Ouida's Poem.

(New York Sun.)

A friend of The Sun asks us to reprint "a poem by Ouida on 'The Awakening of Britain.'" The poem appeared in the London Times, September 5, 1882. Its text fails to be discovered in an extensive search of the verse anthologies, but we find it given in a memoir of Ouida, Louise Rame, or, as she peremptorily directed her publisher, Baron Tauchnitz, to address her, De La Rame, that issued a year or so ago from the house of Duffield in this town. Ouida's lines and the circumstances attendant upon their composition and publication are interesting enough to account for production at this time with a word of comment.

Ouida was an unwearying letter writer and something of a pamphleteer. Her letters were brief, and would today be called snappy. She said a good deal in few words. In August, 1882, she tells her publisher she is "much interested in Egypt"; England is "quite right," and "I only hope she will go through with the matter and make a protectorate there." Later, again, she finds "this superb swift course of victory" recalling the campaigns of Alexander.

Incomparable Ouida! Was she the mistress or the handmaiden of her abundant vocabulary? She drew upon it for these lines:

"Great England put her armor by, and stretched
Her stately limbs to slumber in the sun.
The nations, seeing then how long she slept,
Communed together, and in whispers said:
'Lo! She is old and tired; let us steal
The crown from off her brows. She will not know.'
And Goneril and Regan, over seas,
Mocking her, cried: 'Her time is past. Her blood
Is sluggish, and her rusted sword from out
Her scabbard she will draw no more.' And so,
Thus gibing, flung with cruel hands the seeds
Of discord and of hate amidst her sons.
But from the East there came a blast too loud,
As from the West there came a taunt too much;
And she, awaking, raised her head, and saw
Around her all the faithless friends, and all
Her sisters and her children jeering her,
And crying 'She is old' and meting out
Her lands among themselves, and parcelling
Her honor. Then, swift as lighting flashes
From blue skies, her glance of scorn fell on them,
And they crouched, like wolves that are o'ermastered.
England stretched out her hand and touched the world—
England arose, and spake, and calmly said:
'Nay! I am mistress still!'"

Thirty-four years ago Louise Rame wrote these lines. She lived to within six years of the Great War.

The Western Line.

(Verses Written in an Artillery Observation Post During a Relief, Flanders.)

(London Spectator.)

Thor draws a chord invisible
Across the shaking sky;
I hear the tearing of the shell,
The bullets sing and cry,
As charging through the flames of hell
The batteries go by.

The gunners laugh about the task
That man to man has given:
Like Titans now the guns unmask
And fire the veils of heaven.
Above the cloud what lights are gleaming?
God's batteries are those,
Or souls of soldiers homeward streaming
To banquet with their foes?
The floods of battle ebb and flow,
The soldiers to Valhalla go!

They say that, when the day awoke
And the dying night was wan,
Harry of England rode the smoke
And led the English van:
And bowmen in the battle-glare
Rose from the ghostly dew;
The cloth-yard sang upon the air
And the gray goose-feather flew!
Harry of England is awake,
His archers mind not trench or stake!

Beyond the thunder of the guns,
Beyond the flaming line,
Far from this sky of echoing bronze,
The English valleys shine,
The gardens moated in the wolds
By wind and water kissed,
And dainty girls that England folds
In sunshine and in mist.
The floods of battle ebb and flow,
The soldiers to Valhalla go!

The soldier has his girls to love,
And he has his rum to drink,
But when the lines of battle move
He has little time to think:
Sometimes he wins a victory,
Somewhere the battle ends,
And there the paths of glory lie
Where lie the soldier's friends.
The floods of battle ebb and flow,
The soldiers to Valhalla go!

The fighting men go charging past
With the battle in their eyes,
The fighting men go reeling past
Like gods in poor disguise:
The glorious men whom none will see,
No wife or mother more,
Winged with the wings of Victory
And helmeted by Thor!
Above the cloud what lights are gleaming?
God's batteries are those,
Or souls of soldiers homeward streaming
To banquet with their foes?

THOSE "WOLVES"

A citizen who had two huge dogs last Saturday missed them both on Sunday morning, and on Monday night one of them returned—alone. It is possible that they were the "wolves" seen by another citizen at French Village on Sunday. One was shot. The dogs are believed to have gone away on the trail of a deer. They were kind and harmless, but they were so big and so formidable looking that the average city man encountering one in the woods might well mistake them for wild animals and think them dangerous. At all events, unless the second dog comes home, the owner will decide that his big pet died as a "wolf." There are no wolves in New Brunswick so far as is known, and hunters say that the wolf in summer is a shy animal which gives man a wide berth.

Worse.

"No man should lead a single life,"
Declares good Parson Pratt.
Suppose we all led double ones,
What would he say to that?
—Boston Transcript.

AGRICULTURE

GRAIN FOR SEED PURPOSES.

Too Many Varieties Grown on Canadian Farms.

(Conservation.)

When selecting a variety of wheat or oats to sow on their farms, many farmers seem determined to obtain something different from that which their neighbors are sowing. This idea is entirely wrong when it comes to choosing a variety of grain for seed purposes. While visiting 100 farms in Waterloo county in 1915, the commission of conservation found that 28 varieties of oats were being sown, and 16 varieties of wheat. In Northumberland county 18 varieties, and in Carleton county 19 varieties of oats were found. Previous surveys disclosed similar conditions in other provinces. Many farmers are suffering a distinct loss by not sowing proper varieties. The most suitable variety for any of the farms visited in 1915 by the commission may be found among the first two or three at the top of the list of those tested at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, or at the O. A. C., Guelph.

Sow a variety which has been tested and tried, and which has given good results for years, and if your neighbor is sowing the same variety it will be so much the better—for him.

Do not try every new variety that is brought to your attention by beautiful illustrations in seed catalogues or by the persuasion of agents. The testing is being done for you at the institutions for that purpose and the information you want in this connection can be had free by writing to your nearest dominion experimental farm or to the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, or to your nearest agricultural college.—F. C. N.

MAKING USE OF UNTILLABLE LAND.

Most Farmers Have Land Which Could Be Used for Sheep Raising.

(Conservation.)

Fifty-seven per cent of the 400 farmers visited in 1915 by the commission of conservation in the four counties of Carleton, Dundas, Northumberland and Waterloo possess untillable land other than that in woods. The average amount per farm of untillable land, of those having such, ran as high, in one county, as 53 acres; the lowest average in any one county was 15 acres.

Only 14 per cent of all the farmers visited kept sheep. In one county only four farmers among the 100 visited were keeping sheep, averaging only four to each of the four farms. In this particular county, on 72 of the 100 farms visited, there were over 1,000 acres of untillable land and only 16 sheep, when there might well have been 16 sheep on each farm. No class of live stock is so well able as sheep to turn to good account untillable and otherwise waste land. It has been well demonstrated by experiments that the keeping of a small farm flock headed by a pure bred ram is a profitable undertaking. They need very little care and yield two crops a year—lambs and wool. Expensive buildings are not necessary, as sheep require only to be kept dry and protected from stormy weather, with a little extra care at lambing time.

Fewer bad weeds would be found on Canadian farms if more shep were kept, as sheep will eat almost all classes of weeds.

Every Canadian farmer is not urged to go into sheep husbandry, but much idle land could and should be utilized as sheep pasture. It will pay. Those interested should write to the Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto, for bulletin No. 214, or to the Sheep Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, for the splendid bulletins published on various phases of the sheep industry.—F. C. N.

WASTE OF FERTILIZR

Canadian Farmers Do Not Appreciate Value of Manure to Their Land.

The survey of 100 farms in each of four counties in Ontario in 1915 revealed a condition of extreme carelessness with a valuable product of the farm. Manure is one of the chief fertilizing elements used on Canadian farms. Few farmers were using chemical fertilizers, the numbers being: Dundas county, 8; Waterloo, 37; Northumberland, 39; Carleton, none.

The percentage making use of farmyard manure was 100; yet, of the 100 per cent., an average of 76.7 per cent. admit "exercising no care to prevent waste of manure;" also, of the 400 farmers visited, only two exercise good care to prevent manure waste.

Mgr. Choquette, of the commission of conservation, in an address before the last annual meeting, referred to the need of our farmers understanding better the nature of the soil which they till. He instanced the farmers of France, Belgium, Switzerland and Italy, and said: "Several times I have heard Belgian peasants speak of nitrogen, phosphoric acid, potash and lime, as ably as a professor. 'Here,' said one of them to me, 'is a field which needs nitrate; it would grow nothing without that. Over there I shall put, rather, some phosphate with a little potash.' I took an extreme pleasure in their conversation, and I asked myself if our Canadian farmers, even the best educated among them, would be able to show as much knowledge."

This appreciation of the value of fertilizing elements by European farmers stands out in strong contrast with that of Canadian farmers.

When only two out of the 400 farmers visited in the older counties of Ontario exercised good care to prevent waste of manure, and 76.7 per cent. admit exercising no care, the situation surely calls for the prompt attention of those interested in promoting better agriculture and the conservation and utilization of farm products.—Conservation.

VARIETIES OF GRAIN.

Farmers Should Know the Names of Seeds They Sow.

(Conservation.)

Twenty per cent. of the 400 farmers visited in the agricultural survey in Ontario in 1915 did not know the name of any variety of grain sown on their farms. In Dundas county, where 100 farms were visited, of a total of 86 farmers growing barley only 11 knew the variety grown. Fifty-two per cent. of the 400 farmers visited in the province were growing barley and only 16 per cent. knew the name of the variety.

Only 64 per cent. of all the farmers visited knew the name of the variety of oats they were sowing. Those who do not know the variety used may be sowing grain unsuited for their farms. There is very little excuse for the prevalence of such conditions. Every farmer sowing an unknown grain lives within reach of some farmer who grows a known sort of proved excellence, from whom seed can be obtained. Farmers wishing to obtain seed for next year should arrange for it early and choose a variety which has been tested and proved to be good. The Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa and the various agricultural colleges have carried on such tests for the benefit of farmers, the results of which may be obtained free upon application.—F. C. N.

Protection of Trees.

In many cases, when running wire fencing, it is advisable to attach it to trees, instead of setting down fence posts to carry it. If the fencing is attached directly to a growing tree the wire is soon overgrown and embeded in the wood, injuring, and, in many cases, killing the tree. To fasten the wire fencing to the tree, and at the same time protect it from injury, a strip of board, an inch or an inch and a half in thickness, and three or four inches wide, should be securely nailed upright to the side of the tree. The fencing should then be fastened by staples to this strip. In this manner very little damage is done to the tree, and the wire fencing may be removed at any time.

HOW TO PREVENT FIRE.

Keep waste paper, packing material and rubbish cleaned up.

Make frequent personal inspections from a fire standpoint.

See that your electric wiring is standard, and be careful in the use of electric devices.

Have all smoke-pipes and chimneys inspected and properly repaired before starting fires for the winter.

Be careful about the use of matches. Provide safe receptacles for them both before and after use.

Feel your personal responsibility as to possible loss of life and property by fire and act accordingly.

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KINGSTON PENINSULA CHURCHES WELCOME RECTOR AND HIS BRIDE

Presentations at Pleasant Receptions to Rev. Henry and Mrs. Waterton.

On Thursday evening a very delightful house warming was given the new rector of Kingston and his bride, Mr. and Mrs. Wetterton. The rectory, which lends itself admirably to entertaining, was decorated throughout with flags, ferns and flowers. Warden and Mrs. Foster assisted in receiving while those in the dining room were Mrs. Called, Mrs. F. Paddock, the Misses Northrup, Fairweather, E. Paddock, G. Crawford, R. Lamb, R. Cosman, V. Bruce, F. Northrup, E. Whelpley and others. Miss Ida Northrup ushered the guests to the dining room. The table was centered by pink cosmos and ferns. Soft candles lighted the room.

After some music Mr. Foster presented a purse to the rector on behalf of those present, wishing he and his bride all happiness in this their first home among the people of Kingston, to which the rector gracefully responded.

On Monday of last week the members of the congregation of All Saints church, Clifton, gave a reception to Rev. Mr. Waterton and his bride. Colonel O. W. Wetmore presided over the proceedings. The Clifton hall was beautifully decorated with flowers and plants. The programme consisted of music, refreshments and a toast list. Towards the close of the evening the chairman, in the name of the parishioners, presented to the rector and his wife a beautiful drawing room chair. In spite of the wet evening a large number of people were present.

On Tuesday evening of last week, the congregation of St. James' church, Long Reach, gave a reception to the new rector. The reception was held in the Orange hall. F. B. Gotham, warden, in a few well chosen words, extended a hearty welcome to Mrs. Waterton and on behalf of the congregation made the presentation of a very useful hall rack. The rector thanked the chairman for his kinds words of welcome, also for the very useful gift.

At the close of the evening service at St. Paul's, Whitehead, on Sunday, July 30, Herbert Redmore, on behalf of the congregation, presented a purse of money to the rector and Mrs. Waterton. St. Paul's branch of the W. A. also gave Mrs. Waterton a very useful quilt.

MONCTON MAN MAY HAVE TO LOSE AN ARM

Moncton, N. B., Aug. 14—Peter Allain, an employe in a barrel factory, while running a planer this morning, met with a distressing accident. His arm was drawn between the rollers and his hand, forearm and elbow were completely crushed and the bones above the elbow are believed to be so badly shattered that amputation will be necessary almost to the shoulder. The injured man was taken to the hospital. He is forty-seven years of age, married and the father of seven children, only the eldest of whom, aged sixteen, is at work.

CANADIAN OFFICERS.

London, Aug. 15—(Montreal Gazette Cable)—Gen. Victor Williams is reported to be lying seriously wounded in the Marine Hospital at Aschen.

Brig.-General MacDougall, G. O. C., training division, Shorncliffe, has been promoted major-general.

Captain Talbot Papineau, of the Princess Pats, latterly aide to Major-Gen. Alderson, is slated to join the literary staff of Sir Max Aitkin's office.

Quito, the capital of Equador, on the Equator, has no regular water supply. Water-carriers bring water into the city in jars.

E. N. STOCKFORD AGAIN HEADS PROVINCIAL LODGE OF I.O.G.T.

Ranks of The Good Templars Depleted by War With 91 Members from Province in Khaki—Lodge at Front Keeps Members Steadfast to Principles.

Hampton, Aug. 15—The 46th annual session of the Grand Lodge of N. B., I. O. G. T., opened here today.

The executive committee met at 10 o'clock, Chairman Rev. W. J. Lane. Others present E. N. Stockford, St. John; L. R. Hetherington, J. V. Jackson, Moncton; Rev. J. G. A. Belyea, Fredericton; D. C. Fisher, St. John. Mr. Lawson was elected secretary.

The following officers and delegates were present: Michael Kelly, P. G. E. S., of St. John; E. N. Stockford, G. C. T., St. John; A. C. M. Lawson, G. E. S., Fredericton; Rev. Thos. Marshall, P. G. C. T., Fredericton; L. R. Hetherington, P. G. C. T., Cody's; A. Morrell, P. G. S., Moncton, and Harry Coleman, G. Mas., St. John.

Mr. Pleasant Lodge, Hopewell Hill—Ald. H. H. Stuart, Newcastle.

Happy Home, Bloomfield—Misses Edna Burnett and M. Sherwood.

Hampton—Rev. O. N. Chipman, Arnold Fowler.

Lady Somerset, Fredericton Jct.—Rev. J. G. A. Belyea.

No Surrender, Fairville—Mrs. King, Miss M. Irving.

Thorne, St. John—D. C. Fisher, Mrs. E. N. Stockford.

Dominion, St. John—Ernest Marshall.

Clarendon—H. W. Roberts, Miss Violet Johnson.

Jubilee, Moncton—Mrs. J. V. Jackson.

Good Samaritan, Moncton—Mrs. Fred. Hutchinson.

St. John district—Wm. Arbeau, John McEachren, Mrs. Crandall.

Westmorland district—J. E. Van Buskirk.

Gordon Temple—J. V. Jackson.

Crystal Stream Temple, Moncton—Mrs. Gilbert Bishop.

Thorne Temple, St. John—Miss Elizabeth Young.

Following committees were appointed:

Committee on political action—Rev. Thomas Marshall, L. R. Hetherington, Rev. W. G. Lane, D. C. Fisher, J. V. Jackson, Rev. O. N. Chipman, Rev. J. G. A. Belyea, Michael Kelly and A. C. M. Lawson.

Juvenile work—A. C. M. Lawson, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Sherwood and Mrs. Fowler.

Credential—A. C. M. Lawson, L. R. Hetherington, J. V. Jackson and Mrs. J. V. Jackson.

Obituary—Rev. O. N. Chipman, Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Arbo.

Sessions—Messrs. Belyea, DeLong and Roberts.

State of order—Messrs. Hetherington, Morrell, McEachern and Mrs. DeLong.

Appeals—Messrs. Belyea, E. Marshall, Stuart and Mrs. Irvine.

Finance—Messrs. Lane, Kelly, Van Buskirk, Stuart and Mrs. Crandall.

The grand secretary's report showed:

Lodges reported last year	46
Organized during year	1
Reorganized	1
	48
About half a dozen lodges have not reported.	
Members reported last year	1,807
Initiated	487
Joined by card	4
Reinstated	28
	2,271
Resigned	9
Left by card	11
Suspended for non-payment of dues	647
Expelled	4
Died	8
	679
Present membership	1,592
Net loss	215

Three of the largest lodges lost 49, 88 and 95 members respectively, and three others lost 20, 20 and 35; total for the six, 307. This shows that loss has not been general.

The G. C. T. reorganized Hampton Lodge, and Rev. Bro. Bell organized Burden Lodge at Burden.

Fifteen lodges with total membership of 505, report 91 members in uniform. Dominion Lodge, St. John, has 68 members, of whom 15 enlisted. Others have from 20 to 30 per cent in uniform.

The report recommended that lodges be "urged to retain on the membership roll all these noble boys; that no tax be required from lodges on such members; that an honor roll of their names be made in the Journal, and that memorials be published of those killed."

Eleven members have been reported during the year as having finished their earthly course. They are: Stanley P. Wetmore Edward S. Ogden and Howard Johnson, Clarendon; Basil Harris, Salmon Rock; Ruth McLeod and Lot DeWolfe, Dominion; Dr. McC. Macdonald, Cambridge Star; D. B. Burgess, Fairville; R. J. McEachern, P.D.C.T., Thorne Lodge, and four killed in action—Richard Ashburn, Onward; Fred Hunter and Harry Grant, Cherry Hill; and Clyde Newcombe, Mt. Pleasant.

There was never a time when our lodges were more needed than at present.

Twenty-four lodges with 874 members have favored an increase of per capita tax; two with 68 members voted nay and 20 with 670 did not report a vote. The secretary would recommend increase of tax to 10 cents.

The report continued, noting with commendation the new prohibition bill, deeming it a most drastic and suitable one, much better than the Scott act. He recommended repeal of Scott act, and for chief prohibition inspector the G. C. T., Mr. Stockford. Also that $50 a year be voted Dominion Alliance funds.

The financial statement showed total receipts of $444.70 and expenditures of $533.84; balance on hand, $56.81.

Report of the Grand C. Templar.

To the Officers and Members Grand Lodge of N. B., I. O. G. T.

Dear Sisters and Brothers.

My third annual report, from the standpoint of membership, is not what I would like to be able to bring to you. Circumstances have ben such that little propagation work could be undertaken, nothing in the way of active labor being put forth save in the instance of Bro. Kelly's visit to Carleton and Victoria counties last year. Much of the loss of membership that our grand secretary will have to report has occurred among the larger lodges of the jurisdiction and where there has been the greater enlistment for overseas service. Many of our best workers have heard the call for men.

E. N. Stockford of St. John, re-elected Grand Chief Templar, I.O.G.T., Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

In that way the cause has suffered, and the places that these men have occupied have not as yet been filled.

One lodge was organized and one reorganized during year. Each of these is doing good work. Four temples have been brought into existence and this department has shown evidence of taking on new life.

During December last a delegation from the N. B. branch of the Dominion Alliance waited upon the government, asking for a prohibitory measure. In response to this, during the last session of the house such legislation was given as to please the temperance people, and expression of our thanks has gone to the government. An act was drafted, after the assistance of the alliance through a competent committee was solicited, which is looked upon by those quite competent to judge as being a powerful instrument for the prohibition of the liquor traffic.

The best interpretation of this law will, however, be given in its enforcement. The best assurance of its effectiveness is in the amount of practical sentiment that will stand behind it. To aid in every way in our power is our bounden duty both individually and as lodges.

While the thanks of the temperance people of the province have been tendered to the government through the executive of the alliance, we should, I think, mark our appreciation of the government who which has given to us the measure for which we have been pressing since our existence in this province.

Two years of war have been passed and the second anniversary of its declaration sees the Allies slowly but surely bringing about the utter collapse of the central powers. To have reached this stage is a matter for which the empire joins in thanksgiving to God. The organization which has been accomplished, making Britain a military nation, was a stupendous and to some an impossible task. The success that has been attained confirms the belief that an allwise Providence has been guiding us and assures us of eventually gaining such a decisive victory as to warrant a lasting peace among the nations.

I have had the pleasure of hearing, from time to time, from members of the 26th Battalion Lodge. Intelligence and superior courage have marked the conduct of this regiment and they have reflected the greatest credit on their native land. Many of the boys have paid the supreme sacrifice. Among the list of their honored dead we find the names of Bird, McPhee and McIntyre, the finest types of manhood. Other brothers have been wounded, taken to the hospitals, recovered and gone back to the front. Going through many temptations our boys have remained steadfast. Their spirit was that of true conrage and sacrifice. We thank God for them and trust that through His goodness and care that many of them may be restored to their friends and take up again the pursuits they laid down. From other lodges there have gone many. These are constantly in our thought.

Let me again call your attention to the work of the temples. With, at one side, a good prohibitory measure, and at the other a campaign amongst the children, what a powerful work could be done. Work here pays. No other field will give the same return.

There has just come a letter from Bro. W. Baird, first C. T. of our military lodge, reporting death of Bros. T. J. Bolompied, M. M. McKay, C. E. Newcombe and Pte. Spare.

Hampton, Aug. 16—Officers elected for Grand Lodge, I. O. G. T., held yesterday were as follows:

Grand Chief Templar—E. N. Stockford, St. John (re-elected.)

Grand Counsellor—Rev. Thos. Marshall, Fredericton.

Grand Secretary—J. Vernon Jackson, Moncton.

Grand Vice-Templar—Miss Flora DeLong, Hampton.

Grand Electorial Supt.—D. C. Fisher, St. John.

Grand Supt. J. Work—Miss Beatrice Campbell, St. John.

Grand Treasurer—A. C. M. Lawson, Fredericton.

Grand Marshall—William Arbo, Fairville.

Grand Chaplain—Rev. J. G. A. Belyea, Fredericton Junction.

Grand A. Sec'y.—Arnold Fowler, Hampton.

Grand Dep. Mar.—Miss Violet Johnson, Clarendon.

Grand Messenger—Harry Coleman, St. John.

Grand Guide—Miss Minnie Irvine, Fairville.

Grand Sentinel — Arthur Morrell, Moncton.

Past G. C. Templar—L. R. Hetherington.

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PICNIC WAS HELD AT CANTERBURY TO AID ROAD REPAIRS

Men of District Immediately Set to Work to Remove Huge Rocks from Road Rendered Almost Impassable Through Neglect of Government.

Canterbury, N. B., Aug. 15—Probably the first picnic of its kind ever held in New Brunswick just took place at Skiff Lake. The proceeds are to be used to improve the road from Canterbury leading past Skiff Lake and into the parish of North Lake.

This road, after reaching Skiff Lake, owing to the fact that nothing has been spent on it by the local government, has reached a condition almost impassable. The boys started the ball rolling by using about twenty pounds of dynamite on the big rocks in the road that had been passed over by two governments and two generations of supervisors. Credit should be given for this work to W. E. Gould, G. Jarvis, Dr. C. Lundon, B. McNally, G. Cunningham, T. McMullin and Roy Smith. Even E. Lundon, P. Richardson and Albert Hayden, who have got past being boys, pulled off their coats and went at it.

The picnic was held at "The Pines," E. Lundon's camp at Skiff Lake, an ideal place for it. The camp is on a point which commands a view of the most beautiful part of the lake and islands. The property has good wharf accommodation for boats and canoes and grounds in the rear of the cottage furnish room for hundreds of people. The committee who arranged matters included G. Price, E. Lundon and J. C. Hartley.

More than $100 was raised from the following sources: Each adult was tagged for 25 cents. The motor boats owned by G. Price, Harold Grant and E. Lundon made regular trips among the islands at ten cents a ride. The young ladies at the different cottages supplied home-made candy. Among the young ladies who assisted in this and whose work was very much appreciated were Misses Faye Camber, Bessie Lundon, Edith Grant, Edith Smith, Dorothy Aryuton and Margaret Merryman. Tea was supplied free to the parties lunching by the committee.

Among the interesting water sports was the swim from the "Big Rock" to The Pines by Muriel and Margaret Merriman, Miss Muriel winning. There was also a canoe race. The following entered: Faye Camber and Ed. Crombie, Bessie Lundon and Tom McMullin, Margaret Merriman and R. Shaw. This was a race from start to finish, Miss Camber and E. Crombie winning by half a length. The other canoes were close up. McMullin, Crombie and Shaw in the single canoe event made a hot race, McMullin coming in ahead.

Every one pronounced it one of the best days spent on the lake and if the committee in charge succeeds in having the money placed on the road to good advantage an effort will be made next year to have one on a bigger scale, as this picnic was only an experiment.

DELEGATES MUCH IMPRESSED WITH ST. CROIX HARBOR

St. Stephen, N. B., Aug. 16—The Union of N. B. Municipalities met here in the Masonic hall this morning at 10 o'clock with President F. L. Potts, of St. John, in the chair and G. H. Cooper, of Fredericton, as secretary. There were representatives from nearly every section of the province who seemed fully alive to the importance of the body of which they were members.

The minutes of last year's session were read and confirmed, after which President Potts delivered a stirring address, outlining the work of the union and stating briefly many ways in which the members could benefit the province.

Mr. Potts in his remarks stated that this society was one of power even greater than most of the members dreamed and the members should use it to advance the interest of each and every community. There should be no politics in the union but it should be an independent party. He was strongly of the opinion that after the terrible war was over there would be a large influx of people to Canada and that there should be means adopted to properly locate and house these people, a sad deficiency in the province today. Greater effort should be put forth to secure good roads.

J. King Kelley, K. C., of St. John, submitted a paper on utilities commission prepared by Mr. Otty which, on account of the valuable suggestion in the paper and for lack of time, was on motion made the first subject to be taken up at the Thursday morning session.

By invitation of Mayor Grimmer the members of the union were the guests of the town for this afternoon and evening.

At 2 o'clock the efficiency of the fire department and water pressure of the town system were shown the visitors. Automobiles were provided and the visitors with the members of the town council and board of trade drove through the four towns of the St. Croix, then visited the water pumping station and continued to Oak Point, where they viewed the great St. Croix harbor and enjoyed a shore dinner.

G. W. Ganong then briefly addressed the gathering, touching upon the possibilities of the harbor they were viewing.

C. N. Vroom followed, drawing an impressive word picture of the harbor as it appeared when De Monts and Champlain visited here three centuries ago, and contrasted it with what this harbor will probably be ten years from now with docks and steamers loading. He stated that the Canadian produce now being shipped through Portland (Me.) rightly belonged to this port and it eventually must come here.

President Potts was greatly impressed with this harbor and so was Mayor Mitchell, of Fredericton. Commissioner H. McLellan, of St. John, joined with the other speakers in the strong impression received of the importance of this natural harbor.

This evening the members are enjoying a musical concert given in the Bijou Theatre for the Belgian relief fund.

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LITTLE RUST IN CANADA

Wheat Crop Estimate is 200,000,000 Bushels—Damage from Early Frost Feared—Money Becomes Plentiful.

Montreal, Aug. 16—Alarmist reports have scared the grain traders of both the United States and Canada into meeting the continued advances caused by the stories of black rust in the Canadian wheat crop. While it is an assured fact that black rust has made its appearance in southern Manitoba the damage has been slight in comparison with the size of the crop. There is more to be feared from early frosts, which no doubt will catch quite a quantity of the growing wheat crop unless there is decidedly favorable weather. There is a prospect of a 200,000,000 bushel wheat crop.

The Canadian western wheat crop has not been able to overcome the handicap under which it was sown in the early spring. Unfavorable conditions during April and May prevented farmers of the three prairie provinces giving their crops a good early start. The weather in June and July was not such as to enable the grain to make up for lost time. As a result one finds the crop a week or ten days later than a year ago. This does not mean calamity by any means, but with general harvesting operations delayed until Aug. 25, the menace from frosts becomes greater. The wheat acreage is 15 per cent. less than that harvested in 1915, and the grain over the greater part of the country has not been as well seeded as last year. During the last two weeks damage has been wrought by hail and heat, and this must inevitably eat into the yield.

Should the Canadian west produce 200,000,000 bushels of wheat this year, following the tremendous production of last year, this country will be placed in an exceptioonally strong position financially. Inspections made at Winnipeg show that 325,700,000 bushels of wheat have gone through from last year's crop, and there is some to come from branch lines along the railways in Alberta and Saskatchewan. The continuous stream of grain outward has caused a return of money inward and money has not been so plentiful as now in the Canadian west since the year of 1912-13.

The constant black rust reports would almost make one believe that practically the entire northwestern wheat crop of the continent has been wiped out. There has been only a slight affection in the southern Manitoba district, and this is the only district in the Canadian prairie provinces where damage to any perceivable extent has been done by rust.

BIG CONFERENCE ON BOYS' WORK

Important Gathering Here in October in Connection With Y.M.C.A. Activities.

Plans are now being made for a monster boys' conference to be held in St. John—the latter part of October—under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. The conference is to be province-wide and will bring together about 300 boys from all corners of New Brunswick. It is to be held in conjunction with a visit by Canadian standard efficiency test speakers, who are to be here at that time. It will be one of the argest of its kind ever hed in this section of Canada, and will, it is hoped, greatly surpass the conference held here three years ago.

Arthur M. Gregg, secretary of the boys' work at the local institution, has outlined a programme of work for the winter, based on the efficiency test, but the general programme is not yet ready for pubication. Mr. Gregg returned yesterday from the summer school at Couchiching, where many prominent workers from all parts of the country gathered for discussion of association topics.

Dr. J. M. Tyler, of Amherst College, Amherst (Mass.), lectured on biology; Prof. W .H. Graves, of Victoria College, Toronto, on the art of public speaking; A. B. Farmer, of the Sheldon School of Business Science, on character analysis and salesmanship. T. H. Hutchinson, former general secretary of the local branch, gaev a series of talks on high school work for boys, and Taylor Stratton took up national affairs and the effort of a united policy in Canada, which may be brought about through the proposed co-operation of the Anglican, Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian denominations along these lines.

Workers from the Canadian standard efficiency test committee are to make a coast to coast tour and are expected to reach St. John the latter part of October, when the conference is being held. The course includes a series of thirty-two brief lectures, which aim to develop the physical, spiritual, mental and social quailties of the boy.

Mr. Gregg said that work at the camp was divided into the physical, general secretary and boys' work departments, with special emphasis on the boys' work and the work among the military men of the dominion. The camp was attended by many and proved very helpful to those able to be present.

In preparation for the beginning of the gymnasium classes at the latter part of next month or early in October, and for the entertainment of the visitors who are expected in about ten weeks, the building is being given a thorough cleaning, and everything put in readiness for the big conference.

P. E. Island News

Charlottetown, P.E.I., Aug. 14—Eight hundred and fifty young men left the island on Saturday on the harvest excursion.

Ex-Mayor Hocken of Toronto addressed several Orange lodges on the island since his arrival here on Friday night.

A series of excursions planned by the Prince Edward Island Development Commission in honor of Prof. Thomas Adami, town planning advisor, began today.

Sugar Cheaper

A New York despatch says:—All grades of refined sugar were reduced twenty-five cents per hundred pounds, making fine granulated $7.

LIEUT. KNOWLTON, OF 26TH, AT HALIFAX

Lieut. J. A. Mowatt Also in One of Largest Parties of Returned Wounded Which Has Yet Reached Canada.

Halifax, Aug. 16—One of the largest parties of returned wounded soldiers and officers on leave to arrive at Halifax from the front disembarked here today. The party consisted of 228 men, 47 officers and one nursing sister, in all 271 persons.

The party was in charge of Captain L. H. Grover, with Captain R. E. Earle assistant in charge. Captain W. P. Enwright was the medical officer in charge. Among the maritime province men returning were Lieutenant C. D. Knowlton and Lieutenant J. A. Mowatt, both of the 26th N. B. Battalion. There was a large number of officers returning, the great majority of whom were on leave, and among the non-commissioned officers were a number who will receive commissions while in Canada.

Among the officers returning was Captain Redmond, son-in-law of Baron Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R. He was accompanied by Mrs. Redmond. There were a number of civilians as passengers aboard the ship, among them being Mrs. Fred. Shaughnessy, wife of Captain Shaughnessy, recently killed at the front. She returned with their child.

WARNING IN SENDING WRAPPER PARCELS TO PRISONERS OF HUNS.

Ottawa, Aug. 15—The post office department has issued the following notification to the public:

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