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THE native Canadians are beginning to come into their own. Another Indian has beaten a field of white men at St. Thomas—this time in a bicycle race. Those who think that the Indian belongs to a degenerate race may have to revise their opinion slightly. Times have changed since the scalping knife and a stolid demeanour were his chief stock in trade.

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What is the use of having bones if they are not of a durable, serviceable character? From Yorkton, Saskatchewan, comes the strange story of a lady who, while dressing, suddenly had a bone in one of her limbs crack with a report like a pistol and she was left helpless and in great pain. It seems that a few weeks before, the lady had been thrown from a rig in which she was driving, but was apparently uninjured by the fall. It is thought that the bone was cracked by the fall, and merely snapped at the later date.

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Strange stories are afloat these days as to who shall succeed Sir Wilfrid Laurier as leader of the government. The contest is said to be between Messrs. Fielding and Aylesworth. The latter has spoken two hundred words in French at a Quebec meeting, and has also struggled successfully with French-Canadian tobacco, but Mr. Fielding's trip to Rome, it is thought, will place him an easy winner.

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Lindsay people are thinking of organizing a Society for the Protection of Frogs, and already the Lindsay branch of the Fish and Game Association has interviewed the Ontario Government in an effort to prevent the wholesale slaughter of these croakers. It seems that it is not so much that Lindsayites desire the legs as delicacies, as it is that they want the marsh nightingales protected for the sake of the black bass, maskinonge, wild ducks, minks, otters and other fish and game which feed on them.

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It is peculiar to find one of Montreal's leading citizens taking a summer home on the Pacific coast, and yet that is what Mr. J. M. Carsley, the well-known merchant, has done. One would think that the attractions of the St. Lawrence would be sufficient, and yet Mr. Carsley seems to prefer the balmy climate of Vancouver Island, at least for a period of the year, for he has purchased a five-acre plot near Victoria, and intends to spend part of his time there.

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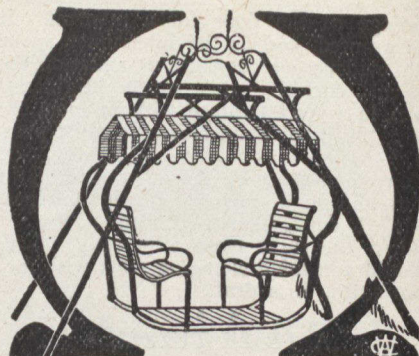
Although the officials of the Militia Department will not discuss the matter, it is said that the regulation ordering cadets at the Royal Military College to grow moustaches is not the only objectionable order from the cadets' point of view. It is also said that they are not allowed to decorate their rooms with photographs, nor wear dressing gowns in their bedrooms. Perhaps the officials are trying to have conditions as nearly as possible like those on the battlefield.

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It is difficult for those of us who live in the more settled parts of Canada where towns are scattered along the railway lines every six or seven miles, to realise the tremendous distances in the West. Think, for instance, of Edmonton being "town" to two thousand miles of country to the north, right up to Herschell Island on the Arctic Ocean! And yet that is the situation, and that is where Inspector Jarvis and five men of the Royal North-West Mounted Police have been sent from Edmonton to relieve Inspector Howard. Inspector Jarvis is a seasoned officer, having seen considerable service on the plain, as well as in South Africa. He is known to many in the East, being a brother of Harold Jarvis, the popular tenor singer.

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