



New Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Minette, near Pelican Lake, Manitoba

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Little Stories by Land and Sea, concerning the folk who move hither and thither across the face of a Big Land.

Manitoba Sanatorium for Tuberculosis.

EARLY this year, the sanatorium for Manitoba consumptives will be opened for the reception of patients. For months these buildings have been rising into view on the side valley at the north-east angle of Pelican Lake, and now give some indication of the pleasant appearance they will have, set in the wooded slopes, and facing a wide blue lake.

Back at the beginning, just a very few years ago, the late Dr. McInnis, Provincial Secretary, devoted his whole energy to the work of securing a tuberculosis sanatorium for Manitoba, and now, most of the leading men in the province are helping in the realisation of his hopes.

It is expected, when the doors are opened for patients, that the whole cost of the magnificent site, comprising over 140 acres, as well as the erection of the main administration building, two two-storey pavilions, the gas-generating house, root and ice houses, and an adequate water-supply derived from one of the numerous elevations at the rear of the buildings, will have been entirely met by municipal and private benevolence.

Dr. D. A. Stewart, the medical superintendent of the Manitoba Sanatorium, spent last year studying similar institutions in the United States, and this year in a campaign of education throughout the province when not engaged with plans for the work to be.

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The Dry Dock Question.

MR. ANDREW ALLAN, who is a very vital part of the Allan Line Steamship Company, was in St. John recently and took advantage of the opportunity to urge the dry dock question. In the opinion of this marine man, it is about time that the St. John people took dry docks seriously. The alternative, he considered, would be a "black eye" for Canada's marine aspirations. Canada has not one dry dock along the St. Lawrence capable of accommodating the fifteen leviathans which cut down the miles between Montreal and Liverpool. The situation in the Bay of Fundy is no better. Halifax has a little slip of a dry dock, but that's all. This is a phase of the navy question worth considering. Till Canada is able to look after the interests of her merchant marine it is a little idle to be wasting good wind on men-of-war.

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The Canadian Whale.

INSPECTOR FITZGERALD of Halifax is home from the Arctic and says the Canadians of the north are not enterprising. They are not getting their share of the whalebone trade. The Americans have virtually secured a monopoly of that chilly business. Twelve or more of Uncle Sam's big whalers annually parade the Arctic coast of the Dominion and spear everything in sight. Canadians have not yet learned the whaling game; consequently they are losing thousands of dollars every year. All the wealth that Canada secures from her own waters is the revenue which the United States fishermen hand over for the goods sold by them to the Esquimaux along the coast.

Mr. Fitzgerald represents the Revenue Department of the Dominion Government. He has been stationed at Herschel Island—a three-and-a-half months' jaunt to the nearest railway station.

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Progressive Nova Scotia.

THE Halifax Chronicle issued a special New Year's edition—forty pages of review of Nova Scotia's prosperity. 1909 was a bumper year for the brainy eastern province all along the line. \$114,400,000 was the

total amount of wealth produced. Of this manufactures, ships and freights make up \$60,000,000. That the people of Nova Scotia are ardent exponents of the agricultural life is evidenced by the \$29,000,000 worth of produce their farms yielded during the year.

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Who Owns Anticosti?

THE Island of Anticosti, 135 miles long and 70 wide, has developed a new proprietor. From the time of Governor Murray the history of Anticosti has been a record of squabbles among people anxious to exert suzerainty over it. Nobody appears to really own Anticosti. At present Henri Meunier, chocolate king of France, has possession. The bon-bon man grabbed the island just when it was emerging from the sensational fracas of the Quebec Government and the Labrador Land Company. The land corporation had urged that they bought Anticosti from the seigneurs of Mingan. The Government had answered that the Seigneurie of Mingan was a myth, and that Anticosti belonged to the people of Quebec. A battle was fought out in the Privy Council. The upshot was the turning over of Anticosti by sheriff's sale to Monsieur Meunier in 1895. It was thought that the ownership was determined for all time. But so it was not to be; a new claimant has bobbed up with a quite romantic story. In the year 1892 Michel Parent, compositor, Montreal, was reading over the proofs of a book for his employer, Lovell. Some data stared him in the face which was proof enough for him that he was the rightful proprietor of Anticosti. According to him, the book had it down in black and white that his wife was the direct descendant of the original seigneurs. Parent has lain low for seventeen years. The other day he probably felt that he should be laying up stores for old age, because he advertised the sale of Anticosti Island. But Seigneur Menier still squats down and Monsieur Parent has so far had no applicants.

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A Yankeeized Canadian Boat.

THE Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company intends to run a steamer entirely in United States waters. The boat is to be built in Detroit, will be under American registry and will be called the *Rochester*. She is to run from Youngstown, Ohio, to Ogdensburg on Lake Ontario. Explaining this apparent anomaly before the New England Passenger Association rate meeting recently, Mr. John F. Pierce, manager of the R. & O. Co., said: "American tourists make up a majority of the passenger traffic on our lines, which run from Toronto all the way up through the St. Lawrence and Saguenay rivers. Of the number New York State leads, with Pennsylvania second. We get most of our advertising matter printed in the States, and for our summer hotels we depend mostly on New York for our chefs and waiters. There was not quite as big a traffic to the Thousand Islands last summer as usual, but to other points it was much greater. For instance, we had a party of 100 Appalachian mountain climbers from Boston, who took a week's trip up the St. Lawrence and Saguenay and scaled almost every cliff we had to offer them.

"Real estate and water front property are bringing big prices in Quebec and Montreal. About twenty years ago we bought a wharf property in Quebec, for which we paid \$50,000. We could turn it over to-morrow for \$500,000. In bank clearings Montreal has passed San Francisco and we are now only slightly behind Pittsburg. It may be interesting to add that Montreal has obtained for \$15,000,000 harbour improvements such as have cost New York double that sum."

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