

Government RAILWAY COMMISSION

Freight for the S.S. "Sagona" for the usual Labrador Ports of call as far as Hopedale, ice permitting, will be received at the Dock Shed TO-DAY, MONDAY, July 4th, from 9 a.m.

Govt. Railway Commission.

Canadian National Railway

EFFECTIVE MAY 1st — SYDNEY-HALIFAX-ST. JOHN-MONTREAL-OTTAWA-NORTH BAY-COCHRANE-WINNIFEG-VANCOUVER. All Trains Operate on Standard Time.

Lv. Sydney, N.S.—C. N. Rys.	6:30 a.m.	A.T.	1st Day
Lv. Halifax, N.S.—C. N. Rys.	7:30 p.m.	A.T.	1st Day
Lv. St. John, N.B.—C. N. Rys.	6:10 p.m.	A.T.	1st Day
Lv. Moncton, N.B.—C. N. Rys.	10:05 p.m.	A.T.	1st Day
Lv. Montreal, Que.—G. T. Ry.	9:00 p.m.	E.T.	2nd Day
Lv. Ottawa, Ont.—C. N. Rys.	12:30 a.m.	E.T.	3rd Day
Lv. North Bay, Ont.—T. & N. O. Ry.	9:10 a.m.	E.T.	3rd Day
Ar. Winnipeg, Man.—C. N. Rys.	7:30 p.m.	C.T.	4th Day
Ar. Saskatoon, Sask.—C. N. Rys.	1:05 p.m.	M.T.	5th Day
Ar. Edmonton, Alta.—G. T. P. Ry.	11:20 p.m.	M.T.	5th Day
Ar. Jasper, Alta.—C. N. Rys.	8:10 a.m.	P.T.	6th Day
Ar. Prince Rupert, B.C.—G.T.P. Ry.	7:15 p.m.	P.T.	Su. Tu. Th.
Ar. Vancouver, B.C.—C. N. Rys.	8:20 p.m.	P.T.	7th Day
Ar. Victoria, B.C.—C.P.S.S.	3:00 p.m.	P.T.	7th Day
Ar. Seattle, Wash.—C.P.S.S.	9:30 p.m.	P.T.	7th Day

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Vital Statistics.

CITY OF ST. JOHN'S, WITHIN THE LIMITS.

Total number of Births for month of June 1921 96
Total number of Deaths for month of June 1921 45
Deaths under one month 2

CAUSE.
Prematurity 2
Spina Bifida 1
 3

Deaths under one year 4
CAUSE.
Whooping Cough 1
Hereditary Lues 1
Congenital Debility 1
Marasmus 1

Deaths from one to five years 4
CAUSE.
Pertussis 1
Tuberculous Meningitis 2
Cholera Infantum 1

Deaths from five years and over 34
CAUSE.
Toxaemia 1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis 2
Phthisis Pulmonalis 1
Tuberculosis 1
Carcinoma of Stomach 4
Cancer of Liver 2
Apoplexy 1
Paralysis 1
Cerebral Haemorrhage 2
Delusional Insanity 1
Epilepsy 1
Endocarditis 1
Myocarditis 3
Arteriosclerosis 3
Pneumonia 4
Cholecystitis 1
Senility 3
Abdominal Injuries 1
Heart Failure 1

Comparative Statement.
Year 1919 1920 1921
Total number of Births for month of June 110 111 96
Total number of Deaths for month of June 26 36 45
Deaths under one month 6 5 3
Deaths under one year 1 1 4
Deaths from one to five years 1 3 4
Deaths from five years and over 18 27 34

W. J. MARTIN, Registrar General.

The Declaration of Independence.

To the average Briton of to-day, the 4th of July has but little significance, but it is an anniversary kept with the greatest rejoicing by our American cousins, for it was on July 4, 1776, that the famous Declaration of Independence was signed by the American Congress, and the United States came into being from that date. To decide what was exactly the cause of the secession of America would be a hard task indeed. Some blame the Stamp Act; others the Writs of Assistance, while the majority attribute it to the reduction of the Tea Tax. To put it in a nutshell, however, the fact of the matter was that the colonists of America were sick of British rule. This was not to be wondered at when it is remembered that the majority of colonists in Boston and other towns on the Eastern side of America had left the British Isles owing to persecution in some form or other. England, then, was not the free country it is now, for Catholics, Protestants, Quakers, and Nonconformists suffered the grossest persecution at different periods. These men could not be expected to make the most loyal colonists, and the emigrants began to entertain a most bitter hatred of England. Riots became common, and England with characteristic apathy, allowed the Americans to gain such power that when the War of Independence opened, the British troops were hopelessly outnumbered. At the Battle of Bunker Hill a desperate encounter took place, in which British valour and bayonets would not be denied. Although, virtually, Bunker Hill was a British victory, the moral effect was such that it encouraged the Americans to greater effort. Matters moved rapidly after this. Washington, the idol of every American, formed his famous army and prepared for a desperate resistance; the Declaration of Independence being the result. This freedom of America was hailed with joy throughout the country. Hostilities with England, however, continued intermittently until 1815, when a peace was proclaimed, by which we recognised the independence of the United States.

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Thoughts on the Colosseum of Rome.

By STEPHEN GRAHAM.

Rome—It is sometimes included in the wonders of the world, and it is certainly one of the most remarkable ruins of antiquity. If all modern Rome were swept away by pestilence and earthquake, the Colosseum would no doubt still stand and be as prominent a feature of the city as the Pyramids themselves. It has already survived many earthquake shocks and nineteen noisy centuries. It stands to-day in grey serenity—a mighty stone structure of great height and massivity, with tier upon tier of galleries where could be accommodated nearly all the Rome of its day. There is no other place like it—with its two hundred and forty arched entrances and its cages and prisons. It is vast and cruel and vain even now. All the circles glare down into the empty arena.

A Symbol of Decay.

You imagine a festival at the Albert Hall when that little fragile building is packed from the expensive fringes of the stalls and the boxes to the mysterious height of the gallery, then magnify many times and charge wood into hevn rock and take off the roof and give Roman air and sunlight, and change the character and dress of the people, and make them just for blood and for strange sights, and give voices to their bellies and violent animation and excitability to their limbs and their features, and you have the Roman amphitheatre which Flavian built A.D. 70, to be butcheries for Christians and captives of war, an arena for gladiators and a place of circuses.

The Colosseum is the symbol of the decay of Rome. Bede is said to have prophesied: "Whilst the Colosseum stands Rome will stand; when the Colosseum falls the world itself will fall," but that was merely testimony to its mighty structure. Five or six palaces have been built of the marbles and other materials which have been taken away, and still the Colosseum stands in all its architectural impressiveness. But the thing this amphitheatre was built for ruined Rome. The taste for brutal pleasure which the emperors encouraged devalued the spirit of the Romans, and deprived them of that traditional virtue of which they had been so proud. Famine of circuses, the giving of bread unworked-for and the making of grand gladiatorial shows for the plebs.

Thumbs up or Thumbs Down.

Standing-room for twenty thousand plebeians was actually given free, and the other eighty thousand people who could be accommodated paid little or nothing. The shows which gave pleasure also gave glory, and emperors and magistrates sunned themselves in the people's favour by the entertainment they could procure for the masses. Wild beasts were let out upon the little crowd of kneeling victims, and tore them to pieces amid the guffaws and delighted yells of that vast concourse of people. Or men fought with infuriated beasts—the foundation of the bull-fight. Bears and lions and rhinoceroses and elephants and many other animals were opposed to men for the popular delight. Or men fought men with swords, and champions arose and championships in plenty. We read of one gladiator working hundreds of other gladiators in the arena of the Colosseum to the joy of the people, who got extremely excited as to whether the fight had been a sporting one, and whether they should hold their thumbs down and have the gladiator killed, or thumbs up and let him go.

A Dead Lust.

Rome fell; its era was supplanted

by another greater era. The barbarian whom the Romans had enslaved and tormented at last threw down the mighty empire.

I see before me the gladiator he butchered to make a Roman holiday. Shall he expire? And unavenged? Arise! Ye Goths and glut your ire!

so Byron wrote. Now little children are playing where wild beasts were held, and tourists peep into the empty dens where the Christian prisoners are were kept.

A great war has lately been raging when all manner of anachronistic tendencies of mankind were displayed, the popular lust for cruelty and blood, which once raged from all those burning Roman eyes about the great arena, has not returned. Few people now can bear to look on at cruelty. Even executions are hidden from men's eyes, and even if, upon occasion, we will cruelly, we demand that it shall be accomplished away from our eyes, and that we shall not be confronted with the details. Here, where such gory things were done, if one of us saw an organ-grinder threatening a monkey with a knife we should leap to save the monkey—and ourselves.

It may be the heaven of Christianity or the development of man, or the mental performance of the sympathetic Northern European, but it is none the less a remarkable fact that that cruelty which was once public meat and drink for everyone is now a hidden thing, lurking only in the secrets of prison-life or in places like those parts of the New World where the mob still burns its negroes alive and looks on and feels no shame.

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