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TODAY.

DIARY OF EVENTS.
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 1913

GOING SOME.

The present Government at Ottawa has done so much for the development and prosperity of Canada that one now takes as a matter of course all the good things said about it, both at home and abroad.

This eloquent tribute is substantiated in a measure by the enormous reduction in public debt for the past year. It may be recalled that the Hon. W. T. White, Minister of Finance, in making his budget announcement in the House last session, stated that at the close of the financial year the Public Debt would be reduced by Twenty-Three Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars.

This is a showing of which any Government in the most opulent times would have a right to feel justly proud, and it is all the more to the credit of Mr. Borden's Government in a time of world-wide financial stringency it should have achieved such a record.

A trade aggregating a Billion Dollars, and a reduction of public debt in one year of upwards of Twenty-five Million Dollars, means decidedly Canada is "going some" under Mr. Borden's Premiership.

THE FOUNDATION.

Mr. D. H. Haslam, who accompanied the Saskatchewan Royal Commission to Germany contributes to the Manitoba Free Press an exceedingly interesting report, dealing with agricultural, industrial and financial conditions in Germany, which he calls a "truly wonderful country."

"Germany," says Mr. Haslam, is smaller in area than Saskatchewan, with not as great natural resources. The soil is in many places sandy and in some parts of Prussia, near Berlin, it is pure sand. Yet on this comparatively small area, much of it mountainous, some of it sandy and absolutely barren, there is a population of 65,000,000 people who are rapidly increasing in number.

With all its barrenness and its disadvantages Germany produces 95 per cent of the food products necessary to support its population, and German scientists claim that it can produce enough food for 100,000,000 people.

This surely should set Canadians, and especially Prince Edward Islanders thinking seriously. Applied to Prince Edward Island alone what a revelation it gives of what might be accomplished with the natural advantages we enjoy.

Germany fought and conquered natural disabilities of which we in this province know absolutely nothing. Realizing that the land is the only reliable and durable source of

wealth the Germans, through their government, devoted their attention to agriculture. The impossible places were made possible, the barren, sandy soil was made fruitful, unfavorable climatic conditions were turned to advantage.

This foundation laid the country has prospered. Her industries are simply amazing. Her mercantile marine is growing faster proportionately than that of any other country in the world. She maintains an enormous standing army and a navy whose growing greatness has become a standing terror in Europe.

The cause of this unparalleled growth is that Germany began right—began with the soil, and no other foundation for prosperity can any nation lay. The soil is the only source of wealth. All others, in themselves, are uncertain, unreliable, but upon well cultivated soil all others are possible.

In this province of ours, with a soil immeasurably rich in comparison with Germany, we have a population of less than 100,000, whereas we have room for half a million or more and for many industries which would grow up naturally provided we had the people. We are moving on towards this population and these industries, moving slowly but surely.

What has been done elsewhere under disadvantages of which we know nothing should inspire us to greater effort, instil us with greater faith in the only reliable source of prosperity, the soil.

FIRST THINGS

CABLE RAILWAYS.

The first cable car line in the world was opened forty years ago today, and in the following decade this method of carrying street traffic became general in the large cities of America. In San Francisco, Cincinnati, Kansas City and other western cities, where steep grades rendered horse cars impracticable, cable cars were first used, and greater speed and efficiency led to their adoption in other cities.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- 1685—Marquis de Dononville assumed office as Governor of Canada.
1714—Queen Ann of England died and was succeeded by George I.
1793—The yellow fever appeared in Philadelphia, and resulted in nearly 5,000 deaths before it was suppressed in early November.
1834—Slavery ceased throughout British Possessions.
1838—Admiral John Rodgers, a famous naval officer of the war of 1812 died in Philadelphia, Born in Maryland, June 11, 1771.
1876—Colorado admitted to Statehood.
1900—Lord Roberts proclaimed the annexation of the Transvaal to Great Britain.

ROBERT T. LINCOLN.

Robert Todd Lincoln, son of the famous President, was born in Springfield, Ill., seventy years ago today. At that time the future "emancipator" was a struggling lawyer in the Illinois capital, poor in money but rich in the esteem of his townsmen, to whom he was "Honest Abe." Robert Todd Lincoln was educated at Illinois State University and went to the front, serving as a captain on the staff of Gen. Grant. At the conclusion of the war he finished practice. He was secretary of war in the cabinets of Garfield and Arthur, and afterward went to England as United States minister to the court of St. James. Long the special counsel for the Pullman Company, he was chosen president of that corporation after the death of the founder. He received a large salary, but his corporation connections were probably responsible for killing his chances for high political preferment.

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

Frederick F. Smith, B. S., who is present at the Summer School, is a graduate of the Massachusetts State Normal School at Bridgewater, and of Tufts College. He has had some experience as a Normal School Science teacher, as substitute, at Hyannis and at Westfield, Mass., and as head of the Science Department at Gorham, Me., Normal School. He has also taught at the Royal Normal College for the Blind in London, England. He was Principal of the High School at Ludlow, Mass., for six years, and for the last five has had a similar position at Chester, Mass.

THE HUMAN PROCESSION

VISCOUNT HARDINGE.

Viscount Hardinge brother of the present viceroy of India and a noted soldier in his early life, was born August 1, 1837, and succeeded to the title upon the death of his father in 1894. His grandfather was the famous Field Marshal Lord Hardinge, who was a commander in the Peninsular War and later became Governor-General of India. The present Viscount was educated at Harrow and joining the army as an officer of the Rifle Brigade, saw active service in the Nile expedition of 1885. For some time he served as aide-de-camp on the staff of Lord Roberts.

MORRIS HILLQUIT.

The avant American socialism, Morris Hillquit, was born in Riga, Russia, forty-four years ago today, and emigrated with his parents to New York in 1886. He has been affiliated with the Socialist party for a quarter of a century, and has been prominent in all of its councils, as well as representing America at many international conventions. Merely a side line, he has practiced law in New York for twenty years, and has represented labor in many important cases. Although often denounced by the radical "reds," Mr. Hillquit is recognized by most of the moderate socialists as the authoritative spokesman for the party on this side of the Atlantic. His "History of Socialism in the United States," published a decade ago, and his new work, "Socialism Summed Up," afford an interesting presentation of the subject from the viewpoint of a scholarly and conscientious disciple of Karl Marx.

Congratulations to: Ellison D. Smith, United States senator from South Carolina, 47 years old today. Rt. Rev. John J. Nilan, Roman Catholic bishop of Hartford, Conn., 58 years old today. Hon. James K. Kerr, former Speaker of the Canadian Senate, 72 years old today.

TODAY IN DOMINION HISTORY

EMINENT CANADIAN GEOLOGIST.

George Mercer Dawson, the eminent Canadian geologist, was born in Pictou, N. S., sixty-four years ago today. He was the eldest son of Sir J. William Dawson, also internationally famous as a geological investigator and explorer. The distinguished son of a distinguished father was educated at McGill University, and afterwards studied geology at the Royal School of Mines in London. His scholarly attainments, even at that age, may be judged from the fact that he won the Duke of Cornwall's scholarship and was awarded the Murchison medal in geology and the Forbes medal in palaeontology. At the age of twenty-four he became geologist and naturalist for the North American Boundary Commissioner, and published the result of these labors under the title of "Geology and Resources of the Forty-ninth Parallel. From 1875 to 1880 he was engaged in surveys and explorations in the Northwest Territories and British Columbia, and made elaborate and highly useful reports on the coal-measures of the West. In 1887 he headed the Canadian Yukon expedition, and in 1891 he was one of the members of the Behring Sea Commission which investigated the seal fisheries. In 1895 he was appointed chief director of the Canadian Geological Survey. In the meantime he had been honored with the presidency of the Royal Society of Canada, and decorated with the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George. He died at Ottawa in 1901, about sixteen months after his father had breathed his last.

GOLD CHALLENGE CUP RACES.

THOUSAND ISLANDS, N.Y., July 31.—The annual Gold Challenge Cup Races, the premier event of the season for speed boats, began on the Alexandria Bay course today under the auspices of the Thousand Island Yacht Club. The races will continue until the end of the week.

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS

Mr. Frederic F. Smith, B. S., gave his first lesson on Bird Study yesterday. He emphasized the importance of this as one department of the Nature work in a rural community. The teacher should base this work on the natural objects and phenomena within the everyday observation of the pupils: soils, the atmosphere, plants, insects and birds. Cases were mentioned where birds had come to the aid of the farmer whose fields or orchards were badly infested by insects. Some interesting figures were given as to the number of insect eggs and weed seeds eaten per minute by various birds, largely based on observations made in this region. Birds represent a type of animals specialized for flight, and some reference was made to modifications in structure which make continued flight possible in birds.

Particular attention was paid to aspects of bird study which might be profitably undertaken in rural schools. Attracting birds to the vicinity of the home or school was also taken up. Suet tied to branches of trees is of particular value, as it is not much affected by the weather and remains available until all is consumed. A variation on this plan is to melt the suet and stir into the melted fat, small seeds or cracked grain, or crumbs. The mass still melted is poured over some branches of a tree and allowed to harden.

Bird houses serve a useful purpose in keeping birds near the houses, when otherwise they would nest at a distance. These serve best when protection from cats and English sparrows is made prominent. A bird house that is a miniature of a dog kennel on a pole is possibly ornamental, but often is not safe for the nesting birds. A better plan is to have the house ten or twelve inches deep with the hole near the top. This hole should be as small as the size of the bird will allow; one and a half inches for blue birds; one and a quarter inches for chickadee. The teacher who wishes to extend his or her acquaintances with birds should begin in the winter, when but few species are at hand. The task of recognizing them is not great. Then, the great number of species of migratory birds can be identified as they arrive, late in April and through May.

Division "D" visited the Experimental Farm yesterday in charge of Mr. W. J. Reid, B.S.A., and were shown over the entire farm by the Superintendent, Mr. Clarke. The small shrubs was the first part of the program, and such varieties as were useful for school garden work received the most attention. The brilliant display of flowers, for which the farm is noted, attracted much interest, and Mr. Clarke gave considerable information regarding their cultivation and treatment, which was the note for the success he has shown in Floriculture. Many varieties of small fruit were noted and the students received abundance of information through the enthusiastic questioning and information given. The farm buildings were visited and included the Stock Barns and Poultry Houses. Throughout these the students gained information regarding economy of space as well as economy in arranging the most modern equipment. The working of the Incubators and Brooders was made plain in the Poultry House, and the success of the Plant was shown in the vigorous growing of the birds. The Apiary furnished a field for questioning which was gladly accepted by the students and gladly responded to by Mr. Clarke. In proceeding to the Rotation Plots from the Buildings a halt was called at the Lily Pond where a photo of the students en masse was taken. Then full and detailed explanations were given concerning individual plots and also concerning the nature of the various rotations and the results expected from each. In all about two hours were spent making the complete rounds of the Farm and the students felt the time had been well spent, and that more frequent trips would be enjoyed if such were possible.

Yesterday afternoon Dr. Hamilton spent one hour with a Class out-of-doors studying weeds. Within the hour about forty specimens of weeds were found, such as, Ox-eye Daisy, Chamomile, Fall Dandelion, Canada Thistle, Chicory, Lady's Thumb, Buttercup, Yarrow, Bind Weed, Ground-Sel, Shepherd's Purse, Couch and others. The pupils were told something of the history of these weeds; the chief points in identification and also methods of eradication.

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MARRIAGES

DUNN-WRIGHT.—At the Methodist Parsonage, Bathurst, N. B., on July 26th, by the Rev. P. A. Wightman, Miss Olivia S. Wright, of Shannon Vale, N. B., to Melvin B. Dunn, of Harcourt.

DEATHS

FLYNN.—In Charlottetown, on July 31, 1913, Margaret, wife of John Flynn, aged 58 years. Funeral Saturday morning at 8.45 from her residence 50 Douglass Street, to the R. C. Cemetery.

ADMIRALTY WILL STAND BY CANADA IN NAVAL PLAN

VANCOUVER, July 30.—In reply to a toast at the Canadian Club luncheon, last evening, Captain Lionel Halsey, commander of H. M. S. New Zealand, said in part:—"Canada has a perfect right to choose whatever plan she thinks best to aid in the naval defense of the empire, and whatever that plan is I am sure, in fact, I have the permission of the admiralty to say, that the admiralty will stand by Canada in carrying out that plan."