,794, a decided increase over the figures of the previous year when exports amounted to 13,668,379 pounds, valued at \$5,031,634, according to a report issued by the Federal Department of Agriculture. Shipments were made to the United Kingdom, the United States, South America, South Africa, West Indies, Alaska, China, Japan, Germany, Belgium, Cuba, Holland, New Zealand and many other countries.

James Oliver Curwood, the well-known American novelist, who crossed not long ago to Europe on the "Empress of France" and returned a few weeks later to Canada on the "Empress of Scotland," wirelessly the following message from the "Scotland" to the Canadian Pacific headquarters in Montreal: "Can never fully express my appreciation of the splendid treatment accorded me by Captain Gillies and Captain Griffiths, and the staffs aboard the 'Empress of France' and the 'Empress of Scotland.'"

A party of British journalists is now touring Canada at the invitation of President E. W. Beatty, of the Canadian Pacific Railway, for the purpose of gaining first hand knowledge of economic and industrial conditions in this country. They are John A. Buist, Glasgow Herald; C. J. Jory, London Daily Telegraph; F. R. Peterson, London Times; H. Read, South Wales Daily News, Cardiff; Captain E. Altham, London Morning Post; Hugh Martin, London Daily News; R. A. Colwill, Western Morning News, Plymouth; W. A. Renton, Daily Chronicle, London; J. F. Chapter, Westminster Gazette, London; John Sayers, Belfast Telegraph.

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### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW BRUNSWICK

In New Brunswick 28 Presbyterian churches voted out of Union and 20 non-concurring groups from churches which voted to remain in the United Church are now functioning as congregations it was reported at the quarterly meeting of the St. John Presbyterian of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, held in Knox Church rooms with Rev. W.M. Townsend, moderator, presiding. The report of the state of the church was presented by Rev. F.G. Mackintosh, home missions superintendent for the Maritime Provinces, who has been visiting the various fields throughout New Brunswick.

Mr. Mackintosh's report showed the following congregations have voted out of Union: Sackville, Dorchester, Buctouche, Mill Creek, Shediac, Bass River, West Branch, Harcourt, Blissville, Millerton, Clairville, Derby, Oak Point, Dalhousie, Hampton, Barnesville, Knox and St. Matthew in St. John; St. Columba, Fairville; St. George, Bocabec, Pennfield, St. Andrews, Acton, Hanwell, Stanley, Kirkland and Fort Kent.

The home mission superintendent reported also that Woodstock congregation had not yet voted, but was reported to be strongly against Union. At Port Elgin an agreement was arrived at that no vote should be taken but that a deed of the church there should be given the non-concurrents. In Andover also a vote was shortly to be taken at Glassville. At Harvey Station a second vote was to be taken and he believed that at Blackville also a second vote would be asked for.

In speaking of the minority.

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on, Salt Springs and Scotch Settlement. Mr. Mackintosh said also that in almost every congregation of the Miramichi Presbyterian the Presbyterian Church in Canada was functioning or would be in the near future, and the same would be almost equally true of the Saint. John Presbyterian and there were now no doubts about getting men to man the fields.

groups which organized congregations and are functioning, he said these were found in Matapedia, Tide Head, Flatlands, Campbellton, New Mills, Jacquet River, Bathurst, Chatham, Newcastle, Tabusintac, Red Bank, Whitneyville, Moncton, Sussex, St. John, St. Stephen, Frederic-

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