

LOOKS BAD FOR PEACH CROP.

HORTICULTURALIST AT VICTORIA PARK HAS MADE TESTS.

And the Buds Do Not Develop in the Greenhouse—Trouble Seems to be in the Bark.

Mr. Roderick Cameron, horticulturist at Queen Victoria Park, Niagara Falls, has been testing peach buds, by developing them in the greenhouse, and he writes as follows about his observations:

In looking at the trees the buds never looked better than they do this spring, but in starting them in a greenhouse I find that the buds develop only about half way, and then drop all but a few. I also find that there is something wrong with the young branches, the fruit-bearing wood.

The disease, or whatever it may be called, acts as follows: A ring, uneven in size, forms round the young twigs about a quarter of the way up from the old wood. The bark round this ring shrivels and feels spongy, and in removing the outer bark I find that the inner bark or cambium is brown and dead, and the sap is prevented from flowing up past the above mentioned rings. From here up the bark, for the want of sap, begins to shrivel, and the buds loosen and drop to the ground. As far as I can see there are none of the buds injured by frost. The injury is in the bark of the young wood, and my own belief is that the wood was not properly ripened last fall, and the frost has injured it during the winter. I also find that the varieties that I proved to be hardiest for several years back are the tenderest this year. The hardiest varieties in former years were the late varieties, particularly Elberta and Longheart; but this year they are the tenderest and less productive. The early varieties show up best in this respect.

The following is the finding: New Prolific, one-third of the buds sound; opened. Early Crawford, a fifth of the buds sound. Yellow St. John, from young trees, three per cent. buds sound. The Globe, about one per cent. of the buds sound. Yellow St. John on old trees, three per cent. of buds sound. Elberta, from old trees, about one per cent. of the buds good. Wheeland, hardly one per cent. of buds sound, and the wood in this one more injured than the rest. Aquia Rose Rine, three per cent. of buds sound. Fitzgerald, about one per cent. good buds. Niagara, about one per cent. good buds. Garfield, badly injured and few buds. Golden Drop will produce a good crop. Elberta from young trees about five per cent. good buds. The Speed, a quarter of the buds sound. Triumph, about three parts of the buds good.

My observation leads me to think that the peach trees should be pruned as soon as the wood is made, so as to force the formation of flowering buds on the base of the young wood that is more apt to be ripened before winter begins. The flowering buds are generally very few on the base of the young shoot. They develop from the centre of this wood, to the top, and when pruning in the spring the flowering buds are cut away, or they may be injured, as I stated above, by freezing the undeveloped wood. This statement should not be taken for all peach farms, as soils will make a wonderful difference.

TWO STORIES.

Bank Officials and Detectives on Thornhill Bank Robbery.

Toronto, April 13.—Officials of the Sterling Bank, in company with detective officers, yesterday visited the Thornhill branch of the bank and made a thorough investigation into the story of the attempted burglary as narrated by Manager Roy Henry.

As a result of the enquiry the officials were satisfied that his narrative is correct and are satisfied that the manager acted courageously in defence of the property.

The question of offering a reward for the capture of the burglars is now under consideration.

No Attempt at Robbery.

Crown Attorney Drayton yesterday, under permission from the Crown authorities, made a statement covering the reasons why his department concluded to drop any further investigation into the recent alleged burglary at the Thornhill branch of the Sterling Bank.

An examination of the muddy ground in the vicinity showed no traces of footmarks in the doorways or on the window sills. A thick deposit of dust on the transom of the front door faintly was untouched, showing that no one had tried to get in by the front light. The cartridges found in and around the premises, which were said to have been the property of the burglars, were found to be similar to those belonging to Henry. In addition, Mr. Hector Wright, an assistant of Mr. Henry's, who is passing at the time the shot was fired, said he heard no footstep and saw no one running away, neither did he see any ladder or other article which would enable a man to reach the faintly.

The line of the bullet hole inside the bank showed also that it was fired at short range from inside the bank and could not have been fired from outside the faintly.

"The detectives do not advance any theory as to how Henry received his injuries," said the Crown, "but Henry himself admitted to Detective Mills that the idea of the burglary might have originated in a dream and we are inclined to take that view of it."

"There is no evidence whatever against the three men now in custody," Mr. Drayton said the Crown did not propose to prosecute Henry.

A BOY STABBING CASE.

Earle Cooper, of Embro, Seriously Wounded by a Companion.

Woodstock, April 14.—Earle Cooper, a fifteen-year-old Embro lad, was seriously wounded a day or two ago by one of his comrades. Cooper was standing in front of his father's shop, when the lad came along and asked him if he wanted to fight. Cooper said that he did not, but that he was not afraid.

The other boy then raised his hand, it is alleged, in which he had an open jack-knife, and struck Cooper in the breast. The blade penetrated an inch and a half, just above the heart. The lad bled very profusely, and his condition is somewhat serious.

The offender, who is the son of a prominent citizen, will probably be prosecuted.

GROWING BOYS.

Need an Occasional Tonic to Maintain Strength and Keep the Skin Clear.

On every side one sees young men and growing boys with pale, pasty complexions, their faces covered with pimples and their gait shambling and listless. Such a condition is extremely dangerous—the blood is out of order—a complete breakdown may result. To put matters right; to give that spring to the step; that clearness to the skin, and that glow of active health to the face, a tonic is needed—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are needed. As proof of this, Mr. Charles Dieffenbach, 12 St. Ursule street, Quebec, says: "Frequently my studies necessitated my remaining up until a late hour. The result was that my system gradually weakened, and in December, 1903, I seemed to collapse. I was completely run down and went under the care of a doctor, but instead of gaining strength, I seemed to grow weaker. I could not take solid food, did not sleep well, and weakening night sweats gave me further cause for alarm. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills were brought to my notice and I began their use. Almost from the outset they seemed to help me, but it was some weeks before there was a material change for the better. From that on, however, recovery was rapid, and in a couple of months I was as well as ever. I had been, and able to resume my studies."

Every dose of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills makes new, rich, red blood; every drop of pure blood gives strength and vitality to the whole system, and this strength brings health. That is why Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure such cases as anaemia, all stomach and kidney troubles, St. Vitus' dance, heart palpitation, the afflictions known only to growing girls and women, and a host of other ailments from which both old and young suffer through bad blood. Sold by dealers in medicine or by mail at 30 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

PARDON DOUKS.

Those at Port Arthur Will be Sent Back to Saskatchewan.

Ottawa, April 14.—The problem of disposing of the Doukhobors who have spent all winter at Fort William is in a fair way of solution, but curiously enough, the Minister of Justice of the Dominion will be the final arbiter in the matter. The Fort William folk would be glad to get rid of their unwelcome guests, while Toronto does not want the ten men and nine women who have been sentenced to six months' imprisonment. To-day Dr. Bruce Smith, Inspector of Hospitals and Asylums for Ontario, and Mr. C. A. Armstrong, Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities, saw Mr. Aylesworth, and discussed the situation with him. They explained that it was not the practice to receive prisoners in Toronto Central Prison for short terms, and, besides, at this time the prison accommodation is taxed to its full capacity. Port Arthur jail was in a similar condition, and the quicker the Doukhobors were got out of Ontario, the better would the people of the two cities be pleased. The Minister was informed by the deputations that the quickest way to solve the difficulty was to deport all the Doukhobors to Saskatchewan, whence they had come.

The leaders of the party at Fort William had undertaken that the band would return to Saskatchewan provided the Executive Council was extended to the nineteen men and women sentenced to jail, and it was for the purpose of stating the arrangement which had been reached, and to urge the exercise of the pardoning power, that the deputations had come to Ottawa. Mr. Aylesworth replied that he would deal with the case promptly.

If this arrangement be carried out, and there seems to be no question that it will, these troublesome characters will be got rid of, so far as Ontario is concerned. It will then devolve on the Saskatchewan authorities to look after them. It is an open secret that the officials here are greatly annoyed at the supineness of the Saskatchewan Government. In the first place they hold that the Doukhobor pilgrims should never have been permitted to leave the Province.

IMMIGRANTS DEFENDED.

Col. Howell, of the S. A., Replies to Mr. Lavergne.

Ottawa, April 14.—Col. Sam Hughes, M. P., has received from Lieut. Col. Howell, Toronto, who is in charge of the immigration work of the Salvation Army, the following telegram in reference to the statements made in the Commons yesterday by Mr. Armand Lavergne, reflecting on the immigrants brought out by the army:

"It seems shameful that men prompted by greed and race prejudice should declare on the floor of the House that Britishers, carefully selected, emigrating to Canada under our auspices, should be branded as undesirable. Statements, absolutely false. Farmers throughout Canada employing Britishers will resent this reflection. I hope something will be done to repudiate it."

North Renfrew Conservatives have nominated Mr. G. White for the Commons and Mr. Alex. Morris for the Legislature. Mr. Dinlopp retiring. Leveson, Conservative, has nominated Mr. T. C. Caracallen, their present member, for the Legislature.

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One ounce Fluid Extract Dandelion

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does after meals and at bedtime

stated by a prominent physician to

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or urinary affections, and also in

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opens the congested pores of the

kidneys, thus assisting them in their

work of filtering all waste and poisonous

matters from the blood, and expels

these in the urine. To allow this

process to remain unimpeded means

that it will settle in the muscular

tissues or joints, and cause the untold

misery known as rheumatism.

The mixture is composed of harmless

vegetable ingredients which can

be purchased at any good drug store,

and mixed at home.

Anyone suffering from any of these

afflictions will do well to place in

mind a simple and highly recommended

remedy.

BATTLEFIELD ASSOCIATION.

LOCAL BRANCH ORGANIZED AT MEETING LAST NIGHT.

Mr. S. F. Lazier, K.C., Elected President—Lord Grey Assures Meeting of His Heartly Sympathy and Support.

A meeting was held last evening in the Board of Trade rooms for the purpose of assisting in the establishment of a branch of the Quebec Battlefields Association in this city. The meeting was called to order by Mr. W. M. McLehman, who explained that the Canadian Club had sent out the notices, the duty of calling the initial meeting being entrusted to them by His Excellency Lord Grey. Mr. McLehman said it was to be a purely citizens' affair, and not controlled by the Canadian Club.

Mayor Stewart was then asked to take the chair, and said he would do everything possible to further the scheme. Mr. C. R. McCullough gave many historical reasons why Canadians should help to acquire the Plains of Abraham as a national park. About 150 representatives of various societies and organizations in the city had been invited to attend the meeting, and it was proposed to run the Hamilton branch of the association on similar lines to Ottawa. There the military, athletic, fraternal, Y. M. C. A., religious and even class of institution was represented, and thus it was made a citizens' organization.

Mayor Stewart was called away after occupying the chair a short time, and Col. Hendrie presided the rest of the evening.

The election of officers then took place. Mr. Martin moved that His Excellency the Governor-General be patron of the Hamilton branch of the Quebec Battlefields Association, seconded by Mr. S. F. Lazier, K.C., and unanimously adopted. The officers elected were: Col. J. S. Hendrie, Hon. President. S. F. Lazier, K.C., President. C. R. McCullough, Vice-President. W. M. McLehman, Secretary for the evening.

It was decided that a secretary and a treasurer should be appointed as paid officials, and should be selected by the officers and committee.

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IS NOT AN ANARCHIST.

Mr. Cy. Warman Addresses the Guelph Canadian Club.

Guelph, April 14.—Speaking at the Canadian Club banquet here last night on the subject of "Labor and Capital," Mr. Cy. Warman, the well-known writer, expressed himself strongly against the line which had been followed by the labor union, and said, "It was necessary to make a nation, and these were capital—and labor—either was utterly helpless without the other. There were some men in America who were rich out of all reason, and the labor union was a selfish and sometimes arrogant and oppressive, but there was a growing tendency on the part of the political upper crust and the social under crust to rate all railway officials as a semi-criminal class, who were happiest when hunting down the line which separates the land of lawful things from the land of things unlawful."

Referring to the war on capital, particularly the attacks that had been directed against the railways, Mr. Warman said that of the 17,000 miles of line projected in the United States, at the close of last year not more than 8,000 miles would be put under construction, simply because owing to the pressure put upon the railways by the Federal and State Governments the railroads were unable or afraid to finance new roads which were needed both by themselves and the public. He believed that so far as the railway and its workers were concerned there would ultimately be a combination of both for self-protection. The railroad and its employees would in time learn that an injury to one was the concern of the other.

BIG JOB FOR RAILWAYS.

They Are Arranging to Carry Troops to Quebec Celebration.

Montreal, April 14.—At a meeting of the Quebec Tercentenary Commission, held here today, the question of transportation was considered. The question of carrying the military forces to Quebec was first discussed, and it was resolved that the commission should ask the Federal Government that troops be sent to the celebration should leave from their respective quarters two days earlier than had at first been arranged, in order that they should all be in Quebec by Saturday, July 18.

The transportation companies laid great stress on the fact that they will not only be called upon to bring 25,000 soldiers to Quebec, but they will also have to ship cavalry horses, ammunition and also heavy piece of artillery. This mobilization of what is practically an army corps is a big undertaking, and the companies do not wish to be caught napping.

Of the 25,000 troops that will be sent to Quebec for the tercentenary celebration, 6,000 will come from the Maritime Provinces, and will be taken care of by the Intercolonial Railway. The remaining 19,000 will come from other provinces, mostly Quebec and Ontario, and will be handled by the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific railways.

An estimate furnished by the transportation companies brings the amount of people they will be able to carry to Quebec to 10,000 a day.

Mayor Huber Not a Socialist.

Berlin, Ont., April 13.—Mayor Huber, who created quite a stir at the special Council meeting on Monday evening, said to-day that he was not a Socialist, and did not desire to be known as one. The Socialists in Berlin also take exception to his being called a Socialist yesterday, and he was not supported by the Socialists in the recent elections.

Imprisoned on Meat Hooks.

Winnipeg, April 14.—John Goer, an employee in J. Y. Griffin's meat-packing plant, was imprisoned on two meat hooks yesterday, and so horribly injured that he died this morning.

APPETITE GONE—NERVOUS—BADLY RUN DOWN

A Strong Moral Well Exemplified in Mrs. Wilson's Case.

Like thousands of other people at this season of the year, Mrs. E. P. Wilson was tired and worn out—winter sorely tried her health and vigor. But now she is robust and well, eats well, sleeps well, feels invigorated and braced. "For some years," writes Mrs. Wilson, of Watmore, P. O., "I suffered from systematic weakness, biliousness and depression headaches. I could take little nourishment, and grew thin and pale. I felt a heavy meal the result was dreadful. Pains started at my chest and spread all through my body, going across my stomach, back and right side. I was discouraged till a friend insisted on me taking Dr. Hamilton's Pills. They made a new woman of me, and for the past eight months my health has been perfect. For a good cleansing, rejuvenating medicine, I urge every one to use Dr. Hamilton's Pills."

There is extraordinary and magic power in Dr. Hamilton's Pills; they bring vigor, tone, health and spirits—are compounded from the most wonderful and healing juices and essence in vegetable life—are safe for young and old, and guaranteed to kindle renewed activity and strength in every system that is weak, sickly or run down from kidney, liver, stomach or bladder trouble. Get Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Manderack and Butternut to-day—25c at all dealers.

COAL AND STEEL.

May Settle the Trouble Between the Two Companies.

Toronto, April 15.—"I am here to stay as long as may be necessary to thrash out all the difficulties which may present themselves for adjustment in connection with the coal supply of the Steel Company, and I have good reason to believe that plans have been taken to-day that a good start has been made to accomplish this result."—Mr. James Ross, President of the Dominion Coal Company.

"Yesterday's meeting was an attempt at a beginning," Mr. J. H. Plummer, President of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company, said. "The meeting was attended by the officers and a committee consisting of a representative from every organization, association and society in Hamilton desiring to take part in the movement, these to have power to add to their number, five to form a quorum. This was carried."

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GIFT FOR CANADA.

BRITISH FRIENDS PREPARING A BIRTHDAY PRESENT.

Former Governors-General Suggest the Raising of a Fund to Aid in Transforming Battlefield at Quebec into a Park.

London, April 14.—An important movement is on foot to make a national birthday presentation to Canada at the time of the Quebec tercentenary. The Duke of Argyll, the Earls of Aberdeen, Derby and Minto, and the Marquis of Lansdowne recently issued an invitation to a number of distinguished persons, suggesting that a fund be raised here as a substantial public contribution towards the £250,000 understood to be necessary for the transforming of the historic battlefields into a public park.

A meeting of the promoters of the movement was held at the Mansion House to-day, the Lord Mayor presiding. An executive committee was appointed, of which Viscount Middleton is chairman, and Lords Strathcona and Mountstephen members.

Mr. Arthur Grenfell stated that the suggestion had been made that the English participation should take the form of a memorial to Wolfe and Montcalm. The response had already been very gratifying. The Lord Mayor acceded to a request to call a public meeting on May 5, when the Duke of Argyll, the Marquis of Lansdowne and the Earl of Derby will speak.

CLASS BANQUET.

Young Ladies' Guild Entertained Y. M. C. A. Boys.

The Central Y. M. C. A. study class held its closing banquet of the season last evening in the Association lecture room. The good things were provided by the Young Ladies' Guild and about 24 of the boys sat down to a table just groaning with the weight of the numerous delicacies, which were gotten up and set out in a way as only ladies can do it. To further make the repast go, the boys were waited on by eleven charming and pretty young ladies, members of the Guild. The tables were prettily decorated with flowers. After the feasting had finished, Mr. Best spoke a few words on the work of the class taking a retrospective view. He said the class would be continued next fall. He also thanked the young ladies for their kindness. Mr. John E. Brown, President of the Association, also addressed the company on the value of "Christian Citizenship," and thanked the ladies for the good work they were doing for the Y. M. C. A. Other speakers were Mr. J. A. Kneale, Mr. W. Robinson and several of the members. The young ladies who so kindly waited at table were the Misses Aileen Davis, Alexandra Sutherland, Jean Mills, Kathleen Browne, Isabel Sutherland, Vera Shambrook, Jeanette Grantham, Ruby Gallagher, Violet Crerar, Lillian Seabury and Gladys Seabury.

The Young Ladies' Guild is a new feature of Y. M. C. A. work, as assistants to the Ladies' Auxiliary. Very much credit is due to the members, for they are working like Trojans for the welfare of the boys. Every Y. M. C. A. man thoroughly appreciates their many acts of kindness.

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Some foods have the same effect on the bowels as Cascarets. But one must select the foods and that's difficult. It's easier to take Cascarets.

Here is one way to keep cheerful: Live out-doors and exercise in plenty. Eat coarse food, much fruit, many green vegetables.

Here is the other way: Take a Cascaret when you need it. That will supply, in a gentle and natural way, the same laxative effect on the bowels.