

NOW IN DANGER

Duke of Bedford's Great Covent Garden Income.

Receives a Yearly Income of \$125,000 on Original Outlay of \$30.

London.—English landlords are getting worried; particularly those holding vast estates in London. The Government is said to be about to put a tax on all landed property, and London property-holders are trying to see how they can avoid their burdens. One of the most worried men in the British metropolis to-day is the Duke of Bedford, who owns 250 acres of the best city lands on earth. His annual income has been estimated at \$1,000,000.

The duke owns Covent Garden market and most of the surrounding district, to say nothing of 86,424 acres of land outside the metropolis. Of all the property owned by the duke, however, Covent Garden is the most interesting. It is the largest market in the world, and most famous. Covent Garden supplies practically the whole of London with vegetables.

Every pound of this produce helps to bring a big revenue to the personal estate of the Duke of Bedford, because the market, with all its "metes and bounds," belongs absolutely to him, in fee simple. His agents have an office within the precincts of the market and they levy a tax of from one cent up to five cents on every crate, box, barrel or truck load of fruit or vegetables which passes through the greatest clearing house for farm produce in the world. The duke's income from these poundage tolls amounts to the neat sum of \$125,000 a year, to say nothing of the rents which he charges for stalls and offices within the market itself, and for the ground rent on which the buildings stand.

BOUGHT FOR \$30.

Considering that the ancestors of the duke paid the small sum of a little over £6 in English money—about \$30—for all the property on which the market stands, including seven acres of land nearby, known as Long Acre, the purchase of the market has not been a bad investment for the duke's family, and he has reason to congratulate himself on the wisdom of his progenitors.

What makes the Duke of Bedford's income the fact that under his early title deeds he possesses rights which enable him to wield a veritable despotism over his tenants. Some time ago the London County Council tried to compel the duke to render an accounting of his receipts from Covent Garden. His imposts on fruits and vegetables were so high that the Council proposed to start an opposition market of their own, so that the poor of London could buy their fruit and vegetables cheaper. The duke not only refused to give any accounting, but even succeeded in getting an injunction against the Council restraining them from building an opposition market within seven miles of Covent Garden.

AN EXCLUSIVE MONOPOLY.

His landed interests give him an exclusive monopoly over the market produce of London. Not only does he wield despotism over the market itself, but he levies a toll on all vehicles bringing produce to the market which come to rest in any street within a quarter of a mile of the market. In the early morning nearly every street converging on the market is literally blocked with carts, wagons, barrows and steam lorries bringing truck from the country. Each one of these vehicles has to pay a toll to the duke for standing in the streets while waiting to be unloaded, and the consignees also have to pay an additional tax per pound on the produce itself.

The power possessed by the Duke of Bedford is little realized by the general public. In England for many years the House of Lords as well as that of the Commons was filled with landlords, who made laws to suit their own sweet wills. To-day much is said and written concerning the "Englishman's home," but mental reservation should always be made on behalf of the superior landlord, for without his consent no Englishman would possess a home which he could call his own. For instance, the system under which leases are granted on the Duke of Bedford's London property gives the duke absolute power over his tenants. The custom is for the duke to grant a lease for a term of years to a tenant, who in turn leases again to another tenant. The first tenant looks upon the duke as the ground landlord. Now, the ground landlord in England has remarkable powers. Should his ground rent not be paid at any time he may invade the premises and seize the goods, even of the second tenant, whose rent may be fully paid to the first tenant.

A case illustrating this point came two years ago when the pictures belonging to the United States Art Club, founded by J. Pierpont Morgan, Lafayette De Fries and other Americans, were seized by the ground landlord, though the club had fully paid its rent to the landlord holding a lease from the ground lord. But, as the ground rent has not been paid by the first lessor, the ground lord walked into the United States Art Club and put a sheriff in possession. Though the Arts Club showed its receipts and proved that its rent had been paid in full to the landlord holding under the ground lord, the courts decided that the goods belonging to the club could be seized by the ground lord. Morgan and others were so indignant at this decision that they carried the matter to the House of Lords, but lost their case, though the judge expressed his deep sympathy with the club and regretted the condition of the English law which permitted such an injustice.

LAW AND ENACTMENTS.

On the Bedford property, and in the very heart of London, all sorts of unjust laws and enactments prevail. For instance, the duke's estate includes Russell Square, and no one can build in this square without using a certain kind of brick which is supplied by the duke himself. Another remarkable provision in the leases granted by the duke is that all buildings at the end of the term become the property of the ground lord. Thus a tenant may put up on the duke's land a building costing a million dollars, and at the end of the term of the lease the building becomes the duke's just the same as if he had built it himself. This very convenient method of getting someone else to make him a present of buildings has worked out in such a way that to-day the Duke of Bedford owns not only practically all the land of the west central London in the neighborhood of Covent Garden, Russell and Bloomsbury Squares, but also of the houses which have come into his possession at the expiration of his various leases. What adds greatly to the revenue of the Duke of Bedford is the fact that a large number of theatres are on his property. He

charges enormous ground rents for these theatres, and exercises almost tyrannous control over them. Several of these places have had to shut down owing to their inability to pay dividends, the rents eating up all the profits. As a rule, Londoners take very little interest in questions of social economy, and they would be quite content to let the Duke of Bedford enjoy his enormous revenues so long as they did not find themselves directly affected by his ownership. But the control of Covent Garden market by the duke brings the matter home to the dinner table of every Londoner, and the duke's tolls on London fruits and vegetables are an actual tax on the pockets of the people. That is why the question of taxing the duke on his London property—and particularly on his revenue from Covent Garden—has recently become such a popular measure.

TWO SHOT.

Bullet Knocked Out Woman's Teeth—Girl's Finger Off.

Dunkirk, June 1.—Early this morning Mrs. Josephine Scholeno and her twelve-year-old daughter were shot at their home on Newton street in the Village of Silver Cree. Angelo Scholeno, the husband and father, is alleged to have done the shooting. The police are searching Dunir, Fredonia and the surrounding country for him. Mrs. Scholeno was shot twice, one bullet bore through the muscles of her right shoulder and imbedded itself in her lung, and the other pierced her cheek and knocked out several teeth. The daughter had one finger partly shot away. Dr. Hopkins, who is attending the injured mother and her daughter, says that the woman is in no danger. Scholeno is said to have come home early this morning after having been out drinking with friends during the afternoon and evening. Upon arriving at his home he is alleged to have pounded on the front door and yelled out for his wife to let him in. Mrs. Scholeno and her daughter went to the door and opened and Scholeno is alleged then to have pulled a revolver and blazed away at them.

ASK INCREASE.

Toronto Carpenters Will Hold Mass Meeting Wednesday.

Toronto, June 1.—A mass meeting of carpenters will be held in the Labor Temple on Friday night next, under the auspices of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and the Brotherhood of Carpenters, to consider the advisability of making a demand upon their employers for a general advance in wages. The men, who are now receiving 33 cents per hour as the minimum wage, think that as building operations are now in progress and general conditions are favorable, they should get a greater share of the money that is being expended. The maximum wage for carpenters is 35 cents an hour, but it is probable that at Friday night's meeting they will decide on raising the maximum to 40 cents an hour. The two organizations have each several branches in the city.

BREAKING STONES.

Degradation of the Ex-Banker Roy is Now Complete.

Montreal, May 31.—P. H. Roy, former Speaker of the Quebec Legislative Assembly and ex-President of the St. John's Bank, is now breaking stone in the penitentiary at St. Vincent de Paul. Fifteen minutes after his arrival Roy registered as No. 9,204, dressed in prisoner's uniform, and with his hair and beard cut was given a hammer and sent to break stones with his fellow-prisoners. He expressed some surprise, as he expected to be sent to the infirmary as an invalid, but the authorities did not think he was sick enough to be granted the privilege.

HAT STRIKE.

Danbury Clergymen Will Try to Settle the Trouble.

Danbury, Conn., June 1.—A conference between Danbury clergymen, who are acting as intermediaries in the hat strike and the National officers of the United Hatters of North America, is to be held within a day or two, probably in New York City. Nothing has been made public as to the purpose of the meeting. It is believed, however, to be in connection with the efforts being made to bring about a settlement of the difficulties.

BLOODY WORK.

Madman Runs Amuck With an Axe Killing Five Persons.

Bilbao, May 31.—A madman in the neighboring Town of Arruza, after half killing his mother and setting fire to a house in which she took refuge, ran amuck through the streets with an axe, with which he killed five persons. The assassin was arrested.

A CANADIAN EXPLOSIVE.

Inventor is Negotiating a Deal With the Admiralty.

London, May 31.—A Canadian inventor is stopping at a London hotel and being closely guarded by Secret Service men, day and night, on behalf of the Admiralty, with whom he is endeavoring to negotiate a deal for a powerful explosive.

It is understood that the inventor has already received a cheque from the Admiralty by way of option. Germany is said to be anxious to secure this new explosive.

Razor Headquarters.

Wholesale and retail at Gerrie's drug \$1.50; Diamond Edge, \$1.25; Griffin, \$1.25; Wade & Butcher, \$1.25. In safety razors, the Gillette, Auto-Strip, Wiltch, Welcome, Ever Ready, etc. Complete stock safety razor blades.

It is announced at Ottawa that Earl Grey will sail for England on June 8. Countess Grey is remaining in Canada to entertain Lady Aberdeen during her stay in Ottawa.

WONDERS OF THE HUMAN BODY

Why Many People Never Need a Doctor.

You have a natural laxative in your body. Why, then, should you use a false purgative to move the bowels?

Bile is nature's laxative. It is bile—and bile alone—which moves the bowels as they should be moved. The liver is the store-house for the bile. The liver pours forth the bile into the bowels, which stimulates them to move, and thus causes the waste matter to pass from the body.

Constipation is a disease, OF the bowels, but CAUSED by the liver. When the bowels do not move regularly and naturally, it is because the liver is not giving up enough bile. And the only possible way to cure Constipation, is to cure the liver.

Calomel, cascara, salts, senna, common pills and sweet lozenges and all the other purgatives do not act on the liver at all. They merely irritate and inflame the bowels.

"Fruit-a-tives" cure Constipation because they act on the liver. The fruit principles stimulate the liver to secrete and give up enough bile to move the bowels, while the tonics and antispasmodics tone up and invigorate the muscles. "Fruit-a-tives" are the only medicines ever discovered that will cure Constipation, Biliousness and all other troubles due to a Torpid or Disordered Liver. 50c a box, 6 for \$2.50, or trial box, 25c, at dealers or from Fruit-a-tives, Limited, Ottawa.

LIKED IT.

Governor-General Much Struck With the Hamilton Soldiers.

Hamilton, May 31, 1909. Garrison Orders, by Lieut.-Col. the Hon. J. S. Hendrie, C. V. O.

No. 1.—The following having been received by the O. C. Hamilton Garrison is published for the information of the corps concerned:

Toronto, May 28, 1909.

Lieut.-Col. J. S. Hendrie, C. V. O., commanding Hamilton Garrison.

I am directed by the G. O. C. W. O., to quote the following extract from a letter received from the military secretary to His Excellency the Governor-General, for promulgation by you to the officers and men of the Hamilton Garrison.

(Sgd.) Sir, Lieut. A. Denison.

Lieut. Col. C. S. O., Western Ontario.

"I am desirous by His Excellency to express to you his appreciation of the fine and impressive service which was held in connection with the unveiling of the S. A. memorial at Hamilton on Sunday.

"The Governor-General was much struck with the way in which the parade was carried out, and the smart and soldierlike appearance of the fine body of troops which compose the garrison of Hamilton.

"Lord Grey hopes you will convey to the officers and men concerned his pleasure at having had such a good opportunity of seeing them.

(Sgd.) J. Hanbury-Williams, Colonel.

W. O. Tidswell, Major, staff officer.

PAARDEBERG.

Closing Meeting of the Military Chapter I. O. O. E.

The last meeting of the season of Paardeberg Chapter, Daughters of the Empire, took place in the parlour of the Y. W. C. A., with a good attendance of members. Mrs. Atkinson, the regent, was cordially welcomed back to the chair after an extended absence from the city. The sick committee, represented by Mrs. Logie, reported a month of useful activity.

A resolution to present a rifle annually for competition in marksmanship to the Cadet Corps of the Collegiate Institute was unanimously carried.

The report of the committee having charge of the stage decoration for the Mikado, was read, and Paardeberg's share of the proceeds, which will add considerably to the funds of the chapter, elicited many grateful expressions of appreciation for the faithful work of Dr. Harris and his clever band of performers, who made such an artistic and financial success of the opera.

After the discharge of various matters of routine business, the members separated, with hearty expressions of interest and a desire to meet and work even more energetically in the autumn.

TWELVE NOMINATED.

Big Field for Vacant Reevships of Orangeville.

Orangeville, Ont., May 31.—Twelve candidates were nominated for the election of Reeve next Monday. The post was rendered vacant by the unseating of Dr. W. H. Riddell. The candidates are: Thomas J. Henderson, William Martin, Dr. Knox Henry, John L. Island, John R. Gillespie, Dr. W. H. Riddell, C. R. McKee, J. N. Fish, Dr. T. H. Henry, W. T. Bailey and Thomas Hewson. It is believed the real struggle will be between Dr. Riddell and his late opponent, Mr. Hewson.

POLYGAMY IN WEST.

Petitions in British Columbia for Abolition of Mormon Colonies.

Victoria, B. C., May 31.—Petitions are being prepared in circulation in all the principal centres of population of British Columbia, and resolutions for adoption in affiliated women's councils, asking the Dominion Government to strictly investigate the conditions among the Mormon colonies of Southern Alberta, with a view to breaking up these colonies if it be shown, as suspected, that constant evasion or violation of laws against polygamy and immorality are practised.

This plan was adopted and exposed when the Mormons first settled themselves near Nanaimo twenty years ago.

Scorch the Tariff-Tinker.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 31.—On his way to Gettysburg to-day from Pittsburg, the President's car was sidetracked for two hours, and during his stay he made a brief address, in which he declared again that he was hopeful of an early enactment of a tariff bill, "if the Lord will only be good and send some real hot weather in June."

Poor tea is poor economy. Use "Salada" and you will appreciate the excellent qualities of high-grade tea.

SMALL CAMPS.

Militia Units Will Drill in Reduced Numbers.

Some of Infantry Regiments to be Cut in Half.

Toronto, June 1.—In order to keep the expenditure on the annual training of the active militia within the amount provided by Parliament for 1909-10 all the corps training in camp will drill with considerably reduced establishments.

The most important reductions are in the infantry regiments, some of which will train only half strength. The reductions are based on the average numbers trained in each unit during the past five years. Of the regiments of infantry in the western Ontario command, with permanent peace establishments of eight companies each, eleven will drill this year with only four companies, or a total strength of 207 officers and men. Seven of those which have had a higher average strength will go into camp with six companies.

Of the cavalry regiments, the Governor-General's Body Guards, the 2nd Dragoons and the 9th Miltissau Horse are authorized to train 236 officers and men, whereas their regular establishments call for 327.

The 2nd Brigade of Field Artillery, who have a permanent establishment of 321, and authorized to train 252 officers and men, or 81 per battery.

Pymasters are to be dispensed with altogether in all the cavalry and infantry units, and stretcher bearer sections will not train in the infantry regiments. Orderly room sergeants are also to be dispensed with in cavalry and artillery.

The total numbers authorized to train in camp throughout the whole of Canada are: Cavalry, 5,200 officers, non-commissioned officers and privates; artillery, 1,871; infantry, 13,247; army service corps, 786; army medical corps, 756.

NO NEW NOVEL.

Left Among the Papers of George Meredith.

London, May 31.—George Meredith's daughter has been telling an interviewer that her father left no unpublished manuscripts. This is a surprising statement, as his friends have always understood, and it has been, been by a guessing stated more than once, that he had finished a novel, which would be published after his death, the subject of which was journalism and the journalistic life.

It is unlikely, however, that Mr. Meredith will have left anything in the way of autobiography, for that idea would not have appealed to him. But in his correspondence, if he preserved it, there should be the contents of a brilliant and valuable book. When Cotton Morris died Meredith said to a friend: "I have burned all his letters, and treat all my friends' letters thus, desiring them to do the same with mine."

The president may be read as throwing a definite light upon his attitude, not merely toward an autobiography, but toward a biography of himself.

WESLEY-GORE.

Young People of Two Churches Have Good Time.

The senior and intermediate league of Wesley Methodist Church entertained the Gore Street Senior League last night. Rev. I. Couch, pastor of Gore Street Church, opened the entertainment with prayer. Mr. R. P. Morrison, President of Wesley League, gave the chairman's address and extended a hearty welcome to the members of Gore Street League. Mr. Couch gave a brief address. Mr. Ralph Bowes, President of Gore, also spoke for a short time. This was followed by a guessing contest and programme in which Miss Nellie Marshall gave an instrumental solo; Miss Muriel Cowan, solo; Gladys Robertson, solo; Misses Mabel and Irene Miner, piano duo; and Miss Fannie Hind, accompanied by Miss Irene Minor, a mandolin solo. Wesley League Literary Society gave a short sketch, which was much applauded.

The evening was closed with light refreshments and "God Save the King."

The young people of the two churches who are shortly to become one, entered very heartily into the spirit of the evening and had a happy time.

KNOX CHURCH.

Anniversary Social Enjoyed by a Large Crowd.

In connection with the 65th anniversary of Knox Presbyterian Church, and the first anniversary of the induction of Rev. A. E. Mitchell, a social was held last evening. Large numbers attended and all keenly enjoyed the evening. Supper was served in the basement of the church from 6.15 to 8 o'clock, after which the guests adjourned to the Sunday School room. Speeches were made by Rev. Walter Quarrington, of Westworth Street Baptist Church, Rev. F. W. Hollinrake, Zion Tabernacle, Rev. Ernest H. Tippet, First Congregational Church, and Rev. J. Roy VanWyck, Westminster Church, congratulating the pastor and congregation on the successful year they had just closed and wishing them even greater success in the future.

Rev. Mr. Mitchell was greatly pleased with the way in which the ministers of the city had treated him. They had met him half way and were a manly and kindly set of men. He greatly appreciated the kindness that had been shown him by every person since his arrival, and thought that when he and the congregation knew one another better even greater results would ensue from their united work.

Musical selections were contributed by Miss Sutton, Fred Moore, Chester Walters and the Knox Church Quartette.

Word has been received at Wainwright, Alta., from Orindale that J. Brown, of that place, had been kicked in the face by a horse and instantly killed, his neck being broken.

The Right House

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100 Stylish suits marked down

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AN immediate clearance of every new Cloth Suit of this season's importations is announced at greatly reduced prices. All have been specially tailored for The Right House and are the most stylish, most fashionable and perfect-fitting Suits procurable. All ready to-morrow morning for easy selection at undermentioned reduced prices:

\$18.00 suits for \$12.50
\$32.00 to \$35.00 suits for \$22.50
\$50.00 to \$55.00 suits for \$35.00

Wash dress suitings and novelties

June is here and hundreds of women have yet to make up their Summer Wash Dresses and Suits. The warm weather has set in, and causes an immediate rush to this department for the latest, most fashionable and quite exclusive Wash Goods.

These beautiful new materials ready for you to-morrow.

Tennis Striped Muslins; 35c quality for 25c.

A nice range of Summer washable shades in plain Poplin Suitings, 20c.

Very novel and handsome fancy Striped Poplin Suitings 35c.

Full range of washing shades, plain Mercerized Linens 28c.

A splendid variety of shades, Striped Mercerized Linen, 20c, 23c, 25c.

High-class Silk Dress Patterns, 30c; fancy Mercerized Foulards for 19c.

Woven Striped Linen Suitings, special value at 20c and 35c.

THOMAS C. WATKINS

Children's stockings

A LEADING German manufacturer has sacrificed to us his splendid and regular Right House sorts of Children's Lisle, Cotton and Cashmere Sox and Stockings. Because he delivered them late enables us to offer them to you at reduced prices that will appeal to mothers as quite unusual bargains in so staple and regular an article.

13c for real 18c value
25c for real 35c value
29c for real 45c value

Plain and open lace work designs in tan, sky, pink, cardinal, cream and black.

Ladies' stockings

THE same shipment contained two cases of ladies' regular Right House Stockings in lisle and silk (Hermesdorf dyed). These goods have been on sale some few days and if you would share these bargains come early to-morrow.

25c, regular 35c and 40c
29c, regular 40c
39c, regular 55c and 60c
59c, regular 85c
\$1.25, regular \$1.65

Tan, blacks, Balbriggan, pinks.

Odd linen pieces

A CLEARANCE to-morrow of about 300 odd pieces of Fancy Linens at greatly reduced prices. All are nice desirable qualities in useful sizes.

Doylies, Runners, Tray Cloths, Carving Cloths, Five o'Clock Covers and Centre Pieces.

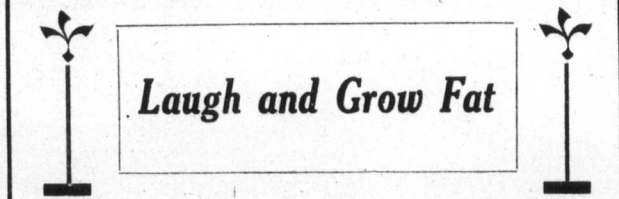
9c, formerly 15c
39c, formerly 70c
59c, formerly 85c
98c, formerly \$1.35
\$1.19, formerly \$1.65
\$2.29, formerly \$3.25
and on up.

Included are many pieces of fresh new Linens, just arrived. A manufacturer's clearance.

CORNER KING EAST AND HUGHSON STS.

THOMAS C. WATKINS

HAMILTON, ONTARIO



Laugh and Grow Fat

After Moving.

Well, here we are. Moved at last. A house this time our shelter is; Steam-heated flats are of the past, And we are done with terraces. I hoped that she'd be satisfied, At least until the early fall; But now she finds, however tried, Our rugs won't fit the floors at all.

She likes the house and calls it cute, The parlor color scheme is blue; Our tapestries, she says, won't suit, It's up to me to purchase new. With lighter hangings, it is plain, Our chairs must be re-upholstered be; Our upright needs a coat of stain Of something like mahogany.

The curtain fixtures are too small, And very few of them will do; As there is a reception bar two, I'll have to buy a rug or two. She's got to have a new settee; For bedroom use some wicker chairs; And she has made it plain to me We must have carpet on the stairs.

Our china cabinet looks cheap In such a handsome dining room. It's headed for the rubbish heap, And I for sure financial doom. But there's one ray of comfort still, Not all we own is ancient stuff. One thing we have that fills the bill, Our kitchen table's good enough.

—Detroit Free Press.

New Version of It.

Robert, the small son of Mr. Brant, has lately acquired a stepmother. Hoping to win his affection, this new parent has been very lenient with him, while his father, feeling his responsibility, has been unusually strict. The boys of the neighborhood, who had taken pains to warn Robert of the terrible character of stepmothers in general, recently waited on him in a body, and the following conversation was overheard:

"How do you like your stepmother, Bob?"

"Like her! Why, fellers, I just love her. All I wish is I had a stepfather, too."—Woman's Home Companion.

As Far as He Would Go.

The Court—You will swear that the prisoner stole your umbrella?

The Plaintiff—Your Honor, I will swear that he stole the umbrella I was carrying.—Cleveland Leader.

In a Big Trial.

"The law's delays are often no fault of the law."

"Then what causes these postponements?"

"The dressmakers can't get the gowns ready in time."—Louisville Courier Journal.

A Matter of Economy.

Mrs. Knicker—Do you let Bridget eat with the family?

Mrs. Bocker—Yes, it's much cheaper than to have her eat with the policeman.

—Puck.

She's Sure to be an Actress.

It was the opening day of the kindergarten. The teacher began by asking each child what it had learned to do.