

WHAT OUR CHILDREN LEARN

The following most extraordinary description of Canada has been authorized for use in the schools of the Province of Quebec by the Council of Public Instruction:—

CHAPTER VI.

"Geographic Description of the Present Possessions of the English in America.

"The English possess all the north of America under the name of New Britain. That immense country is divided into seven parts: Labrador, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia to the north-east, Canada in the centre, New Wales to the west of the Hudson Bay, the region of the lakes to the west of New Wales and Canada, and finally New Caledonia west of the region of the lakes. The coasts of New Caledonia have received the names of New Cornwall and New Hanover.

"Labrador is a very cold country inhabited by Esquimaux, who live on fish. Nova Scotia is an important peninsula to the south of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Halifax in the southeast is its capital and does a large trade in furs. New Brunswick, situated northwest of Nova Scotia, has Frederick Town as its capital, but St. John is its most important city. Canada, north of the United States, is divided into two parts, Upper Canada and Lower Canada. The principal cities of the first are York, on Lake Ontario, and Kingston, on the River St. Lawrence; the second includes Montreal, on the island formed by the same river, and Quebec, capital of all Canada and the residence of the Governor of Canada. New Wales and New Caledonia are two regions of which little is yet known. They have no importance except for the furs that are taken there."

The above is an exact translation taken from page 272 of a book called "Elementary History of England, from the most ancient times to our day," by M. L'Abbe Drioux. It is a copy of the fortieth edition "revised and corrected," printed in Levis, Quebec, and has stamped with a rubber stamp on its face: "Work approved by the Council of Public Instruction the 15th of May, 1912." The pages above translated are in the last chapters of the second part of the book. The first part of the book is composed of six chapters—the history of England, then comes the second part that gives a history of the Colonies. It is from the last chapter of this which claims to be a description of the present state of the British possessions that we have quoted.—Montreal Witness.

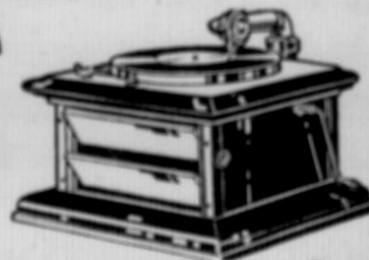
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CONDITIONS OF FACTORY GIRLS

Winnipeg, Nov. 29.—Discussing the girl problem at the convention of the Methodist Women's Missionary Society, Miss Dickinson, a deaconess at work in Winnipeg, stated that she had visited fourteen city factories in one month—candy, cigar, laundry, biscuit, etc., and all of them were unsanitary. There was practically no ventilation. Wages ranged from \$4 to \$9 a week, the average being \$6 and \$7. True, many of the girls lived at home, but equally true many girls were the bread-winners of the family. Out of the fourteen only two had noon hour rest rooms, with the result that the moral atmosphere suffered. She was convinced that factory life would tell a different story if the girls had half a chance. In nearly every case she had met with intense seriousness and earnestness, and she would like to see a deaconess set apart solely for factory work, which, so far, had been sadly neglected.

A resolution was passed urging the management of every factory where young women are employed to provide a private rest room for these young women.

WHAT THE WARRIORS WEAR

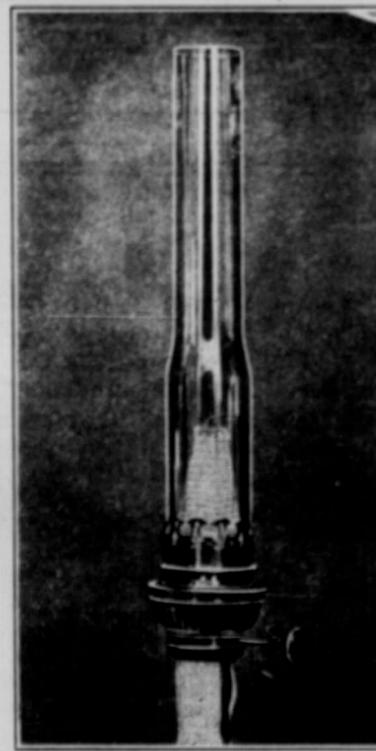
Khaki uniforms are worn in the Serbian army, but the collars of the tunics vary in color according to the particular branch of the service to which soldiers happen to belong. Long boots are worn by the infantry in times of peace, but for war purposes these are exchanged for sandals.

Bulgarian soldiers, too, show a preference for their native sandals, although efforts are being made to introduce "ammunition" boots into the service. The regulation uniform is made of a sort of khaki cloth, peaked khaki caps being also worn, and brown overcoats made of native cloth.

Montenegrin soldiers, for the most part, still wear native dress. This consists of elaborately ornamented jackets, brightly colored breeches, with black caps and long boots.

After the re-establishment of the constitution in Turkey, the army was reclothed in a brownish service dress, the overcoats being of a similar color. As regards headdress, the red fez is still the most general.

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