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## Note and Comment.

The Tecumseh Historical Society of Kent proposes to raise vessels of war sunk in the Thames near Chatham in 1813 to prevent their falling into the hands of Americans.

The Ottawa Free Press has a voting contest on, the prizes for which will be five trips to the Pan-American exhibition at Buffalo. Full particulars can be had in the paper, or circulars will be sent on application.

The death is announced at Boston of Rev. Dr. Fulton, in his seventieth year. For a number of years he was connected with the Tremont temple, in that city, but gave up pulpit work to lecture against Roman Catholic doctrines.

This is the earliest spring in the history of Manitoba. Ice has already run out of the Red River and Assinaboia River, and seeding is general throughout the province. Land is in splendid condition, and the prospects for the farmer are excellent.

It is a curious fact that the greater proportion of famous generals were, and are, men below the average height. Napoleon and Wellington were small men. Roberts is much below the average size. French is said to be five feet six inches in height.

The sum of £35,000 required to defray the expenses of Queen Victoria's obsequies is, says The St. James' Gazette, £5,000 less than the cost of Nelson's funeral. Six months after Nelson another great figure was laid low; Pitt was buried at a cost of £40,000.

A Bill requiring a physical and mental examination of all applicants for marriage has passed both houses of the Legislature of Minnesota, and will probably become a law. The law is aimed to prevent the marriage of persons afflicted with incurable diseases, or of imbeciles.

We have not observed any wild rush on the part of graduates of Toronto University to put up their \$1,000 alongside of the \$1,000 offered by Mr. Clergue, says the Hamilton Times. Is their loyalty to alma mater confined to attending meetings, bulldozing the Government and writing letters to the papers, or does it extend to their pocket books?

Judge Lumpkin, of the Superior Court, at Atlanta City, Ga., denied the application for a charter for "The Atlanta Institute of Christian Science," the effect of his decision being that Christian Scientists cannot practice their treatment of diseases in the State of Georgia without having regularly graduated in medicine or passed an examination before the medical examining board, the same as other physicians.

In the reorganization of the Toronto University, Prof. Hutton has been appointed Principal of University College, Prof. Ramsay Wright Dean in Arts, Prof. Galbraith Dean in Engineering, while Dr. John Hoskin and President Loudon have been elected Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively of the Board of Trustees. There will be additions to the staff in mineralogy.

Rather recklessly The Boston Watchman says: "There is one request that we shall have to make of all our correspondents, and that is that they make their manuscripts absolutely legible. The old-time scrawl does not conform to modern methods. If you can't write legibly, get a typewriter. There is absolutely no excuse for calling pages of hen-tracks a manuscript."

The first school competition has been held in England upon the history, geography and general resources of Canada. According to the report of Lord Strathcona, high commissioner for Canada in London, under whose direction these competitions are held, the results have been satisfactory. A bronze medal of a pretty design is awarded the successful competitor.

It is said that the famine in India is sure to have far-reaching religious results. It will lessen the faith of the people in Hinduism, for the priests and the religious leaders did little for them in their sore need, and the idols did nothing; and on the other hand it has greatly increased their respect for Christian missionaries, and Christian people of other lands, who have done so much for their relief.

Claudius Clear, in The British Weekly, deprecates the American idea that the minister should "run" the church, and thinks some pastors have altogether too much talent for business. He says, "You can run a business, you can run a society, but you can never run a church. You may call the thing you are running a church, but the life that makes a church has gone out of it." Let every Diotrophes keep this in mind.

Gen. Botha has reopened negotiations with the British for peace. In his overtures he professes to represent the whole Boer people. In the last negotiations for peace, Gen. DeWet, when consulted, refused to surrender on any terms, and when lately seen by Gen. Botha he was still of the same mind. It is now said that Gen. DeWet is of unsound mind, that he is losing his influence with his following, and that therefore Gen. Botha can disregard his opinions. There is much satisfaction in London over the turn matters have taken. Some few are crying out that the liberal terms of peace which were offered to the Boers some weeks ago must not be given again, that it must be unconditional surrender.

In Switzerland, which has been well called "the sociological and political laboratory of Europe," 455 temperance restaurants have been established in the principal towns, where food and temperance beverages are sold at a little above cost price. These restaurants are popular and places where intoxicating liquors are sold are being deserted in their favor. One of the finest hotels in Zurich is a temperance hotel, and its rooms are full all the year round.

Marriage, according to Dr. Schwartz, of Berlin, is the most important factor in longevity. Of every 200 persons who reach the age 40 years 125 are married and 75 unmarried. At 60 years the proportions are 48 to 22; at 70 years, 27 to 11, and at 90 years, 9 to 3. Fifty centenarians had all been married. The doctor asserts that the rate of mortality for husbands and wives between the ages of 30 and 45 is 18 per cent., while that for unmarried persons is 28 per cent.

The German South Polar Expedition is likely to start next August. The ship is on the stocks at Howaldt Works, Kiel, and is 150ft. long by 36ft in beam. She will have a triple covering of wood 3-in. thick to resist the pressure of the ice, and be without port-holes or windows. She will be fully rigged in addition to her engines, and make seven knots. There will be five officers, four scientific men and a crew of 20. A captive balloon and 50 Siberian dogs will be taken.

A New York despatch, dated April 9, said: A warrant was issued yesterday by Judge Brenner for the arrest of Mrs. Margaret L. Shepherd, who has been lecturing in Brooklyn. Mrs. Shepherd is charged with the creation and sale of obscene literature. Several policemen and detectives were looking for her last night, but at a late hour she had not been taken into custody. One good thing is that this woman of unsavory reputation can no longer insult a Canadian audience with her filthy "lectures." Our American friends can get rid of her too if they go about it in the right way.

We know it would be nicer to have 10,000 wealthy, educated and brainy English or Scotch or Irish as immigrants to this country than 10,000 Doukhobors, sarcastically remarks the Ottawa Journal. But our private conviction is that anyone is a blooming idiot who does not prefer a Doukhobor to nothing in a country which has a vast amount of everything but people, and mighty few people. What kind of full fledged Shakespears or Carnegies do some Canadians expect to come to this country to go into hovels in the wilderness with a good chance of being frozen or starved to death during the first year they are trying to raise grain or crops, unless accidentally a railway is under construction near by on which a father of a family may get work at a dollar a day?