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"I never realized until a few months ago how risky it is to neglect a cold in the chest. I have always had such good health that a cold either in the head or chest, while unpleasant, never gave me any worry. Outside an occasional cold, I had never known what it was to be laid up even for a day in all my life, until last December. One afternoon I got a chill and no matter how close I got to the stove, I couldn't seem to get warm. This chill was followed by a cold in my chest. As usual I neglected it and it kept getting worse and worse. Finally I had to go to bed and send for the doctor. His examination showed that I had pneumonia and a bad case at that. By careful nursing on the part of my husband, my children and some friends, I managed to pull through, but the doctor told me I had a narrow shave. And here's where my troubles began. While I was now out of danger, I was anything but well. I was still very weak from the effects of the pneumonia. Although I had lots of life and energy before my sickness, I was now worn out and tired all the time. I slept fairly well, more because I was exhausted. But my sleep didn't refresh me because, while I appeared to be asleep, I was conscious most of the time of what went on around me. Although all kinds of tempting dishes were prepared for me, I had no relish for food. This sickness had already undermined my health to such an extent that I was a living skeleton. I was getting discouraged as nothing I took seemed to do me any good. I wondered if Carnol wouldn't build you up, a friend said one day, 'it did me a world of good, I was completely run down and you can see for yourself how well I look today. Why don't you try it? Thanks to this friend's advice I am in perfect health again, as healthy and as full of life and vitality as I have ever been.' Carnol is sold by your druggist, and if you can conscientiously say, after you have tried it, that it hasn't done you any good, return the empty bottle to him and he will refund your money. 9-622 For Sale By Hughes' Drug Store

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PUBLIC HEALTH

The greatest asset of individual or community or nation is good health and, strangely, this is not usually realized until it is lost or weakened. An epidemic breaks out and precautions are immediately taken to check it; a child or an adult becomes sick and the doctor is immediately sent for. We forget that both epidemics and individual maladies are largely preventable and prevention is at all times more effective, more satisfactory and infinitely cheaper than cure.

Until very recently little has been done, in this province at least, to safeguard the public health—with the exception of that of animals. In the latter we have done and are doing fairly well. In safeguarding the health of the human public we have only made a beginning. This beginning through the good offices of the Red Cross Society, has been very satisfactory and promises to become one of the greatest of our institutions.

At present three trained public health nurses are at work in this province. Previous to last May only one, and later two, were at work. In May a third was added to the staff. Each of these undertook to inspect the schools in one of the three counties, the Queens County nurse returning to Charlottetown each week end to meet the mothers, babies and children who call at the Health Centre every Saturday. During May and June, before the holidays, 56 schools were inspected and 1517 children were examined. The object in inspecting the schools is to see that proper sanitary measures are being observed, that proper seating is given the children, that light and air are as they should be, that outhouses and playgrounds are clean and sanitary. The object in examining children is to ascertain if there are defects of eyes, teeth, noses, ears; if the child is normally healthy, if weight and color and brightness are as they should be in normally healthy children—and if not, to advise the parents.

Needless to say many defective children have been found; the trouble has been reported to their parents and in many, if not all cases, children handicapped for the present and threatened with permanent disabilities, mental and physical, have been placed on the high road to good health and future promise. Curiously, more anaemic children, more showing symptoms of mal-nutrition, more delicate children, proportionately, have been found in the country than in the towns and cities. This is attributed largely to diet; fresh meat is not as easily procured in the country districts as in the centres. Because of this more salt meats are used and in many cases less attention is paid to diet than in the city. This should not be so and would not be so if parents were warned of the results. To give such warning and advice where needed is the business of the nurses and they are doing it with good effect. In the schools visited many parents are present to hear the talks given to the children; many of them meet the nurses and consult with them. Where Women's Institutes are organized they prove of great benefit to the nurses in enabling them to meet mothers who need their assistance and advice; in such districts also, through the efforts of the institutes the schools, school grounds and outhouses are in better condition.

This great work is only in its infancy. The nurses are again at work after the holidays and it is hoped that they will be able to see

every pupil in the province and many of the younger children in the homes within the next few months. To enable them to do this they should be given the full sympathetic co-operation of the parents. Provision should be made to help them get to as many schools as possible. It is the greatest work yet undertaken for our children and is deserving of all the assistance that can be given.

THE C. N. R. BOARD

Yesterday's Patriot gives a new biographical sketch of each of the members of the new C. N. R. Board. The sketches corroborate the Guardian's previous reference to their several occupations. The only new fact elicited in the Patriot's latest summary is that whereas in its Wednesday's issue they were represented as great business men who had "no connection with companies or corporations doing business with the railway," some of them it now declared to be "closely connected with many large financial and commercial enterprises." How those great enterprises can be so successfully carried on outside the railways, has not been made clear. The fact is, and the Patriot knows it, they are probably all good Grits and represent different sections of the country. They may be all that the Patriot claims for them but they have yet to prove it.

WHAT IS NEWS

We hear much these days about the "wave of crime" that is spreading over the country. A murder, a burglary, a theft is committed; the affair is recorded in the newspapers and the world holds up its hands in holy horror and solemnly shudders at "the wave of crime." Crimes there are undoubtedly; with the increasing population crime naturally increases; with newspapers in touch with every part of the country practically every crime is recorded but, for every man or woman who commits a crime there are thousands who lead honest, virtuous, law-abiding lives. We hear nothing about these; their honest uneventful course through life affords no theme for the newspaper man. When occasionally, they make a fortunate speculation, raise an exceptionally large crop or do anything out of the ordinary it is promptly recorded in the newspapers. The ordinary life of honest endeavour and achievement furnishes no news. Only the extraordinary is news, hence the apparent frequency of reported crimes.

The fact is that crime constitutes an infinitely small proportion of human experience. Dishonesty and crime are exceedingly rare by comparison. Every newspaper man accustomed to advertising for lost valuables will testify that practically all such are restored to their owners. There are exceptions of course; there are still a few thieves among the hundreds of thousands of honest people. One of these may occasionally pick up a purse or other valuable article on the street or road, but where one does hundreds of honest men and women do and restore the article to its owner.

In shuddering at so called "waves of crime" and the frequency of newspaper reports of crimes we must not forget that it is only because these are exceptional and rare that they are worth recording as news. The even tenor of the law abiding life is not rare but is practically universal.

Notes By The Way

The case of John Paris, now in jail in St. John, N.B., where he is held for the murder of Sadie McAulay is unique in the annals of criminal trials in Canada. The crime was one of the most atrocious and horrible character, the victim being a little girl of nine years who was lame, and whose outraged and murdered body was found concealed beneath a pile of stones in a field whither she had gone to pick berries.

The accused is a mulatto, who it was alleged had been seen near the place where the body was found at or about the time the victim was missed. A chain of circumstantial evidence, the links of which were supplied by many witnesses at the several trials, was woven about the accused. The defence was an alibi, supported by a number of persons who testified that at the time when the crime was committed the accused was not in St. John, but was in Truro, N.S. This contention was supported by testimony that he had at about the time made small purchases, and had been seen by various persons in Truro.

The evidence was conflicting and there appears to have been doubt as to the reliability of the testimony of certain witnesses both for the prosecution and for the defence. This gave ground for what was in the minds of a number out of the many jurors a reasonable doubt as to the guilt of the prisoner and of which doubt they felt conscientiously bound to give him the benefit.

The result so far has been that the prisoner has been tried five times by different judges and different juries. Once only a jury found him guilty, but on a technicality as to a certain transaction in court when the accused was not present he was granted a new trial. At the fifth trial the jury stood three for conviction and nine for acquittal. Of the sixty jurors by whom the evidence was heard during the five trials, thirty-nine had stood for a verdict of "guilty" and twenty-one for a verdict of "not guilty." It was at the earlier trials of the long series of trials that the majorities in the jury box were largest against him, whatever significance may be attached to this fact.

The prosecuting authorities in New Brunswick are now considering what they are to do with John Paris under circumstances that are without precedent in our criminal annals. He has been held in prison for many months. If he is innocent of the crime with which he has been charged, (and the law presumes him to be innocent until after due trial by a jury of his peers he shall be found guilty,) his case seems to be one of great hardship. And yet if he is really guilty he should not go unpunished.

Under such strange conditions, what is the duty of the crown officials? This they have to consider and decide within the next few days and their responsibility in this matter is a grave and perplexing one. An atrocious crime has been committed, with which one man and one only has been charged. So far it does not appear that any other man has been even suspected of guilt in the matter. A sixth trial could be held with apparently as much reason as the fifth has been. And if so we can only guess that the evidence may be then as conflicting as it has heretofore been and another disagreement of the jury quite as probable. On the other hand, who shall say that the crown should refuse to prosecute further and set the prisoner free?

The shocking crime of Sadie McAulay's murder, the publication of reports of the coroner's inquest, the testimony taken, the addresses of counsel, the judges' charges and the juries' findings at the successive trials in the supreme court, all of which have ended ineffectually, have stirred the public mind in New Brunswick intensely and maintained a continual and gruesome interest for more than a year past. In the meantime, another murder near Woodstock has been followed by the conviction and the bungling execution of the murderer. This in turn has revived in certain quarters the discussion of the abolition of capital punishment, which is no longer enforced in the adjoining State of Maine.

Since the tragedy for which John Paris is still in custody another murder has come to light in St. John in which a well-known citizen was ferociously beaten to death in an automobile. This was

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by its correspondents.

Did You Ever Stop to Think?

Sir,—That it is the get together stay together and boost together citizens that build a city. That a city that has built a reputation with industry and commerce should be a proud city. That all citizens should boost with real enthusiasm. That their city is worthy of their best endeavors. That the stay backs and the pull backs among their citizens often harm themselves more than they do their city. That city builders have enthusiasm.

That enthusiasm is what starts things. That the city knacker lacks enthusiasm. His narrow mind never goes beyond his own pocketbook. That making trouble is his great pastime. That trouble of that kind is very timid in the presence of optimism. That there should be an open season on city knockers. That city boosters should occasionally give a little of their careful and undivided attention to these pests.

I am Sir etc. E. R. WAITE Secretary Shawnee Oklahoma Board of Commerce

Others' View Points

Dr. Stauffer's Last "Copy."

Toronto Star. Byron Stauffer's last "piece of copy" for the Daily Star follows. It was delivered at the Star office for today's (Monday) paper on Saturday, when he was the picture of health, bubbling with the physical and mental vigor which characterized his activities. On Sunday afternoon Dr. Stauffer was taken ill, his death following early this morning.

The article deals with life, not with death. But was it premonition that caused Dr. Stauffer to select as his heading: "READY: AYE, READY?" Or, can it be ascribed to mere coincidence that the last words Dr. Stauffer penned for publication are the lines which include: "Know'st thou when fate Thy measure takes? Or, when she'll say to thee, 'I find thee worthy.'" Ink and a Wedding Dress. (London Times.)

A bottle of ink and a wedding dress were the chief ingredients in a drama of revenge at the fashionable Berlin suburb of Schöneberg. The bridegroom had a past, and the girl who was his victim chose to revenge herself by spoiling his wedding day. As the bride was about to enter her carriage the jilted girl walked up to her and suddenly poured a bottle of ink over her wedding dress, completely ruining it. The bride ran back into the house. Nothing would induce her to go to the church in her soiled wedding dress, or indeed to be married at all on that day.

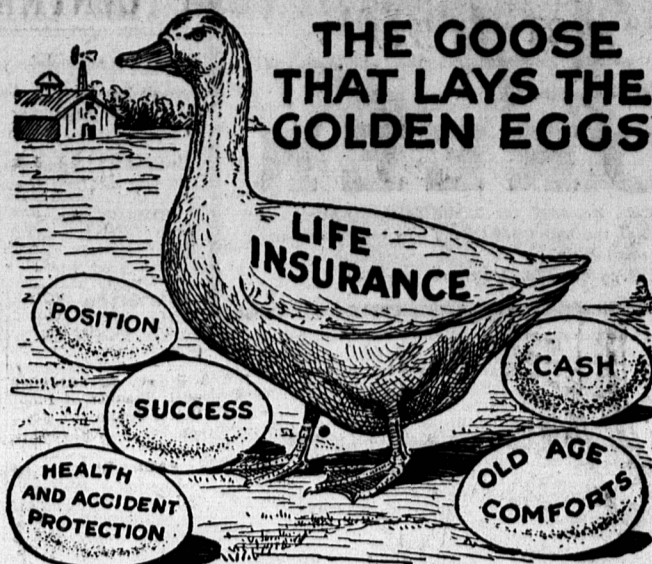
Some months ago, but no arrest has been made and apparently suspicion has not fastened upon anyone in connection with the crime. It was not connected with robbery. Here we have two shocking murders committed in the same city within a few months of each other and neither of them effectually brought home to the criminal. In the face of such facts what value shall we set upon the old proverb that "murder will out?" Is the detection and punishment of serious crime as prompt and certain as they were in former years? And if not why not?

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

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LOVE IN AUTUMN

I cannot give you flowers of Spring, Simple and fresh and perled with dew, For gold had touched the Summer trees Before I ever met with you. I cannot give my vanished youth, Those years, alas! are past recall; But what is left is yours in truth, And one gives much—if one gives all. And lovers in the Autumn woods Find music, though the birds are dumb, For them there is Eternal Youth And promise of a Spring to come. Celia Congreve in "Country Life."



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