

## The West

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## Good Examples.

The work done by the R.N.W.M.P. naturally brings them in touch with the worst of the people and when they meet a good class they, no doubt, appreciate it. In the annual report presented to parliament by the Mounted Police, the following on the Esquimaux appears:

"Esquimaux do not steal. They are quite religious, holding service on Sunday and doing no work on that day. There is no missionary here. Their religion they carry into their every day lives. They neither beg, nor steal and slander is unknown amongst them. They are as near 'God's chosen people' as any I have ever seen. After my experiences of this world, I could almost wish I had been born an Esquimaux. They are very fond of their children and take the greatest care of them. They never require to be chastised, and are very obedient. One never sees any quarrelling or bickering amongst them. They show the true spirit of sport in their games of football and baseball. They play these games on the hard snow when it registers 25 degrees below zero."

Surely the character given these people is a worthy example to follow—they need no missionaries.

## Church Union.

Judging from arguments advanced church union would be an ideal thing but it is something which seems almost impossible to achieve. People who grant that it should be done and encourage it by word of mouth are still so tied to the formalities or ritual of their own particular church that they would not give them up.

In discussing the subject the Toronto Mail and Empire says:

Good men in both the Presbyterian and Methodist churches have been working for years with a view to carrying it through. These gentlemen have decided that it is a Christian policy. They have also agreed that it is economically good. Acting upon these opinions they have drafted the terms, and have even gone so far as to provide a crowd for the united church to accept.

But it is to no purpose that they advocate the carrying into operation of the principle of union by religious bodies for which they have been acting. Wherever they turn there is a lion in the path. In one quarter they find that the idea is excellent, but that it means the disappearance of this or that church—a situation to which the adherents of the denomination in question will under no circumstances consent. In another quarter they learn that nothing could be better than a union of the kind suggested, but that it calls for the suppression of some cherished, although not frequently considered or popularly understood, doctrine, and under these circumstances the movement cannot be countenanced. Elsewhere they discover the warmest possible feeling towards the principle, but the coldest possible attitude towards the carrying into operation of the measures through which the principle is

to be enforced. And so, while the idea is encouraged, and the unionists are cheered by word of mouth, the proposition is blocked, and its progress is shown to be practically out of the question. The fact is that church union is one of those great changes that cannot be brought about mechanically, or suddenly. The churches concerned have their doctrines, their practices and their traditions. It is not possible to alter the two first by any artificial process and the last cannot be wiped out by any known process. For this reason the project lags, and is bound to do so for many years.

But the advocates of union need not despair. The unity which the discussion of this issue produces is, of itself, a species of union most valuable in that it removes misapprehensions and emphasizes the common purpose of the churches. In time it may make for the closer approach for which the unionists are working. If an agreement is entered into as a result of a gradual movement towards union, such agreement will be more likely to be satisfactory, and therefore permanent, than a form of union that is reached before the people are really prepared for such an important alteration in their conditions.

## Editorial Notes.

The Renfrew Journal suggests a few additions to the Laurier cabinet. It says: "What is wanted now is a Minister of Scandals, a Minister of Libel Suits, and a Minister of Public Jaunts at the Public Expense. The minister of scandals could act as scapegoat for all the crookedness in the public departments; the minister of libel suits could attend to all the cases where election purposes make it necessary to prosecute men for getting too uncomfortably near the truth in regard to members of the cabinet; and the minister of public jaunts could put in all his time in pleasure trips to Britain, France, Japan and other lands. Such an arrangement would work to advantage, as it would allow the present members of the government to stay at their posts a larger part of the time, and attend to the country's business for which they are paid, and well paid at that."

## Press Comment.

(Estevan Mercury)

There is some dark and deadly conspiracy afoot at Weyburn. There in the cool of these evening committees have been in session preparing a trap for the guileless group of statesmen who have the destinies of this fair province in their hands. The innocents have been invited to a banquet at Weyburn on Wednesday, June 16. In announcing the completion of these plans, the Review concludes with this mysterious hint, "The visit of the cabinet is considered by many to have a significant meaning and it is to be hoped that the united church will realize one of her duties at this time." What is the game? We are interested beyond expression. Can it be that the departed Tom Blacklock has left behind him his genius for the political intrigue, that the desire of Weyburn's heart may at last be achieved. We used to fancy that the one desire of Weyburn (and Tom) was the utter annihilation of the Scott government. Perhaps they will capture the whole bunch at the supper table and drop them down that 5,000 foot hole they bored in searching for a water supply last year. Awful, awful!

(Bystander in Toronto Sun.)

There is a movement in the United States for the improvement of marriage. Marriage, it seems to be said, should be made more difficult, divorce should be made more easy. There is too much reason to fear that marriage in the United States is susceptible to improvement. But it is strange to be told in face of what we hear of the American divorce courts that the special improvement needed is increased facility of divorce. The raptures of courtship and the wedding hour may, it is true, often be followed by a certain degree of disillusionment. But if the disillusioned instead of calling duty and reason to their aid, are to be told at once to rush into the divorce court, the greatest of all sources of human happiness will be imperilled. Besides, if a resort to divorce is to be unlimited, what is to be done with the children? There are some words in the sixth chapter of Saint Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians which are made to the point. At the root of the trouble probably is a growing impatience on the part of the women of anything like subjection. Yet without martial and paternal authority, how can the family exist? With regard to marriage, perhaps what needs inoculation

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most is the duty of prudence in contracting it. The present idea seems to be that every man is morally at liberty to marry whether he is able to maintain a wife and family or not, and to throw on the community the burden of providing for the children for whom he cannot himself provide. The clergy of one great church press early and universal marriage as a duty.

(Winnipeg Tribune)

The citizens of Kingston propose to erect a monument to Sir Oliver Mowat. This statesman pluck and persistence in the defence of Provincial Rights that the people will do well to perpetuate. We cannot, but think with regret what the great provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta missed at the time of their formation in not having more men of the stamp of a Mowat, instead of the sycophantic Forgets and Scotts, ready to lick the hand of a Laurier, who by deeds proved himself the arch enemy of the principles for which Mowat will ever be remembered in Canadian history as the great defender.

The treacherous, cowardly conduct of a Laurier to Haultain would have been resented by Mowat in his day of political vigor, and more of the Mowat spirit in the west would have resented to the last ditch the party political convenience. Ontario owes much to Mowat. His personal life was well high model, and against the power of Dominion governments he stood steadfast for the rights of his province, appealing again and again to the independent tribunals of Britain, and won many notable and just victories for Ontario.

(Victoria Colonist)

The suggestion has been made that Canada can put a stop to competition in the construction of battle-ships by declining to permit the product of her nickel mines to be exported. The world has two sources from which it obtains nickel—Canada and New Caledonia. If Canada were to stop the export of nickel to the world outside of the British empire, it is suggested that France thereupon have to stop building her Dreadnaughts and an era of naval disarmament might be inaugurated. If only Britain and France could build Dreadnaughts the other powers would suddenly see a great and new light in naval matters.

The importance which nickel plays in this connection will be understood when we say that 3-inch nickel steel is better than the old fashioned 9-inch armour. The difference in weight is so great that a ship plated with the nickel steel is of much less displacement and can be driven at a greater speed with smaller power than one covered with the old 9-inch plates. In the construction of a battleship weight is one of the most important things to be considered. Naval architects estimate with the greatest nicety to see how much can be saved even in the smallest detail. Therefore, if one nation has at its command all the nickel in the world, it would be absolutely supreme on the seas, until something was discovered to take the place of nickel steel.

It is easy to suggest no end of difficulties in the way of preventing foreign powers from securing Canadian nickel, but we venture to say that if the world's supply of this metal came from one of the German states, the Kaiser and his advisers would not be slow to devise a way of preventing Great Britain from getting any.

(Ottawa Citizen)

The investigation by the railway commission of the rates charged by

panies showed a disposition to devise means of benefitting the public by cheaper and more extended express facilities for transportation, there would be comparatively little difficulty in making the necessary arrangements. But so long as the companies are allowed to achieve a maximum of profit with a minimum of facilities, they are not likely to devise other methods.

## Interesting Indian Customs.

Students of Indian lore have found something more to interest them in "The Last West."

It is the clumsily constructed bath houses on the shores of the mineral lake at Watrous, Sask. Indian traditions handed down from generation to generation show that for centuries past the original inhabitants of North America have been accustomed to take their sick to this lake, the waters of which have cured diseases which all other remedies have failed to relieve. Those who were too sick to travel to the lake had its healing waters carried to them, until they had recovered sufficiently to make the journey. Then camped upon its shores the Indians would bathe in the lake, at the same time drinking some of its waters as a tonic. Indians claim that it will cure consumption, a disease to which redmen are most prone. That it will cure eczema and several other skin diseases has been already proved by the white settlers in Watrous and already the lake is becoming well known as a health resort.

It is on the main line of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway—Canada's new transcontinental—and there is hardly a train arriving in the town but has one or more patients attracted by the reports of its wonderful mineral waters. When the healing qualities of the lake become better known Watrous will be the most favored health resort on the continent, and in anticipation of its coming celebrity two large hotels are being built there as well as a sanitarium, for which the construction of the branches promised by the Grand Trunk Pacific the town will be easier of access to the middle west, and its waters more beneficial, than any of the known resorts which attract their thousands yearly.

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## Christian Science to Blame.

Virden, Man., June 5.—A case of considerable interest has occurred in the last few days. An eight year old daughter of James Williams, a member of the Christian Scientist church, died on June 3. The parents called Dr. Stevenson in after death, but the doctor would not give a medical certificate for burial, not knowing the cause of death. The doctor ordered an inquest and Dr. Clingham performed a post mortem. The inquest was held today. Several witnesses were examined, including the leaders of the Christian Scientist church in town. The parents' evidence went to show that the child had been sick for some time, having caught a cold last January. According to their belief medical attendance was not necessary and they called in a scientist healer. Dr. Clingham's evidence was that death was caused by purpura on both sides and probably inflammation of one lung.

Mrs. MacDougall and Mrs. Sprague, scientists, gave their system of healing and admitted their charge was one dollar each treatment. They also gave a course of treatment to parties who write to them of their ailments. Although the relatives and friends of the parents advised calling a doctor this was unheeded.

After considerable deliberation the jury returned the following verdict: "The cause of death of Violet Irene Williams, in our opinion, was due to purpura and disease of the left lung brought on by a chill which she took in January after a long drive in the country, and which developed into purpura. That the parent is, in our

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opinion, criminally responsible in not procuring proper medical attendance during her last illness, which neglect in our opinion, has hastened the possible cause of her death, and that this neglect of the parent in not procuring medical attendance is, in our opinion, in a measure due to the influence brought to bear upon him by the Christian Science healers in attendance. And this jury would recommend that in view of the frequent occurrence of similar cases in this vicinity the attorney general's department be advised of, and take action in this matter."

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## SHOT BY AC

Bank Boys at 8  
Trouble—One  
other by Accid  
Have to Stand

Saskatoon, June 15.—A fatal accident happened about midnight at a camp on the river, as a result of a shot fired by a Nova Scotia here. The shot was fired by a bullet which struck the body and with about for life or death.

The other clerks, who became much annoyed by the youths' pranks, however, in one more order a moment later drew the crack of a revolver afterwards Sherwood ground with a bullet.

The bullet, which calibre revolver, came on the right side, back. The ambulance sent for and summoned, and the removed to the hospital stage elicited that the shot had been Lane, clerk in the Bank and the police were wood now lies in the most precarious condition held in consequence is only seventeen years old, a storekeeper is grief-stricken over the death of his friend.

Sherwood came 13 years ago and bank of Nova Scotia.

WONDERFUL

London, May 24.—will be officially opened ceremony, London's the largest covered the world. This extraordinary has been in the city since under construction years.

Stupendous in this is by a means to fame, its form the most marvelous the wit of man; not side it is as unlike is possible for a res interior suggests a cathedral, with its paved, its walls brick and altogether in a side of a building in pect to find in Le plaisances rather than depths of a metropolis.

As I have said the supplies one of the best of its romances, brought to the city the time of Henry gress of the world not until a half century find a conduit erect Nearly four centuries New River project, daring of its time, today clings a halo is not without its

The great scheme a Hugh Middleton, goldsmith, who then considered by idea—namely, to the New River, 45 London. So slowly and think in those that for over 30 years and adventurers' share the capital for the raised were worth each. At a much Charles I. sold his nity of £500. London River company was Metropolitan water it was impossible whole share, so valuable; even a fifth some a small fortune of the Prudential pany were about an adventurer's share for this they paid.

Eventually no few panies were engaged supplying water to passing of the bill and the inauguration board of that act of the new aut out the existing cost no less a sum New reservoirs planned, and another huge enterprise a most in the shadowous Crystal palace Viewed from any point it was an engineering. A huge pie