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Although few of us realize the loneliness and sorrow such separation brings yet we wish you to feel that your brethren remember you at this time, and we would commend you to One who is full of compassion and tender mercy and who understands the needs of those who put their trust in Him. In the words of the psalmist we would say, "Cast thy burden on the Lord and He shall sustain thee."

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(By British United Press) PARIS, May 1—A dramatic scene occurred at Havre last week when a former Marseilles hairdresser who had been sent in chains to Devil's Island (the notorious French penal settlement) in 1915 on a charge of having betrayed his country, stepped from the ship a free man, completely rehabilitated by the highest courts of France after having been kept a prisoner for eleven years.

The man, Henri Bellon, now aged thirty-seven, was the victim of an incredible drama every bit as strange as that of Captain Dreyfus, one of the most notorious instances of a miscarriage of justice ever known.

In the case of Henri Bellon the establishment of his innocence is due to a murder trial in Paris that had no connection with the hairdresser's alleged offence. It was evidence obtained at this murder trial that secured for Bellon a new trial which ended in his acquittal.

Bellon's case is one of the most extraordinary in history of military and civil jurisprudence. He had been invalided out of the army in 1914 seriously wounded, and resumed his profession of hairdresser and wig-maker. He went to Geneva to buy women's hair-nets. There he met a naturalized American named Stanley Mitchell, a Pole by birth, who was working in Switzerland for the French counter-espionage service.

Bellon helped Mitchell to write his reports in French. One day Mitchell was suddenly arrested by the Swiss police as a foreign spy and expelled. Mitchell reported to his chief that Bellon had denounced him.

When Bellon returned to France he was arrested on the charge of treason, tried before a court martial at Marseilles in the latter part of 1915, and on Mitchell's testimony, which was entirely hearsay, was sentenced to Devil's Island for life.

Bellon protested his innocence, and wrote hundreds of letters of appeals to the League for the Rights of Man in Paris, but the War Minister refused to authorize a new trial.

Years passed, and one night in the autumn of 1925 Bellon was reading a three months' old copy of the Paris "Matin" by candle light in his hut in the penal settlement. As his eyes glanced down the columns of the newspaper a cry escaped him. He was reading about the trial of a Paris caretaker, Lazare Tissier, for the murder of a bookmaker named Bellay in his cellar in the heart of Paris. The murderer afterwards took the body to the Bois du Boulogne.

The police case against the caretaker was perfect except that they had not the slightest evidence to show how the body had been taken to the Bois. At a critical point in the police investigation Stanley Mitchell, who had a long police record in France, suddenly appeared and said that he had seen the caretaker hauling the body in a pushcart. Mitchell stated that he had been released from prison the previous day, had spent the night in Montmartre, and then had gone to the Bois where, waking up early in the morning, he saw the caretaker passing with the body.

When Mitchell told this story at the trial he was under a warrant of expulsion, and made such an unfavorable impression that he was driven from the court by the judge. He was allowed to remain in France some months after that, and then finally expelled.

In consequence of Mitchell's role in this case, Bellon was granted a new trial by the French civil court in 1928. The Public Prosecutor announced that there had been a judicial error, and asked for Bellon's complete rehabilitation. This was granted, and he was given damages amounting to \$200. This sum, however, was not sufficient to pay the passage of both himself and his wife to France, so he returned home alone.

Love Letters From Mars

(By British United Press) PARIS, May 1—A sentimental young Frenchwoman is awaiting on the tip-toes of expectation a "love-letter from Mars."

Her name is Madlle. Irene Briares, and she hopes to be the first woman to conduct a tender correspondence with a young Martian gentleman. Overcome by the idea of a trans-planetary romance, she walked into a wireless office in Paris the other day and wrote out the following message:

Prince Charming, The Planet Mars, Young Parisienne with violet eyes, auburn hair, good figure, happy disposition, attractive personality, and literary tastes, wishes to correspond by radio with a serious young Martian gentleman of good family for the purpose of mutual enjoyment and distraction. Professional and

lady-killers begged to abstain. Radio photo if possible.

Mademoiselle Irene Briares, Avenue Montaigne, Paris, France, The World. When Madlle. Briares walked into the telegraph office in Paris and calmly threw down her "alrogram" or "Skyogram," or "martinogram," the clerk stared at her in astonishment.

"I am sorry I cannot accept it," he said, firmly. "The administration has not yet established a tariff for Mars. Perhaps if you will be good enough to write to the director of State Telegraphic Services he will be glad to quote you a rate."

Madlle. Briares did as he suggested, and, sure enough, several days later, when she called at the telegraph office again, there was an official communication for her from the Director of the State Telegraphs. The tariff was enclosed. And the State Telegraphs literally quoted bargain prices for Mars. Even when sent out from the most powerful French stations, the tariff was cheaper than the deferred cable rate between London and Montreal!

CO-RELATION BETWEEN SPRING MANAGEMENT AND CROP PRODUCTION

(Experimental Farms Note) The amount of surplus honey that a colony of bees can store is largely dependent upon the number of bees there is in the colony over and above those required to carry on the routine work at the commencement of the main honey flow. Moreover, these surplus bees must be at least two

weeks old, which means that they must be reared during the six or eight weeks prior to the flow.

The production of a large force of field bees of the right age and at the right time requires very skilful management from the time the bees are removed from their winter quarters until the honey flow commences. As the queen is the mother of every other bee in the colony, and because the bees that are to gather the harvest must be reared during the spring and early summer, it follows that every unproductive queen should be replaced as early in the spring as possible.

Furthermore, because the queen cannot reach her maximum egg production nor the maximum amount of brood be reared to maturity without an abundant and continuous supply of food, and because the early sources of nectar and pollen are usually insufficient for this purpose, it becomes necessary for the beekeeper to provide a plentiful supply for the bees needs during the spring and early summer. Again, the queen requires sufficient space for the number of eggs she is capable of producing and she also requires a strong enough generation. This means that there must be room enough in the hive for all the brood produced and for the stores required to feed it, and also that the colonies must be strong during the spring. Good queens, strong colonies, an abundance of food, sufficient room and adequate protection from cold winds throughout the spring will ensure a good field force of bees to gather the harvest of honey when it is ready.

Details of spring management will be found in Bulletin No. 33 of the Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

IMPORTANCE OF THINNING VEGETABLES

(Experimental Farms Note) Beginners in vegetable gardening are almost sure to make the mistake not only of sowing seed much too thickly, but also of leaving the plants too thick in the row. A very large amount of seed is wasted each year because of this and failure to have plants develop properly is another result of more consequence to the sower of the seeds than the waste of seed. Thinning of all vegetables is desirable as soon as the plants are large enough to catch hold of, that is, quite small. Lettuce can be used even though the plants are thick, but to have satisfactory individual plants of leaf lettuce the plants should be thinned to five or six inches apart, and the plants of head lettuce should be thinned to eight inches or more apart. They will not develop satisfactory heads if much closer than this. It has been found in the Horticultural Division, Experimental Farm, Ottawa, that the larger varieties of head lettuce give the most satisfactory results when the heads are nearly one foot apart. Carrots should be thinned to about an inch and one half apart, beets to two inches apart; parsnips to two inches apart; onions to one inch apart; spinach four to six inches apart. Radish if sown rather thinly are thinned as ready for use. Often too many kernels of corn are left in a hill. Five plants are quite sufficient to leave after the cutworms and birds have taken their toll. Bean plants

Malpeque

Mr. Albert Burgess left recently for Moston, Mass., where he has taken a position. Mr. Burgess will be missed in the choir of Princetown United Church, and in the musical circles of the community.

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Mr. Russel Woodside student at Pine Hill College, Halifax, arrived at his home in Darnley on Tuesday evening.

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should be from two to four inches apart, and peas about one inch apart. Vegetables will not develop satisfactory if the plants are thick, hence judicious thinning is very important.

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Mrs. Tillie Gordon who spent several months the guest of her niece Mrs. John Simpson, Hamilton, left on Tuesday for Kingston and from thence to her home in Georgetown.

The "Little Helpers" Mission Band of Sea View had a social evening and supper in Sea View Hall, April 24th. Mr. James E. Campbell acted as chairman and following is the programme:— Remarks by chairman, Chorus, Instrumental Music—Mrs. Earl MacKay, Dialogue—Mock Marriage, Solo

—Miss Ethel MacKay, Reading—Miss Marion MacSwain, Instrumental music—Mrs. Ray Burt and Miss Elva Duggan, Solo—Miss Pauline Coulson, Reading—Mrs. Frank MacKay, Dialogue—Performing an operation. Chorus.

Contests and lunch brought a pleasant evening to a close while a neat sum was realized.

HELEN G. MacDONALD

Helen Gertrude MacDonald, youngest daughter of James H. and Jeanette MacDonald, formerly of St. Andrews, P. E. I., passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital, Montreal on March 24th at the early age of eighteen.

Deceased who lived at St. Andrews until two years ago when the family moved to Montreal, was stricken with rheumatic fever several years ago which left her with a weak heart, but no withstanding that she was able to attend school and help with household duties most of the time, but when dread pneumonia set in her heart was too weak to carry her through and on Palm Sunday her earthly sufferings came to an end, and her pure spirit went forth and another angel was with God. Her funeral took place from St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Montreal on Tuesday, March 26th, and was well attended. She had a large circle of friends who loved her and who deeply mourn her passing.

A great many tokens of sympathy were received by the family from friends in the U. S. and Canada. Her father and mother survive her, also

four brothers, Ronald of Toronto, Donald, James, and Bernard at home, also three sisters, Sr. St. Benedict of Ottawa, (Winnipeg); Catherine A. of Waban, Mass. and Joann Marie at home to all of whom I heart felt sympathy of their friend go out.

Farewell dear Helen, although you are gone from us forever, your memory will linger as an inspiration higher and holier things. Rest in peace.

LETTER OF SYMPATHY

To Mrs. Dawson Stevenson. A short time ago we were grieved to learn that you had received the news of the sad and unexpected death of your sister. We the members of the Fredericton Women's Institute take this means of expressing our sincere sympathy in your sore bereavement.

And while we in our simplicity may wonder why this young life should be so abruptly taken just as she was growing into womanhood, we should remember "Gods ways are not as our ways" and when sorrow surrounds us we must only look trusting into the loving face of our Master and say "Thy will be done. We feel assured she has gone to a better home beyond where she will suffer no more pain nor sorrow. Kindly extend to the other members of your family our heartfelt sympathy. We realize it is very small compared to the sorrow you are suffering. Signed in loving sympathy. AGNES ARTHUR, RUTH STEVENSON