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ABOUT PLAYGROUNDS.

It is worthy of note that the Playgrounds Commission of Ottawa has asked the Board of Control to give a new superintendent of civic playgrounds a salary of \$2,400 per year at the start. The present superintendent is retiring from office. Ottawa finds that it is good business to have such an official.

Turning to Toronto, we find in the Toronto Globe a list of baseball games on city playgrounds last Saturday. These games were played between teams classified as senior, intermediate, junior, juvenile, midget and bantam. Thus boys of all ages were given an opportunity to play. The games were played on thirteen different diamonds, with two games on each, the first at two and the second at four o'clock. There were twenty-six games played on these grounds Saturday afternoon, and there were named officials in charge at each game.

Of course this was only one feature of sport in Toronto on Saturday, but it conveys a suggestion to St. John. In this city there has as yet been no such organization for supervised games by boys of all ages. The seniors are having all the best of it. Let us hope that before next year there will be such an organization in the schools, in connection with the enlarged number of playgrounds, as well as in the vacant lots and old corners without any proper encouragement and supervision. This is something to look forward to and plan for during the next winter and spring months. The increase in the number of available playgrounds brings added responsibility for the older folk who love clean sport, and they may find a great deal of enjoyment in taking some part in planning for the better training and physical development of the boys.

TAXES IN HALIFAX.

The Halifax Recorder says: The Halifax tax rate for 1917-18—only four years ago—was \$2.18. Last year the rate was \$2.85. This year, \$3.51. The St. John assessment for the current year is \$2.64; last year it was \$2.99. St. John decreases, Halifax increases. A halt in expenditure should be called, and that at once. The net debt of Halifax is now \$624,923, and the gross debt \$1,074,416. Taking \$6,000 as the population of Halifax in 1921, the tax per head this year is \$3.51. If population at present is 60,000, the tax per head is \$3.51. The amount to be raised this year is given below:

For current expenses	\$1,970,442
For fifteen year installment	40,000
For five year bonds	81,507
For long term bonds (consolidated fund)	689,322
Total	\$2,781,271

The Recorder says the civic authorities, in the words of a former mayor, should "stop and get their breath."

Maritime Merchant: "If there are retailers who are slow about squeezing the inflation out of prices, they have plenty of company in other classes. Labor is making a strong effort to hold its wages up to present levels, and here and there we find farmers doing the same. With respect to the latter, the organized effort to maintain the price on the milk supply of Halifax was an example. But all this is useless. Everyone will have to concede. All classes will have to take some loss until at length we reach a stable basis."

Crop estimates issued by the International Institute of Agriculture indicate good cereal crops in Europe. There will be less need than heretofore for large imports. Bread, the staff of life, should be reasonably cheap after the next harvest. Many European countries, however, need more than food. They must have credit, to enable them to develop their resources and gain financial strength again. That credit is essential or their imports must remain small and their industries suffer.

Sir James Craig declines to meet Mr. de Valera and Mr. de Valera declines to meet Sir James Craig if Mr. Lloyd George is in sight. These Irish gentlemen are extremely hard to please. And that is the reason Ireland is in a turmoil. Irishmen themselves do not agree. Until they are ready to negotiate, the turmoil will continue.

A very gloomy report regarding the hay crop comes from Quebec, where farmers express fear that they will not have enough to winter their stock. In this province also the crop will be light, but conditions are not nearly as bad as are reported from Quebec.

Dominion Day, 1921, finds Canada at peace, and her prime minister in conference in London with the premiers of other dominions, in the interests of closer imperial relations, and of closer sympathy between the English-speaking nations.

Now that the school examinations are over, the doctor will be fairly busy prescribing for the shattered nervous systems of girls who are worn out by the strain. Some day this annual barbarism will be stopped.

The union of East St. John with the city is very desirable if satisfactory terms may be agreed on.

The result of the stoppage of a portion of the power company's service is already being felt. It is of the first importance that the light, gas and industrial power service should be kept in full operation.

That is an excellent example brought to notice in connection with today's school closing. Two boys of Dufferin School have gone through eight grades without missing a single day from their places in class.

Have you been enumerated in the census? The time is now short and for the credit and benefit of St. John every citizen young and old should be in the count.

The Dominion premier, in conference yesterday, strongly emphasized the importance of the most cordial relations between the British Empire and the United States.

The waning influence of the Conservatives will furnish Hon. Mackenzie King with one subject for comment in his speeches in Quebec province.

Mayor Schofield is able to quote not one, but a number of precedents for fixing an early date for the termination of the tax discount period.

The absence of street cars will be a great inconvenience on the holiday, but the owners of vehicles will no doubt reap a harvest.

The Quebec strike has been quickly settled. The striking firemen and police have returned to work on the city's terms.

The city is getting an opportunity to stretch its legs.

LOCAL NEWS

Band concert at Rockwood Park Friday afternoon and evening.

BE PREPARED. Lamps, lanterns, flashlights, candles, etc., etc., 15 Waterloo street, just around Union street. Open evenings.

QUINN'S FISH MARKET will open tomorrow until twelve o'clock with a good supply of harbor salmon, halibut, mackerel, shad, cod and haddock. Phone 626.

Yarmouth Creamery Butter, try it once, use it always.—Fred Hyden, City Market.

Don't forget the Farmers' Picnic at Wolford, July 1st. Train leaves 1:25. Dancing and usual picnic sports.

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FOR THE HOLIDAY. Star Premier will leave her wharf, Indiantown, at 2 o'clock, July 1st, for the Kennebecasis, taking in the club races and sports. Tickets 75 cents.

PARAWAX, INC. A POUND. Preserving jars, preserving kettles, rubber rings, at Dava's, 15-17 Waterloo St., open evenings.

DOMINION DAY EXCURSION. On July 1 a steamer Hamilton will make her usual (no stop) excursion to Brown's Flats, leaving Indiantown 2 p. m., returning 8 p. m. This outing should be more popular than ever this year, as the W. A. Ladies of the parish are giving an all day dinner at Kitchener Hall. Autos will meet boat at wharf. Return tickets \$1.

Band concert at Rockwood Park Friday afternoon and evening.

Dancing at the Strand Thursday and Friday evenings.

Dancing Friday night at the Manor House, 8 to 12 p. m. Cabaret.

SMALL TREES FOR ONTARIO. (Toronto Telegram.)

7,000,000 Scotch pine. 1,000,000 spruce. 4,000,000 cedars, hard and soft pines, poplars, etc.

This is what the Ontario provincial forestry branch expects to distribute this year in small trees to the people of Ontario who are anxious to replant their farms or other places with trees.

The time for distribution is just about over, but when all the returns are in it is expected that it will be found that nearly seven million small trees have been distributed.

Hon. Beniah Bowman, minister of lands and forests, chief of the forestry branch, C. A. Zavits, and Frank Niven, secretary to the minister, have just returned from a trip through the Norfolk forestation farm. This is situated on the shores of Lake Erie, about fifteen miles from the town of Simcoe. It consists of some 1,720 acres, and is ideally situated for the work for which it is required.

Improve Water Supply. In former years about 400,000 seedlings have been distributed, but this number has been far exceeded this year. Of the 1,720 acres, 1,150 are permanent forest planting. There is a fair water supply at present, but to make it sure for the farm a tank with 30,000 gallon capacity is being finished, and, added to the already existing 6,000 gallon tank, will assure all the water needed for the future.

Other forestation farms are being considered by the minister, where seedlings from this Norfolk station can be transplanted when they are ready, using the Norfolk farm for the first raising of the seedlings.

"WE ARE THE DEAD."

(By Willard Wattler, Read at the Dedication of Memorial Hall, Massachusetts Agricultural College.)

The light of old South College one by

Blossom in fire; across the quiet Pond

A murmur stirs and whispers and is gone.

The North Star shines on Toby; and beyond

The sorrow and the heartache and the tears

Wheel the inviolable squadrons of the stars.

Across the shadows drifts the undertone

Of laughter and of music and of talk;

Great schemes are hatching, building

The future, and deep friendships where men walk

Smoking along the paths where once

Stroled the undaunted dead we see no more.

Whether we faced them from the lecturer's chair

Or shoulder to shoulder listened in the

We know one golden lad of yellow hair

Walks on the wind and still his comrades greet;

And all the gay young faces that we knew

Have only changed to let the light shine through.

They are not dead, they do not, cannot die.

They are as near us, nearer than before;

'Tis only we who have so dim an eye

We cannot see them stamping out the door.

Playing at ball and laughing deep and clear;

Only our ear is dull, we do not hear.

About the Chapel still the ivy shades

The graven numbers of each scattered class.

Never again to gather for those raids

That shocked the village when they came to pass;

And now we build a structure that will keep

Alive our dead who in the Argonne sleep.

Their bodies rest outworned with the day;

Hunger and thirst and agony they knew;

Dying they smiled, for suffering could not slay

The love they bore, the faith they held so true;

And now they lie still be comforted

Knowing they live—'tis we who are the dead.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Almost Like New.

Caller—Isn't that picture one of the old masters?

Mrs. Newrich—I believe so, but my husband had it varnished and framed his way that makes it look almost as good as new.—Boston Transcript.

Not Far to Go.

Exasperated Husband—If you don't stop your nagging I'll go crazy in a minute.

Sarcastic Spouse—You could make it, all right and not exceed the speed limit, either.

Very Annoying.

In the departed days a somewhat befuddled guest appeared unsteadily before the desk of a smart hotel and demanded in thick but firm tones that the room be changed. "In sorry," the clerk humored him, "but all the rooms are taken."

"Much have 'nother room," insisted the guest.

"What's the matter with the room you have now?"

"Well, you must know," explained the dissatisfied tenant, "fish on fire."—Houston Post.

A Suggestion.

Miss Plainsmith—"I don't care if my face isn't classic. My beauty's beneath the surface."

Miss Peachblow—"If I were you I'd have my next photograph taken by X-ray."

Marvels of Plumbing.

"Why did you stand around and watch that plumber all morning instead of going to your office?" asked Mrs. Duval.

"I was fascinated," replied Mr. Duval. "I never realized before that a human being could earn a comfortable living with one hand while holding a lighted cigarette in the other."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

"Father," said a little boy thoughtfully, as he watched his parent collect his notes and arrange the slides for a parish entertainment, "why is it that when you spend your holiday in the Holy Land you always give a lantern lecture on it? You never do when you have been to Paris?"—London Morning Post.

LOWLY WORK NEEDED. (Montreal Herald.)

Words of warning and counsel were uttered this week by the president of the Baptist Union at the opening of the 14th annual convention in Des Moines. He laid emphasis upon the "great moral agencies in living," the "deplorable lowering of morals in our social life," the "moral degeneration and let-down in the habits of our young people," the "moral decay in our political, perhaps lower than ever before," and the "non-church-going and non-religious people, whose knowledge of the sacraments is chiefly confined to those of marriage and of death" as evidence of such a crisis.

There is, he declared, "a clear, distinct call for the unification of all forces of Christianity to consider the great question confronting the political, business and religious world. Countless thousands of the people are running beyond their means, and living without the economic care and saving of our forefathers."

The cure, he said, can come only by a united effort of all Protestantism. The marked decrease in church membership, while fraternal and worldly organizations are increasing in membership, is due to the fact that "the great lack in the followers of Christianity of the present day is that we do not possess the fervor, heart-throbs which characterized the Christianity of a century ago. We allow worldly affairs to crowd out our devotion and loyalty to our religious life."

Religion today needs more humility with less emphasis laid upon rank and the high importance of its followers. Christianity should mean work, hard work, lowly work, and self-forgetfulness.

MAY PRACTICE IN ANY PROVINCE IN CANADA. Ottawa, June 30.—(Canadian Press)—In the June examination of the Medical Council of Canada, held in Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, W. Bolt, of St. John's, Nfld., and H. Elliott, of Halifax, were among those successful. The successful candidates received the diplomas of L. M. C. C., which is a qualification accepted by every province in Canada for license to practice.

GROWING INTEREST IN CHILD HYGIENE

Astonishing Results of Draft Examinations Given as the Chief Reason.

Milwaukee, June 30.—The need of early correction of defects as shown by the somewhat astounding results of the draft examinations and the nation wide interest in child health aroused by the Children's Year Programme, are the outstanding causes for the growing interest in child health, Dr. Ada E. Schweitzer of Indianapolis told the National Conference here.

Dr. Schweitzer is director of the division of Infant and Child Hygiene of the Indiana State Board of Health. "The number of states having divisions of Child Hygiene in 1918 was two or three cases. In general, appropriations for this work vary from \$500 to \$125,000.

"A general purpose and plan of work is common to all states. Each seems to have adopted certain minimum standards of care for Mothers and Children and each is trying to educate the general public and to secure the establishment of its standards in all the communities under its jurisdiction. The working plan of the older divisions, especially that of New York state is the basis of that of many other states.

"In several states, the law forbids persons affected with communicable or hereditary disease to marry. Provision for the enforcement of such laws is for the most part inadequate. The protection of society generally against the perniciousness of the unit needs to be given serious and intelligent consideration. A predominance of degenerate and feeble-minded persons in any community is by no means desirable, yet unless stringent measures are undertaken, in some places be inevitable. Connecticut, Colorado have done much. In Indiana, the work is not uniformly distributed.

"In all the school work, full time nurses and physicians are needed. Much is being done in many progressive communities without such service because of the difficulty of procuring nurses. In South Carolina and Mississippi are sending nurses to be trained in public health schools. The practice of holding model health conferences is being followed in many states. Results in New York, Massachusetts, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, California, Texas and Indiana.

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EXPERIMENTING ON RADIO CONTROL OF AIRPLANES

Washington, June 30.—"Radio control of airplanes actually is within sight. The Navy Department hopes to be in a position very soon to prove it."

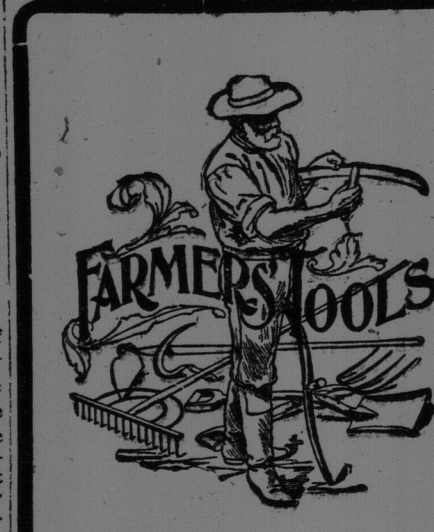
This startling assertion was made by a man in high naval circles.

"The absolute demonstration of what has been only a theory for some months will, when the time comes, be nothing short of sensational," the official added. Discussing radio control of heavier-than-air flying machines, he said: "It might be contended that the pilot of an airplane loaded with bombs would be the best agent for the control and direction of the machine. Radio control, however, makes any loss of life unnecessary, and accuracy of direction and position can be obtained by radio from scouting planes, far out of the zone of danger from anti-aircraft guns."

PRECAUTION AGAINST BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS

A few years ago the United States breeders of pure-bred cattle, recognizing the necessity of more effective measures for the control of tuberculosis, arranged a conference with officials of the Bureau of Animal Industry at Washington, the result of which was the adoption of what is known as the accredited herd plan, meaning that the herd had been thoroughly tested and found entirely free from any symptoms of tuberculosis. The plan proved so successful—more than a thousand herds being accredited in a brief period—that a decision was arrived at to adopt the system in Canada. Regulations were promulgated which came into force in September, 1919, and have proved gratifyingly successful, a number of herds having been accredited, while many others are under test.

Now an agreement between this country and the United States that cattle from accredited herds may enter either way, without detention or test. Under the municipal tuberculosis order, passed at Ottawa some years ago, and the more recently adopted accredited herd plan, compensation is paid for animals officially slaughtered and the owners are permitted under regulation to realize whatever they can from the sale of the carcass.



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MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

The Moncton Rotary Club had as its speaker at luncheon yesterday, George W. Wallace, inventor of the retort and certain other machinery, being used at the shale plant of the D'Arcy Exploration Co., Albert county. Mr. Wallace said that New Brunswick shale was the best and he predicted a good market for the Albert county products.

The 8th Princess Louise Hussars and the New Brunswick Rangers broke camp at Sussex yesterday and departed for their homes, after nine days of excellent training. In the evenings the men were entertained with motion pictures, concerts and baseball games, and dances were also held. The N. C. O's and men's dance in the armories on Tuesday night was a very successful event.

At the annual meeting of the Maritime Fire Chiefs' Association held at Parrsboro yesterday, the introduction of special test books in schools and lectures by uniformed firemen were advocated as a means of fire prevention, by Chief George Achenbach, of Moncton. The next convention will be held at Sussex. Officers elected for the current year are: President, H. D. Walsh, Parrsboro; vice-president, R. A. Lushy, Amherst; H. Rutter, Fredericton; J. D. Harligon, Dominion Steel Corporation, Sydney; secretary-treasurer, A. S. Sisson, Fredericton; assistant secretary, E. P. Meagher, Halifax.

TRIAL OF MRS. PERRY IS CONTINUED

Mrs. Elizabeth Perry, charged with the murder of her husband, Captain George H. Perry, was continued yesterday at the trial of the case.

They were: R. H. Davis, who drew plans of the Perry home at the request of the crown; Miss Eleanor Perry; R. F. Guest, photographer who made pictures of the house and premises at the request of the crown; Thomas Nickerson, with whom Captain Perry spent his last night on earth and from whose house he went to his death; Isaiah Pittman, a cousin of Captain Perry, who testified as to derangement of the cellar steps; Mrs. Thomas Nickerson, who corroborated portions of her husband's evidence with regard to Captain Perry's visit on the night of his death; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Earle, who were at the Nickerson house on the night of the tragedy. Mrs. Earle testified as to seeing a strange man coming down the street from the direction of the Perry house that night.

FRANCE DOES HONOR TO CANADIANS (Canadian Press Despatch.)

Ottawa, June 29.—Marshal Fayolle, in the name of France, this afternoon presented to the Canadian people Rodion La France Reconnaisante (grateful France). The ceremony took place in the railway commission room of the House of Commons and was greeted by the presence of the leaders of the state.

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