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**Mount
Royal.**

No tree in all the grove but has its charms.
Cowper.

One of the most sensible suggestions made during the recent discussion of the proposal to create artificial ponds, and incidentally to destroy some of what Emerson calls "the uncontained and immortal beauty of the woods," is that which recommended the Park Committee to keep the paths tidy, the roads in good order, the steps safe, and the woodland glades freed from tin cans, empty bottles, flying newspapers, and discarded clothing. A few active scavengers with wheelbarrows will render the little bits of wooded openings, the favorite resorts of picnic parties, pleasing to the eye of the artist and tourist. When this daily cleaning of Mount Royal has been provided for, the commendable activity of the committee in other directions may receive some consideration.

**Where the
Plague Lurks.**

Seeing that the Glasgow authorities are engaged in grappling with that growth of dirt and neglect of sanitary arrangements—the bubonic plague, there is good reason for maintaining the vigilance exhibited by those inspectors of our Health department who are credited with having discovered fourteen recently arrived Roumanian Jews inhabiting "one small room" on Sanguinet street. We are simply told by the daily paper recording this incident of life that the practice of such economy was regarded by the inspectors as dangerous, and that the whole squad of immigrants was "ordered out."

It is to be hoped that some similar detachment of future Canadian citizens will not introduce the plague into our midst. These Roumanians were "ordered out." Where did they go to? Are they herded together in some other small room where cleanliness is impossible and plague and pestilence lurks in every corner?

**Sherbrooke
Street.**

We venture to assert that the proposed extension of the street car service to Sherbrooke Street is not desired by one sensible resident of that quiet and attractive thoroughfare. Cabmen, when receiving instructions from the thousands of visitors to Montreal who want to "see the city," are invariably told to drive along Sherbrooke Street. Why, then, spoil the appearance of the broad roadway and disturb its quietude by running thereon the noisy cars of any street railway? We hope there will be no more heard of such a sordid suggestion, and, at the same time, it would be well to try and preserve such an attractive residential avenue of the city from the incursions of greedy tradesmen. We have nothing but commendation for their activity and enterprise, but it should be restrained within bounds.

**The
Peace
Conference.**

There is something sad and suggestive in the brief cablegram from The Hague, reporting that the ratifications of the agreements and treaties resulting from the Peace Conference have been "formally placed in the Foreign Office archives." The minister of foreign affairs, Dr. W. H. De Beaufort, in a brief speech, expressed the hope that the future historian would be able to declare that the work of the conference had been of lasting benefit to humanity, and proposed that an expression of this hope be conveyed to the Czar. A telegram in this sense was subsequently despatched to St. Petersburg.

Such is the reference to the closing scene of the much-heralded conference. Of lasting benefit to humanity! Meanwhile, we have half a dozen of the leading nations of the world holding China by the throat, and threatening to dismember that country unless her people accept Western civilization and modern Christianity.