

Here and There

Shipments of grain from Vancouver for the 1923-24 season have now passed the 41,000,000 bushel mark. Officials estimate that the 50,000,000 bushel mark set for the season will be surpassed in the near future.

Reports from England state that it has been universally conceded that Canada's pavilion was in the best condition when the King opened the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley on April 23rd. It was the Canadian building, the reports said, "spick and span and complete to the last nail that led all others in the race to the finish in time for to-day's official opening."

Over 3,000 settlers left Liverpool for Canada on April 24th. Thirteen hundred of these sailed on the Canadian Pacific liner "Montcalm," including a party of 200 skilled workers from Manchester, 38 belonging to engineering trades, 40 to building trades and 42 farm hands. Eighty skilled workers from Leeds and a party of engineers from Barrow-in-Furness were also on board.

A total of 40,000,000 salmon trout eggs has been collected during the last season by the Department of Marine and Fisheries in Lake Huron, Georgian Bay and Lake Superior. The total number obtained compares favorably with the average collections of recent years and is sufficient to fill all the hatcheries on the Great Lakes engaged in the propagation of salmon trout.

Graphic and interesting educational motion pictures will bring Alberta's various resources to the eyes of those who attend the British Empire Exhibition this year. In addition to pictures illustrating the life of Alberta's citizens on the farms, on the ranches and in the mining districts, charts will be used to bring out interesting compilations of statistics illustrative of the province's agricultural and industrial output.

Carrying an invitation to the President of the United States to attend the celebrations of the 140th anniversary of the settlement of Upper Canada by the United Empire Loyalists, which will be held in June, Miss G. Lester, herself a descendant of the Loyalists, left Belleville recently on horseback to ride to Washington alone, a distance of 600 miles. Elaborate arrangements for the celebrations are being made and it is expected that thousands of visitors will attend.

An attractive booklet entitled "A Week in Quebec in the Spring," by Betty Thornley, internationally known writer associated with "Vogue" and other magazines, has just been added to the series of artistic pamphlets published by the Canadian Pacific Railway. It describes the Ancient Capital and its environs, is illustrated by many striking photographs and bound in cover which reproduces in natural colors the pattern of cloth called "sablons," woven by Quebec habitation.

That the Indian village of Hochelaga, which stood on the site of the present city of Montreal, was a place of about fifty wooden houses having a population of some 4,000 souls when Jacques Cartier sailed up the St. Lawrence, was the assertion made by Dr. W. D. Lighthall before the Antiquarian and Numismatic Society of Montreal recently. Dr. Lighthall was able to give the boundaries of the village and described it as resembling the home of Cedric the Saxon, in "Ivanhoe."

Appropos of the recent "Save the Forest Week," E. W. Beatty, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, stated: "A week's conservation on saving the forests of Canada is well worth while—much better to make it a 'Forest Saving Week' and, if the forest resources of this country are to be conserved adequately avail the greater Canada of a few years hence it must be a 'Forest Saving Generation.' Forest wastage is to-day tragically too great and we Canadians must pay and are paying for the loss."

WHAT IS MAH JONGG? The Mah Jongg craze seems to have settled down like an epidemic upon accidental society. It apparently has initiated all opponents as a game of chance. In answer to a query as to what Mah Jongg is, one authority writes: "Take Dominoes. Complicate it. Add an American game called Koon-Can, confuse it. Stir them both together, throw in a collection of strange words, season with dragons. Drop in some eggs. Several—all you have in your pot in fact, without the hope of seeing them again. Pour over the top of Bewilderingment. And serve up four confused and gasping lunatics, that's Mah Jongg."

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ABOUT KIPLING

(Heywood Brown, in N. Y. World.) Speaking of Kipling, a very silly sort of thinking and talking about him has become fashionable. Because he has written nothing of moment for a good many years people are beginning to say that he never could or did, write. His annoying jingoism has obscured his genius as a teller of tales. But though you may hate every political ideal of Kipling and in fact despise each idea which he has advanced, he remains—at least I think he does—the supreme narrative genius of our day.

A few nights ago I heard Prof. C. T. Copeland, of Harvard, read "The Man Who Was". It is a story written with all the mean venom of a professional Slav baiter. It is filled with a childish sentimentality about things military. Kipling never could come within sight of a uniform without pushing like a matinee girl who has just seen John Barrymore. Indeed, the sentiment of this particular story is to me altogether trasy, but it holds me with a hammer-lock. Even the things in which I don't believe make me tingle. Intelligence and sane thinking have nothing on earth to do with the gift of story telling. It is entirely possible that Kipling is an ass. He is also a genius.

MONEY TO SPEND

Senator McLennan Finds Many Germans Enjoying Life of Leisure

QUEBEC, May 4.—Among the saloon passengers on the R. M. S. Canadian Pacific steamer Empress of Scotland which arrived at Quebec at five o'clock this morning was Senator J. S. McLennan.

In an interview aboard the special saloon passenger train for Montreal, Senator McLennan said he was returning after a two months tour of Italy and France, and that he had found the climate rather cold in Italy, but he was surprised to see the large number of Germans in that country. So far as he could judge they were not going into business there but all the hotels were crowded with them and they spent their money freely.

He also visited the battlefields in France and was very much impressed with the work of the war graves commission in the cemeteries. The Canadian monument at St. Julian, he said, was also very beautiful.

MAH JONGG

When I was young I used to play with cards and dominoes, And got as much of fun therefrom as most boys, I suppose. I played casino and old maid, euchre and high-low-jack, And many kinds of solitaire. Of these there was no lack.

As years went by, my interest in card games seemed to fail, And every game of dominoes seemed really flat and stale. I tried at checkers, but with them I never had success, And never had the courage to attempt a game of chess.

And so, from all these games immune, I strove to be content, Though now and then an hour or two with solitaire I spent. But all at once throughout the land there rose a mighty throng, All eager a new game to try, the Chinese game, Mah Jongg!

As young and old were playing it, I felt I must learn how, I pined when I get a chance, but very seldom now.

I do not care for characters, except the one and nine, I feel the same toward circles, and bamboos are in that line. I dote on dragons and on winds, especially my own, I block my neighbor, if I can, by holding back the one I think he wants me to discard. Once in a while I kong.

And feel elated when I find that I can shout, "Mah Jongg!" The craze that now is country-wide will have its time and die, For everything must have an end and so must you and I. When this old body I discard and join the spirit throng, May I display a better score than when I played Mah Jongg.

TOMMY'S WAY

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