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RESUSCITATION IN CASES OF DROWNING.

This summer season has not been without its toll of drowning accidents, and so far as we are aware, there have been no instances in which a victim has been resuscitated after the body had been recovered. It is far from our purpose to suggest that greater care and attention on the part of the rescuers in any one of these fatalities would have resulted in a happier ending, but a recent experience by a member of the staff of this paper has brought forcibly to mind that the best methods by which resuscitation should be attempted are not generally known.

The first ten people who were met on Prince William street in this city, and were personally known to the inquirer, were asked the question: "What would you do if suddenly called upon to revive a drowning man?" Not one was able to give a really satisfactory answer. "Roll the body on a barrel," was one reply. Several others would "move the man's arms up and down." Three admitted complete ignorance of the proper steps to take. Not one of the ten showed that he possessed any exact information. If these were not exceptional cases, and it is difficult to assume that they were, there is urgent need of a wider knowledge of the subject. There are few of us but might be called upon at a minute's notice to administer not only first aid, but all the aid available to save a life.

The importance of some expert knowledge is emphasized when it is recalled that cases are on record in which the spark of life was not extinct after more than half an hour's immersion. Resuscitation has often been accomplished when there has not been the least perceptible sign to begin with, of either breath or blood current. Authorities on the subject state that unless there is absolute certainty that the drowned person has been altogether under water for at least forty minutes tireless effort must be made to restore animation.

It will not be out of place to briefly refer to the most usual methods of resuscitation. They are known respectively as Marshall Hall's, Sylvester's and Howard's. Hall's method has the advantage of being possible for one man to adopt alone. It consists, after stripping the patient, wrapping him in dry coverings and clearing his mouth, in laying him flat and rolling him alternately onto his face and his back, by this means alternately expressing the air from the lungs and allowing it to re-enter. This is in fact the basis of all methods.

In Sylvester's method the patient lies on his back with a pillow under his neck. His arms are grasped by the elbows, and are raised and extended forcibly above his head. After waiting a second the arms are slowly brought to the sides of the chest and pressed forcibly against it. These movements are repeated at about the rate of regular breathing—from sixteen to twenty times a minute. A second person is useful to keep the tongue forward and the body still. Howard's method is more complicated, requiring two helpers, and need not here be described in detail.

Whichever method is adopted it cannot be put into practice to advantage without some previous knowledge by means either of diagrams or demonstration. The importance of acquiring this knowledge cannot be over-estimated, when the possession of it may mean a life saved. Information on the subject is easily obtainable. For those who lack the necessary qualification to save a fellow-creature in dire extremity, a few minutes' study would not be time wasted.

PREMIER MCBRIDE'S WELCOME TO SIR WILFRID.

On the day preceding Sir Wilfrid Laurier's arrival in Victoria the Times, which is the Liberal journal published in that city, made the following fitting comment upon the courtesy and tact displayed by Premier McBride, of British Columbia, in extending so cordial a welcome to the Dominion Premier:—

"As the representative of the people of British Columbia, Premier McBride has done something no other Provincial Premier, Liberal or Conservative, has thought of doing, or possibly did not consider his position would justify him in doing. Mr. McBride has not only, by deputy, formally and courteously extended a cordial welcome to Sir Wilfrid Laurier on crossing the boundary line between Alberta and British Columbia—his government has made arrangements on a somewhat elaborate scale to receive the Prime Minister and his party on their arrival at the capital of the province and to give all residents and visitors here an opportunity of paying their respects to the First Citizen of the Dominion tomorrow evening. The courtesy and tact displayed by Mr. McBride will, we are sure, be fully appreciated by the people of British Columbia, and will demonstrate to all the country outside of the province that on an occasion of deep significance and importance we of the West are capable of rising above all political or party considerations."

On the day of Sir Wilfrid's arrival in Victoria the Colonist, which is the leading Conservative journal on the coast, printed on its front page a fac-simile in Premier McBride's handwriting, of the following:—

"When Sir Wilfrid leaves the steamer today Victoria is anxious that he should feel that the city is his. He is a thousand times welcome."

RICHARD MCBRIDE.

This was accompanied by an invitation, signed by Mr. Henry Esau Young, the Provincial Secretary, to the public of British Columbia, and visitors, to attend the reception to Sir Wilfrid by the Premier and other ministers of the British Columbia government in the Parliament Buildings.

"HIS MAJESTY'S CANADIAN SHIPS."

The crew of the Rainbow and other vessels of the Canadian navy to-be will display on their headgear the magical letters H.M.C.S., which being interpreted means "His Majesty's Canadian Ships." It is hardly likely, remarks the Quebec Chronicle, that the man in the street will grasp the full significance of these words at the first glance. He may perhaps gather the impression that the word "Canadian" is introduced simply as an outlet for our patriotic pride.

But this impression, excellent and feasible though it be, is inadequate to express the import of the above-mentioned title. We know how utterly repugnant is the mere mention of war to the highly sensitive and refined members of the Militia Department. We know with what true fatherly care they have striven to eliminate all that is brutish and vulgar in the standards that are generally accepted as military, and to ensure that the Canadian army shall be unique and removed from all suspicion of barbarity.

But, if we reflect a little, we will probably realize that the introduction of the word "Canadian" is the wisest and most salutary of precautions. It is common knowledge that the Canadian navy will be unable to engage in battle unless it has the approval of the Dominion Parliament. On the other hand His Majesty's Ships—which are not Canadian—are available for war at any moment after war has been declared. Hence these tears!

If then our ships were not easy of identification by this special mark of distinction, it is very evident that the most disagreeable and unlooked-for complications might arise. Indeed it is even possible that the navy of an enemy, who was little acquainted with our attitude on national affairs and our views with regard to a proper system of military and naval effectiveness, might even expect us to commit such an unbusiness-like act of folly as to fight. Particularly would it be likely to entertain such a misapprehension if it had already encountered the fleets of Australia and South Africa.

But here is where we garner the full harvest of our rulers' patriotic safeguards. When the enemy in his ignorance of our navy's limitations draws near to engage, he will be courteously informed that he has the advantage over us—we are not, as his gullibility perhaps led him to imagine, His Majesty's Ships, we are His Majesty's Canadian Ships and as such immune from attack until the passing of the Order-in-Council allowing us to do battle. Whereat our enemy will probably retire in apologetic confusion overwhelmed by his ignorance of local etiquette—and politics.

THE WESTERN WHEAT CROP.

In estimating this year's wheat crop in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta at a little over 101,000,000 bushels, the Manitoba Free Press indicates that the season's harvest is not so general a failure as some would have had us believe.

If the Winnipeg newspaper's prediction is fulfilled the harvest of 1910 will be the third largest in the history of the Prairie Provinces, as may be seen from the following statement of the yield in recent years:—

Year.	Northwest Wheat Crop, Bushels.
1910	101,000,000
1909	123,000,000
1908	91,853,000
1907	71,574,000
1906	110,586,000
1905	82,461,000
*Estimated.	

The disappointment lies in the fact that with a larger area under cultivation than ever before, the yield is not to exceed all previous records. The money received from this year's crop must be divided amongst a greater number of farmers than in any former year, and consequently the average share of each must be smaller.

This is mere theory, says the Toronto News. The truth is that for 1910 most of the wheat money goes to the agriculturists north of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and a much lesser proportion to those who till the soil to the south of this oldest transcontinental. The drought did the most of its damage below the line.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

"Why is it," queries the Rochester Union and Advertiser, "that the boys with the old-fashioned names seem to get to the front? A canvas of the names of candidates for the governorship will demonstrate that the boys who were called 'Bill' in their school days are looming up large. There are no Percys or Algerons in this list, and none in sight."

"And why is it, indeed," chimes in the Toronto Star, "that the Percys and the Algerons seem fast to stay out of politics, and the Bills to get there? Why is it, for instance, that every member of the Dominion Cabinet, except the Minister of Justice and those of French origin, wears the commonest Christian names in the language?"

"Harking back to their schoolboy days, they become Dick Cartwright, Fred Borden, Syd. Fisher, Frank Oliver, George Graham, Charlie Murphy and no less than five Williams, Bill Fielding, Bill Patterson, Bill Templeman, Bill Pugsley, and Bill King. Nor is the Minister of Justice a little out of the common, he pays the penalty by being known as 'A.B.' On the front benches of the Opposition sit Bob Borden, George Foster, Charlie Doherty, Bill Maclean, Sam Hughes, Sam Barker, et al."

There seems to be something in a name after all. Politically speaking the commoner it is the better. To be a Bill or a Jim may not assure political distinction, but certainly nothing but political extinction seems to await most of the men who were christened something unusual.

The genial commodore who presides over the destinies of the Chatham World and keeps an ever watchful eye for nautical inaccuracies in St. John newspapers announces in his current issue that "The wedding of Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and Miss Eleanor Butler Alexander of New York city will not take place until after Colonel Roosevelt's return from Africa and the subsequent quieting down of the family." Well! Well! And just think of it, Theodore Jr., was married as long ago as June 20! However, we bear no malice, but it is consoling to know that even the commodore sometimes nods.

CURRENT COMMENT

(Christian Guardian.)

Since the institution of Labor Day as a national holiday, it has followed very naturally that the Sunday preceding it should be slowly recognized as Labor Sunday, and the claims and obligations of labor have seemed specially appropriate subjects for the pulpit upon that day. We think the practice is worthy of even wider recognition than it has yet secured.

(Winnipeg Tribune.)

If Macdonald, Wulfe Gibson and Pardee would care to do their country a real service, they might take to the harvest fields until the Tour is on its return trip.

(London Free Press.)

Mr. R. L. Borden's meetings in the East have apparently been sufficiently successful to bestir the bad blood in the system of the partisan press.

For rheumatism, gout and other signs of disordered kidneys or for stomach trouble, there is a real therapeutic value and pain alleviation in

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THE WATER OF QUALITY

AT TWENTY

By Edward Meeman.

Somewhere the "dearest girl in the world" is waiting for me. Today, this hour, this minute, this very second,—she exists! Whether dark or slight or tall or fair, I know not. But one thing I know, she is—somewhere!

She may be going to school, or may be she's a teacher. Perhaps her dad's a gambler, and maybe he's a preacher. She may be six, or sixteen, or maybe six and thirty. She may be modest and demure; perhaps quite flirty.

Is she strong and wilful, a militant suffragist, Or of the snuggling kind, that wants only to be kissed? Is she motoring today, or sailing in a yacht? She may be spending millions—and then again, maybe not.

Does she wear gowns today, and toy with jewelled fan? Or roll cigars or launder to earn the mite she can? "Eat supper" in a tenement—or in a mansion dine? Will she wait or be waited on tonight, this girl of mine?

Maybe her hair's in a golden braid; maybe over a rat; Maybe topped by a sailor; maybe a picture hat. Are her locks blond or ashen, auburn or red or black? They may not be her own at all! Ah love! Alack!

Of those eyes I will look into so often what's the shade? Have they the depths of a saint, or the rippling glint of a jade? Are they black, or brown, or blue, or gray, or of amber sheen—Lord-a-mercy! What if the eyes of this woman are green?

Maybe she's over in China, maybe across the street; Maybe I know her already; maybe she's yet to meet. Perhaps in print, unknowing, I've often read her name; A girl of the stage, or a nurse, or an author known to fame.

Maybe she wants to be fat; maybe she'd like to be thinner; She may be a homely saint; maybe a beautiful sinner. I don't know—but two things are sure as my heart's beat: She is TODAY, and in God's good time, our hearts will meet.

Then it Happened



Terence Tiddewink had musical tastes. He was the only one in the family so afflicted, but they hoped it might wear off.

Not so, Terence joined the high school glee club and commenced practicing at home on the mandolin. One eve he was twanging the mandolin in his chamber when his father was trying to twang a real estate deal in the library.

The glee club wants a mandolinist.

JOSH WISE SAYS.

Did it ever strike you that Roosevelt was the colonel of the political situation wherever he went?

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HENRY A. ESTABROOKS, LEANDER ESTABROOKS, Administrators.
H. H. Pickett, Solicitor. Aug. 24.

AMUSEMENTS

Nickel Closes 10.30 Tonight For 3 Days
Nickel theatre will wind up the week at 10.30 tonight to remain closed until Wednesday night next at 6.30 when it will reopen with a grand flourish fresh from the hands of the painters, decorators, drapery people and floor coverers practically a new house. It will be a most pleasing change. Much has been done in the past few weeks, but a great deal more—and some surprise—is to be done during the next few days. In the meantime the Nickel is going to have a grand matinee today for the returned school children and a bumper show for the night. Watch the papers for special re-opening announcements.

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