

GOOD WERE AT FUNERAL OF DR. BENSON DREADFUL SIGHT OF THE DREAFFUL DESTRUCTION OF MESSIAH, SAYS ROOSEVELT UNDER-SIZED INSECT WHICH RAVAGES MAINE FORESTS ERRORS STUBBS' CAPTAIN E. D. C. TEAM

Chatham, N. B., April 9.—Upwards of one thousand people followed the remains of Dr. Jos. B. Benson as they were borne today from his late residence Water street, to their final resting place in St. Paul's churchyard, while hundreds lined the streets through which the cortege wound its way to the parish church three miles above town. Archdeacon Forsyth performed the last sad rites while clergy-men of all denominations were in procession to the grave. Selma if ever, has a more large attended funeral been seen on the North Shore. In spite of the fact that Chatham does not at all generally observe Good Friday as a public holiday every street and office was closed for the afternoon, while from dozens of flagstaffs were suspended flags at half mast. There were no pall bearers and the mourners who followed the hearse were: Mrs. B. Benson, P. H. C. Benson, J. Fred Benson, Wm. Benson, Stewart Benson, J. Staffor Benson, Mordant S. Benson, D. T. Johnston, W. H. Tappin, Geoffrey Stead, Richard Hocken, Hon. Allan Ritchie and Dr. W. B. Loggie, Dr. P. W. Duffy, Dr. J. M. B. Baxter, Dr. Desmond and Dr. McCullery. Instated in the procession were hundreds of school children, about 130 teams and three hundred citizens on foot. The order was: school children, hearse, mourners, Lieut. Governor Tweedie, Town Council, general public.

Port Said, April 9.—Mr. Roosevelt has given out for publication the following statement regarding the existing situation at Messina, which city he visited on Tuesday of this week: "There is no sadder sight than the dreadful desolation of Messina, and words cannot describe it. It seems that there are still forty thousand bodies buried in the ruins. "The American people do not realize the labors of relief performed by the

Lloyd Griscom, the American ambassador, Commander Belnap, the naval attaché at Rome and the gunboat Scorpion, under Lieutenants Buchanan and Wilcox as well as by Winthrop Chandler, and the other members of the volunteer committee. They have performed a labor which should be a source of legitimate pride to every American and our gratitude should be heartfelt for the honor they have reflected on our country."

The Standard a short time ago published an article on the violation of the lobster fishing regulations in parts of Nova Scotia. This was brought to the attention of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries by Dr. Daniel, M. P. The Minister in response to Dr. Daniel's query stated on the floor of the House that no report concerning the matter had been made to him but that it would be investigated.

Useful and very timely information is given in the report on Agriculture for the province in regard to the brown-tailed insect pest, known as the native of Europe, first appeared in the State of Massachusetts early in the last decade and in the New England States, had done enormous damage to many varieties of trees. The State of Massachusetts and other States have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in trying to combat it.

Only a few male moths have been found here, but on account of our proximity to infested areas, the many people travelling from there here by both trains and steamer, the danger of the introduction of this pest to the country at heart should keep a close watch for the appearance of these insects and if they find one should correspond immediately with either the Department of Agriculture at Fredericton, or to Mr. William McIntosh, Natural History Museum, St. John.

"Jerry" Stubbs will captain the Every Day Club track team this season. The manager and trainer will be George Stanton. The team starts out with a first-class string of athletes and a strenuous season is to be mapped out. The first meet will be held on Friday's indoor track May 24. Meeting Yesterday.

The team met in the dressing rooms of the Queen's Rink at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning and elected its officers. The men also did some training for Friday's indoor meet at Brooks Will Not Be Here First of Season.

Place to be chosen for college meet. The representatives of the colleges competing in the Maritime Provinces Intercollegiate Track Meet, Acadia, Mt. Allison and the University of New Brunswick, are to meet here today for the purpose of arranging for the place and date of the 1909 meet. It is said to be practically settled that May 26 will be the date. The choice for place will be between Halifax and St. John's. The latter has many advantages, but has been held in both the towns mentioned. There are good tracks in both places and either would be suitable.

Two minute interviews. We are thankful, therefore, that the doctrine of the resurrection did not have its rise after the contemporaries of our Lord had passed away, when there would have been none with first hand knowledge of the fact, and none therefore, who would have been in a position to disprove it if that had been possible.

More entries for Mohawk St. John Meet. There was a great bunch of youngsters at the Queen's Rink yesterday trotting around the rink in an attempt to imitate their elders who are getting on in years. It is thought a strict maintenance of a close season would save this shellfish from serious depletion.

Easter music in several of the churches. Special Easter music, appropriate to the season, will be heard in nearly every church in the city at the Sunday services. The musical programme of a number of churches is detailed below: Trinity Church.

Hunting for murderer in Maine woods. Bingham, Me., April 9.—Following the murder of his young wife here tonight Herbert Nettage was the object of a man hunt in which nearly two score of citizens and sheriffs armed with revolvers, rifles, axes and other weapons, participated. The chase after the murderer was over a thick covering of snow but up to a late hour tonight no definite trace of the fugitive had been obtained.

Deaths by wreck due to broken. Coburg, Ont., April 8.—At 10 o'clock and a half following the case of Charles J. D. of West Toronto, the C. P. R. man, on trial at the assizes on criminal negligence and willful neglect of duty whereby causing the wreck at Sandbank on Nov. 23, 1907, Judge Britton deferred the trial until tomorrow.

Will send Castro back to Europe. Washington, D. C., April 9.—The French Government has informed the State Department of its determination to put into effect immediately the decision announced yesterday from Paris to expel former president Castro, of Venezuela, from Port de France, Martinique and compel him to return to Europe.

W. H. Smith passes away at age of 72. The death of one of the best known commercial men in the city took place early yesterday afternoon when Mr. W. H. Smith passed away at his home on Douglas Avenue.

Record travel. A record was established this year for Good Friday travel out of the city. A special car had to be attached to the seven o'clock train going east to accommodate the unexpected number of passengers.

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