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News of a Day

LOCAL

Vital Statistics.

Last week, five births, all boys, were registered, and there were six marriages. Eleven burial permits were issued.

In The Police Court.

In the police court on Saturday Frank A. Bowes, a former policeman was charged with drunkenness, using profane language and assaulting officer McCollum. The drunkenness was admitted by the prisoner. After evidence of arrest had been given he was remanded. A fine of \$20 was imposed on Thomas Diblee for assaulting Frank London. It was allowed to stand. The case against J. E. Waters, West Side druggist, for selling liquor was postponed until Monday after the evidence of the liquor license inspectors had been taken.

Hammondvale.

Hammondvale, Feb. 10.—The recent rains and soft weather has put back the work in the lumberwoods. Mr. Clark held service in the church here last evening and preached a very interesting sermon. In spite of the bad roads a large number was present. Mr. Clark is calling on friends today and expects to have service at Markhamville this evening.

Against Vaccination.

Toronto, Feb. 12.—A bill to abolish compulsory vaccination has been introduced in the legislature by H. P. Jaanes, (North Norfolk). Mr. Jaanes says that evils can result from vaccination in many different ways, and his bill aims to repeal the present act, and let each person decide for himself whether he should be vaccinated.

Frozen to Death.

St. Thomas, Ont., Feb. 12.—Thomas Wharton, employed by Victor Drum, was found early this morning on the roadside near Avon, terribly frozen. He had come to Avon with a load of furniture and was returning when numbness overtook him and he fell from the sleigh. Wharton is now in the hospital here and is likely to lose both his hands and feet.

South African Memorial.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 12.—Subscriptions to the South African memorial now aggregate \$32,212. The most recent contributions include twenty-five dollars from Lord Minto, who accompanied his gift with a kindly letter. Subscriptions from Canadian points outside of Toronto so far amount to practically nothing, although the name of every man killed in South Africa or dying of wounds or disease as a result of the war, will be put on the memorial.

ST. GEORGE.

St. George, Feb. 10.—The St. George Amateur Dramatic Club are working extra time in preparing two new plays to be put on in Court's Hall, Easter Monday and Tuesday. This club has been very successful in the past and deserve credit for its efforts. Mr. S. McAdam is the manager of the club, and has proved of sterling value to the young people.

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PLEA FOR FOREST PRESERVATION

Mr. James Lawlor, Secretary of Canadian Forestry Association, in Instructive Address Before the United Canadian Clubs, Tells of Importance of Conserving Natural Resources.

That the New Brunswick government might in the course of years expect to obtain a revenue of over \$40,000,000 annually, if it adopted the methods of the State of Saxony in dealing with its forest lands, was one of the possibilities held out by scientific forestry as expounded by Mr. Jas. Lawlor, before the public meeting held at the Canadian Club Saturday evening. The lecturer showed the danger to the country of deforestation and made a strong plea for the preservation of the forests.

Mr. E. Ager, the president in opening the Women's Canadian Club was on the platform. The audience was not large, but the St. John River lumber interests were well represented. Mr. E. Ager, the president, in opening the meeting, thanked the members of the club for the honor recently conferred upon him, and expressed the opinion that addresses by comparatively unknown men of the various parts of the Maritime Provinces might serve the purposes of the club as effectively as addresses by men of international or national reputation. Owing to the development of the West, it was necessary to utilize such agencies as the Canadian Club to develop a better understanding of the common needs and aspirations of the Maritime Provinces. If the East hoped to maintain its rightful position in the national councils of the Dominion, Nationalism in its best sense depended upon a proper appreciation of the spirit, as well as the national conditions of the provinces.

Mr. Lawlor's Address.
Mr. Lawlor, after a number of technical definitions, gave an interpretation of the modern gospel of the forest, which, in the magnitude of the possibilities for good or evil, showed forth, in the dramatic and tragic consequences of man's mad passion to destroy, rather than to cooperate with the wonderful workings of nature, assumed a great, almost epic character. Not only economic position, and their physical and social characteristics, but the fate of nations, the very conditions of human existence on this planet, were shown to have an intimate connection with the problem of forest protection. The tremendous character of the issues involved was greatly emphasized by illustrations showing even more effectively than the lecturer's remarks the folly of the disposition to regard nature as an enemy to be conquered, rather than as a generous friend to be trained to human purposes.

Mr. Lawlor declared that the notion that Canada's forests were practically unlimited was quite erroneous. According to the best authorities Canada's forest area—at any rate that available for industrial purposes—was really only about one-half, or even less, than that of the United States. If utilized at the present rate of lumber consumption in the United States, Canada's forests would disappear in twelve years. Ontario, if it followed the reckless policy of the past, would exhaust its forests in 30 years.

Most Important Asset.
At the same time Canada's forests were her most important economic assets. In the last 42 years her exports of forest products have exceeded those of any other country in the world. The forest was the basis of her future of farm products. And in the future her forests would steadily increase in value. Although inventors were providing so many substitutes for wood that even the big lumber kings were constructing mills of steel and concrete, still it was altogether unlikely that the products of the forests would be entirely displaced. In Canada over 400,000 people were dependent upon the lumbering industry to say nothing of the vast army of unskilled laborers who were engaged in the raw material.

National Suicide.
In Germany, forestry experts have already demonstrated that it is possible to increase the supply of wood available for mercantile purposes five or six fold by the scientific treatment of forests in national suicide. Of course the lumbering man did not actually destroy the forests. The great evil of his industry was that he cut forests in a condition peculiarly favorable to a conflagration. Tourists, campers, hunters, prospectors—these by carelessly starting fires did more damage to the nation than if they burned down great cities.

Essential to Agriculture.
Upon the preservation of the forests, depends those conditions essential to agriculture. Trees conserve moisture in the soil, protect the growing crop from the devastation of the wind, and afford cover for insectivorous birds. If forests are destroyed by insects, the value of forests in the one matter of preserving the birds that feed on insects, is obviously enormous.

Less Through Erosion.
The Roosevelt commission states the loss by erosion constitutes a drain on the natural resources of \$1,300,000 per day. When Lebanon was stripped of its famous cedars, Palestine, once a country of rich and populous cities, became a sandy desert. When

shortly after the revolution the French stripped the southern province of trees, 60,000,000 acres of land became a sandy wilderness. Ontario already had suffered greatly from the ravages of erosion. Where farms flourished 15 years or so ago, there now stretched miles of sands that blown about by the wind threatened to engulf whole townships. Ontario's government had been compelled to undertake the reforestation of their areas.

Then there was the effect upon the value of rivers for navigation and power purposes. On Grand River, Ont., steamboats used to operate throughout the summer; today the river in the dry months was impassable. Yet, when the snow melted after heavy rains, disastrous floods occurred. On the Ottawa dam from spring floods due to reckless forest destruction amounted to over \$750,000 a year.

Water Powers.
A river's value for power purposes depended upon its minimum flow, or rather assurance of fairly steady flow throughout the year. That should be the object of forest conservation, the regulators of the flow of waters. Canada possesses 40 per cent. of the world's water power, a fact which may well assure us as to the greatness of our future. But as yet we only develop 350,000 horse power, though even that means a saving of 2,000,000 tons of coal a year. Sufficient power runs to waste over the Grand Falls to operate all the trains the G.T.P. will operate east of Quebec.

Reserved Lands.
Canada should reserve all lands unsuitable for agriculture and certain of the head waters of rivers for the growing of trees. Sixty per cent. of the habitable portion of this country was only suitable for that purpose. These forests would be cut for putting the forest on a permanent basis. The German authorities, experts, the lumber operators paying so much per thousand feet of product.

Man-Made Deserts.
In Ontario the authorities could tell a man from the man-made deserts as far as they could see him. Forestry would institute surveys with the object of putting the forest on a permanent basis. The German authorities, experts, the lumber operators paying so much per thousand feet of product.

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NEW DEFENCE LEAGUE FORMED

Culmination of a Movement Which Has Been Steadily Progressing in Canada for Some Time.

BLATCHFORD ON THE GERMAN PERIL

A movement has been quietly proceeding for some time in Canada similar to the National Service League in Great Britain and the Australian National Defence League. The former organization has Lord Roberts for president, and among its vice-presidents are Lord Milner, the Earl of Meath and Lord Curzon. The latter is supported by most of the leading men in Australia. In view of the formation of an Ontario division of the Canadian Defence League, it will be of interest to again draw attention to the objects of the three leagues in question.

Patriotic Purposes.
Those of the British League are: "To secure the legislative adoption of universal naval and military training for native defence."

"To spread information showing (a) the vital importance to the British Empire of the maintenance of trained men, both physical, moral and industrial benefits resulting from general naval and military training, especially in large towns."

"To urge these matters on public men, and counsel the independence of party politics, but may cooperate with any political party."

The objects of the Australian league are: "To secure the legislative adoption of universal naval and military training for native defence."

The objects of the Canadian Defence League are: "To awaken the public mind to the serious importance of national defence, and to aid in bringing about the adoption of the most effective and economical system to that end."

"To carry on a non-political, educational campaign looking to the adoption of the principle of patriotic training, in the belief that such training conduces to the industrial, physical and moral elevation of the whole people, and is essential to national safety."

"To co-operate with the various provincial educational authorities, the Department of Militia and Defence and the Trustees of the Strathcona Fund in introducing physical and military training into all schools in Canada."

"To aid in securing the systematic, physical and military training of all youths between the ages of fourteen and eighteen."

Quebec is in Line.
It is stated, says the Toronto Mail and Empire, that the latter have been the outcome of close consultation with leading men in the Province of Quebec, as well as from Ontario and other provinces. It was decided that such well as British-Canadians, and men of both party stripes; and, indeed, a close follower of the redoubtable Bismarck, has warmly approved of these objects. It would seem that there cannot exist two opinions about the idea of a citizen doing something towards making the safety of his country beyond peradventure, or as safe as loyalty and unity of action make it. But it is easy to shrink responsibility. They began with one consent to make a move. "What is the Need?" "The Monroe doctrine shelters us." Are these the replies to the tax collector? It is who dare claim that the demands of local officials supersede those of a man's flag and nationality?

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ODDFELLOWSHIP MAKES SMALL GAINS IN MAINE
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Net Gain of 84, the Smallest in Years--Subordinate Lodges Show Healthy Financial Gain.

Portland, Me., Feb. 12.—The coveted 25,000 mark was not reached by Odd Fellow membership last year and the net gain of 84 was the smallest for many years. This information was contained in the annual report of Grand Secretary Dyer, issued today. The present membership is 24,223. There were 370 deaths, 452 suspensions, seven expulsions and 130 withdrawals. The Rebekah branch had made unusual gains and now has 21,383 members. "At this rate it will not be many years before the Rebekahs overtake and outnumber the Odd Fellows," says Secretary Dyer.

Financially the subordinate Lodges show a healthy gain, with total receipts of \$196,891, against \$188,746 for the year before. The expenses, however, from relief and charities increased correspondingly to \$83,061. This is a large sum, but as the lodges are more and more owning lodge buildings the repairs must grow larger. The sum paid out for relief, \$88,509, is greater than was ever paid in this jurisdiction in a single year.

The invested funds of the subordinate lodges has not reached a total of \$223,058.

Germany Almost Ready.
"Germany almost ready, equipped and men ready for an invasion of an enemy's country. . . . In Germany the men are all trained and disciplined soldiers or sailors. They believe that Britain has grown fat, and stupid and cowardly. We are not ready, Germany is ready. But now I am convinced that our existence as a free nation depends upon immediate formation of a strong and efficient army, and that the only means of getting that army is compulsory military service. . . . The public will not listen. The people do not want to pay; they do not want to drill; they do not want to fight. The Empire is in danger. It cannot be saved by talk; it can only be saved by sacrifice and work."

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