



What the World is Saying

Time Flies.

Well, the summer is beginning to get away from us all, worse luck.—Hamilton Spectator.

Distress in Ottawa.

No civil service salary increase this season. Ain't it awful, Mabel?—Ottawa Free Press.

Millions Going Up in Smoke.

Notwithstanding warning, and doubtless precautions, the destruction of timber by fire seems to be yearly increasing in proportions.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

Zeal Outrunning Discretion.

Zeal is not of much value without common sense. The editor has a clock which at three yesterday afternoon struck sixty-four.—Greenwood (B. C.) Ledger.

The Way of the West.

Selkirk, Manitoba, that used to be a little fishing and lumber village a few years ago, is about to build a \$12,000 public library.—Brantford Expositor.

Making the East Sit Up.

People here in the East are apt to think they set the pace in regard to Canadian Clubs, but Camrose, Alberta, is the first place in Canada where the Canadian Club owns its building.—Hamilton Herald.

Coast Province No Longer Haughty.

British Columbia used to be haughtily indifferent to all that went on east of the Rocky Mountains, but the way she is making love to her "big sister Alberta" shows what a different status we have in the family today.—Calgary Herald.

Fortune Favors the Plump.

Fat men get all the good things in life. They are conducted to the best tables at restaurants; they get the corner seats in the theatre, and always seem to have enough money to get along without worrying. Of a truth it is better to be born fat than born lucky.—Calgary News.

A Shock of Fortune.

William McManus, of St. John, dropped dead on being told that he was heir to \$40,000. We will undertake to find several people in Victoria who will take their chances of surviving such information.—Victoria Times.

The St. Lawrence Coming Into Its Own.

It begins to look as if the St. Lawrence were coming into its own as the true route to the sea from northern New York and the west when we find the Mayor of Buffalo travelling to Europe via Montreal and Quebec.—Montreal Herald.

N. B. is Not N. G.

An immigrant farmer from England states that eastern Canada is seldom heard of in the Old Country. This is a matter to which the New Brunswick Government must pay some attention. It has been too long neglected, and the Province needs farmers and farm help.—St. John (N. B.) Times.

A Welcome Change.

The Premier's announcement that Thanksgiving Day will be fixed for a Monday, instead of Thursday, as has been the custom from time immemorial, will be welcome news to the thousands of Canadians who will thus be enabled to make the thanksgiving a home festival.—Montreal Witness.

Toronto Getting On in Years.

Next year Toronto will celebrate the 75th anniversary of its incorporation. The people of that great and thriving city have every reason to be proud of its progress, and Canadians of all classes will be glad of an opportunity to co-operate with them in a demonstration which will be worthy of the occasion.—Victoria Colonist.

Western Progress.

Edmonton will have not only a street railway system inside the city limits this autumn, but there will be a line to Strathcona, across the river, and another line in that city also. Whole communities are springing up into being out here in the West so rapidly that a few months' absence makes a person a complete old-timer, and back number.—Edmonton Bulletin.

A Use for the English Sparrow.

A use has been found for the English sparrow at last. Over in New York State it is found that the noisy little fellows are doing splendid work for the shade trees by waging war on the white-winged Linden moth. A reader of The Sentinel-Review is responsible for the statement that the English sparrow may also cultivate a taste for potato bugs.—Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

Prosperity Ahead.

It would seem that Canada is entering a period of prosperity hitherto unknown in this garden of the British Empire. With such glowing reports, agricultural and industrial, from every part of the Dominion one cannot but feel that the business of the country, now that the depression of the money market is largely over, will be conducted on a basis more substantial than ever before.—Brandon Sun.

Wireless Telephony.

So many wonderful things are being done these days that one's capacity for feeling surprise is well-nigh exhausted. Still, the announcement that telephone messages have been sent a distance of 310 miles in France, without the aid of wires, is the record of an accomplishment which stands out prominently even in these days of marvelous advances along all industrial and scientific lines.—London Telegraph.

Note to Eastern Manufacturers.

Thirty thousand acres of the irrigated lands near Calgary have already been taken up, and in five years there will be a population of ten thousand on these lands, to be increased indefinitely in the next decade. It is a most stable kind of farming, and by securing big results from small farms conduces to compactness of settlement and all the results that flow therefrom. It will be worth somebody's while to study the special needs of these irrigating farmers.—Montreal Gazette.

A Crimean Veteran's Death.

It is very unpleasant to read of a Crimean veteran dying in a common jail at Port Arthur, Ont. There ought to be some machinery for keeping track of these Imperial heroes. We are quite sure that there are millions of people throughout the Empire who have no disposition to see a single hero go in want, and that, moreover, they are prepared to do down into their pockets to prove it. It is a pity that these and those of the class we have mentioned who are in need cannot by some process be brought in touch with each other.—Montreal Witness.

A Lesson That Must Be Enforced.

The arrest of two American millionaires on a charge of injuring a Canadian farmer with their automobile is an unpleasant occurrence for the millionaires, but not so bad as the runaway was for the farmer. Generally these runaways might be avoided if the chauffeurs would put them-

selves to a little trouble and incur a little delay. They must be made to understand that in Canada the farmers who make the roads insist on being permitted to travel peaceably on them.—Toronto Globe.

The Importance of Forest Preservation.

Irrigation has become a live topic in British Columbia as well as in Alberta. If water is to continue to be available for irrigation purposes, the Government must preserve the forests which are the great regulators of rainfall and the flow of streams. If the forests are allowed to disappear there will be more arid land requiring irrigation, and less water to irrigate with. In this respect Canada could learn much by reviewing the history of large tracts of Europe and Asia, formerly fertile, but now desolate.—Vancouver News-Advertiser.

Just Auto Legislation.

In Austria the proper principle has been made the foundation of legislation dealing with automobile traffic on public highways. In brief, what this legislation provides is that autos may run upon the common roads, but automobile owners shall be responsible for all consequences following upon such running. If a machine causes direct injury to person or property compensation for the injury can be obtained by application to the courts. If a horse is frightened the loss which the horse may cause in running away is recoverable, not from the owner of the animal, but from the operator of the automobile on whom the primary responsibility rests. All injuries direct or indirect are charged up against the original cause and there is no limit to the total which may be collectible. The principle applied in Austria is absolutely sound and its full application in this country would result in a great deal more care being taken by auto drivers than is taken now.—Bowmanville Statesman.

New Names on the Map of the West.

The Grand Trunk Pacific put its townships between Winnipeg and Edmonton on the market July 1st. Lots have been sold in seventy of these since then and hundreds of lots at that. For instance, 123 lots were sold in Rivers, 346 at Melville, 236 at Watrous, and 318 at Wainwright, and there were large sales at Tofield, Nokomis, Scott, Kinley, Keelher, Semons, Waldron, Pinnichy, Meighen, Ryley, Holden and several score more places. The people believe in the future of these new towns and while the names look a little odd now, they will become as familiar as Brandon and Yorkton in a little while. If you are going to keep up with Western geography you cannot begin too early to learn the new names.—Toronto News.

Canadians Have Stamina.

While the collapse of Longboat in the Marathon race was a surprise, Canadians have reason to be proud of the fact that of the first seven men who finished of fifty-seven starters among the best runners in the world, three were from this country. This was an excellent indication of the stamina of young Canada, and together with the capture of second place by a South African serves to console somewhat for the failure of the mother country to show runners on her own soil who could maintain the reputation of British athletes for staying power. Indeed, since both Hayes, the "American," who won the Marathon at the Olympic games, and Heffron, the South African representative, who ran second, are Canadians by birth or former residence, Canada may claim five out of the first seven finishers. The Marathon calls for stamina more than anything else, and stamina is a conspicuous attribute of Canadian athletes.—Ottawa Journal.

Missionary Offerings.

What a picture that is of the thousands of men and women at Old Orchard, the other day, wildly tumbling over each other to give their offerings "to the Lord" at the missionary meeting of the Christian Alliance! Things have advanced since Savonarola's day, when the Florentines flung into the fire their gewgaws as a sacrifice of the world! The Americans were indeed excited enough, but the women who stripped themselves of earrings and finger rings, bracelets and bangles, and even dropped lorgnettes and jeweled combs into the collection baskets, were practical. All these things could be sold and used—not wasted in ashes. Men, too, put in their scarf-pins and bosom studs, cuff buttons and so forth—sometimes even watches—not to mention actual money and pledges. There were almost six bushels of valuables, it is reported. What an astonishing affair! Sixty thousand dollars worth in all, reported Rev. Dr. A. D. Simpson. And yet there are those who say that interest in missions, and even in the Christian religion, is dying out! Not, it seems, under conditions. Human nature is as excitable as ever, when it's hit right.—New York Tribune.