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IS STRADIVARIUS REALLY SUPERIOR TO MODERN MAKES?

London.—A curious contest between the merits of old Italian and new-made English violins will be witnessed shortly in London.

Hidden by a screen, Mr. Albert Sammons will play alternately on a Stradivarius (18th century) and on new English instruments, and the audience will be asked to give their opinion on the quality of tone of each.

The question is often asked whether the enormous value nowadays allowed to the instruments of Stradivarius, Guarnerius and the other classic Italian makers may not be partly due to sentiment.

At a similar experiment made two years ago in Paris the declaration of the experts turned out to favor the modern instruments.

The supporters of the old masters, on the other hand, point out that many modern fiddles, brilliant-toned when brand new, fall in the staying quality of the best old ones, and may "dead" within ten years.

The experiment is due to the impulse of W. W. Cobbett, a generous patron of English music and musicians, who six years ago instituted an annual prize designated to encourage the making of stringed instruments in England.

For this year's Cobbett competition 20 makers have sent in examples, and 13 of them have full sets of two violins, viola and cello.

NEW SECRETARY FOR TUBERCULOUS VETERANS

(N. S. Sanatorium)

Kentville.—At a recent meeting of the Tuberculous Veterans' Association the resignation of R. R. Murray, Secretary-Treasurer, who has been discharged as a patient was accepted and W. J. Walsh, was elected to the position.

Mr. Walsh, who is a patient in No. Five Pavilion, is well qualified for the position, and the Association is fortunate in having him as one of its officers.

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You can get these pills through any dealer in medicine or by mail, postpaid, at 50c. a box, from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

APPLE EXPORT EQUAL LAST YEAR

The export of Nova Scotia apples to the markets of the United Kingdom this season is expected to equal the total for the 1922 season. Up to the end of February a total of 1,021,812 barrels have been shipped and during the same period last season a total of 1,058,661 barrels have been exported via the port of Halifax. During the month of February there were twenty-one steamers loaded with apples at Halifax and 180,900 barrels were shipped. During February, 1922, the shipments totalled 177,812 barrels.

LOWER GRANVILLE

Mr. H. H. Anthony, who has been harvesting ice the past week, has his ice house filled.

Mr. Prosser, of Yarmouth, is cruising timberlands in this vicinity.

Mr. J. Littlewood has recovered from his recent illness and was able to resume his duties on S. S. "Granville" this week.

The Women's Institute will meet at the home of Mrs. Albert Angers on the evening of Friday, 30th inst., instead of the 23rd, as previously reported by your correspondent, who made the error.

VICTORIA BEACH

Mr. Hartley Ellis arrived home Monday, from St. John, N. B., where he has been employed the Winter.

Mr. A. C. Hayes has returned to St. John, N. B., after spending a week with his children at the home of John McGrath, Sr.

John McGrath, Sr., went to St. John, N. B., Thursday. He is expected home Monday.

A pie social was held Thursday night in the school house. Proceeds was \$11.00 for church purposes.

PROPOSAL FOR PERMANENT STREETS WAS TURNED DOWN

Middleton.—A meeting of the rate payers was held Thursday afternoon to consider the matter of permanent streets for Middleton. A resolution was introduced authorizing the Town Council to borrow a sum not exceeding \$25,000 to make permanent improvements on portions of Main, Commercial and George Streets. After considerable discussion a vote was taken, which defeated the motion by a large majority.

LOWEST SINCE 1917

London.—The lowest figure in the cost of living which has been reached in this country since May, 1917, was that of last month, according to the Ministry of Labor. The official return for February, 1923, shows that the cost of living was 76 per cent above the cost previous to the war, compared with 77 per cent in January, 1923.

MORE ACCIDENTS DURING YEAR 1922

Ottawa.—Fatal accidents to people while at work in Canada during the year 1922 showed a considerable increase over those occurring in the previous year, amounting to 1,107, as compared with 992 in 1921. The highest number of accidents occurred in the transportation and public utilities group, and the lowest in the air service-involving 317 deaths and one death respectively. There were 141 deaths, recorded on steam railways and 88 in water transportation.

In the mining, smelting and quarrying group, 168 deaths were reported, of which 97 occurred in coal mining. Falls of rocks and cave-ins accounted for 65 deaths, 37 deaths were due to explosions and 19 to mine and quarry cars.

THE WHEAT CROP OF 1923

Regarding the report that England will take all the wheat surplus of the United States crop of 1923, a grain man stated that no dependence could be placed upon that statement. That she will take a portion of it is pretty certain, but to what extent will all depend upon what Canada will give her. It is too early to say what the United States will have to spare out of her crop of 1923.

Active reaction from Winnipeg on Monday halted that every thing pointed to a late Spring, but it was very certain there would be plenty of moisture, as there is quite a depth of snow. It is stated that whenever a good depth of snow has lain in Manitoba in the middle of March, a good wheat crop has followed as a rule. Cash prices in the Winnipeg wheat market closed easier on Tuesday and lower, No. 1 Northern being quoted at \$1.11-1-8, and No. 2 Northern at \$1.09-1-2. The export trade is disappointing according to Winnipeg advices.

ANNAPOLIS MAJOR IS PATIENT AT THE "SAX"

Kentville.—C. C. King, of Annapolis, was admitted to No. Five Pavilion last week for a short period of treatment. Mr. King, besides being one of Annapolis' leading citizens and Mayor of that town, heads and sits on many leading committees of affairs. Annapolis, less than two years ago, wiped out by one of the most disastrous fires in the Province, has been built very rapidly, thanks to men like Mayor King, who have great faith for the future of their home town.

GALE BLOWS IRISH RAILWAY CARS OFF TRACKS IN DONEGAL

London.—A train from Londonderry to Burton Port was caught in a terrific gale along the Western Donegal coast.

The force of the wind broke the couplings, and two coaches were swept off the rails and blown down an embankment at Kincaislagh. The few passengers in the coaches escaped with bruises and a severe shaking.

BRITISH PAYING \$25,000,000 TO WIDOWS OF MERCHANT SEAMEN WHO LOST LIVES BY SUBMARINES

London.—Sums amounting in the aggregate to \$25,000,000 are now being paid out by the government to widows, orphans and dependants of merchant seamen who lost their lives through the German submarine campaign, and as compensation in cases of civilians who lost their lives or were permanently disabled during air raids.

ON THE WRONG WINDOW SILL

London.—Love led Thomas Lynn, storekeeper, to the dock at the local police court.

He was charged with being on enclosed premises, and it was explained that he climbed on the window-sill of a woman's bedroom at midnight.

But the owner of the house saw him and called him with a truncheon. Lynn told the Magistrate he knew a woman living in the vicinity and he said he went to attract her attention.

Unfortunately he went to the wrong house.

NORWEST GALE BRINGS RELIEF TO ICE-BOUND ISLE

St. John's, Nfld.—A northwest gale which prevailed Saturday was expected to clear the southern coast of the colony of ice and enable the steamer Kyle, which left here Saturday, to reach various points along the coast with provisions to relieve the food shortage and to distribute the necessary papers to enable the list of voters for the general election to be completed.

Yarmouth.—The lobster fishermen at Sandford have secured a few crustaceans for which they have received \$1.00 each.

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NOT ENOUGH

Sometimes people think the newspapers devote too much space to political matters. Our opinion is that they devote too little. National and Provincial questions must be discussed, so that they may vote on them intelligently. So it is with civic affairs. If civic affairs are to be conducted on a high plane there must be publicity. It is necessary to trust the people all the time and to let them see wherein the interests of the city lies. This is the only way to get a continuously successful government.—Prince Rupert News.

LADY DUFF-GORDON, 'LUCILLE', A CANADIAN GIRL, GIVEN HEARING IN BRITISH BANKRUPTCY COURT

London.—A sitting was held by Registrar Reginald Hope at the London Bankruptcy Court for the public examination of Lucy Christiana Duff Gordon, otherwise known as Lucille, described as a dress designer, of Hanover Square.

The debtor, against whom a receiving order was made some time ago, has filed accounts showing total liabilities over \$200,000, and assets estimated to produce about \$10,000, which, however, are absorbed by the claims of three preferential creditors.

In reply to the Deputy Official Receiver, the debtor stated that in 1883 she commenced business as a dress-maker and dress designer at her private address under her own name.

In 1894 she took premises at 24, Old Burlington Street, and traded under the style of "Lucille". She obtained \$15,000 from her mother, and agreed to give her \$3,000 a year. The money was not borrowed, and she could not understand why it was included in the amended statement of affairs as an unsecured debt.

In March, 1903, in consideration of 34,933 £1 shares and \$3,500 in cash, she transferred her business to Lucille Ltd., a company then formed.

Later a subsidiary company was formed in Paris, and she acted as a director and dress designer for both.

In January, 1910, she went to New York, and with \$25,000 registered in New Jersey, "Lucille, Ltd., New York and Paris," which subsequently carried on business as Court dressmakers.

Of that company and its subsidiary company in Chicago she subsequently acted as director and dress designer.

By a subsequent agreement with the Paris company she was to receive \$30,000 a year as dress designer for the four companies. That remuneration she received till February, 1921, when the Chicago company went into liquidation, and her remuneration was cut down to \$25,000, which she received till the following August.

Then the New York company went into liquidation, and her remuneration was reduced.

By a resolution of the Paris company she said, she was, in August, 1922, dismissed from the service of all the companies, because in an interview which appeared in a New York journal she had stated what was the truth, namely, that the dresses shown by the company were not designed by her.

The examination was concluded.

LIQUIDATION OF SHIPPING BOARD FLEET IN PROGRESS

Washington.—All interests identified with the United States Merchant Marine were invited by the Shipping Board to assist in the formation of a policy which will make possible the liquidation of the government fleet and the taking over by private interests of such routes as show prospects of becoming self-sustaining.

Commissioner Lissner, chairman of the Board's common policy, addressed identical letters to the American Steamship Owners' Association, the United States Ship Operators' Association, and the Council of American Ship Builders, requesting each to name a committee to meet with that of the Board in Washington next week, to present and discuss the views of their organization.

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