

Peculiarities

COMPLAINTS have been received by the shipping companies that second-class passengers arriving at Quebec are submitted by the Dominion medical authorities to objectionable tests, such as jumping, dancing and running about the shed. Why not add to the curriculum handspings and ground and lofty tumbling, and make the passengers proficient for circus work at once?

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Michael Gary, a Port Arthur man, had has back broken on December 2nd last, and the doctors gave him a few hours to live. Now, after a lapse of six months, his spinal column has reunited, though with a curvature. Evidently there is lots to learn yet about these bodies that we carry about with us, and Nature appears to have a few tricks up her sleeve that we have not discovered.

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Manitoba winds must be of good quality. At Elgin a Union Jack flying over the schoolhouse has been blown to tatters in five days, and it is expected that the new one will only last two weeks. At Wapaka school the flag, although flying for a longer period, is now in ribbons.

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From Woodstock, N.B., to Vancouver, B.C., is something of a jump to make in changing one's place of residence, and yet that is what Dr. Charles Garden and Mrs. Garden have done. More than that, Dr. Garden has carried some honeyed words with him in his long leap, and declares Vancouver easily the prettiest city he has seen in Canada. At this rate the East will have to sit up and take notice.

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There must be something particularly keen and bracing in the air of British Columbia, which tends to impart a clear eye and a steady hand. Riflemen in Canada have long been familiar with the large number of first-class shots which that province annually sends to the D. R. A. meeting and to Bisley. This year no less than four men will represent the 5th Regiment of Victoria at Bisley, viz., Col.-Sergt.-Major Caven, Sergt. Carr, Sergt. Brayshaw and Gunner Fisher. These British Columbia men can always be depended on to give a good account of themselves, too.

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We have all heard about the effete East, and it seems to be the proper thing to regard the West as about four laps ahead of the East, but the Police Commissioners of British Columbia have only just come to the conclusion that the curfew bell is a relic of mediæval times. Score one for the dead ones in the East who obliterated this relic ages ago.

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Crossing Lake Erie appears to be no joke. Two Windsor lawyers, Messrs. A. H. Clarke, M.P., and A. St. George Ellis, accompanied by Manager Marsh, of "The Amherstburg Echo," made the trip to Pelee Island in a tug the other day. The lake was very rough, and the lawyers asked the newspaper man to pray. Marsh said he was out of practice, and turned the job over to a deckhand. There seems to be an opening for a good revivalist in the Windsor district.

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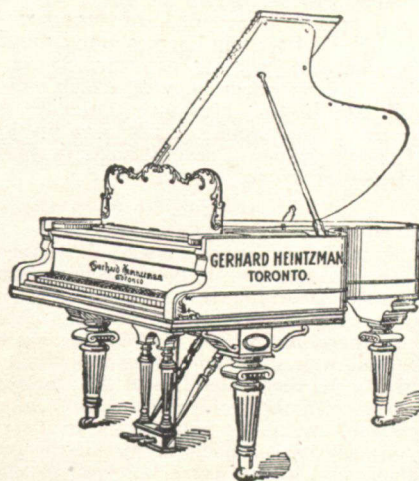
Summer has undoubtedly arrived at Glace Bay, C.B. The "Sydney Record" announces that cattle are now roaming all over the streets, and a cow strayed into McDonald's drug store while the proprietor was absent. Must be warm when the cow would be looking for a lemon soda like that!

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The first requiem mass ever celebrated in Canada for the repose of the soul of a Mongolian was performed in St. Patrick's Church, Montreal, a few days ago. The Chinaman was Wong Yuen, 25 years of age, and the ceremony was conducted in the presence of a large audience, including nine of the deceased's friends.

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At last a weather prophet has arisen who has cast off Jack Frost's shackles and



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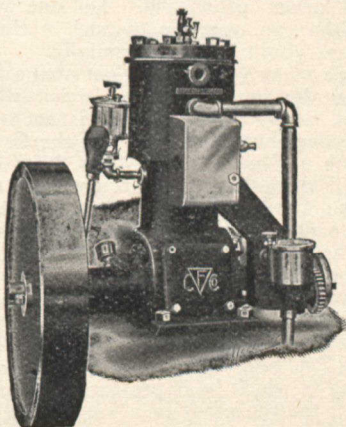
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