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THE STANDING OF THE MILITIA.

In the administration of the Militia Department Col. Sam Hughes, whose one idea is that of increasing the efficiency and strength of the force, and who labors faithfully at his task need not fear the drawing of political lines in public estimates of him. Liberals and Conservatives alike are pleased with the measures for the development in the militia system. The statistics of the summer training camps recently issued furnish evidence that under Col. Hughes' administration the militia is rapidly growing and improving. In 1911 the number of active militiamen trained was 44,000; this year it was 56,000 and 17,000 went untrained. The cadet system has grown to an establishment of 35,000 of whom 8,000 were in camp for training. Besides these, nearly 70,000 men have been enrolled, but not recognized, making a total of 179,000 on the militia list.

In furtherance of the plans of Col. Hughes for greater efficiency in the militia, a number of officers from all parts of the Dominion will attend the manoeuvres in England next month, and there is a larger scheme now on foot to take over a whole brigade next year. The effect of that upon the efficiency of the whole Dominion force could hardly be estimated. Every private who goes to England will be an effective force to improve his own regiment at home.

Every move Col. Hughes makes demonstrates that he is practical in his militia measures. He is working for the good of the force and the efficiency of his Department with a wholeheartedness that earns for him the admiration of all parties and classes in the Dominion.

MR. ALEXANDER GIBSON.

Mr. Alexander Gibson, the "Lumber King of the Nashua," whose death occurred yesterday, was a fine representative of the type of business men who laid the foundations of modern industry in this country, a type that unfortunately is disappearing before the extension of the sphere of the impersonal corporation. Starting his career without other advantages than splendid health and ambition, Mr. Gibson rose to a commanding position in the lumber industry of the Province, and acquired great wealth. As in the case of many other big men in the days of personal enterprise he had definite ideas of the responsibility of wealth, and not only used his fortune to further the development of the country by building railways, and promoting other enterprises, but took a keen interest in the welfare of the men who worked for him.

At Marysville, where his principal interests were centered, Mr. Gibson built homes for his work people, erected a church, established stores, and generally exercised a patriarchal sway over the affairs of his town and his people. A man of great business ability and tremendous energy, he did much for the upbuilding of the Province, and though he never entered political life, his immense interests enabled him to exercise great influence upon the course of public affairs.

Although Mr. Gibson possessed somewhat arbitrary ways, he had a kindly heart, was ever ready to help the unfortunate, and enjoyed in an unusual degree the esteem of the community. His career was a romance of achievement that is full of interest and inspiration for young men. His death will cause general regret throughout the Province.

USES FOR SAWDUST.

It is not so long ago that the only real use for sawdust was for packing ice. That was when small saw-mills were more common, and the amount of this form of waste wood was, or at any rate appeared, comparatively small. Now, when the tendency is to consolidate these into large mills with a capacity of several hundred thousand feet of lumber per day, the daily waste in sawdust is seen to be enormous and much experimenting is being done to discover new methods of utilizing it.

In a circular issued by the Department of the Interior mention is made of experiments which show that the most promising venture in sawdust utilization in Canada is the manufacture of ethyl (or grain) alcohol. The sawdust is treated with sulphuric acid under suitable conditions, resulting in the formation of sugar, which is then fermented to produce alcohol. Several plants have been erected to produce alcohol from wood in this manner, and though there are some difficulties still to be overcome, the ultimate success of the process on a commercial scale is assured.

It is worth noting that sawdust has been successfully manufactured into briquets for fuel for a considerable time in Europe by a simple process. The shavings and sawdust are first steam-dried, the water contained in the wood being thus evaporated and

the resin almost liquified. The sawdust is then compressed under heat into briquets of the desired size, the contained resin as a binder. A firm in Vancouver is reported to be engaged in a similar line of manufacture, the sawdust being compressed into a cylindrical tube where it is cut into short lengths by a revolving knife, emerging in the form of small round briquets. These briquets are clean to handle, easy to kindle, and leave little ash.

In England sugar is manufactured on a commercial scale by treating sawdust in closed retorts with weak sulphurous acid under high pressure. In Austin, Texas, also a plant is being built to manufacture stock food from sawdust, by a somewhat similar process. The tar, pitch and turpentine are removed from the sawdust leaving only sugar and fibre to which is added forty per cent of cottonseed meal. The mixture is sold for fattening cattle.

Two and one-half parts of clean sawdust mixed with two parts sand and one part cement make a warm long-wearing and sound-proof floor, to which carpets can be tacked with less injury than to a board floor, and which has the advantage over a cement floor in being more elastic. These qualities should win an extensive use for this form of flooring, which has the additional advantage that it can be stained to harmonize with interior finishes by the addition of color to the mixture while in a semi-liquid state.

The sawdust of certain kinds of wood is used in considerable quantities by manufacturers for metal polish, for packing, for meat curing, for making safety explosives and composition novelties, and for fibre and pulp manufacture. Patent cleaning powders for use on carpets and rugs consist principally of sawdust, lightly moistened by some cheap mineral oil. It is evident that sawdust is now far from being a waste product.

THE "THINKLET."

The new and commendable regulation promulgated by the Canadian Post Office Department for the suppression of lotteries by prohibiting their use of the mails, recalls the fact that certain prize competitions, one of which, at least, has unique features, were recently started by a number of weekly journals in England, and are likely to meet the same fate. One form of these competitions, termed the "Thinklet," is described as an entity with two parts. These are the example and the derivative. Words are given in ones, twos or threes, the final letters of which are to be used as the initial letters of a similar group "bearing apt relation to the example." A simple diagram will make the process clear:

Example. Thinklet.
Home. Every
from. Mother's
school. Lad

There are perhaps a score of weekly journals in England engaged in this enterprise in connection with which they offer mammoth cash prizes. The other day a Scotsman received \$2,500 for this masterpiece:

Example. Thinklet.
Sweetheart's. Shillings
and. Differently
Wives. Survey.

Is this merely a thought-provoking pastime or is it a form of competition which ought to be prohibited? Lord Loreburn formerly Lord Chancellor, is apparently not in doubt on this question. He recently introduced a bill in the House of Lords "to prohibit certain prize competitions," one of which was the "Thinklet."

Standardize the Motor Horn.

(Newark Sun.)

If the warnings by motor cars should be standardized there would be less danger to pedestrians on the streets. It is said that two-thirds of the accidents are due to the diversity of the warning sounds by motor cars and a movement has been started to standardize traffic signals, making all vehicles not horse-drawn adopt horns of a single type. The theory of the present usage is that any old noise will do for a warning to pedestrians, but in a city full of noises people pay little heed to any particular one unless it is familiar as a signal. The going of a street car is always recognized because the sound is always the same, while as to motor car horns it may be said that there are not two alike.

The Western Harvest.

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

The West ought not to be so dependent on the East for harvest help as it was years ago. If it has bigger harvests now, it has also greater resources of labor to fall back upon in the harvest emergency. Its cities boast of their large populations. As they are not such manufacturing centres as the East, there must be many men there who could be drawn upon for help in harvest time.

Want Berths Dredged.

Mayor Frink, who is acting as commissioner of harbors in the absence of Com. Schofield, received a letter from the C. P. R. yesterday requesting the city to take steps to have Nos. 2 and 3 berths dredged out before the opening of the winter navigation season. It is said that some silt has drifted into the berths, and the city will have soundings taken and arrange for the dredging as soon as possible.

DIARY OF EVENTS

HISTORIC DAYS IN CANADA

LORD DUFFERIN.

Lord Dufferin, Governor General of Canada, was given a cordial reception by the people of Victoria thirty-seven years ago today, and his diplomatic utterances went far toward allaying the discontent then prevalent in the province because of the Dominion government's failure to carry out its programme of a railroad construction. British Columbia had entered Confederation five years before, after exacting a pledge from the government to build a transcontinental railway. In 1873 the Macdonald ministry fell, after having tried to initiate the great enterprise. In the following years solitary lines of railway were built, here and there, but this programme did not satisfy British Columbia, and the people refused to be placated by the proposals of J. D. Edgar, who in 1874 visited British Columbia as the envoy of the Mackenzie government. The terms of settlement proposed by the Earl of Carnarvon, as arbitrator, were equally unsatisfactory. The parliamentary proposition that the expenditures for railway construction should only be such as "the resources of the country will permit without increasing the existing rates of taxation" did not seem promising, and in the summer of 1876 the agitation reached a point where British Columbia threatened secession. Then came the visit of Lord Dufferin, and the storm was quieted.

THE NOVA SCOTIA GAZETTE.

The first number of the Nova Scotia Gazette was issued on this date in 1766 by Robert Fletcher. This was the second paper in the province, the first having been the Halifax Gazette, founded in 1752 by John Puseell.

FIRST THINGS

THE PACIFIC PRESS.

The first newspaper in California, and the first real newspaper in the Pacific west, was issued at Monterey by Robert Semple and Walter Cotton sixty-seven years ago today. Two years before the California Flagship, or Bumble Bee Budget, "devoted to scratching and stinging the follies of the age," had been established in Oregon, but its existence was brief, and it was more a humorous publication than a newspaper. The Oregon Spectator, founded in 1846, the same year as the Monterey Californian, was published in Oregon City, and was the first bona fide newspaper in the Pacific Northwest.

When gold was discovered in California the New York newspapers began to issue California editions, which were sent by thousands to San Francisco. Among the existing great newspapers of California are the Sacramento Union, founded in 1851, and the San Francisco Bulletin, established in 1855. The Bulletin waged a determined warfare against the crooks and gamblers, and the shooting of its editor, James King, by a politician named Casey, resulted in the revival of the vigilance committee.

The early California papers attracted many brilliant men, including Mark Twain, Joaquin Miller, Bret Harte, Prentice Mulford, Charles Warren Stoddard and many others. It was Stoddard who made the Southern States his headquarters, and it was Twain who made his trip to the Sandwich Islands.

THE HUMAN PROCESSION

AMBASSADOR PAGE.

The Fourth Estate scores again. Walter Hines United States ambassador at the Court of St. James, who was born at Cary, a suburb of Raleigh, N. C., on August 15th, 1855, began his career as a newspaper reporter. After graduating from Randolph-Macon College he became one of the first twenty fellows of Johns Hopkins University and remained two years at the Baltimore institution. He then worked as a reporter on a western paper, and for a time he wrote book reviews and editorials for the great newspaper of the staff of the New York World, and for a time he wrote book reviews and editorials for the great newspaper of the staff of the New York World, and for a time he wrote book reviews and editorials for the great newspaper of the staff of the New York World.

THE FIRST WEEK

In September

is the beginning of our busy season. It is better not to wait till then. Get started before the rush begins.

SEND FOR CATALOGUE.

S. KERR, Principal

THE PASSING DAY

PILGRIMS' DAY.

Southampton, now the port on the south coast of England, for a great fleet of Atlantic liners, is not satisfied with its present fame, and is seeking to win from Plymouth the glory of having been the port of embarkation for the Pilgrim Fathers. To impress this fact on the public mind, Southampton will celebrate Pilgrims' Day today by unveiling a monument to the first settlers who landed on the shores of a pillar fifty feet in height, and which represents the shores of England and America with the Mayflower sailing.

THE PASSING DAY

PILGRIMS' DAY.

It is a fact that the Pilgrims sailed originally from Southampton on the ship Speedwell, August 15, 1620. The Speedwell did not hold out, however, and the Pilgrims returned to await repairs on their leaky vessel. On Sept. 2nd the Speedwell again sailed forth for the Atlantic, but after eight days at sea, the captain decided that it was again necessary to return. The Pilgrims put back to Plymouth, from whence they sailed on the Mayflower. Plymouth thus gained the name and fame of being the sailing point of the Pilgrims, and the people of that city will have soundings taken and arrange for the dredging as soon as possible.

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AN ODE TO CITY COUNCILS.

The Washington Star dedicates the following poem to city councils generally:

They took a little gravel
And they took a little tar,
With various ingredients
Imported from afar;
They hammered it and rolled it,
But they came with picks and smote it
To lay a wider main;
And then they called the workmen
To run a railway cable
They took it up for wires
To feed the electric light,
And then they put it back again,
Just where it was before.
They took it up for conduct
To run the telephone;
And then they put it back again
As hard as any stone.
They took it up for wires
To feed the electric light,
And then they put it back again,
Just where it was before.

Oh PIM!

"Did you hear about Manleigh's narrow escape?"
"No. What happened?"
"It was a fire escape and it was so narrow that the building inspector made him replace it with a wider one."

Gentility.

"Just think of it, Mrs. Brown has got the telephone fixed. I wouldn't have one."

Two Hearts That Beat as One.

Dibbs—Going to marry? Why, I thought you intended to remain single.
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Pink Lady Company, the applause and smiles of Perfection girls who the Marathon grounds in day afternoon tried hard they were at least entitled mention.

The struggle went on and when it was all over the announced as 10-10, a tie you get that? Well, that I said it was but there is for the belief that the scores had it cooked up be

MISS DE BOUGH, "the after pitching the first the game with interest many questions which man beside her could he was too busy looking

Frank McCafferty who for the newspaper men were already thirteen me and who was retired on howl from Jack Munday after he returned to the says the game was won paper men by the score while Miss Fernandez, a manageress and mascot

MANAGER J. P. DALY Game from in front of boxes and made cause on the opposing player

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