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### THE SPRING "CLEAN-UP"

Although to paraphrase, partly one of the most beautiful specimens of English literature, "we ought at all times" keep our premises in good order, "yet ought we most chiefly so to do" in the springtime. Rather, in the springtime we should proceed diligently, to "rid up"; precisely as the careful housekeeper performs the same duty respecting her parlors the morning following the "bridge party", the "social dance", or the neighborly supper.

It is no bad illustration of the progress made in sanitation in this province to recollect that it is not many years ago since it was one of the chief "slogans" of the amateur and volunteer sanitary enthusiasts to have appointed an annual "clean-up" day by municipal authority. It is true we no longer advocate the "clean-up" from quite the same reasons as were put forward in its favor. Like many another excellent and desirable thing, the good results claimed for it were somewhat exaggerated. It did not abolish preventable sickness (such, we confess is not abolished even yet) but, without the smallest doubt; cleaning up made the task of reducing the prevalence of preventable sickness (which has been done) measurably easier.

The garbage and rubbish heap in the back yard, perhaps, respectable for its antiquity but it is disreputable for every other reason under the sun. And, indeed, it is; literally, under the sun, that the garbage collection manifests in its greatest vigor, its disagreeable qualities. So long as the frost maintains its grip, it restrains the garbage from exhibiting its disgusting peculiarities, but so soon as the "winter of its discontent" is passed, the garbage blossoms forth in its true character of perhaps, the most complete and certainly the most common of all nuisances.

Like most evil things, the garbage heap takes to itself, not seven, but seventy times seven more evil things than itself, chief among which is the house fly.

The ravages of this insect have been preached the whole civilized world over and the very energy of the campaign has apparently resulted in a slackening of its insistence

during the past year or two. Yet though the attack by words may have calmed down a bit, the practice of the prevention of the "house-fly" should not falter nor grow cold. The fly has two favorite breeding places, the manure heap and the garbage pile, and while it is a good and righteous thing to kill as many flies as possible, yet so multitudinous is his number under favorable circumstances of breeding, that such a process of getting rid of him is like the attempt to kill a large and flourishing tree by clipping off a few of its leaves now and again, instead of chopping it down at once, or like trying to abolish fever by curing it instead of doing away with the cause of it. To see fifty flies gasping their lives out on sticky fly-paper may be a most comfortable thing to the housewife who tries to do something to keep down this pest, but fifty is an inconsequential number when compared with many thousands more.

What is here said about the house fly applies with equal force to all vermin, and stickily fly paper, in efficiency, stands up all fours with the fine tooth comb, the mouse trap, the lazy cat, the rat catcher and other contrivances designed to destroy vermin. Vermin, like contagious disease should be prevented and then these machines would not be required.

Get rid, then, of all substances liable to putrefaction in and about the premises and, which is still of more importance, keep rid of them. The keeping rid of them is, by far, the more difficult task of the two. We all find it comparatively easy to make a great effort, to begin and conduct a "campaign", to become enthusiastic for a time, but to maintain our effort to make it a permanent and every day affair, is quite another matter.

### A Happy Childhood is A Matter of Health

Little children quickly get out of sorts but by prompt treatment they can just as quickly be set right again. Most of their troubles arise in the first place from the stomach and bowels; that is why a good clearing out is the first thing the doctor prescribes. Mothers, why not let Baby's Own Tablets keep your children well. Unlike that ill-smelling, rank tasting castor oil so dreaded by most children, the Tablets are pleasant to take and their action, though thorough, is gentle, and causes no discomfort to either the baby or the growing child. Baby's Own Tablets are a never failing remedy for relieving constipation and indigestion; thus they break up colds and simple fevers, expel worms and make the teething period painless.

The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

### MAY OPEN ROADS IF WEATHER GOOD

All highways in New Brunswick will close automatically between March 15 and May 20 in every year, according to the amendment to the Motor Vehicle Act, submitted to the House by Attorney General Rand.

The amendment provides, however, that where climatic conditions permit the highways may be opened in any section of the province during that period on order of the Provincial Road Engineer or the Minister of Public Works. For example should the highways in Saint John County be considered in a fit and proper condition to be opened for motor vehicle traffic on April 13 of any year, the provincial road engineer or Minister of Public Works may suspend the closing order on that date.

### Simple Remedy Cures Victim of Hiccoughs

New York, March 20—James McCann, aged Yonkers millionaire whose life doctors had almost despaired of because of prolonged paroxysms of hiccoughs, went to sleep yesterday afternoon free of hiccoughs for the first time since last Saturday as the result of a simple remedy volunteered by a stranger described as an "old man from the Bronx."

Stories of Mr. McCann's plight caused many persons to write, telephone, and some to telegraph suggestions for relief, the family said. A stranger came to the house yesterday and proposed a remedy. It was tried and the hiccoughs stopped. The patient went to sleep.

The successful remedy, according to the family, was prescribed by the stranger in these words: "Stop each car with a finger. Press firmly. Have some one put a glass of water to the mouth and drink."

### THE CIVIC ELECTION

Considerable activity is being shown in the civic election, which is to take place here on Tuesday, April 21st. A. M. John Russell has announced his candidature for the mayoralty; while there is a rumor that he will be opposed by Ald. R. W. Crocker. Among the names mentioned on the street, for the four vacancies in the Board of Aldermen are William Smallwood, Mayor D. S. Creaghan, Charles Sargeant, George Stables and Leny White. Talk of a ticket being formed is also discussed on the street. The four aldermen, whose term of office expires this year are: John Russell, E. J. Morris, R. W. Crocker and C. M. Dickison. The remaining aldermen on the board, who will complete their term of office this year are: R. H. Armstrong, H. D. Atkinson, A. H. Mackay and H. H. Ritchie.

### TO BRING CHATHAM INTO LIMELIGHT OF TRACK RACING

A movement is on foot to put Chatham on the racing map again. The Chatham track was once classed as the fastest track in eastern Canada and so regain this proud title is the aim of the newly formed Miramichi Driving and Sporting Club. The new organization is strongly supported and has the patronage of a large number of prominent citizens of Chatham and Newcastle. The club has as officers Charles Sargeant, Newcastle, President; S. D. Heckbert, Chatham treasurer; and Dr. W. B. Jones, Chatham; Secretary. These men are all well known race lovers and should successfully direct the efforts of the club.

It is the object of the new organization to improve the quality and class of horses now owned on the Miramichi; to create and encourage the breeding of better horses and to promote and improve in this district horse racing the best and most fascinating of all sports.

The club has secured a two year lease of the M. A. E. A. track; one of the premier race tracks in eastern Canada. They are having the stables repaired and remodelled in a most up to date manner. As soon as practicable work will be begun on the track so as to have it in first class condition for the opening of the racing season. The club aims to give Chatham the fastest track and the best equipped stables in the maritimes. The active members of the club have had considerable experience in racing and training horses and they are giving the club the benefit of that experience so as to make Chatham an ideal place for training and racing horses. Horse owners and trainers throughout the province will be interested to know that the club are making elaborate plans to give men and horses a com-

fortable and pleasant place to get in the condition necessary for big work during the racing season.

It is the ambition of the Miramichi club to make Chatham the stamping ground for all the maritime "high-flyers". It is possible that the club may acquire a fast free-for-all and if the horse in view can be acquired in time horse lovers this season will see a speedy one; under the colors of Miramichi Driving and Sporting Club; mixing with the "uns on the Maine and N. B. circuit. Matinee races will be held during the season thus giving local owners plenty of opportunity to display their wares. Much interest is being displayed here in the new club and it is the conviction of the members that by the close of the coming season, Chatham will again be known to the racing fraternity as one of the best sport towns in eastern Canada.

### DR. J. G. SHEARER DIED ON FRIDAY

Following an arduous six weeks' convention campaign in the Maritime Provinces, Rev. Dr. J. G. Shearer, general secretary of the Social Service Council of Canada, was taken ill with angina pectoris and pneumonia and died suddenly at Toronto Friday evening. He was in his 66th year.

He returned to Toronto on Friday, March 13; was taken ill with heart trouble on the following Monday, and his illness developed into pneumonia. It was stated that he had delivered two addresses a day for six weeks, and that had brought on the heart trouble. The original intention was that Brother Barnabas, lay worker of the Catholic church, should accompany Dr. Shearer on the Eastern convention tour, but on Brother Barnabas being taken ill, Dr. Shearer had volunteered to deliver the addresses of both.

The late Dr. Shearer, who was a graduate of Knox College, completed his divinity course about the year 1884. Upon graduating he became pastor of the Presbyterian church at Caledonia, Ont. After a very successful pastorate there for two years, he became the minister of Erskine Presbyterian church in Hamilton. He remained there until 1900, when he resigned that charge to accept the position of general secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance which he held until 1907, when the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada elected him general secretary of the church's newly organized department of Social Service. He held this position for seven years when he became the general secretary of the Social Service Council of Canada.

While Dr. Shearer was with the Lord's Day Alliance, Rev. T. Albert Moore was associated with him, both being joint general secretaries of that organization and it was during that time that the Lord's Day Act of Canada was passed by the Dominion Parliament in 1907.

In carrying on his work of general secretary of the Social Service Council of Canada he had given a great deal of attention fighting the business of race track gambling as well as developing the many activities of the council.

The late Dr. Shearer is survived

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### For Canada's Farms.



Group of future Canadian farmers with Captain J. Marshall of the Cunard liner Antonia, taken on board the steamer before disembarking at Halifax last Saturday (March 21).

It was pointed out, by Dr. T. Albert Moore, that the late Dr. Shearer in his work as general secretary of the Social Service Council of Canada had given a great deal of attention fighting the business of race track gambling as well as developing the many activities of the council.

by his wife. The funeral services were held in Bloor street Presbyterian church on Monday afternoon.

### PILES

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