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DEATHS

HORNBSBY.—At Queen St., Charlottetown, on Oct. 16th, Francis John, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hornsby, aged five and a half months.

COLLAPSE OF A HOUSE IN ST. JOHN

St. John, N. B., Oct. 16—Without a moment's warning and with a crash that was heard several blocks away, a two-story frame house in Peters St., owned by O. B. Akerley, which was being remodelled by him, collapsed yesterday afternoon shortly before 1 o'clock, injuring six men, two of them seriously. The house is now a tangled heap of twisted and broken boards and timbers, extending nearly all the way across the sidewalk in front of the lot. The central fire department was called out and assisted in removing the injured men from the pile of debris.

FOSS FOR GOVERNOR

BOSTON, Oct. 15—Governor Eugene N. Foss, three times elected as a Democrat, filed nomination papers as an independent candidate for re-election late yesterday.

FIZ YAMA WON DESPERATE RACE BY HEAD

LONDON, Oct. 15—In a desperate race that only the length of a head decided, Fiz Yama, an outsider in the betting, today captured the Gosport stakes at the Newmarket meet. Fiz Yama was quoted at 30 to 1 in the betting, and won a great victory from Gave Greek a 100 to 8 shot. Lavanis was third, the winning price on this horse being 100 to 6.

LAMAR DID NOT APPEAR

NEW YORK, Oct. 15—David Lamar the Wall Street manipulator, under indictment for impersonating Congressmen and others, failed to appear before Judge Hunt in the Federal District Court today for pleading and his bond of \$3,000 was declared forfeited.

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DIARY OF EVENTS.

TO-DAY.
City Magistrate's Court, 9 a. m. Mission at St. Paul's: Bible reading, "The Future Life," or "Life after Death," 4 p. m.; Address, "Confessing Christ," 7.30 p. m.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1913

Monday Oct. 20th, Thanksgiving Day being a statutory public holiday, the Morning Guardian will not be issued on Tuesday Oct. 21st.

The Evening Guardian will not be issued on Monday but will be published on Tuesday as usual.
Advertisers will please note these changes

TRURO'S MUNICIPALIZING SCHEME.

An object lesson in attempting to interfere with a private lighting monopoly may be obtained in Truro at present. The town has been supplied with public lighting by the Chambers Electric Light and Power Co., Ltd., at \$6,500 per annum. The Council was not satisfied with the way the contract was being fulfilled, and embarked in a lighting scheme of their own. The power plant will be located in the pumping station, and is estimated at \$15,000. It is confidently expected that the saving to the town by the new system will pay for the installation of the plant in five years.

But the present contracting company has no intention of being ousted without a struggle, and as their charter is broad, covering a multitude of contingencies the Council never dreamt of, trouble is brewing for all concerned. For instance, the charter forbids the stringing of wires by any other company within a few feet of the wires of the Chambers company, and in a letter to the Council Mr. Chambers gives notice that he is going to change his wiring from three to five wires per post, and string them as low as he is permitted by law to go; that he intends to install 25 foot posts on all the streets except Prince Street, and he forbids the erection of wires in any place where it will interfere with the wires of the local company. Furthermore, he threatens to apply to the courts for an order to enforce this. The Council was not prepared for such vigorous action, and all it has done in reply has been to issue an intimation to the citizens not to worry over the future. Meanwhile the work of installation of the new plant is proceeding, and the townspeople are anxiously waiting the next development.

CO-OPERATION.

Co-operation has for many years been preached and, to a certain degree practised, among the farmers of this province. Wherever the idea of real co-operation and mutual helpfulness has been acted upon, most satisfactory results have been obtained—witness our co-operative dairying associations. Yet, in co-operative methods, Prince Edward Island lags far behind many other parts of Canada, and very far behind many of the European countries.

We frequently boast that Prince Edward Island is rich, the richest province—per head—in Canada. Its wealth is almost exclusively agricultural; its farmers have practically made it all—directly or indirectly. Yet when a farmer wants to borrow a few hundred dollars to make certain improvements, such as building a barn or a new dwelling, he is obliged to mortgage his farm. Banking regulations have become so stringent that accommodation formerly given in the local banks is no longer available. A loan now must be made through a lawyer, bound by a mortgage "and all other legal incidental expenses."

Through the banks thousands of dollars are sent abroad yearly for investment, dollars which are largely the price of products of the farm, and for investment in industries which are a prime cause of the want of industries here. To obtain the temporary use of any of this money the farmer must give a mortgage of his farm, a proceeding which few farmers will resort to except under compulsion. For want of such temporary use of a few hundred dollars he is handicapped, his buildings are allowed to grow old and unsightly and he is deprived of many comforts which he might enjoy were he in a position to raise a reasonable loan such as he could well afford. Banks are the same the world over

and the difficulties met with here have been met elsewhere. In Denmark the government has made provision for temporary loans to farmers and great benefit has resulted. It is to the pecuniary assistance that the government has given the farmers that the great prosperity of Denmark is largely due.

In Germany the farmers have taken the matter into their own hands. Some years ago co-operative credit associations were formed and so popular have they become that, last year they did a total business of five billion dollars. A parallel instance to this may be found in this province in the Agricultural Mutual Fire Insurance Company which enables farmers to carry insurance at much lower rates than through the regular companies.

Similarly the farmers here could organize co-operative credit associations which would be mutually helpful and profitable. Loans could be made by these to farmers of known honesty and on conditions which, although not sufficient for banks and the regular money lenders, could be made perfectly safe from a business standpoint. Money for the development of our resources and the improvement of property should be available at any time, and means to make it easily available could be devised by a co-operative credit association.

Business, of course, is business, and money invested in a co-operative association would require to be as thoroughly safeguarded and secured as that in any other financial concern. These safeguards are as possible here as in Denmark or Germany, or elsewhere, and the establishment of such mutually helpful institutions here would do very much to develop the resources of the country. There is too little co-operation among our farmers. There are many ways in which, if organized, they could promote each other's welfare and the welfare of the whole province, many ways in which, by conferring together, by uniting in their demands for shipping and other facilities, by mutual assistance and counsel. The Farmers' Institutes have done much in this respect. Much more might be done.

NOTES

Thanksgiving on Monday.

The old, pithy, straightforward injunction, "Come and See" is the final and unanswerable answer to every objection. To see is to be convinced. People came to Prince Edward Island from distant parts of the earth to verify the story of the fox farming industry. They came doubting; they went away believing.

The weather prophets see in the deluging rains of the past few days "the rain that fills the swamps" preparatory to the setting in of winter. In the mild weather that will inevitably follow a few days hence they will read signs of a mild and far off winter. Rainy weather and fine, cloud and sunshine will succeed each other and the prophets will base their predictions on each as it comes, but the meteorologists who have made a thorough study of climatic and weather conditions will not venture an opinion on the state of the weather more than twenty-four hours in advance.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- 1777—After a severe engagement, General Burgoyne surrendered the British army to the American General Gates at Saratoga.
- 1803—Franz von Deak, famous Hungarian statesman and patriot, born. Died Jan. 28, 1876.
- 1813—By the defeat of Napoleon at Leipzig, Germany regained her independence and the Confederation of the Rhine was dissolved.
- 1849—Frederic Francois Chopin, famous composer, died. Born March 1, 1809.
- 1891—Marshal MacMahon, former president of the French Republic, died. Born July 13, 1808.
- 1902—Lord Kitchener appointed to the command of the British forces in India.
- 1912—Turkey formally declared war against Bulgaria and Servia.

THE HUMAN PROCESSION

William Waldegrave Palmer, second Earl of Selborne, who for many years has been a distinguished figure in British public life, was born Oct. 17, 1859, and succeeded to the title upon the death of his father in 1895. Congratulations to: Thomas F. Ryan, acting American financier, 62 years old today. James R. Day, chancellor of Syracuse University, 68 years old today. James R. Garfield, who was Secretary of the Interior under President Roosevelt, 48 years old today. Otis Crandall, one of the pitchers of the New York team of the National baseball league, 25 years old today. William A. Cummings, an old-time pitcher who is said to have been the first to use the "curve ball," 65 years old today.

TODAY IN DOMINION HISTORY

In a speech at Ingersoll twenty-six years ago today, Sir Richard Cartwright declared boldly for reciprocity with the United States in agricultural and industrial products. In announcing the policy of "unrestricted reciprocity" and free trade with the neighboring republic, Sir Richard described the American market as the thing most necessary to Canadian reciprocity, and a source of wealth to the farmer, the fisherman and the miner. He would be willing, he said, to discriminate against the Mother Country, if necessary, in favor of products of the United States. The address created a sensation throughout the Dominion, and later in the same month Sir Richard's platform was unanimously endorsed by the Inter-Provincial Conference at Quebec, which was attended by the Liberal Premiers of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, by the Premier of Manitoba, and other representatives of these governments. "That unrestricted reciprocity would be of advantage to all the Provinces of the Dominion" was the opinion set forth in a resolution passed by the conference, and was the beginning of the new reciprocity movement, gradually taken up by the Liberal party, and which became the principal issue in the last general election.

October 17 is the date on which Hon. John A. Macdonald moved his measure for general secularization in 1854. Forty years ago today the Royal Commission appointed to investigate the Canadian Pacific matter presented its report, which resulted, after a heated debate in Parliament, in the resignation of Sir John Macdonald. On this date in 1878 the new Conservative ministry was formed, with Sir John Macdonald as Prime Minister. It is the anniversary of the surrender of General Burgoyne, who had marched with an army from Canada with the design of cutting off New England from the other colonies, at Saratoga in 1777.

CHURCH BELLS RING AS GUIDE TO MISSING PRIEST.

QUEBEC, Oct. 15.—Rev. Father Lejolle, a missionary at Bersimis, has been missing for a few days, and it is feared he may have lost his life. He left Bersimis the other day on a hunting trip, taking two dogs, but nothing has been heard or seen of him since, and the dogs have not returned. The bells of the church have been kept ringing and a search party is at work, but so far without avail.

2 KILLED SHOOTING IN ADIRONACKS

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Oct. 14—Two shooting fatalities occurred in the Adirondacks yesterday. Warren Briggs, aged fifty, was killed by his companion, Grover Spencer. Briggs was driving a deer toward Spencer. He was not in the line of Spencer's fire, but the bullet hit a rock, was deflected and struck Briggs in the heart. The accident occurred near Coffins Mills. Robert Shore Burke, while shooting near his home, was killed by the discharge of his gun. He had a double barreled shot-gun and had shot a coon. He ran to the animal and struck at it with the stock of the gun. The other barrel exploded.

PRESIDENT YUAN'S NARROW ESCAPE.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—A Pekin despatch to the Daily Telegraph says that Chen, Chief of the Pekin mounted police, was executed yesterday. Chen was arrested October 10th, during the ceremony of inauguration of Yuan Shi Kai as President of the Republic. He confessed that southern rebels had bribed him to make an attempt to assassinate Yuan Shi Kai, as the President was taking the oath of office. Preparations for the protection of Yuan Shi Kai have been redoubled.

"ETHER DAY" OBSERVED.

BOSTON, Mass., Oct. 16.—"Ether Day," the sixty-seventh anniversary of the introduction of ether as an anesthetic in surgery, was observed at the Massachusetts General Hospital today in pursuance of an annual custom inaugurated many years ago. It was on Oct. 16, 1846, that Dr. Thomas Norton of the Hospital staff performed the first surgical operation on a patient under the influence of ether. The anniversary exercises today were attended by many physicians and surgeons of wide prominence, including representatives of medical schools and hospitals throughout the country.

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MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

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FIRST THINGS

The first patent for the Bessemer method of manufacturing iron and steel, which revolutionized the industry, was granted by the British Government to Henry Bessemer fifty-eight years ago today. Additional patents covering improvements in the process were taken out in the following December and February. Bessemer's original process involved decarbonization, or the burning out of excess carbon, by blowing air through pig iron. Bessemer's revolutionary invention was due indirectly to the Crimean war. He undertook to invent an improved cannon, but found all available metals too weak for the gun he sought to make. He began experiments in steel making, with the ultimate result of the production of "Bessemer steel." His invention won for him fame and fortune and the honor of knighthood. This year marks the centenary of Sir Henry Bessemer's birth. He was born in England, but was of French Huguenot descent. Since his pioneer invention, the processes of converting iron into steel have been vastly improved.

CAPTURE OF WILD FOXES TO BE PROHIBITED

EDMONTON, Oct. 15.—A bill to amend the Game Act was introduced into the Legislature recently by Hon. Duncan Marshall, minister of agriculture, and read a first time. Antelope will be protected by the proposed amendment until October 1st, 1917, and the capture of wild foxes will be prohibited between April 1st and November 1st each year. During the past year the capture of foxes for sale as breeding stock has been very extensive and it is stated that the number of foxes has been seriously depleted. During the spring and early summer the young foxes are very easy to take and a litter of pups can be dug out of their hole without much trouble on the part of their captor. In the rush to secure foxes for breeding purposes all kinds of foxes have been taken, large numbers of red foxes, which have practically no market value, as well as cross foxes and silver and black foxes being taken. WILL NOT INJURE TRAPPER.

A provision in the Game Act to prevent the exportation of live foxes, except those bred on fox farms in Alberta, was suggested at the meeting of the agricultural committee yesterday, but as this would operate against the trapper who was able to get live foxes in his traps and would be tantamount to giving the breeder a bonus over the trapper the suggestion did not meet with approval. Under the new proposed amendment foxes may be captured during the winter but at this time they can only be caught singly as the young have left the nests and are able to look after themselves, and a trapper who finds a black fox in his traps will be able to market his prize alongside the breeder who grows "blacks."

ANTELOPE EASY TO TAME.

A motion in favor of the season for antelope being left north of the C.P.R., main line was defeated. This motion was made in the interests of farmers in newly settled parts of the country. J. A. McCall, Acadia, claiming that the farmers had got tired of living on salt pork and that they should be given every opportunity of getting fresh meat. A rather amusing incident was related in connection with the antelope protection. It was said that a number of people had succeeded in keeping antelopes as pets and that they are very easily tamed. In one such case the owner of the pet antelope was arrested by a Mounted Policeman. Hearing of this other persons who had pet antelopes turned them loose with the result that they at once fell an easy prey to the first huntsman who came along. The opinion that cattle imported from Eastern Canada are not infrequently tubercular and also that they are more liable to tubercular infection than Western cattle, was expressed by several members of the agricultural committee of the Legislature yesterday.

The committee decided that it was advisable that a tuberculin test be introduced, but as the matter of laying down regulations concerning the health of live stock comes within the jurisdiction of the federal government it was decided to request the Hon. Duncan Marshall to move a resolution in the Legislature asking the Dominion government to pass legislation making resolutions applicable throughout the Dominion in regard to tuberculosis in cattle.

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