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THE W. C. T. UNION

The Women's Christian Temperance Union, one of whose conventions opens in this city today, is an organization of world-wide effort for the betterment of social conditions; and as such it has done splendid work in a field where there is great need of the sympathetic heart and the helpful hand.

Among the subjects to be discussed by this convention is that of compulsory education, and it may be hoped that the result will be to further arouse public sentiment in favor of such a measure. For years the need has been urged, even by the head of the educational department of the province, but on one pretext or another action has been deferred. The citizens of St. John are especially interested in this subject, for here the "boy problem" and the "girl problem" as well as to thoughtful people matters of deep concern.

The work of reform is most effective when it begins with the young, and to permit children to grow up ignorant and idle is to sin against the welfare of the state. Since the state compels the people to support schools for the benefit of the children and for its own welfare, it should insist that the little ones receive the advantages which the law provides.

The deliberations of the Union which is now in convention here will be noted with interest by the public, and the members will have the hearty sympathy of all who are interested in the improvement of social conditions.

THE GENERAL SYNOD

The General Synod of the Church of England meets in Quebec tomorrow. This body, which embraces the whole of the Anglican church in Canada, deals with matters of great importance to the churches under its jurisdiction. At its last session, in Montreal three years ago, a new missionary society, known as the Missionary Society of the Canadian Church, was launched, and has greatly stimulated interest in the work of home and foreign missions. The compilation of a Canadian prayer-book, the subject of a distinctive national name, the establishment of a permanent diocese and the issue of a new hymnal are some of the important questions which will be discussed this year. Among the important committees which will report this year are those on an appendix to the Prayer Book on the consolidation of the benefices, funds, which are now held by twenty or more different dioceses, on the relation of the theological colleges to the church, and on the training of candidates for the ministry. Many questions will arise which it will be impossible to deal with fully at this meeting of the Synod, but much beneficial legislation will no doubt result from the deliberations of the next ten days.

A QUEBEC INSTANCE

There is a district in the province of Quebec which is receiving new settlers at a rate which even a section of the great west might almost envy. It is the Lake St. John district. The Quebec & Lake St. John Railway opened up this region, and there are now 30,000 people near the lake in a locality where it is said there is ample room for half a million. No less than three thousand settlers took up land there last year. Most of them were taken in under the auspices of the Quebec and Lake St. John Colonization Co., and most of them are repatriated French-Canadians from the factory towns of New England, where an effective immigration propaganda has been carried out in the interests of the company. Wheat and other grains flourish, and the region is very favorable for farming and dairying operations, while fish abound in the great lake. Of course lumber is also abundant.

Why should not New Brunswick see, under company or government auspices, the development of new settlements in localities favorable for their formation and growth?

JAPAN'S FINANCES

A Wall Street banker tells the New York Commercial that "Japan will have to finance her peace," and he draws a somewhat gloomy picture of the outlook for that country. He broadly intimates that in his opinion Baron Kamekura is not telling the truth when he states that Japan has not touched \$150,000,000 borrowed in London, and that she has \$75,000,000 untouched in London, Germany and the United States. This banker says that the present debt of Japan is \$1,000,000,000, and the annual interest \$50,000,000, while her yearly revenue is only \$200,000,000. He does not see much prospect of increased revenue, and hence arrives at the conclusion that she must face a rather serious money problem.

Dealing with this question the Commercial says:—

"There is much curiosity manifested in financial circles in New York as to Japan's real financial condition. Twenty-five per cent. of her total revenue is pledged for interest. If the war has cost her \$500,000,000, which is a low estimate, it is not easily figured out how she can have \$175,000,000 in bank in European capitals and New York, providing she has been paying cash as demands had to be met. There are yet extraordinary expenditures to be made, and Wall Street is wondering how these are to be met, when the further expense of rehabilitation is considered, to say nothing of the \$100,000,000 Japan proposes to put out in equipping and bettering the railroads of Korea and Manchuria. Further than it is conceded that the commerce

and industry of the country have been badly crippled by the war.

"The following are the totals of Japan's war loans made since the war between Russia and Japan began:—

First series 6 per cent., . . .	\$ 50,000,000
Second series 6 per cent., . . .	60,000,000
First series 4½ per cent., . . .	150,000,000
Second series 4½ per cent., . . .	150,000,000
Internal February, 1904, 5 p.c., . . .	50,000,000
Internal May, 1904, 5 p.c., . . .	50,000,000
Internal October, 1905, 5 p.c., . . .	40,000,000
Internal March, 1905, 6 p.c., . . .	50,000,000
Internal May, 1905, 6 p.c., . . .	50,000,000

Total, \$650,000,000

Unquestionably Japan faces a serious financial problem, but that interesting country has shown an aptitude for dealing with serious problems which has caused a great deal more wonder than is now manifested in Wall Street. When put to the test she has revealed unexpected power and resource, and there is no evidence as yet of exhaustion.

CONCERNING SPORT

St. John as well as Halifax congratulates the oarsmen from the latter city who won their events at Boston and Philadelphia yesterday. Although St. John has not now such representatives as in former years in the field of aquatic and general athletic sports, her people are always interested in such events, and if St. John is not to win laurels they are glad to see that Halifax keeps alive the traditions of other years. Perhaps the time will come again when the citizens of St. John will give the encouragement necessary to foster the spirit of healthy rivalry in wondrous sports; and perhaps St. John will again be made a centre of universal interest by the pluck and skill and endurance of her oarsmen and other athletes. But before this will be possible the general public will have to give greater encouragement and support to those upon whose muscular skill and clever head-work such distinction must ultimately depend. It does seem that of late the interest in local sports does not reach beyond a grand stand seat on special occasions, whether the attraction be rowing, yachting, base ball, football, or general athletic sports.

The liberal newspapers in the west are making the C. P. R. one of the chief issues in the coming campaign in the new provinces. There is war between the C. P. R. and G. T. P. because for quite a long distance the latter will closely parallel the former, instead of opening up new territory. In issues just received the Winnipeg Free Press (Liberal) is hot after the C. P. R., and the Telegram (Conservative) equally hot after the G. T. P.

It seems probable that sufficient rain has fallen to float into the boom limits above Fredericton some millions of feet of stranded logs. This is good news, as these logs can be got to the mills at St. John in time to keep them running some time longer than had been anticipated.

It will be observed from the article quoted elsewhere in this paper that the Montreal Shareholder, a journal of finance, favors the union of Canada and the West Indies, and advances sound argument to support its contention.

The Gleaner branch of the Farmers' Association of Canada has declared by resolution that it regards the recent salary grab at Ottawa, by members of parliament, as "the biggest graft on record."

The record of golf matches compared with that of sports in general, suggests that the palm for athletic enthusiasm and prowess in St. John may shortly go to the ladies.

Mr. James Britt, professional pugilist, is said to have earned \$60,000 in three years. This almost equals the pay of a clergyman or school teacher.

China will lift the boycott on American goods. But the lesson taught Uncle Sam will not be wholly lost.

It is good news that the British lumber market gives evidence of increasing activity and strength.

COULD NOT SEE IT

Astronomer King Reports to Dominion Government on Expedition Sent to View Eclipse in Labrador.

OTTAWA, Sept. 4.—(Special).—The following telegram has been received from Chief Astronomer W. F. King, who was in charge of the Canadian party that went to view the eclipse of the sun in Labrador:—

"BLACK SABLE, Sept. 3.—Dense clouds on Aug. 30th prevented observation of the sun at the time of the eclipse. Magnificent and minor observations, successfully taken.

Signed, W. F. King."

AT KAMP KUMFORT

Despite the inclement weather of yesterday the members of Kamp Kumfort and their lady friends had an enjoyable time at the commodious quarters of the club at Renforth. Though the downpour of rain prohibited any outdoor amusements the party, numbering about twenty, spent the day in various indoor games, and in the evening music and dancing was the order. Mrs. A. L. Cowan chaired the party, and despite the weather drawbacks, all voted the holiday a great success. The return to the city was made in the suburban train reaching here at 10.05 p. m.

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WHAT THE GENERAL SYNOD
WILL DISCUSS IN QUEBEC

(Continued from page 1.)

the permanent diaconate. At the present time, with few exceptions, all the deacons in the Anglican church are men who are passing through that stage in order that they may be ordained priests. Lately there has been a considerable movement by which God-fearing laymen have been appointed lay readers to assist the clergyman. Mr. Jenkins would have such men made perpetual deacons to assist the clergy in visiting the sick, in missions, in Sunday school work and the like spiritual work, the temporalities being left as at present to the wardens and vestry.

Perhaps the most important resolution is that by J. Edmund Jones, of Toronto, seconded by Ven. Archbishop Fortin, Winnipeg, that a committee be appointed to prepare a hymnal for the Canadian church. At present three hymnals are in use, with one or two smaller ones, all printed in England by private companies, and claimed by the movers to be all unsuitable for use in Canada. Mr. Jones, of Toronto, has a counter resolution to select one of these English publications known as Church Hymns, and make it the hymnal for the church. F. E. Hodgins, of Toronto, will move for the preparation and publication of a shortened form of morning and evening prayer, and Canon Welch desires provision made for the suitable marking of the Day, October 26, 1905.

Rev. F. G. Scott, of Quebec, will bring up again the request for the authorization of a prayer for the administration of union, which created somewhat of a sensation in the Quebec diocesan synod last June.

There are other motions to secure the more efficient working of the synod but the subjects above indicated will form the bulk of the work at this important gathering.

COPPER VIEWS

Resale of Electrolytic by a Chinese Interest—As to "Manipulation."

(New York Journal of Commerce.)

The most important development in the resale of electrolytic copper was the resale of a round lot of electrolytic by Chinese interest in Shanghai. The copper which has been resold has not been exported since it came to New York. The copper which has been resold has not been exported since it came to New York. The copper which has been resold has not been exported since it came to New York.

The fluctuations in the price of copper are hardly greater than those of iron, but whenever copper advances or declines through the operations of the law of supply and demand the charge is brought forward that the market is manipulated. Considering the marked recovery in all the leading industries since the depression of 1902 it would be very strange if there were no advance in the price of copper. Those who know anything about the copper metal market remember that in 1901, when copper was selling around the present level, large independent producers of the metal could not find any market for the product of their mines at the quoted prices. One of the largest independent producers in the southwest when he came to New York to sell his copper was told that contracts for future delivery would only be made at a discount of 3 cents from the current quotation. The situation now is entirely different. Contracts were recently made for future delivery above the current quotation. The lowest price that copper can be contracted for a year ahead is 1½ cents. The leading producer in the southwest has recently refused two large orders for copper, because it has sold right up to its production.

THE RIDDLE OF LIFE

Whatever the nature and source of the life principle, we can only know it as it manifests itself through matter.

These manifestations are, first, in the building of organized forms out of the unorganized chemical compounds; second, in the producing spontaneous movements in these organized forms.

These two classes of vital phenomena cover every manifestation of life force, and wherever these are observed there the life principle is at work.

If we think of reproduction we are only repeating the first process—that is, the building of organized forms out of unorganized chemical compounds.

The parents are the only agents for assembling the chemical compounds in suitable environment where the life principle can build the organism.

If we think of nutritive assimilation, then the first process is only being repeated in an organism already formed.

Under the second division of life's manifestations, spontaneous movements, we have first, the power to change the attitude or physical position of an organism, arising within the organism itself. This impulse may be excited by external stimuli, or by internal desire. And, second, the receiving and transferring of nutritive material to various parts of the organism, either for its own nutrition or for the building of progeny.

In my experiments I take unorganized chemical compounds—that is, mineral compounds and water, which is also an inorganic compound, and build up life-forms without the aid of similar antecedent life-forms, which could not happen without the presence and operation of the life principle.

These life-forms could not have grown to any size, however small, without manifesting in their production the fundamental principles of life's vital processes, namely, nutritive assimilation and spontaneous movement. Their existence alone is a prima facie evidence of the presence of life. Moreover, I have frequently seen them change their physical position by spontaneous movements.

It is quite impossible to present in writing the conviction of a truth fixed in the mind of years of careful observation of related phenomena. To see a photograph of a plant or an animal, or even to observe it through the microscope, does not fix that conviction upon the mind. That is essential to the cordial reception of a new truth.

Therefore I do not ask the reader at this time either to accept or endorse what is here represented as the principle of aboriginality. I believe it to be a solution of the riddle of the ages—the beginning of life-forms on this planet of inorganic matter. Dr. C. C. W. Littlefield, in Harper's Weekly.

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