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ST. ANDREW'S DAY

Throughout the world today the sons of Scotia will observe the anniversary of their Patron Saint.

The observance of St. Andrew's Day is inspired by filial love and loyalty and calculated to preserve the traditions, the literature and the customs of the Old Land.

We trust the dinner, the speeches, the songs and the a' together at tonight's forgoing will be up to the high standard of similar gatherings in the past.

130 BABIES!

While our valuable silver foxes and our cattle were making a name for themselves and for their native province at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto, 130 babies in Charlottetown were holding up the credit of the province in an infinitely higher sense.

Curious how in the past we had forgotten to hold baby shows while such shows had immeasurably greater possibilities for real pleasure than fox shows and cattle shows and horse shows.

Persons in a position to judge declare the babies were, without exception, a magnificent sample of physically healthy children.

babies may be depended upon to train them to their own highest ideals.

With a steadily declining population such as we have experienced in the past twenty years Tuesday's parade of babies must have inspired some serious thinking.

It is evident that the decline in population is not because of a declining birth rate among those who remain with us.

THE KING'S ARROW

The King's Arrow is the title of a new novel by H. A. Cody and it promises to be as big and popular a seller as the best of his former works.

The King's Arrow is a tale of the United Empire Loyalists and is dedicated by the author "To my ancestors of the United Empire Loyalists who came to the St. John River, May, 1783."

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Notes By The Way

Mr. E. M. McDonald, M.P. for Pictou, speaking before the Young Men's Canadian Club in Montreal the other day, argued that it is impossible to keep the Canadian National Railways out of politics.

This reminds us that to get at the true inwardness of this railway commission business it should be studied from the beginning.

The writer of these notes was then resident in New Brunswick and what took place there was in large measure typical of what was done in the other Maritimes.

When the government railways of the Maritime Provinces passed under federal control after Confederation political control of the Intercolonial was continued in a somewhat modified form.

This went on under successive governments, Conservative and Liberal alike. Gradually a feeling grew up in Canada and in the United States in favor of sixty years of tenure in the civil service of both countries and in the railway service in Canada and found expression in various measures of reform.

By so much they have restored and revived the old, vicious and exploded doctrine that "to the victor belong the spoils" and have brought the government railway system again under partisan political control as it was in the days of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

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Defects Pointed Out In National Heroes

In families that possess skeletons it is customary and desirable, we believe, that the children when they come to a certain age should be informed of their existence, so that they can join the rest of the domestic group in perpetuating a delusion or refuting a calumny.

An Illusion Dispelled

There have been several historians recently who have been digging into the private lives of the Fathers of the American Constitution, and have presented the results of their research to the American public.

Human Beings Only

A wiser view is expressed by Dr. Albert Bushnell Hart, one of the kindest and most tolerant of American historians. He thinks it is a good thing for the American, or any other people, to learn that their ancestors were not precisely steel engraving, that they were human beings like the rest of us.

The War of Independence

In the War of Independence many prominent Americans were failure and the restoration of the old and vicious order of things Mr. Macdonald is right in assuming as he does that (with the Board constituted as it is) the railways cannot be kept out of politics.

Not only is this true but there is a strong element of the Liberal party within and outside of Quebec, and we understand that Mr. Macdonald is himself among the number who desire and are working to restore the old-time system of political patronage, not only on the railways, but in all federal appointments in the public service.

lukewarm, and at heart were rather hopeful that the revolution should become a rebellion. When they saw on whose banners victory was likely to perch, they rallied to that banner and so won much temporary benefit and post mortem fame.

Nevertheless, the intelligent American should be told that the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States are documents and exactly comparable to the tables of stone that Moses brought down from Mount Sinai.

Many Fishermen At The Wharf In Boston

(Special to The Guardian.) BOSTON, Nov. 29.—Although there were a dozen schooners in at the Boston Fish Pier on Tuesday, all but two of them from off-shore grounds, the total receipts of the day were only 408,700 pounds of mixed fresh fish, a comparatively small amount.

Reckless Gunman Receives Sentence

(Special to The Guardian.) NORTH BAY, Ont., November 29.—As the result of a shooting accident which occurred in the store last week, when the rifle which he was jokingly pointing at his visitor exploded and wounded Philip Brown, a fellow-mechanic, Chapman was fined \$40 and costs in North Bay Police Court yesterday.

Daily Selections For Guardian Readers

From the W. S. Louson collection

THANKSGIVING! Once more the liberal year laughs out. O'er richer stores than gems of gold; Once more, with harvest song and shout.

We shut our eyes, the flowers bloom on; We murmur; but the corn-ears fill; We choose the shadow, but the sun That casts it shines behind us still.

O favors every year made new! O gifts with rain and sunshine sent! The bounty overruns our due; The fulness shames our discontent.

November Sale of Coats. An occasion quite unrivalled for prominent values. Prices have been significantly lowered on Coats of the finest types.

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French Army Now Less Than In 1914

PARIS, Nov. 29.—During discussion of the budget next week the finance committee of the Chamber will ask for a reduction of 15,000,000 francs or over \$1,000,000 on the estimated expenditure for next year of the Ministry of War. The credits demanded by the Government amount to 3,072,074,214 francs for ordinary expenditure and 588,250,000 for extraordinary expenditure recoverable from Germany making a total of 3,661,244,214 francs which at the present rate of exchange amounts approximately to \$261,514,300.

Russian Professors Are In Dire Plight

LONDON, Nov. 29.—Professors in Russian universities are paid irregularly, 46,000,000 roubles a month, equal to about 50a. This sum writes Mr. Harold Gibson, chief administrator of International University Relief in Russia, is not enough to keep them for a week.

An average meal for a professor's family in the provinces consists of millet gruel with sunflower oil, soup made of salt fish and potatoes fried in vegetable oil, and any professor who was sure of getting even that during the winter would regard himself as fortunate. Again, professors and their families have long since sold all their spare clothing in order to buy food.

There is a message for you in the fire-gangs. Fire knows no name of addresses but strikes lightning quick at rich and poor alike. Should Fire destroy your property, merchandise or furniture, could you stand the loss? You could if you get now and obtain Fire Insurance at a cost that is trifling in comparison to what a fire loss represents. For Security and Service at equitable rates consult Hyndman & Co. Ltd. The Oldest Insurance Agency in P. E. I.

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