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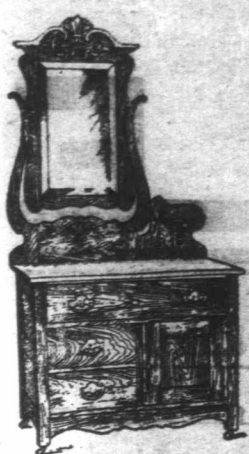
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GENERAL NEWS

LABOR LEADER SENT TO JAIL

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—Samuel Gompers has been sentenced to twelve months and a fine of \$100 by the Supreme Court for the district of Columbia in the case growing out of the boycott of the Buck Store and Range Co. at St. Louis, by the American Federation of Labor.

MOURNED AS DEAD

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—Nearly 18 years ago the death was reported in the press of Corp. Morgan, R.N.W.M.P., who was said to have died on board ship. He has since been reported as dead by his friends. Great surprise was occasioned when he walked into the inland business office this morning and shook hands with old friends. The mistake was caused by the death of another man by the same name.

BE A BIG DOCUMENT

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The report of the evidence taken by the Cassels commission is estimated to cover 2,500 typewritten pages. The commission yesterday 4,207 pages and examined over 275 witnesses, many of them two or three times. Over 500 exhibits were filed for reference. Owing to the mass of material to be gone through it is not likely that Judge Cassels' report will be ready till February.

The public are warned to be on the lookout for counterfeit Bank of Montreal five dollar bills which are said to be in circulation throughout the west. The counterfeit is dated Dec. 2nd, 1904, is fairly well done with the exception of the vignettes of Sir George Drummond and Sir Edward Clouston which are poorly executed. The engraving is somewhat faint and coloring is lacking. The counterfeit is written in appearance like the general note. It will be advisable to examine all Bank of Montreal \$5 bills before accepting them.

NOVEMBER ACCIDENTS

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The extraordinary number of 124 fatal accidents have been reported for the month of November to the labor department. No fewer than 56 lives were lost on railways or in railway fatalities in the following provinces: Ontario 30, Manitoba 6, Quebec 7, British Columbia 4, Saskatchewan 3, Alberta 2, New Brunswick 1, Nova Scotia 1. The worst accident was near Dryden, Ont., where a dynamite explosion caused the death of seven construction hands.

LIBEL ON WESTERN CANADA

London, Dec. 25.—F. W. Hirst, editor of the Economist, who returned recently from a trip through Canada, is an article in the Economist today advises the English Farmer with small capital who desires to farm in Canada to allow the Canadians of Ontario and Quebec to go west, as the farms can be bought in Ontario for half the prices they would have fetched 30 years ago. He, however, warns them against buying the moment they get out as they will be done. He remarks that the terrible isolation of the western plains which drives so many men crazy and is filling lunatic asylums is not felt in the settled parts of Ontario.

FORGOTTEN TO TURN OFF GAS

Toronto, Dec. 26.—The fact that Thos. Regan, a young man from Regina, who came to Toronto on Thursday to spend the Christmas season with the sister, neglected to turn the gas jet completely off when he retired on Christmas eve, spoiled the well planned festivities of his family. At ten o'clock yesterday when the young man failed to make his appearance the door was broken in and he was found unconscious. He may recover. The accident to Regan has added interest to the fact that a year ago his brother lost his life by asphyxiation while making an attempt to rescue a companion working in a well near Regina, when it caved in. The brother of Regan went to his aid and sacrificed his life in a vain attempt to save his friend.

Hallifax, Dec. 25.—The stenographers and judges of the supreme court of Nova Scotia are on strike. The trouble has been brewing for a long time and came to a head yesterday when Justice Russell, who was presiding at the chamber said: "I decline to act in the court both as judge and stenographer. The stenographers are overworked and underpaid, and they don't propose to stand that kind of thing." The cause of the difficulty is that Attorney General Phipps refuses to pay all the bills of the court reporters. When the court assembled today the reporters were on hand, but pending the dispute with the government they refused to take notes. The judge would not have to do the work. The reporters were asked by the judge joining the strikers. In consequence of his action the court adjourned.

CHEAPER PHONES

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 24.—In the immediate future, probably before the end of the year, announcement will be made by the government of a reduction in the present phone rates. Under government ownership the telephone have been a financial

loss, and it is expected that the profits for the first year will amount to approximately \$225,000. This has been brought about by a careful saving of expenses by the Manitoba Government's Telephone Commission, and also by a judicious raising of rates in certain classes, which had hitherto been too low.

As far as can be learned, although nothing has yet been definitely decided, residence phones in Winnipeg will cost but \$20 after the first of the year, and business phones will cost in the neighborhood of \$30 or \$35, against \$50 now charged. Throughout the province, similar reductions will be made whenever possible, but in every case the rates will be considerably lower than those now charged.

Careful estimates show that under the proposed rates, the telephone system will be self-supporting. In fact, it will show a small surplus every year, while the new lines to be constructed will also be supported by them.

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SERIOUS DEPLETION IN FUNDS

HARD TIMES HARD ON THE POOR CONSUMPTIVE

Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives Makes an Urgent Appeal for Money.

\$25,000 Required to Cover Bank Overdraft and Pay for the Maintenance of Patients.

These headlines tell the story of our needs. They are heavy and urgent. Many times during the past twelve months the question has pressed itself upon the Trustees, "Can we continue the work further?"

Every month brought its quota of accounts for salaries and wages of staff, bills of butcher, milkman, eggs, groceries, heavy coal-bills—a serious item—and other uncontrollable expenses so long as the doors were kept open.

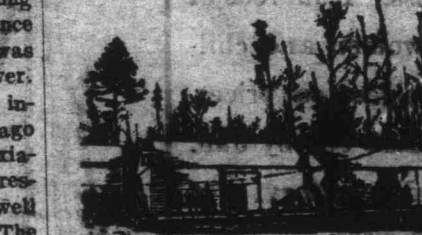


These had to be paid somehow.

Contributions—especially after the turn of the year when the financial depression was felt at its keenest—fell off to such an extent, that each month the burden became heavier.

During all this period there was only one thing to do, and that was to lean on our bankers—swelling the bank overdraft.

The trial was the severest in the history of these Muskoka Homes, in which nearly 3,000 persons, stricken by the dread white plague, have been cared for.



Shack life at Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives.

But never for a single hour did the doors of the Free Hospital fail to swing open, and give a welcome to suffering ones without money and without price.

The good news has gone forth of a rich harvest the wide Dominion over.

Friends, we come to you at this time, when the clouds of depression are being lifted, asking that you now—in the direness of our extremity—help to lift the burden being carried—not for any personal gain, but solely, alone, only on behalf of suffering sisters and brothers.

Our plea is on behalf of the sick ones.

What will you give?

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Help generously.

Help now.

Contributions may be sent to W. J. Coles, Esq., Chairman Executive Committee, 84 Spadina Avenue, Toronto; or J. S. Robertson, Sec.-Treasurer National Sanitary Association, 347 King Street West, Toronto, Canada.

PRESTON VS. FIFE

The following letter to the Creelman Gazette is worthy of the perusal of farmers in other parts of the country:

Our second annual seed fair being now an event of the past the majority of those farmers who were fortunate enough to be present, are no doubt doing some tall talking about Mr. Fraser's "Talk to Seed Growers."

The gist of Mr. Fraser's address seemed to be how to ripen our wheat earlier than at present. The system of seedling, putting the grain down to the moisture and no further was touched upon, and I think we can all take a leaf from his book; also forming instead of bluestocking, thick vs. thin seeding; and surface cultivating our land; plowing our fallows 4 inches deep instead of 8 or 8.

Now, dear Editor, although I have not farmed for 27 years, yet I think that I have served a long enough apprenticeship at it to be in a position to criticize this subject.

Mr. Fraser's address from first to last consisted of an apology for Red Fife wheat. He admitted that we could not grow the rank heavy crops of which the west is so deservingly proud on account of early frosts, and advised plowing lighter and aiming to grow a higher crop than we do at present. Needless to say no sane farmer would think for a moment of reducing his income by raising a lighter crop, so that we must look for a solution of the problem in another direction. As long as we plow our fallows well, given the wet years and early frosts we have had the past two years, Red Fife wheat will never be a success so that it behooves us to look around for some earlier wheat. The wheat that has stood the test dry years and wet years is Preston, and I have no hesitation in saying with Mr. Fraser that in ten years from now from wheat will be a thing of the past, and that the man who would get up and talk Red Fife wheat wouldn't get a hearing. Although comparisons are odious yet they are sometimes beneficial. Let us compare experimental farm the yield of Fife for 1906 was 18 bushels to the acre, plating in 137 days, whilst Preston went 39 bushels to the acre, maturing in 133 days. At Brandon experimental farm Fife yielded 44 bushels in 132 days, and Preston yielded 45 bushels in 117 days. At Indian Head the yield of Fife was 22 bushels, whilst Preston went 32 and 33 bushels to acre. These are all uniform tests, no preference being shown to Preston, so that figures ought to set farmers thinking.

Farming as a profession isn't based on sentiment, therefore why should we persist growing Red Fife wheat when its star is plainly in the descendant. The argument usually advanced by those who are "wedded" to Fife, is that Red Fife has made the country what it is. Admitted. But who says that the farmers of Saskatchewan would not be in a better position financially had they grown Preston instead of Fife? In an article contributed to the North-West Farmer by Angus Mackay in 1902 or 1903, he said that if the farmers of Saskatchewan had had Preston Wheat instead of Fife, they would have received several million dollars more for their crops than they did. What he would say after Red Fife in 1907 and 1908, I leave the reader to judge.

Whilst it is true that millers prefer Fife, still it remains there is an unlimited market for Preston at the same figure, and no sane farmer is going to grow Fife just to oblige the millers.

A great many people object to Preston on account of its being heady. This, I think is a decided advantage, as it is protection against birds and lesser freests; the same birds that will damage Fife having little or no effect on Preston. My father sowed Fife wheat side by side with Preston on the same day last year (1907). There was nothing in the Fife while the Preston was No. 2 Northern. The heads of the Preston were browned right to the chaff with the frost, but the grain was not hurt.

The straw of Preston isn't as stiff as that of Fife, but is considerably stiffer than the mixed wheat which masquerades under the name of Fife. It very seldom lodges, but when it does, seldom or never falls to all. And this would lodge under similar conditions. I have seen hundred of acres of Fife wheat cut one way at Indian Head, and it was thought nothing of.

Now this is not an advertisement for Preston, as I have none for sale, but is written in justification of the wheat to which so many western farmers owe their prosperity. It is safe to predict that in ten years from now, Preston will be the standard wheat of Saskatchewan, and we will be able to say with a Scotchman whom I know and respect, "I wish I had Fife, I would ha' had mair piglets."

Thanking you for encouraging on your valuable space, and trusting that this will not have been written in vain, I am,

Yours truly,

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