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A MAIL DELIVERY.

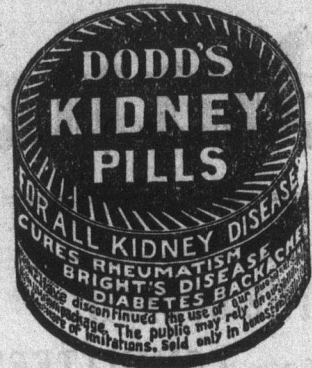
Largely through the efforts of Hon. R. F. Sutherland, Windsor is to secure street delivery of mails. Mr. Sutherland has importuned the department from time to time to grant this change and has finally been successful. There have been frequent complaints regarding congestion and delays at the wickets. Some time ago the Trades and Labor Council forwarded a largely signed petition. This was backed up by memorials from the Council and the Board of Trade, but it is said the department was moved more by the influence exerted by Hon. Speaker Sutherland.

There is something which should be read with considerable local interest and an effort should be made to find out what Chatham's chances are towards securing a mail delivery. If it comes to the merits of the case, there is no other place more deserving of such a public convenience. This city has proven itself progressive to a great degree over every other city of the same size in the Province—Windsor included—and this spirit should be recognized and encouraged by the Government at Ottawa. Here is a chance for some one to become famous by taking this matter up and pushing it through.

MR. McINNIS' ERRAND.

Mr. McInnis, who as Chief Commissioner had been administering in the Yukon the most costly Government in the world, considering the number of people governed, has finished his visit to the Capital. The Dominion is paying \$40,000 a year in salaries and living allowances to Yukon officials, who are spending the winter or a large part of it, on leave outside of their district. Their absence is perhaps no loss as the most of them have very little to do when they are at home, and the less some of them do the better it is for those Yukon people who have no office. But Mr. McInnis has not spent his time in Ottawa on Yukon matters. He has been making arrangements, with a view of capturing, for the machine, the Government of British Columbia, now wisely administered by Mr. McBride. Having made the necessary arrangements, the Yukon Commissioner resigned his office and set out for the Pacific coast to take part in the campaign, with the purpose of becoming a Minister if Mr. McBride can be defeated. He took with him a company of campaigners and is, no doubt, provided with such resources as were made available in the last London by-election and in the closing contests of the Ross Government of Ontario. Premier McBride, by his independence at the Interprovincial Conference, by his refusal to use the resources of his Province to subsidize the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company already loaded down with Dominion subsidies, and especially by the fine financial position in which he has maintained his province, excites the enmity of Federal Ministers and the cupidity of their friends. With the McBride Government out of the way there would be in British Columbia, with its immense natural wealth, such opportunities for the political bargain hunters as have been discovered in the Prairie Country. Therefore Mr. McBride must go if the machine can drive him. The machine has a habit of ousting, if possible, people who are opposed to them. In Chatham it is the friends and members of their own party who seem to feel the effects, as instanced in the recent Municipal Election.

In last night's issue of our esteemed local contemporary appeared an article extending over a column in length, in which they inform The Planet and the citizens of Chatham at large that on the night of the municipal elections, they issued an extra, said to contain the results of the polling. We regret that the Banner finds it necessary to make this extraordinary announcement, but we accept the statement. Probably they did get out a slip of paper with a few of the incomplete returns recorded, but what's the difference anyway? The Planet extra gave the news of the election as soon as it was possible to give it correctly, so it really didn't make any difference whether the Banner got one out or not. It is all over now so there is no use crying over it. If the Banner is in need of "copy" with which to fill its columns, why does it not interview Mayor-elect Stone, or its favorite target, A. B. McGill, on "How to work the political dog in municipal elections," or "Tammany Methods Up-to-date."



THE STAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents.)

At the Brisco Opera House—
Jan. 11—Jessie McLaughlin Concert Co.
The Young—Jan. 14-19.

Miss Jessie Macchiachan, the well-known Scottish soprano, who will be heard here to-morrow night at the Brisco Opera House, has a tremendous following throughout the English-speaking world. She appeared by royal command before Queen Victoria, who was so delighted with her exquisite interpretation of two ancient Gaelic songs, with Cliraich or Highland Harp accompaniment, that she gave her the title of "The Queen of Scottish Song."

In the selection of her company Miss Macchiachan has endeavored to secure the best artists to be had in Scotland, as it is her ambition to make this her farewell tour of Canada, the "banner" one of her career. The company has been playing to crowded houses throughout the Dominion, as Miss Macchiachan has the greatest personal popularity of any singer who has ever toured Canada.

Local play-goers will be glad to learn that their old favorites, the Youngs, are to be in the Brisco Opera House all next week. Mr. Young and his clever wife, and supported by a very capable company of fifteen people, have been highly praised by press and public throughout Ontario. This clever company will open Monday night, Jan. 14th, with the great comedy success, "In Old Kentucky." Ladies will be admitted free. Of this company the Shrinia Ob ever says: "Young's Big Comedy Show opened a two weeks' engagement at Victoria Opera House Christmas Day, to a large audience, and at night the Opera House was crowded to the doors. To say that the Youngs have a good show would be putting it mildly. Over and above presenting a well-acted play that more than pleased everybody, they put on several vaudeville specialties between acts, making the performance in all one of the best 10, 20 and 30 cent productions ever seen in Britain. This is Mr. Harry Young's fourth consecutive engagement in Britain at this season of the year and his company seems to please bigger crowds each year. One thing that those who attend Mr. Young's attractions can depend upon is, that the entertainment, from beginning to end, are free from anything that would offend the most precise."

It takes a quick-witted person to know when to say nothing.

It requires little effort to go down hill.

WORRY IS A DISEASE

THE CANADIAN MAGAZINE for 1907 will contain six articles on the consequences of worry by a famous English scientist and writer—DR. C. W. SALEEBY. The first is out now (but the magazine all through is an antidote of worry). Other articles are to the point, and well illustrated, and the stories are full of go.

Remember, the best Canadian writers contribute to the

Canadian Magazine

and the list is increasing rapidly.

J. E. B. MCCREADY, whose name is familiar to readers of THE CANADIAN MAGAZINE, will contribute six articles on "Political Reminiscences."

If you wish to know what a bright, interesting publication THE CANADIAN MAGAZINE is, get a copy of the January number. It contains eight illustrated articles, four articles without illustrations, seven short stories by leading writers, and a liberal interjection of original verse and other "quick" reading matter.

A FAMOUS DIAMOND.

Curious Incident in the History of the Kohinoor.

The Kohinoor fell into the hands of the ruler of Lahore and on the conquest of the Punjab became a possession of the Queen Victoria in the year 1850. The first authentic mention of this matchless gem is by an eastern monarch, who refers to a "Jewel valued at one-half the daily expenses of the whole world." A century or two later the Persian conqueror of India, seeing the diamond glitter in the turban of the unfortunate rajah, exclaimed, with rough and somewhat costly humor, "Come, let us change our turbans in pledge of friendship!" The exchange was promptly effected. The stone fell at last into the hands of the British, and pending its delivery to the crown Sir John Lawrence, afterward Lord Lawrence, was made its guardian.

His biographer, Bosworth Smith, relates a curious incident of its custody. Half unconsciously Sir John thrust it, wrapped up in numerous folds of cloth, into his waistcoat pocket, the whole being in an insignificant little box. He continued the work upon which he was engaged and thought no more of his precious treasure. He changed his clothes for dinner and threw his waistcoat aside, still forgetting all about the little box contained in it.

Some weeks afterward a message came from the viceroy saying that the queen had ordered the jewel to be immediately transmitted to her.

In a moment the fact of his carelessness flashed across Sir John, but he slipped away to his private room and with his heart in his mouth sent for his old bearer, of whom he asked: "Have you a small box that was in my waistcoat pocket some time ago?"

"Yes, sahib," the man replied. "I found it and put it in your chest of drawers." "Bring it here," said Sir John. "Open it," he ordered when the little box had been produced, "and see what is inside."

He watched the man with tense anxiety as he folded after fold of the rags was taken off.

"There is nothing here, sahib," said the old man at last, "but a bit of glass."

DINING TABLES.

The Transition from the Festive Board of Primitive Man.

The first dining table was probably just a block of stone or a log of wood, but even primitive man must soon have discovered that these devices did not provide for the comfortable disposal of his legs and have set about taxing all his ingenuity to invent something else. It is probable that as the result of his cogitations a rough hewn piece of board supported on two big stones came into fashion among the elite in these prehistoric times.

The early trestle table which was used in the beginning of the fifteenth century consisted of a parallelogram of wood, fashioned into a board, resting upon two or more pedestal-like supports. And we have a reminiscence of this movable kind of table in the expression, "A seat at the board," today, while that of "taking the chair" is obviously a survival of the time when a chair was the place of honor reserved for the master of the house or given by the grand seigneur to the guest whom he wished to honor, the other diners sitting upon rude benches placed at the side of the table.

One can imagine the inventor seated at the head of his new dinner table, clad in his best bearskin and surrounded by a select and admiring company of his intimates, who ate roast flesh literally off the festive board and who drank the first toast at this first primeval dinner party in his honor in cool water from a stream hard by. From this stage to planks resting on rude trestles would be an easy transition, and civilization had of course made considerable progress before the supports and the board were joined as one piece of furniture.

"The Word 'Studio,'" "Studio" is one of the many foreign words that have acclimated themselves in the English language. It is a recent import from Italy, unknown to Johnson's Dictionary and apparently not occurring before the nineteenth century, but it has supplanted a word "study" which is the real English for "studio," suggests a room for reading and writing, and "workroom" lacks distinctiveness. The French get along with "atelier," which literally means a place in which small planks are prepared—in other words, a carpenter's workshop.

"The Middle Class in Novels." Is it true that the modern English novel reader insists upon hearing about the rich or the great? I can hardly think so when I remember the many successful works of fiction dealing with coasters and Scottish ministers, journalists and typists, actresses and novelists. The Disraeli type of novel seems almost extinct, and the great bulk of works of fiction deals with the middle classes.—London Lady.

Laying For Him. "There's a new young man calling on Miss Maud this evening," said the fox terrier, "and he seems real nice." "Yes, I heard her say he was nice enough to eat," replied the bulldog on the lawn. "That's what I'm waiting for."

Woman's Part. "What part of speech is 'woman,' pa?" "Woman isn't a part of speech, my son. She's the whole speech."

He is truly rich who desires nothing, and he is truly poor who covets all.—Solon.



Our January Clearance Sale!

IT BEGAN TO-DAY WITH A RUSH

YES, it began to-day and with such an impetus that it would be hard to stop it even if we wanted to. We knew the bargains were here, and better, greater, and more numerous bargains than at any other time—but, would the public appreciate the fact? That we did not know.

THEY DID! That was evident as soon as the doors were thrown open, and the crowds swooped and swarmed in upon us. And they bought eagerly and enthusiastically, and they are buying now with increased fervor and they will continue to buy with increasing ardor.

We will not let the fire die down. We will add fuel to keep it burning brightly—and even fiercely.

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