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DEATHS

STEWART—At Mermaid, Feb. 7th, Charlotte Stewart, widow of Mr. John McEachern, aged 86 years. The funeral will take place tomorrow Tuesday, from the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. John R. Munn, at 2 p.m., Rev. D. McLean officiating. Interment Mermaid Cemetery.

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DIARY OF EVENTS

TODAY.

City Magistrate's Court, 9 a. m.
Prince Edward Theatre, 7 and 9 p. m.
People's Theatre, 7.30 and 9 p. m.
City Council meeting, 8 p. m.

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A MILLION INCREASE

The utter absurdity of certain of the Opposition, led by Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself, in raising a cry of "Blue Ruin" has been conclusively proved by the financial statement for the past ten months. This shows a total revenue of \$139,101,515, as compared with \$138,019,925 in the corresponding period last year, an increase in round figures of \$1,000,000.

It, during a world-wide stringency in the money market, the present Government can show a million dollar increase in revenue, what would not be possible for it in normal times? There is every indication of an early return to the normal in the money market, for the Bank of England's rate has been reduced to the lowest point since before the Balkan war—the prime factor in the world-wide money stringency which all Canada, except our own Province, shared. A recent telegram from London showed that the London Statist is highly optimistic; and most of the financial journals declare that the stringency has at last relaxed, and money is easier for all reasonable loans and investments. This optimism is reflected in the comments made by the New York Post on the successful flotation of the issue of New York State Bonds for \$51,000,000, which were subscribed five times over, whereas nine months ago it was found absolutely impossible to float a loan at all.

"The changed situation," it observes, "which this outcome indicates, in the investment market, is allied closely to the change in the general money market of the world, reflected by the reduction of the London and Berlin bank rates.

"For the Bank of Germany, this is the third reduction from the rate prevailing two or three months ago; for the Bank of England it is the second. "What is more significant, each bank now establishes an official rate lower than any fixed since the Balkan War broke out in October, 1912. "In this, the action of the great European banks is plain recognition of the fact that the peculiar strain on capital caused by that event, and by the international misgivings, distrust by investors, and hoarding by private citizens, which accompanied or followed it, has nearly reached its end."

We may look forward to a quickening of all kinds of industry by the easier flow of capital. Our Liberal friends will be hard put to in order to find a substitute for their "Irish food" fad and their "blue ruin" fallure. It would be interesting to know what explanation they have to offer of the fact that during the past two years the Government has reduced the net debt of the country by \$17,000,000, whereas the Laurier Government increased it by \$76,000,000 in four years.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Dr. J. W. Robertson, Chairman of the Commission on Conservation, who is well known in this province, is delivering a series of addresses in Ontario. The first of these was delivered a few days ago at the annual meeting of the Kingston Board of Trade. Although the Doctor dwelt on the progress of Eastern Ontario and the manner in which its interests could best be served, his observations are just as applicable to Prince Edward Island.

The vocational training of all the people to be contributing earners, good citizens and worthy members of the race is really the world's greatest movement at the present time, said Dr. Robertson. He deprecated the fact that Canadians, while in the freshness and vigor of manhood youth readily turn to questions of material growth and development, their attention and imagination are captivated by wealth in things more than their

hearts are stirred by the possession of power with knowledge and desire to use it wisely. Because of this he emphasized the urgency of educational training which will be adequate not only for material progress but for the enjoyment of its achievements and for the real advancement of intellectual, social and spiritual interests and outlook.

"The chief object of development," he says, is to secure the best use of things for the present and to leave them in the best condition for the future, to attain the best characters in the people and provide the best quality of life and opportunities for their successors."

"Vocational training," Dr. Robertson defines, as that training which will give the worker intelligence, practical ability and co-operating good-will." These, he says are not inherited; they are acquired by education and technical training. They always have been so acquired since the beginning of civilization. In recent years changed and changing conditions have required new means and the use of new instrumentalities. "When properly trained for his job," said the Doctor, "one of the finest effects observable is that the workman likes his work, understands it, has ability to do it well, and therefore is sure of obtaining reasonably good returns."

What is needed for this vocational training in Canada, Dr. Robertson summarizes as follows:—

First.—Hand-training and pre-vocational education in the common schools after the age of twelve to reveal the bent of the child's ability to itself, to its parents and to its teacher.

Second.—Something in the school classes to make boys and girls want to continue at school as long as they can.

Third.—Some provision in the way of secondary industrial and technical education for those who can continue at school from 12 to 16.

Fourth.—Continuation classes to be attended while young people are following some occupation to earn their living.

Fifth.—Evening classes for workmen and workwomen.

Sixth.—Middle technical schools to which men and women can come back for periods of from six months to two years after they have been working for some years.

In addition to these witnesses presented the claims of the rural population and fishing population for schools specially adapted to their needs.

The benefits claimed for pre-vocational classes are that they sustain the interest of the pupils in school-work, they discover to pupils, teachers and parents, the bent, tastes and aptitudes of the scholars and develop a preference for following some skilled employment. They make children desire further education after they have begun to partly earn their living, and do not hinder progress in other subjects of education.

In England, Scotland, Ireland, the United States, France and Germany, such classes have made remarkable progress in the last ten years. In Scotland the growth has been from 162 schools with 3,281 pupils to 1,945 schools with an attendance of 43,287 pupils.

Dr. Robertson remarked that in view of the fact that the teaching of these subjects was not contemplated at the time of confederation, when the provinces accepted the responsibility of providing and maintaining education, and particularly in view of the public benefit which would result from such studies, the Commission has recommended that a fund of at least \$350,000 be provided by the Dominion Government and paid to the several provinces, pro rata, on the basis of population. This amount is in addition to the sum of \$8,000,000 which the Commission had recommended to assist the provinces in providing industrial training and technical education for the youth of the provinces after the age of 14.

The carrying out of the policy, the Doctor contended would mean not only the development of manufacturing industries, of commerce and of natural resources, but the development of individuals of communities of provinces and of the whole Dominion. The fruits would be found in the circumstances and homes of the people and in the residuum of intelligence, practical ability and good will.

CONSCIENCE-SMITTEN MAN GIVES HIMSELF UP

PETERBOROUGH, Feb. 7.—This afternoon at 2.30 o'clock an Englishman, giving the name of Alfred Kitzberly and his age as twenty-eight years, entered the police station and requested to be placed under arrest for the murder of a woman, which he confessed to have committed in Wiltshire several years ago. He said his conscience bothered him. At first he was regarded by the police as insane, or as shamming for the sake of shelter, but he repeated his story of how he and another man had killed the woman and hidden her behind a hedge so circumstantially that he was held, and will appear in court in the morning. He says he came from Toronto.

HON. SAM HUGHES ISSUES CHALLENGE

(Canadian Press.)
LONDON, Feb. 7.—Lively interest centres in the challenge of Hon. Sam Hughes to the Coldstream Guards that he would pick from Ottawa Garrison men who would beat a similar number from the rank and file of Coldstream at rifle shooting. It is likely the Coldstream will take up the challenge.

ROMANCE ENDS

(Canadian Press.)
LONDON, Feb. 7.—Inspector Sayers of the Children's Aid Society clipped a romance in the bud and probably prevented a marriage between a young white girl and a Chinaman. A few days ago, he found the girl a frequenter of Chinese Laundries and friendly with the wife of a local Chinaman. They were making arrangements to smuggle her out of the country when the society stepped in and prevented such a move.

SMALLPOX AT MCGILL UNIVERSITY

(Canadian Press.)
MONTREAL, Feb. 7.—A second case of smallpox has been discovered at McGill. The patient is A. Murphy, freshman in the faculty of applied science. The students are being vaccinated and other precautions taken.

CHICAGO WOMEN NOT AFRAID TO GIVE THEIR AGE

CHICAGO, February 7.—Women citizens of Chicago turned out in full strength Tuesday to take advantage of their first opportunity to register as voters. Perfect weather conditions favored a large registering and estimates vary at from 150,000 to 200,000. Piling places were made clear and attractive flowers were not wanting and, as a rule, except where the influence was urged upon them by their women associates the men elected officials refrained from smoking. The requirement that women register must be at least 21 years of age, a cause of some awkwardness, proved to have been over-rated as a stumbling block. Women gave their ages nonchalantly and without any particular effort to keep those in earshot from hearing.

WHEN ALL THE WOMEN KNIT

Flocks of sheep on New England farms less than a hundred years ago were of great value. The wool was turned over to the "women folks," who picked and cleaned it. They were sent to the carding mill, where it was carded and made into rolls. In the farmhouse, writes Prof. Galusha Anderson, in "When Neighbors Were Neighbors," these rolls were spun into yarn on wheels turned by hand.

"Since most of the wool was white and only a few pure white garments were needed, many of the farmers' wives colored their yarn. Tuen to their many accomplishments, they added to the art of weaving. They also knit. Knitting was a universal art. Every housewife and every girl knit.

"Every self-respecting woman always had her knitting at hand. She knit as she talked, knit while visiting her neighbors, knit while she sat warming and soot by the stove or the fireplace, knit when she was half asleep and was waked up by dropping a stitch, knit in the morning, knit at noon, knit at night. The gentler sex of the whole countryside knit, knit knit stockings for themselves and socks for their menfolk. They knit white for the boys, and such pretty red mittens for the dear girls; knit comforters to wrap round the boys' necks, white and blue shawls, tippets and leggins of various hues."

HOW TO KEEP YOUNG.

Speaking from a text of interest to all women "How to keep young"—a lady writer on matters of femininity, interest said:—"Given a woman of ordinary healthy habits who is not overworked, the first thing to be considered is her sleep. She should take at least eight hours' rest. Women may accustom themselves to less, but it means a loss of vital force in the long run. Many women take an early morning cup of tea—a pernicious habit. In fact, the less tea or coffee a woman takes the better for her health and good looks. Comfort in dress is another important point. Tight clothing—whether in gloves, boots, or corsets—should be avoided. Any annoyance or discomfort in a woman's clothing soon makes its impression on the countenance, and means a tax, it need not be luxurious, but it can be wholesome and sufficient. But ample rest is the chief thing, for it is that which conserves the vital forces."

MR. MOSSEAN'S CONDITION

(Canadian Press.)
QUEBEC, Feb. 7.—Professional secret was invoked tonight by the medical men, who had been to the house of Mr. J. O. Mosseau, former member of Soulanges, to report on his condition. Only one of the four doctors made a diagnosis of the patient's condition, but all were unanimous in the verdict that he is in a very serious state and that it would probably be a long time before he is fit to give evidence. Dr. Odilon Lesclapart, after getting preliminary information, he made a thorough examination of Mosseau's nervous and organic system. The result was that the patient could not under any circumstances appear before the committee, or be subjected to examination at his home. It was extremely difficult to make him articulate, and the most he could do, apparently, was to babble when someone he knew asked him the simplest questions, but any one who did not know him, well, could not tell what he was saying. Dr. Simard also testified along the same lines after which the committee adjourned.

USES REWARD TO LEAVE COUNTRY.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Augustus Horne, the younger employee of a piano factory who nicked up the famous \$650,000 pearl necklace, will use the \$2,500 that has been given to him as a reward in order to emigrate to Australia.

The money was paid a few days ago Price and Gibbs, the assessors to the firm of Lloyd's underwriters who had insured the necklace, decided that the \$1,000 would be a suitable sum and Horne thinks he has been treated very well. In addition he says, he got a fair share from other sources. "I got a few dollars," he says, "is going to be put to good use. Within seven days my wife, three children and myself will be on the boat on the way to Australia. I shall be able to put a few dollars to much better use there than I possibly could here. I have a good job in Canada and the United States and I know what 'roughing it' means."

AN INTERESTING HISTORY OF THE "WILLOW PATTERN"

The real blue and white plate of the willow pattern tells of a Chinese love story centuries old which Chinese grand-mamas tell to the little one in Chinaland today. This is the way the story goes. In the reign of the Emperor Hwang there lived a beautiful princess who loved a youth who was not a prince. All through childhood they loved each other, but when they wished to marry, the rich old mandarin, the father of the princess said, "My daughter must marry only a prince." The house on the right side of the place is the Mandarin's house, and here the princess lived. There is a tall tree behind the house bearing huge fruit looking like balloons. Under this orange tree the lovers used to walk. The path in front of the house is cut off by a lattice fence. On the left side you will see a bridge with three arches, and leaning over the bridge is a willow tree, which gives the name of "Willow-ware." Watch the three figures going over the bridge. They are the lovers running away, and the old gardener who is helping them. The old going over to the queer little island in the upper left-hand corner, to live in the queer little house with turned-up edges, and the queer little gardener will row them across in the queer little boat. When the cruel father finds they have run away he goes to the island to kill them. But the good fairy of Chinaland, stirred by pity, changes each into a beautiful bird, and here among the trees they sing and live forever. Look at the birds on your plate and see if the beaks of the birds touch each other. If they do, then you have a "very old plate; if the beaks are not touching the plate is of recent manufacture. The willow pattern was introduced into England in 1780, the different wares vary in treatment, but in all wares of the willow pattern the story is the same.

GENTLE BUT CRUEL.

For a long time James and Maude had courted. Eventually the engagement, and to the loving pair the future looked as beautiful as if it had received a new coat of paint.

But, alas! One evening there was a misunderstanding, and then came the bitter quarrel. With flashing eyes the proud beauty yanked of the hundred-dollar solitaire. "Take your ring!" she dramatically cried. "I have decided that I can never be your wife! I shall expect you to return everything you have in your possession that belongs to me!"

"All I have is a lock of your hair and a photograph," sadly replied James. "You will hardly care for the photo, but the lock of hair you will no doubt wish to preserve as a souvenir."

"As a souvenir of what, pray?" imperiously demanded the angry Maude.

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