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UNIFORM VITAL STATISTICS

The question of securing uniform vital statistics recently provided a subject for important discussion before the Canadian Conservation Commission. At the present time Ontario leads in the collection and compilation of these statistics, and the registrations of births, deaths and marriages covering a period of forty two years are now separately stored in fire proof vaults. All these records are carefully indexed and are available for public inspection.

Manitoba has just published its third annual report on vital statistics, being for the year 1911. This report is said to be a model which might with advantage be followed by other provinces of the Dominion.

The Dominion Government recognizes the fact that the registration of births, marriages and deaths is a national question in so far as it permits all returns and correspondence to and from the registrar general of each province to pass through the mails free of charge. In view of this concession and in order to secure uniformity throughout the Dominion, it is now being considered whether some federal legislation cannot be passed which would unify and co-ordinate this important branch of public health work under a well organized federal department of health. This question is one which can, and should, receive immediate attention for the value of a complete and systematic registration of all births, marriages and deaths has intrinsic merits from a national standpoint.

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS

At the last session of the Legislature, a committee was appointed to confer with the agricultural authorities as to the best means to be adopted to stamp out tuberculosis in cattle, and meetings with this object in view will be held during the present week at Fredericton, while so many stockbreeders are present at the Exhibition, to discuss the question.

On this subject, the Chatham Commercial, in its last issue says:—"Certain facts have recently come to our notice which reveal the existence of conditions that can only be described as a serious menace to the whole community. It simply amounts to this: That bovine tuberculosis exists in this district to an extent that is not dreamt of by the ordinary individual. Neither is it known as a rule by the owners of affected animals, who in perfect good faith, are using themselves, and offering for sale, milk and flesh that, to say the least, is not good for human food."

"Tuberculosis is contagious once it gets into a herd. It spreads from cow to cow until most of them are affected. This may not attract the attention of the owner, as the disease is slow to develop and an animal may be affected for months and even years before any signs of ailment are noticed and the owner's attention drawn to the case. This is one of the chief troubles the farmer has to contend with in connection with the disease. If it was an ailment that spreads rapidly and caused death in a few days, the owner would soon take steps to check its progress and protect the rest of his herd; but tuberculosis is slow and hidden in its course and its presence is not suspected nor suspicion aroused until great is the damage done."

"The importance of the disease must be estimated from two points of view; first the loss it entails upon the owner of the cattle, and the second and more important, the danger of communication to human beings. In connection with the latter, we have only to consider its vital importance to every community. Milk is the staple food of infants and young children and is usually taken in the raw state. If this milk is taken from a tuberculous cow, it may contain millions of living tubercle germs. Young children fed on such milk often contract the disease and it is a frequent cause of death among them. Meat from tuberculous cattle, while bad enough in itself, is not so likely to convey the infection as raw milk, for the reason that the process of cooking, if thorough, will practically destroy the germs, and moreover, meat is not consumed by very young children."

"In view of the prevalence of tuberculosis in cattle and of the difficulties in connection with its detection by the unskilled farmer, it is eminently desirable in the public interests that tests of the various herds should be made and that all carcasses offered for sale for human consumption should be examined by a competent authority. Unfortunately there are no Provincial regulations dealing with the inspection of tuberculous cattle; the only Government regulations being those of the Dominion authorities dealing with the importation of cattle. The only authorities who can deal with the question are the Board of Health, who have the power to appoint inspectors to examine dairy herds and any meat which may be exposed for sale."

"From information which we have gathered, there appears to us to be ample grounds for the Town and County Boards of Health to move in the matter."

DISCOVERED GERM OF HYDROPHOBIA

The announcement of Noguchis discovery at the Rockefeller Institute of the germ of hydrophobia has aroused extraordinary interest in France. It is the one subject of discussion at the Pasteur Institute in Paris, where Prof. Metchnikoff has given out the statement that the discovery is another milestone in bacteriological history.

One result of Noguchis work, he says, is that the treatment of hydrophobia, which now is long and painful, will probably be shortened. Prof. Metchnikoff has given statistics hitherto unpublished, showing that in 1912, 395 people were treated for rabies at the Pasteur Institute in Paris. Not a single death is reported. That is the second time in twenty-seven years that no death has been reported after treatment in the Pasteur Institute. In 1910, 401 patients were inoculated but no fatal results ensuing. In 1911, however, there was one death out of 341 cases treated.

Walter White, a deck hand was killed at Port Colborne, Ont., Friday, by falling into the hold of a boat. Letters found on him show he belonged to Greens Point, N. B.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of The Advocate,

Sir,
I judge from reading last Saturday's World, that our friend Stewart has recently suffered another brain storm. It seems too bad that some one cannot be found to look after him a little. If none of the orthodox religious bodies will undertake the duty, could not the Salvation Army, whose object I understand it is to look after the derelicts of Society, be prevailed upon to take him in hand? Common charity demands that something should be done to prevent a man willfully making a pitiable exhibition of himself. If he has no sense of self respect, his friends should have some for him.

Our friend is like another eminent politician of whom it was said "that he relied upon his imagination for his facts and upon history for his fancies." He must have drawn upon his imagination—which is at any time a most fertile one—very extensively indeed when he penned the statement that I had declared that Chatham was against the proposed railway to Tracadie and that the election of a Chatham man would defeat the project. I didn't say anything whatever of the kind, nor anything that any man, even with the perverted ingenuity of our friend Stewart, could possibly twist into having such a meaning. What I actually did say was that such a railway would be of the utmost benefit to the entire section of the county, but that naturally the people on the northern side of the river would benefit more than those on the Chatham side and therefore that it could not be expected that the people on the Chatham side would take quite so active an interest in promoting it as those through whose district it would run. That is all that I said, which is very different from The World's report.

I have already received several letters from down river points written by people who were present at the meeting, complaining of The World's misrepresentation. As it will be three or four years at least yet until there is another provincial election, I don't understand why Mr. Stewart should commence so early to dig his political grave. However, longer he digs, the deeper the people will be able to bury him. Poor old Stewart.

Yours truly,

D. MORRISON.

WAS SCHMIDT AN IMPOSTER

Had Also Passed as Surgeon—
Past Life Being Investigated

In the hope of branding as an imposter and pseudo priest the Rev. Hans Schmidt, the alleged self-confessed slayer of Anna Amuller, victim of New York's River murder mystery, church authorities began a sweeping investigation of his record and pretensions to ordination.

"We hope, of course, to be able to prove that this unspeakable monster was an imposter and that he had been using forged papers," declared Monsignor Lavelle, vicar general of the Archdiocese of New York. That is something which we are trying to clear up now. He came to this diocese with credentials which were apparently in every way authentic and genuine, but we know practically nothing of him. His crime is too horrible to conceive. We can only hope that he may prove to have been a pseudo priest."

In his cell in the toms, with his coat as a pillow, Schmidt slept soundly through the night and arose in the morning to partake of a hearty breakfast. He had little to add to his alleged confession in which he is said to have told the police that he killed his victim as she lay in bed, cut off her body in the bath tub of the apartment where he had established her, wrapped it in five bundles and dropped the bundles into the Hudson River. To the Rev. L. J. Evers, the Toms chaplain, Schmidt was said to have made the following declaration:

"I was directed to kill her by Saint Elizabeth, who is my patron, as a sacrifice of Abraham, of the blood." To the police Schmidt is alleged to have said: "I killed her because I loved her." The police believe, however, that he killed her because she was soon to become a mother. They believe that the girl accepted as genuine the marriage ceremony through which she went with her alleged slayer in February and in which he was both priest and bridegroom.

Of Schmidt's antecedents little is known save his own statement that he was born in Germany in 1881, was educated there, ordained by Bishop Keestrin in St. Augustine's Seminary in Mainz and came to New York in 1906. In 1909 he went to Trenton, N. J., and in December, 1910 was appointed assistant rector of St. Boniface's church in New York city. There he met the Amuller girl, who he said, had come to this country from Germany a few months before.

The skill with which the young woman's body had been dismembered caused the police to believe at first that the work had been done by a surgeon. In the flat occupied for five days by Schmidt and the girl, detectives found 500 printed cards which indicated that Schmidt had masqueraded as a surgeon and was possessed of more than an ordinary layman's knowledge of surgery.

These cards read:—"Dr. Emil Modere, formerly assistant surgeon of the Municipal Women's Hospital, Paris, France, representative of the Chemical Hygiene Manufacturing Company."

The Journal says that Johannes Schmidt, belonging to the Mainz bishopric, has been long under suspension by the bishop. He disappeared from Mainz and later arrived in Munich, where he was arrested on a charge of committing frauds, according to the newspaper. He was acquitted by the court on the ground of weakness and then emigrated to New York. The Mainz episcopate was not aware that he was exercising the functions of a priest in New York.

A Later Development

Announcement has been made by Police Faurot that another man was under arrest in connection with the murder of Anna A. Muller, the crime which Hans Schmidt, the priest is charged. Faurot, shortly before midnight, left police headquarters for a sub station, where he said the man was held. He declared the new developments would prove fully as sensational as Schmidt's arrest.

Inspector Faurot, as he left headquarters with Detectives O'Neill and O'Connor, said they were going to upper Manhattan where they had under arrest in his own home a prominent physician.

CHILDHOOD AILMENTS

Ailments such as constipation, colic, colds, vomiting, etc., seize children of all ages and the mother should be on her guard against these troubles by keeping a box of Baby's Own Tablets in the house. If any of these troubles come on suddenly the Tablets will cure them, or if the little one is given an occasional dose of the Tablets he will escape these troubles. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25c a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

BORN

At Chaplain Island Road on Sept. 8th to the wife of John Smallwood, a son.

At Bridgetown on Sept. 14th to the wife of Dennis McLean, a daughter.

NOTICE OF SALE

Valuable Timber Lands at
Auction Containing About
800 Acres

There will be offered for sale at Public Auction, in front of the Post Office, in the Town of Newcastle on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of October next, at twelve o'clock noon the following lots of land situated in the parish of Northesk:—

Lots numbers 3 and 4, on the easterly side of the North West Branch, of the Miramichi River, commonly called the Peninsula Lot.

Lot number 6, on the westerly side of said branch, originally granted to A. Nicholson.

Lot number 12 on the westerly side of said branch, originally granted to John Stewart, and known as the Gillon Lot.

Further description will be made known at sale, or on application to W. E. Fish, Esq., Newcastle.

Terms Cash. Ten per cent, at time of sale, and balance on completion of Deed.

By order of the Trustees of Saint James' Church, Newcastle.

Newcastle, 3rd September, 1913. 37-6



CANADIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

TENDER

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and marked on the outside, "Tender Freight Shed, Fredericton," will be received up to and including Thursday, September 25th, 1913, for the construction of a Freight Shed and platforms at Fredericton, N. B.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the Office of the undersigned at Ottawa, Ont., at the Station Master's Office, Fredericton, N. B., at the Terminal Agent's Office, St. John, N. B., and at the office of the Chief Engineer, Moncton, N. B., where forms of tender may be obtained.

All the conditions of the specification must be complied with.

L. K. JONES,

Assistant Deputy Minister and Secretary, Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, Ont.

Ottawa, Sept. 15th, 1913. 38-2

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

TENDER

Sealed tenders, addressed to the undersigned, and marked on the outside, "Tender, Division of Line Nelson to Derby Jet," will be received up to and including FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th, 1913, for the construction of a line of railway between Nelson and Derby Jet, N. B.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the Station Master's Office, Derby Jet, N. B., at the Chief Engineer's Office, Moncton, N. B., and at the Office of the Assistant Deputy Minister and Secretary, Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, Ont., at which places forms of tender may be obtained.

All the conditions of the specification must be complied with.

L. K. JONES,

Assistant Deputy Minister and Secretary, Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, Ont.

Ottawa, Ont., August 26, 1913.

NOTICE OF SALE

To the heirs of Margaret Russell, John Russell and Annie Russell, late of the Parish of Newcastle deceased and all others whom it may concern.

TAKE NOTICE that there will be sold at Public Auction on Monday the thirteenth day of October, A. D. 1913, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, in front of the Post Office in Newcastle in the county aforesaid, all that certain piece or parcel of land and premises situate, lying and being in the parish of Newcastle aforesaid and bounded and described as follows:—In front by the Miramichi River, upper or westerly side by lands owned and occupied by heirs of the late McEwan, rear by lands owned and occupied by Oscar Druett and lower or easterly side by lands owned and occupied by John Stothart, save and except therefrom that part of the said lot conveyed to Charles A. Munroe by the said John Russell in his lifetime being the same piece of land devised to the said John Russell by his late father by will dated the sixth day of June, A. D. 1872.

The above sale is made under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage made by the said Margaret Russell, John Russell and Annie Russell and dated the twenty second day of November, A. D. 1879 as by reference thereto will more fully appear.

Further particulars will be given on the day of the sale or on application to the undersigned.

Terms Cash.

Dated at Newcastle aforesaid this twenty-ninth day of July, A. D. 1913.

J. P. WILLISTON,

Solicitor for the Mortgagee

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In re the Estate of Robert Swim, Deceased.

To the Sheriff of the County of Northumberland or any Constable within the said County Greeting:

Whereas James Robinson, Executor of the last Will and Testament of Robert Swim late of the Parish of Blissfield in the County of Northumberland deceased, hath prayed that he may have the accounts against the said Estate allowed, and passed or such other order made by this Honorable Court as may seem meet.

You are therefore required to cite Agnes Swim the sole Legatee under the said Will and all others interested in the said Estate to appear before me at a Court of Probate to be held at the Town Hall, Chatham, in the said County of Northumberland, N. B., within and for the said County of Northumberland on Saturday the twentieth day of September next at eleven o'clock in the forenoon to pass and allow the said accounts against the said Estate or such other order as the said Court may seem meet.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the said Court this twentieth day of August A. D. 1913.

(Signed) R. A. LAWLOR,

Judge of Probates, County of Northumberland.

(Signed) G. B. FRASER,

Registrar of Probates for the said County.



Navigable Waters Protection Act

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of Chapter 112 "Navigable Water Protection Act" R. S. C. 1906, I have this day deposited in the office of the Registrar of Deeds and Wills for the County of Northumberland in the Province of New Brunswick, at Newcastle, in the County of Northumberland aforesaid, a plan showing the proposed Bridge across the Miramichi River at or near the town of Newcastle in the County of Northumberland and Province of New Brunswick, together with a description of the site of the said proposed Bridge, and I have also deposited with the Minister of Public Works, at Ottawa, Canada, a plan in quadruplicate showing the said proposed Bridge across the Miramichi River at or near the Town of Newcastle, in the County of Northumberland and Province of New Brunswick, together with a description of the site of the said proposed Bridge.

And notice is further given that one month after the date of such deposit, I shall apply to the Governor General in Council of the Dominion of Canada for approval of the said plan and description and of the construction of the said proposed Bridge.

Dated this 23rd day of August A. D. 1913.

JOHN MORRISSEY,
Minister of Public Works for the Province of New Brunswick.

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