

MOST LADIES NEED A TONIC EVERY SPRING.



MRS. BARBARA McDONALD, President of the St. Louis Blue Ribbon Club, writes the following letter concerning Peruna from 2947 Dayton street, St. Louis, Mo. "It is with feelings of gratitude for benefits derived from the use of Peruna that I desire to proclaim to human-kind my experience, hoping that it will benefit some unfortunate sufferer like myself. "Suffering for years with what appeared to be an incurable malady, and after a great expense incurred consulting physicians without any benefit, I was recommended to try Peruna. As a last expedient I purchased a bottle, and before one-half of the contents were used I felt the beneficial results. I am continuing to use same, and might say I am entirely well. My disease seemed to be catarrh of the stomach, and the nauseating sensation, and the heavy languid, tired-out feelings with which I suffered, especially after eating, have entirely left me, and my digestive organs are in splendid condition, all which I owe to the use of Peruna."

THE FISHERIES CONFERENCE.

DOMINION SHOULD CONTINUE CONTROL IS GENERAL OPINION.

Meeting of Canadian Cabinet With Provincial Representatives at Ottawa—Question as to What Consideration, if Any, the Provinces Should Get for Proprietary Interests.

Ottawa, May 24.—(Special)—A conference was opened this morning between the members of the federal cabinet and representatives of all the provinces excepting Manitoba and British Columbia. The ministers present were: Hon. Messrs. Sutherland, Blair, Fielding, Paterson, Tarte, Templeman, Fitzpatrick, and Solicitor-General Carter.

The provincial delegates were: For Ontario—Messrs. Bastedo and A. Irving, K. C.

Quebec—Premier Parent, Provincial Treasurer Duffy, and L. J. Cannon, deputy attorney general.

New Brunswick—Premier Tweedie and Attorney-General Fugate.

Nova Scotia—Premier Murray and Attorney-General Longley.

Prince Edward Island—Premier Peters, Hon. Messrs. Weir and McNutt.

The forenoon sitting was held at the office of the minister of marine and fisheries but, owing to the large attendance, the conference was resumed in the afternoon at the provincial chamber.

This gathering is called by the dominion minister of fisheries to agree, if possible, upon an interpretation of the judgment of the provincial council with respect to the control of the fisheries as between the federal and provincial authorities.

The judgment of the provincial council in an informal way to day and the consensus of opinion was that the dominion should continue to exercise control.

As already stated the general opinion is that the dominion is the proper party to the control of the country to continue assuming control. Then there is the question as to what consideration, if any, the provinces may derive for giving up their claim on the grounds of proprietary interests. That of course, might be submitted to the courts. The only province so far that gives the dominion any interest in the fisheries is British Columbia. In the other provinces the cost of protection, etc., far exceeds any revenue received.

The conference adjourned until tomorrow at 11 o'clock. The minister of marine and fisheries entertained the provincial representatives to dinner tonight in the Ross building.

Ottawa, May 21.—(Special)—The fishery conference closed here today, the only result reached being a general understanding which will be best served by the dominion having sole control. Another meeting will be held here after the ministers have returned from the coronation.

Premier Murray and Attorney-General Longley, of Nova Scotia, will leave for Toronto tonight and will not return home until after the provincial elections. Mr. Longley will take a hand in the contest in favor of the Ross government. He will also be present at a meeting of the Royal Society of which he is a member.

The New Brunswick and P. E. Island delegates are expected to leave for the east tomorrow. They are all well satisfied with their visit to Ottawa, and with the informal talk which has taken place on the subject of the fisheries.

Ottawa, May 21.—(Special)—A report from some Virginians to ascertain his views regarding the great eruption of Mount Pelee, Martinique, on May 7th. Professor Wiggins was called upon to give a lecture on volcanic eruptions and earthquakes scattered over about two years. Here are my words on January 10th, 1888, fourteen years ago: "Things will not be the same in 1902 as they were in 1888 but the great earthquake period of North America will not commence till August 19th, 1902." You see this is not an earthquake but an eruption of a single mountain.

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EIGHT RESOLUTIONS FOR DOMINION TRADE BOARDS.

Toronto Selections—Five Deal With Imperial and Three With Internal Matters. Toronto, May 21.—(Special)—The council of the Toronto Board of Trade today decided upon a set of eight resolutions which will be presented at the conference of the dominion board here June 4 and 5. Five resolutions deal with imperial matters and three with internal matters. The imperial resolutions are: Advocating consideration of a plan for naval and coast defence for Canada. Advocating reciprocal preferential trade within the empire. Calling for a fast Atlantic line. Calling for subsidized Canadian lines plying to South Africa and Australia. Advocating establishment of a commercial depot in London. The internal resolutions are: Advocating a railway commission. Advocating adoption of the metric system. Advocating the gaining by Canada of the right to establish a copyright law of her own.

FOREST FIRES RAGING: GREAT DESTRUCTION CAUSED IN ALBERT COUNTY.

Three or Four Thousand Acres of Lumber Land in Dawson Settlement and Salem Burned Over—Battling the Flames in Many Sections. Moncton, N. B., May 21.—(Special)—Forest fires are raging in the vicinity of Moncton and doing a great deal of damage to timber lands on both sides of the Petitcodiac river. The fires have been most severe around Hillsboro. A fire started at Dawson Settlement last Sunday and burned over 3,000 or 4,000 acres of lumber lands in Dawson Settlement and Salem. Today the fire was so bad near Hillsboro that the men from the Albert Manufacturing Company turned out to fight it. The residence of C. J. Osman, M. P., was threatened. A bad fire was also raging near J. N. Smith's, Lower Coveville, Albert county. Moncton was darkened with smoke this afternoon from a fire raging to a few miles north of Lewisville, and the mill hands at Caloum's Mills are reported to be fighting the flames in that vicinity. Much damage will be done to the timber lands. Rain is greatly needed. Campbellton, N. B., May 21.—(Special)—Fire destroyed two houses and two barns at Oak Bay (P. Q.) today. There was no insurance. Fredericton, May 21.—Forest fires have been raging back of Bath (Caledon Co.), and on Sunday broke out at Jobville Settlement and gave the inhabitants all vegetable work. The fire was burning to the ground while he was assisting neighbors to a distance.

NORTHWEST ELECTIONS, GOVERNMENT WINS.

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MINERS WROTE LETTERS WHILE DYING IN MINE.

Found by Searchers at Coal Creek, Where Two Hundred and Twenty-six Lives Were Lost. Knoxville, Tenn., May 21.—The latest estimate as to the loss of life in the Fraterville coal mine disaster at Coal Creek is 226. The last find reported was that of 12 bodies in an entry. Five of them had written letters before life expired. One of these letters gave the time of day. It was written at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, thus indicating that these and perhaps other entombed men lived many hours after the terrible explosion which occurred Monday morning at 7:30 o'clock. The letters gave a general suggestion of the suffering that was undergone, indicating that the men were gradually being strangled to death by the foul gaseous air that was filling the mine. One pitifully read: "My God, for another breath!" The letters in the mine were directions to families as to what disposition should be made of their bodies and business affairs and instructions as to raising the families. One of the victims, an orphan, addressed his letter "to everybody," and pleaded that they change their way of living. Money is badly needed and the outside world is urged to send in contributions to R. G. Landrum, chairman of the relief committee, Coal Creek (Tenn.). Having a Nice Time in Jail. Quebec, May 21.—(Special)—Colonel Gray and Captain (retiree), who elected Tuesday to go to jail, are being well taken care of by Governor Bernatchez. They are privileged prisoners, and yesterday held an impromptu reception, which was largely attended by their Quebec acquaintances. The two prisoners will remain in jail until their case is disposed of here by Justice Andrews. Mrs. Sylvia Dunham, whose home is in a village near Boston, counts her age by the successive types of vehicles she has seen perfected. She was born in 1800. At 5 years of age she rode in a stage coach, at 19 she boarded a railway train for the first time, at 29 she rode on an electric car, at 109 she enjoyed an outing in an automobile. At the age of 102 years she still attends to her household duties, works in her little garden and reads an hour every day. One grain of fine gold can be made into a wire 530 feet in length. The Old Man's Storm Drum. The old black cat's cawing through the house. "See her caw?" An' t'emmerer'll know— An' I'm sure that'll know— "Cuss the cat!" See the blarney old brute a-sittin' 'round the hearth? "Cuss the cat!" There's a big storm a-growin'— For I know it's a-stormin'— "Cuss the cat!" Now she's a-screetchin' like an Injun from the wild and woolly west. "Hear away! Believe the old Nick's in the curtain. Hope to blarney that he'll git 'er some sweet day!" H. L. B.

CUBA NOW A NATION.

UNITED STATES FORMALLY GIVES UP CONTROL. Stars and Stripes Comes Down; Cuban Flag Hoisted—The Ceremonies at Havana and Santiago Yesterday—General Wood and American Troops Embark and Sail Away. Havana, May 20.—The natal day of the Republic of Cuba found Havana splendidly decorated. The ceremony of transfer of control from the United States to Cuban authority took place at noon in the Audience chamber of the palace. It was brief and simple. After formal greetings General Wood read the documentary transfer prepared by the war department pledging the new government to immediately proclaim the constitution and the Platt amendment contained in the appendix and to take over the obligations assumed by the United States by the treaty of Paris. Senor Estrada Palma attached his signature to the document, as president of the republic. After an exchange of congratulations the old veteran general Gouez ascended to the roof of the palace. He was instantly recognized and met with an immense demonstration of welcome. Soldiers undid the halcyons from the flagstaff and lowered the American colors, which were saluted, and hoisted the Cuban flag. As the flag flew free the streets below fairly swarmed with the cheer that arose. It was caught up by the people on the roofs and rolled over the city. A national salute of 21 guns was given. General Wood and his staff and the American troops embarked immediately after the hoisting of the Cuban flag and the American ships steamed out of the harbor. While this was taking place at Havana, a similar scene was being enacted at Santiago, where General Whiteside at noon, turned over the authority to his Cuban successor, and sailed away with two troops of Eighth cavalry. Only eight batteries of American artillery remain on Cuban soil. A chapter of American history was ended, and the first chapter of the history of the Cuban republic was begun. The English channel is nowhere more than 500 feet deep; the Irish sea is 2,170 feet. The French post office estimates that no fewer than 25,000 letters were stolen last year from pillar boxes. Experiments are being made by fitting one of the boxes with a steel teeth, which prevent destruction of letters. In the hope of guarding against these thefts in the future.

NEW LINES OF TRADE FOR ENGLAND AND CANADA.

Prof. Robertson Returning from a Successful Mission to the Old Country. Ottawa, May 21.—(Special)—Professor Robertson, Dominion Dairy commissioner, who has been in England for the past few weeks laying before the British dealers the advantages of trading with Canada, has met with decided success and, as a result, an opening for new lines in goods may be looked for at any early date. Professor Robertson has been looking after Canada's most market and other Canadian produce consumed in Britain and has found the British dealers eager to open with Canadian trade and has pointed out to them the many lines in which they may find supply. He sailed from Liverpool yesterday for New York on the Majestic. Bush fires are raging in the neighboring timber limits. In Leitchfield township vast tracts are on fire. Word received here states that a fire had started in a timber limit on the Coudreau river and had destroyed a quantity of small pine. No particulars as to the extent are given but there are hopes that the recent rains would check the fire until the bush rangers get to work. Sharpening Razors by Magnetism. A patent recently granted to Oscar Newhouse makes the novel claim that by placing the cutting edge of a razor in close proximity to a bar magnet, the former may be perfectly sharpened. The inventor says that the magnet draws the minute teeth or projections of the sharp edge (which may be seen under a microscope) back into a straight line after they have been bent into all sorts of angles by the razor's use. He states that after testing for months he has found that the beneficial effect is very marked, and that a razor can be used a great number of times without stropping or honing if it is simply placed in a proper position near the magnet when it is put away. Whether the idea has any practical value or not it is certainly a novel one. Assurance Company Appointment. Montreal, May 21.—(Special)—J. M. Wickham, formerly manager of the Alliance Assurance Company, has been appointed manager for Canada of the amalgamated Alliance and Imperial Companies with headquarters at Montreal. Of London policemen, 2.22 per cent. are daily on the sick list.

MACKEREL STRIKE IN ON NOVA SCOTIA COAST.

One Schooner Secures 21,000.—Transport Corinthian to Sail on Friday. Halifax, N. S., May 20.—(Special)—Mackerel have struck in on the coast. This morning the schooner Globe arrived with 21,000 large fish, which were purchased outside. The fishermen along shore have been getting small quantities in their nets. The fish are relating about the city today for 25 cents. It has been decided that the transport Corinthian will sail on Friday and orders to that effect have been issued. The horses will be put on board Thursday and the troops of the 24th Regiment will embark Friday morning at 8 o'clock. Inspection will take place immediately on embarkation and it is expected will be completed in time to allow the ship to go to sea at 10 o'clock. Until a child is four years of age it should have an hour's sleep in the middle of the day.

DON'T BE DECEIVED

Carrie Nation still pays visits to Kansas saloons, but occasionally adopts curious tactics on such occasions. One day last week she suddenly appeared in a barroom at Ottawatomie and traded one of her sovereigns for a pint of whisky. After exchanging social remarks with the joint keeper, she departed with the liquor, which she poured into the gutter. A fireman fell from the roof of a three-story building in Mexico City recently, landing on the roof of a street car and rolled off to the ground, where he received a cut on the head and a sprained wrist. The car was full and one passenger, when the man fell on the roof, thrust his umbrella over the fireman, leaving his silk hat and an umbrella behind.

FISHERMEN TO USE WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Captain Jacobs Again to Front—Scheme to Get News of Mackerel Schools and Markets. Gloucester, May 21.—Capt. Jacobs, of the new fishing steamer Alice M. Jacobs, has arranged with a wireless telegraph company for the installation of apparatus and an operator aboard his steamer. By this means he believes that not only can he be in touch with the coast and obtain early information in regard to the movements of mackerel, but he can also keep informed regarding the state of the markets, if it will be best for him to sail a catch in the event of a glut, or if it would pay better to run his catch to market fresh. So well is the scheme thought of that Collector William J. Jordan proposes to install a similar service aboard one of his new auxiliary steamers, and if as successful as hoped for, the idea may be generally taken up aboard fishing vessels. That it would be a great thing to do for warming, especially around Sable Island and other dreary spots, is conceded. Its success would mark a great advance in the fisheries.

THE TOWN OF LE CARBET, ON MARTINIQUE, IS DESTROYED.

London, May 22.—A despatch to the Times from Fort De France, Martinique, says that a jet of fire has destroyed the town of Le Carbet on the west coast of Martinique and that apprehension is felt for the safety of troops who were detached on a special mission to this town.

WRECKING COMPANY TO FLOAT STRANDED LAKE SUPERIOR.

Boston, May 21.—The firm here which has bought the stranded steamer Lake Superior, as she lies in the harbor of St. John (N. B.), has contracted with a Boston wrecking company to float the craft. The schooner Nellie L. White is taking on steam pumps, boilers and wrecking apparatus which will be taken to St. John to be used in the wrecking operations. Tugs, lighters and men will be engaged at St. John, and the work will be performed under the supervision of Captain George.

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