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## ILLITERACY.

According to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, illiteracy is decreasing throughout Canada to a quite marked degree, as it should decrease, under a general system of Free Schools, and supposed compulsory attendance. The records show that for the whole of Canada the percentage of illiterates five years old and up has decreased from 14.88 per cent. in 1901 to 9.25 per cent. in the latest returns. Ontario has the lowest illiteracy percentage 6.46 while Nova Scotia stands third lowest with 9.38. In Quebec and the Western Provinces the highest percentage is shown. In the case of the West the high percentage is due quite largely to foreign born immigrants. In the cities of Canada the percentage of illiterates is 2.66 due to the fact that compulsory education is not so much of a dead letter as it is in some of the rural parts of Canada. In our own Province of Nova Scotia which has enjoyed Free Schools since 1864 the showing is admittedly not so good as it should be considering that the population is overwhelmingly native born.

The child today in Nova Scotia who grows up without learning to properly read and write is losing a great portion of his birthright and a heavy account lies at the door of his parents or guardians. While some parts of the Province have so lost in population that schools which once flourished have been closed, and sections have amalgamated through force of circumstances, there is still no valid reason why any child in our country should be allowed to grow up without at least the rudiments of a common school education. The extent of preventable illiteracy is, perhaps, not recognized by the country as a whole. Most sections and places pass the Compulsory Attendance Law but a great many do not take active steps to put it into force, partly from sheer inertia and carelessness, and partly from a desire not to displease or incur the ill will of those who will not give their children the measure of an opportunity which Providence intended them to have.

The remedy appears to lie in a gradual development of public opinion, stimulated by wise attempts to enforce proper regulations regarding the matter. Illiteracy is a menace and a disgrace to any civilized country at this stage of the world's history. Illiteracy will, perhaps, never be entirely removed but its extent can be materially lessened through public spirit insisting that every child have at least a fair common school education.

## BRITAIN AND EGYPT

Westminster Gazette.—The sooner it is understood in Egypt that we cannot and will not hand over the Sudan and that attempts to foment trouble there will only expose to a dangerous strain the relationship recently established between Britain and Egypt itself, the better for all concerned. There is no longer any excuse for misconceptions as to the true position on the part of the responsible leaders of Egyptian opinion. They must know that no British Government would be likely to meet them in a more friendly and conciliatory manner than the Government at present in office, and they have been told as clearly as possible that the Government has no intention whatever of handing the Sudan over to them. On

the other hand, a settlement which will amply safeguard the legitimate interests of Egypt in the Sudan can easily be made if they are prepared to forego the impossible and to accept it.

## SOUTH AFRICA AND SEPARATION

London Morning Post: If South Africa separated from the rest of the Empire she would lose security in return for an inglorious isolation, she would be left to grapple with a dangerous racial problem alone. The latest census figures from South Africa show that, according to calculations made by the census director, the whites in South Africa in thirty years will number 4,500,000, while the Bantu will have increased by 13,000,000. It is obvious indeed, that the white races of South Africa, whatever be their racial origin and political complexion, will have to come together shortly in a serious effort to secure the supremacy of a civilization confronted by the assaults of fruitful, but degenerate competitors. Faced with such a crisis, South Africa dare not weaken its ties with an Empire which in the long run, can alone provide a remedy for the problems which confront it.

## CIVIL AVIATION.

Auckland (N. Z.) Weekly News: Flying in war time was carried on regardless of its economics. The air services were not expected to produce balance sheets or profit and loss accounts. Their maintenance at the highest possible pitch of efficiency was a matter of life and death. The cost money could not be counted. When air transports had to return to the same humdrum basis as other kinds, these questions had to be faced. Before extensive services could be established as commercial ventures, their commercial possibilities had to be very carefully weighed. Developments could be expected only so far as profitable working was feasible. In that may be found the reason why air transport has not expanded as many optimists confidently expected it would.

## BUILT ON A QUICKSAND.

Hong Kong Press: The impossibility of successfully working the Republic Constitution of China, in the lifetime of the present generation, at least, is perfectly plain. The whole truth of the matter is that the founders of the Republic have been building on the shifting sands of illiteracy and ignorance, not on the concrete foundation of an educated democracy; and until China gets that foundation it seems hopeless to expect anything like the unity and stability of government which the founders of the Republic of China so egregiously thought it would be easy to imitate and emulate.

London Times: Although it is desirable on every ground that Germany should become a member of the League, with full rights and responsibilities, the great chances that her entrance will bring about in European policy should be carefully considered before hand. It would, for instance, be a misfortune if, in order to facilitate the admission of Germany to the League, the issues upon which the war was fought were to be relegated to obscurity, or if the attempts now being vigorously made, to the advantage of Germany, to obscure

the origin of the war, were to prove successful.

## THE ONLY HOPE.

Natal (S. A.) Advertiser: It is at the peril of our civilization that we cultivate the good-natured contemptuous attitude so popular towards the League, ineffective it may be. Powerless in great measure it may be. Without implements to make its will observed, it depends in great measure for its continuance on the good will of the politicians who, for their few fleeting years of office, happen to matter. Yet when it is stripped of every pretension to authority, the League still remains the one international witness to political sanity.

## LIBERALISM AND THE LEAGUE.

Boston Globe: The League is coming into its own. It was conceived because there was present in European councils at the time of its beginnings a spirit of liberalism. And then it languished, as the Liberals driven out of authority by a reaction toward the old system of international chaos. Because the League was not understood, and could not be understood by reactionaries, its growth was slow, its achievements very moderate.

## CRIME BREEDS CRIME.

St. Paul Pioneer Press: Crime breeds crime. The rum runner on the sea, finding it easy to break the law against liquor, and profit magnificently, that he may profit still more magnificently breaks the law against immigration, the law against importation of dope, and the tariff law. The kinship is complete. One little break in the dike of law observance, and the whole sea comes through.

## OBITUARY.

Mrs. Lavinia Whitman.

Lawrencetown.—Mrs. Lavinia Whitman, relict of the late Isaac Whitman, of Lawrencetown passed away after a brief illness at the age of 80 years at the home of J. H. Daniels, Lawrencetown South, on Thursday, Nov. 13th. Mrs. Whitman was formerly Miss McIntyre and resided in Lawrencetown during her early years. After her marriage to Mr. Whitman, several years were spent in the State of Maine, where Mr. Whitman followed his trade as a whiten. She is survived by one sister, Miss McIntyre of Aylesford.

The funeral service was held at the home of Mr. Daniels on Saturday, the 15th, inst. Rev. W. H. Rackham, pastor of the Methodist church, conducted the service, assisted by Rev. A. H. Whitman, of the Baptist church. Interment was at the Valley West cemetery.

## OFFICERS ELECTED FOR CHILDREN'S AID.

Digby.—The annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society was held in the Court House and was largely attended. The President, Dr. DuVernet paid a tribute to the work which had been done by the agent, Rev. A. J. Prosser. The agent's report read and that of the Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. C. Dexter, which showed a balance on hand of \$164.67. An advisory committee, consisting of Frank Jones, Alfred Boden and Frank Nichols, was appointed. The new officers are—President, Dr. DuVernet; Vice-Pres., Rev. Mr. Driffield; Secy-Treas., Mrs. C. Dexter; Executive, Mrs. Percy Holdsworth, William Cosaboom and Warden Saunders of Sandy Cove.

## \$100,519,730 RAISED BY METHODISTS.

Chicago.—More than \$8,500,000 was contributed by the constituency of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the year just closed to the connectional benevolences of the church through the World Service Commission. Dr. R. J. Wade, Executive Secretary of the commission, announced this today to the Chicago Methodist Preachers' meeting. He urged more prayer if giving to the church is to reach higher levels. "This amount exceeded the expectation of some of the leaders but was very much below the receipts for the preceding year," he said. "This necessitates retrenchment on all lines and will interfere with the church development programme at home and abroad. It is predicted that some of the boards will be compelled to reduce operation by 25 per cent. In the foreign field this will mean the return of missionaries and the impairment of work successfully begun." For all purposes the church giving last year was \$100,519,730, the largest outpouring of money in the history of the church.

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## REV. L. M. DANIELS WANTS TO BE REAL SKY PILOT.

London.—Having a "parish" of 40,000 square miles, the Rev. L. M. Daniels, of Wilcannia, New South Wales, has asked the Colonial and Continental Church Society for an aeroplane in order to make his calls. He explains that he travels 10,000 miles a year in getting round his "parish," and some of the most important places get a service only two or three times a year. He is at present using a decrepit automobile.

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## Cold in the Head.

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## PRINCEDALE.

Miss Elsie Dondale of Riverdale, is spending a few days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Manning Dondale. Mr. Robert Caffrey, of Clements-ville, spent Sunday at Mr. Albert Fraser's.

Mrs. Elder Fraser spent Tuesday at Power Lot, with Mrs. George McClelland.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sanford, of Clements-ville, were guests of Mrs. Albert Fraser on Sunday.

Mr. David Wright of Clements-ville, is spending a few days at Mr. Forman Wright's.

## HIGH-HANDED, SAYS U. S. FEDERAL JUDGE.

Scores Treatment of British Seamen. Orders Return of \$1200 Taken From Crew of The Marjorie Bachman.

Boston.—Federal Judge Morton termed the government's treatment of the crew of the British vessel Marjorie Bachman "high-handed" Monday, when he ordered the return of \$1,250 alleged to have been taken from the crew.

The Bachman was seized many miles off shore and was brought to Boston. Counsel for the crew contended that the men were illegally held and that money and personal belongings were taken from the crew by coast guard officials.

"The treatment of this crew, as has been outlined in the testimony before this court, was high handed, to say the least, declared Judge Morton. I might go further and state that, in this court's opinion, it is quite beyond realization. It is hard to conceive how the government's agents could assume such an attitude or employ such tactics against a crew on the high seas.

"I order the return of this \$1,250 to the members of this crew." I fail to understand why it was found in the possession of the government's agents anyway.

## BEAR HUNTER CUTS HIS THIRD NICHE.

Liverpool.—Edward Clancy of Beech Hill Farms, has cut another niche in his gun barrel, as on Saturday he captured another bear, which is the third one in a week and the largest of them all, measuring over seven feet in length. Mr. Clancy found the bear caught in his steel trap by a forward paw, and in a very peaceable frame of mind.

The hunter declares this was the same bear he shot at few days ago. At that time the bear was facing him, but behind a small tree, and the one just captured shows where a bullet has grazed the side of the jaw.

## PULP MANAGER MOVED TO ANNAPOLIS.

Digby.—W. L. Bailey, of the Lincoln Pulp Co., Ltd., Bangor, Maine, who had an office at Digby during the past year, has removed to Annapolis Royal. Mr. Bailey has purchased a large quantity of pulpwood in Annapolis County, which is being shipped to the plant at Bangor.

## MUNICIPAL PAWN SHOPS ADVOCATED FOR MONTREAL.

Montreal.—Following revelations of alleged reception of stolen goods by pawn shops in Montreal, the executive committee is considering for recommendation to the council the project of establishing municipal pawn shops, on the lines of those which have existed in Europe for centuries, especially in Paris. The committee has decided to apply to the Provincial Legislature for authorization to enter the trade. The articles received would be limited to certain kinds, city valuers would be named to value them, period for redemption would be fixed, and a record kept of all persons leaving goods for loan.

## DIGBY HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS FORM CLUB.

Digby.—Under the direction of Principal Chisholm, the pupils of Digby High School have formed a social club, and intend to hold fortnightly meetings throughout the winter. The first meeting was held at the Assembly Hall on Friday evening, and games and dances were indulged in, after which refreshments were served. It is the intention to devote part of the activities of the club to social functions and part to athletics.

Officers of the Social Committee elected were—President, Fred DuVernet; Secretary-Treasurer, W. Saylor; Athletic Committee, B. E. Eldridge, S. Denton, F. DuVernet; Secretary-Treasurer, Principal B. Chisholm. The committee in charge of the social Friday night were—Chairman, Vivian Lewis; Committee—Edna Warrington, Gerald Tupper, Seymour Denton and Garfield Hayden.

The club is going to start a drive for equipment for the High School hockey team and are very confident the Digby team will win the Halifax Herald Trophy.

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**B. C. ADOPTS LASH FOR MEN AND WOMEN.**  
Victoria.—The flogging of women drug traffickers met with the approval of Mrs. Mary Ellen Smith, M. L. A., Vancouver, who favored a resolution in the legislature, Tuesday, to authorize the lash for convicted drug traffickers.

Asked whether she would have women flogged as well as men, Mrs. Smith said: "We can't make the punishment too heavy for men and women, too, who traffic in narcotic drugs." adding:

"I hold no brief for either sex. If a woman break the law she should get the same punishment as a male law breaker. Women traffickers in narcotics can destroy the soul, just as can a man, and they should be subjected to the same penalties." The motion authorizing the lash passed.

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