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THE RIDERS OF THE PLAINS.

A vivid glimpse of a nation in the process of building is given in the annual report of the Northwest Mounted Police which has just been published. The volume deals with the ordinary routine work of the force but nature that even an official report of the details of these men reflects almost every phase of life in a new country. The territory of which they have charge includes Alberta, Saskatchewan, Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territories. Throughout this immense area, the constables of the force stand for law and order. In many districts they are the sole representatives of authority and on them depends that respect for the law which the people must observe. How successfully they have impressed their stamp on the country is shown in the comparative freedom from serious crime. No other new country was ever opened up in such an orderly manner with so few acts of violence and as little lawlessness. To accomplish this has required a rigid discipline which has trained men to meet, with clear judgment and unflinching courage, every emergency as it arises. The officer must possess the courage of a soldier, the skill of a woodsman and plunger and many other such vigorous attributes, and in addition must display almost the skill of a diplomat. For, although the sternest measures are used when necessary, the country is not ruled by force but by respect for the law which is drilled into the inhabitants by the mounted police. Among their most difficult tasks is that of keeping peace among the Indians, many of whom are as restless as before the white man came to this continent. It is not an uncommon thing for the officer to record a trip taken by a single officer to a tribe on the verge of revolt, which it has been his duty to pacify and restore to order.

The general welfare of the country also receives their attention and the reports contain full information of the progress of the various districts in agriculture, stock-raising, mining, trading, etc.

The work of exploration is included in these duties and considerable information regarding new districts is given.

The force is composed of six hundred and twenty-nine men. These include all kinds. Regarding a certain class of men a paragraph from Commissioner Perry's report is illuminating. He says: "I regret that I was obliged to dismiss forty-four men from the service. The chief cause was drunkenness. Many of them were educated men of good families and failed to realize the responsibilities of their position. The men of this force are largely employed on independent duty free from the immediate control of their superiors. They have important duties to perform and the public rightly expects from them a high standard of conduct. To get a better class of recruits he suggests a shorter term of enlistment and higher pay."

Occasional flashes of humor brighten the pages. For instance in speaking of juvenile offenders confined at Calgary the report of Provost Peters tells that the matron entered the room where the boys were confined and asked what they were doing. "Please, sir," quoth the eldest, "we are playing at breaking into a bank." In the west the young men learn how to do many things besides how to shoot.

The difficulties of maintaining order have been increased by the antics of the Doukhobor fanatics. A complete account is given of the trouble experienced with the bands who insisted on roaming the prairies in a state of nature.

The foreign element furnishes the troopers with a large part of their work. In telling of a cold blooded murder of a Chinaman by another, the survivor is quoted as saying calmly when arrested, "Me shoot him—he no remark." "The small regard which some of these foreigners have for human life is something appalling."

In pursuing their calling the police of the west face death almost every day. One constable was foully murdered while watching for burglars who had already committed a number of crimes. Among the many arduous tasks which the force undertakes none are more strenuous than the long trips overland on horseback, at times with the sleds, and down turbulent rivers in frail canoes.

Inspector Jarvis took a trip to Herschel Island situated in north latitude 69 degrees, 33 min. To investigate the whaling trade and the treatment meted out to the natives. At this time he took a trip of 2,000 miles in a whaling vessel. A "usual winter patrol" of a thousand miles from Dawson to Fort McPherson is merely casually mentioned.

Even fish stories creep into this remarkable report. One of the inspectors of the northern section tells of seeing deep water trout 25 pounds large; some are said to be larger.

Conditions in the Yukon are pictured in an encouraging light. The assistant commissioner says that the dance halls, which a lingering death but are at last suppressed. A number of men who were supposed to live on the profits of prostitution were driven out of the country and many women also. There are no regularly conducted gambling games and any attempt to gamble in a public place is promptly suppressed. A grim hint of the dangers of life in the north is given in the following paragraph. "We still adhere to the practice of keeping a register of the persons in each boat that leaves White Horse. If a person is missing on its arrival in Dawson, the occupants have to give an account of the missing one." There is another side of life in the Yukon, however. Particulars are given of a farm of one hundred acres which with only the labor of two owners, yields produce which sells for \$4,750. Sgt. Donaldson tells of a thrilling experience on Hudson's Bay in a coasting boat, where his party were overtaken by a storm. For two days and three nights they were unable to prepare any food; their clothes and bedding were soaked and they could see no sleep; their stock of fresh water ran out and finally when totally exhausted they were forced to beach the boat, and thus escaped.

MUWAGGAR.

Above the walls of Muwaggar. There is no blot on all the blue. Only the vulture veering through the azure spaces faint and far.

Within the gates of Muwaggar. There is no wonder but the wind; Only the mole, that burrower blind, Where prone the once proud portals are.

Along the streets of Muwaggar. There is no smoke of sacrifice; No garland laid in votive wise, To any low or lordly Lar.

Silence and Death in Muwaggar. Have held supreme their citadel. How long no tongue of man may tell, Without or let or ban or bar.

Silence and Death in Muwaggar. Will keep their triumph stronghold still. Aye, even until the Eternal Will Sunder from space the sun and star.

SHAMROCK.

There's a little green plant that grows over the sea, And the emerald leaves that it sums its day roll.

But though far from old Erin her name may depart, Each carries that little green plant in his heart.

It comes from the glens where the wild waters meet, It is sweet with the smoke of the pipe and the peat.

It teaches the lone, longing exile to sing, And breathes to his spirit the promise of spring.

Oh, the lad who was small when he came to New York, May forget his old home in the county of Cork.

The harp of his fathers may be but a name, And belief in a banish no more he may claim.

But lo! when the drums of St. Patrick Day roll, And the music is thrilling the core of your soul,

He is sure to appear at the very first note, With a little green shamrock displayed on his coat.

For the roses of England may wave o'er the world, And the lilies of France in their whiteness unfold,

But the heart of the Irishman ever is true, To the little green shamrock all shining with dew.

The shamrock of Ireland eternally dear, The shamrock that sprang from a patriot's tear.

And immortally green, is entwined with the story Of Erin's sorrows and her glory.

MINNA IRVING.

CONVALESCENT.

Thou hast come back from deserts vast and wild, From twilight wanderings by a shadowy sea,

From the far glory of the Undefined—Thou hast come back to home and love and me.

Though heavenly meadows stretched before thy gaze, Thick flecked with amaranth and asphodel,

Though angels tended thee and all thy days Were palpant with music as a bell,

Yet wouldst thou choose these low, cloud shadowed skies—These tranquil hours with my hand in thine,

Gazing forever into answering eyes; What sphere could be thy heaven that was not mine?

The "Specials" offered by butchers, bakers, or grocers can be profitably advertised in the classified ads.

DOCTORED BLOOD ORANGES.

In St. Petersburg a young girl eating a blood orange raised a cry and began to spit blood. She had swallowed the broken point of a needle of an infection syringe. It was removed and was found to contain a certain quantity of red aniline dye. When the remainder of the packet of oranges was examined it was discovered that they had all been injected with a solution of aniline and red aniline coloring. This process has long been known to give ordinary oranges the appearance of blood oranges.—Paris Edition New York Herald.

JOHNSON'S CELEBRATION DEPENDS ON WIFE'S COLOR

Galveston Sore Because of Rumor That Champion Married White Woman—Three-Quarters Black, Says Jack

Galveston, Tex., Mar. 15.—If the colored prize fighter, Jack Johnson, who is to arrive here next Thursday, cannot deny that he has a white wife, a demonstration being arranged by Galveston negroes in his honor, will be abandoned. It is planned to meet Johnson at the train with a band and a long line of carriages for a parade over the city.

Receptions and other functions are also scheduled but leaders of the movement said today that all hinges on the truth or falsity of reports as to the white wife.

Reception committees said that they considered that Johnson's marriage to a white woman would be a violation of the laws and customs of the country of his birth.

CHICAGO, Ill., Mar. 15.—Johnson emphatically denied tonight that his wife was a white woman.

"My Johnson," said the fighter, "is three-quarters negro blood, and I did not marry her in Australia. Her maiden name is Hattie Smith and we were married in Mississippi about two and a half years ago. She went to Australia from London."

NICARAGUA DISCLAIMS ANY WARLIKE INTENT

But United States Will Keep Six Battleships on the Coasts Just for Emergencies.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 15.—Nicaragua, through her Minister here, Senator Espinoza, protested to Secretary Knox today that the military and naval activity now in progress in that country is entirely for defensive purposes, that she does not contemplate any attack on her sister republics and that conditions are quiet within her borders.

Notwithstanding the Minister's assertion of Nicaragua's peaceful intentions towards her neighbors, the administration has decided to keep the naval forces in Central American waters to the total of six vessels. Besides the Honduras, the armored cruiser Maryland and Washington are to remain on the west coast, the former going to Acapulco, Salvador, and the latter to Corinto.

SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER GOT THREE MONTHS

RICHMOND, N. B., March 15.—The man looking like a neuro but who says he is a Russian and calling himself George White, and who last week appeared at Harcourt and called at houses, frightening women and demanding food, is now in jail here on a charge of vagrancy. Magistrate J. Watson sentenced him to three months' imprisonment. His hands were found to be covered with a scabrous eruption of having been lately frozen.

DOWNIE FOUND GUILTY.

The court room was crowded to the doors yesterday afternoon at the closing session of the Downie case and intense interest was taken in the address by Judge McLeod, Milton Price for the defendant, and the Attorney General.

In charging the jury Judge McLeod referred to remarks made about the manner in which the Simms Co. conducted their office and said it was a well conducted office. As far as the police were concerned if they were to be believed that Downie was guilty, it was his duty to lay the information, His Honor reviewed the evidence and said it was seemingly difficult for a man to choke himself into insensibility. If he was feigning he would come round soon. The burglar would not be able to put the money under the accused's desk, and have to rob the office a second time to get the money away.

After deliberating for an hour and a quarter the jury brought in a verdict of guilty with a recommendation to mercy.

The prisoner had nothing to say and was remanded to jail.

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MONCTON OFFICER SHOT AT FROM WOODS

While Trying to Dispossess Wm. Green.

House Defended by Mrs. Green, and Husband Is Suspected of Shooting—Fear for Safety of Pollard's Companion.

MONCTON, N. B., March 15.—Sheriff McQueen and Constables Stevenson, of Moncton, and McArthur, of Shediac, today figured in an exciting shooting episode at Meadow Brook, the scene of the Dutcher tragedy of a few years ago.

Sheriff McQueen had papers for debt against Carrie Green, wife of William Green, and accompanied by the constables went to the Green home this morning to dispossess the family. William Green was not at home apparently, and Mrs. Green refused the officers admittance.

She barred the doors and informed the sheriff she was sorry he had not stayed longer as he was going to be shot. The sheriff replied he was there to do his duty and take chances on the being shot. He demanded admittance and threatened to break down the doors, but this had no effect.

While the sheriff stood at the back door and Constable McArthur at the front door, a rifle shot rang out. In the woods 150 yards distant and a bullet embedded itself in the casing close to McArthur's head. Naturally, being fired upon from ambush created some excitement, but the officers finally forced their way into the house and took possession.

The shot alarmed the woman, and Mrs. Green and her mother went to the woods to try and quiet the man of whom the officers had caught but glimpses. No further shots were fired.

Sheriff McQueen took possession of the house, seized an organ and carried it off, and locked up the house. The amount involved in the action against Mrs. Green is about \$50.

The shooting occurred at the scene of the Dutcher murder which furnished a sensational trial and has created more than ordinary interest.

William Green is a brother of the late Mrs. Dutcher.

Hall was examined by the police to night and said he knew nothing of Morrell's whereabouts. He said he had left Morrell a piece of ice for some time along the north line, Morrell's feet having given out and he being unable to travel further. As no tidings of Morrell have been heard since so far as known here, it is feared his body may have been well hidden. He has promised to start tomorrow to find the place where he left Morrell.

The G. T. P. commissioners have made an advance in price of the land taken from the railroad. The first offer was \$100 an acre. Today the price was increased to \$150, which will be considered by the council tomorrow night.

MRS. CHAPMAN WINS.

Inter-Faction Disagreement of Rubinstein Club Apparently Settled by Larger Section of Club.

(Bangor Commercial.)

Bangor people who follow the doings of the Rubinstein club of New York City, which W. H. Chapman is director and Mrs. Chapman, secretary and treasurer, will be interested to learn that the faction led by Mrs. Chapman, has been apparently successful in the inter-faction disagreement which has been troubling the organization for some time and it is now thought that everything will go along smoothly.

A New York paper of recent date says: "The members of the Rubinstein club yesterday swore allegiance to their president, Dr. Adelaide Wallerstein, and decided to run things their own way, without consulting their officer. At present the organization, which is the oldest musical club of women in the country, is practically without an official head, although the rebellious faction is headed by Mrs. William R. Chapman, corresponding secretary."

"Two hundred old members who gathered together in the afternoon in the Myrtle room in the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, and determined look. The majority were there to join in the cry of 'Down with the Wallerstein rule!'"

A few sided with the absent officer. It was aided with the absent officer. It was aided with the absent officer. It was aided with the absent officer.

After a few minutes of discussion, the club decided to elect a new president and to report to the meeting to be held in the club rooms on March 21.

The resolution adopted yesterday provides that the looks, property, papers and funds shall be officially turned over by the new faction to their secretary and treasurer and she is authorized to get possession of them in any way possible.

The new trustees dates from January of this year, when Mrs. Wallerstein was elected president, to serve for five years. The seceders affirm that the club members were not fully notified of the election and that they there-

SMALLPOX CAUSING TROUBLE IN HALIFAX

Summons Issued for Concealing a Case and Several for Breaking Quarantine—Unvaccinated Children Excluded From Schools.

HALIFAX, Mar. 15.—A summons has been issued in the police court by the city health department charging concealing of smallpox. The health laws require that anyone contracting an infectious disease is required to report it to the city medical officer within 15 hours, also that any physician attending such a case and knowing it to be an infectious disease must report the case.

The other parties will be summoned charged with entering and leaving houses while the latter were under quarantine.

Tomorrow is the date fixed for unvaccinated children to be denied admittance to public schools, and refusal in some cases promise to make trouble as some parents object to vaccination of their children, particularly those not strong and robust.

In accordance with a resolution of the board of health school principals were notified to permit no unvaccinated children in the schools after March 15 and in all cases doubt as to vaccination teachers are to demand certificates of successful vaccination from some qualified medical practitioner.

BRYAN RECEPTIVE IF NOT ACTIVE CANDIDATE

The Payne Bill—Mills Closing and Wages Being Reduced.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 15.—William J. Bryan, in an interview today, left the impression that he would be a receptive if not an active candidate for the United States Senate from Nebraska in 1911, to succeed Senator J. Burton.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—The Payne tariff bill will be introduced in the house tomorrow immediately after the President's message is read. It is understood that several matters will remain unsettled. They employ a state to accompany the bill.

RICHMOND, W. Va., March 15.—The mills of the Richmond Pulp and Paper Company will close down indefinitely Tuesday night. They employ over 200 men.

HAIRSBURG, Pa., March 15.—The Pennsylvania Steel Company, one of the largest of the independent steel companies in the country, has announced a reduction in wages approximately ten per cent, effective April 1.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 15.—A sharp reduction in wages at Sparrows Point, amounting to ten per cent, and affecting all divisions of the company, is being considered by the company today. Approximately 1,200 workmen will be affected.

BOSTON, Mass., March 15.—Alfred A. Fleming, once one of the best known artists and decorators in Boston, dropped dead of heart disease to night near his home in Paris, 56 years ago. He decorated several of the best theatres in Boston. He is survived by a widow and two daughters.

fore had no chance to vote.

"One of the strongest members of the new faction is Miss Anna Rhodes, an expert on parliamentary rules. Miss Rhodes said that out of the 800 members of Rubinstein 236 were heard from yesterday, either in person or by proxy."

"When the dues were paid last October it was stated in the prospectus that a series of six musicals would be given by the club, one each month, under the direction of Mrs. Newhouse, and that three evening concerts, in charge of William R. Chapman would be included in the winter's entertainment. It is demanded by the new organization that this arrangement be carried out, and that the money already paid into the club for this purpose be used to defray the expenses."

"No one would say whether Mrs. Wallerstein had or had not been officially notified that she no longer had a club to preside over, or at least she could not count the majority of Re members on her side. That she knew of the intended meeting was disclosed by the fact that she issued a bulletin to the members describing the action of Mrs. Chapman, and her followers, pleading with them to stand by her and concluding with a promise to continue to devote her time, energies and skill to the interests of the club, as she had done in the past. Mrs. Wallerstein would say nothing about her future plans and she would not discuss the action of her club associates."

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MANY ARRIVE FOR MEETING

Delegates From All Parts of Canada

Rev. Mr. Bowen Discusses Great Work Being Carried On

Delegates from all parts of the Dominion are arriving in the city to take part in the annual meeting of the Canadian Bible Society the opening session of which convenes tomorrow.

The organization which is a corporate branch of the British Foreign and Bible Society is an institution whose influence extends all over the world. Its purpose is to supply every inhabitant of the earth with a Bible in the tongue that he understands and at a cost that he can easily afford. The task is a stupendous one and the organization and system necessary to bring it to a successful conclusion, as a statement in question is best indicative of the missionary spirit of the times.

The scope of the Canadian society is restricted to the distribution of copies of the Bible to every man coming into Canada from abroad.

In conversation with The Sun last night the Rev. Mr. Bowen of London, Ontario, spoke interestingly of the work being carried on. Said he: "The settlers in 1805 amounted to 120,000, speaking forty-seven tongues, in 1864, 215,000, speaking sixty tongues, and in 1904 over 277,000, speaking seventy languages. This needs no further explanation than the statement of the facts to show Canada by her foreign immigration is assimilating people from almost every country."

"Ninety thousand copies, either whole or in part were distributed throughout Canada in 1903 over seventy languages, and the nationalization of our work can be seen in the Digest version of Scripture printed in 24 languages spoken in Canada, viz., one column containing the Word of God in the language of the stranger within our gates and the adjacent column the same Scripture in the English tongue. The value of these versions could be seen by any one travelling in the great West where foreigners are using God's word to Anglicize their speech. If the immigrant reads God's word with this ulterior motive in the first instance we believe He who said 'My word shall not return unto Me void' can use it to the uplifting the people whom we are in the future to look upon as Canadian citizens. We must Christianize and Canadianize them while they are in the transition period or they will remain a large section of our land in which they are settling."

WHAT HE NEEDED.

A sovereign would tempt many men, and when Plinkins, making a few remarks at the stores, saw one lying on the floor just by the counter he quivered with excitement.

Gleaning around to assure himself that none was looking, he quite accidentally dropped one of his kid gloves neatly on the coin and then dived. He got the glove all right but still the sovereign remained.

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DEATHS

GORMAN—At Hartford, Connecticut, on the 15th inst. Andrew H. Gorman, Notice of funeral hereafter.

SAUNDERS—At his residence, corner of Prince street and Market Place, W. E. Lewis B. Saunders, after a short illness, aged 54 years, leaving a wife and one daughter to mourn their loss. Funeral on Wednesday, from his late residence, at 3 o'clock.

McKELVEY—In this city on the 15th inst. Jane, daughter of the late George and Eliza McKelvey, aged 65 years.

McKECHNIE—Suddenly at his residence, 72 High street, on March 15, James Creighton McKelvie, in his 67th year, leaving a wife, daughter and brother. Funeral service at the house on Wednesday at 2.30.

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