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DISSEMINATING POISON.

It is becoming impressively evident that the sources of information upon which British Tariff Reformers and also Protectionists in Canada base their arguments for the United Kingdom under free trade is becoming decadent...

More recent information is at hand proving that not only is living cheaper and wages relatively higher in Great Britain than in the continental protected countries but that the volume of British trade per capita of the population of the United Kingdom is higher than the volume of trade per capita in Canada.

The total volume of trade in Great Britain for the year 1911 was £1,237,562,395, practically £27.9 per head of the population, or, if reduced to Canadian money, \$155 per head. For purposes of comparison with Canadian trade it must be stated that goods going into Great Britain are valued at their full invoice prices, it being a free trade country.

The figures when compared with the trade of other European continental countries show that the export trade of Great Britain is almost three times as large as that of France and equally preponderant as to the trade of Germany, both of which are protected countries.

We are, however, more directly interested in the comparison with Canada as disclosing the weakness of the protectionist argument when so applied. The total trade of Canada for last year was \$768,390,000, the highest for any year in Canadian history.

Discussing the bounties on steel, the Toronto Telegram, an ultra-Tory paper, says: 'The bounty is an implement that protection may fairly employ in the establishment of an industry.'

movement in the United States is for a reduction of the tariffs.

Reverting to the trade in coin and bullion in Great Britain, omitted from the former calculation, we find that during the year Great Britain received £22,987,500 in gold and silver bullion and coin, and sent away £57,024,077, leaving £34,036,577 to the good.

In addition to all this it is spending 10 millions a year on old age pensions, 40 millions a year on the navy, and during the past five years has cleared off 58 millions of war debt, besides sundry millions extra for new purposes.

Yesterday will become notable in the history of Belfast because Mr. Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, demonstrated that it takes more courage than some people possess to deny the right of free speech within the British Isles.

THE BELFAST MEETING.

As to the particulars of the measure of Home Rule which is to be granted to Ireland, which particulars were published in the Times in considerable detail a week ago, in Canada we can scarcely see why there should be any objection to their enactment.

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the iron bounties. The country is entitled to know how much the nation is to pay in bounties and how much the iron and steel industry is to pay in dividends, if any, on stock that does not represent an actual investment of cash in the business of producing iron and steel.

Since this was written the announcement has been made that the bounties are to be continued indefinitely. Hon. Mr. White is finding a good many places in which to distribute that \$30,000,000 surplus handed to him in trust when he took office.

Of the 90,000,000 people living in the United States no less than 3,726,977 are registered communicants in the twelve groups of religious bodies under which tabulation has been made. This is 12,371,372 more than were reported in the census of a decade ago.

Tory orators have to be twice careful to avoid striking shags in their oratorical career. Mr. Middleberry yesterday, addressing the House on the benefits to result from the appointment of a Tariff Commission, said: 'It will enable the government to decide whether or not combines exist; if the verdict is that they do, the government can reduce the duty.'

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WHY HE WAS AN EPISCOPALIAN.

From the Ladies' Home Journal. An Episcopal clergyman who was passing his vacation in a remote country district met an old farmer who declared that he was a 'Piscopalian.'

THE HARDER PATH.

The path of the transgressor is hard; but it is not so hard as the path of the reformer. A colonel on his tour of inspection unexpectedly entered the drill room, where he came across a couple of old soldiers, one of them reading a letter aloud while the other was listening, and at the same time stopping up the ears of the reader.

KIRK'S KOAL Is the satisfactory Coal—the economical Coal. Order a ton to-day. 618 Yates Street and Esquimalt Road. Phones 212 and 139

February House Furnishing Sale and Other Important Sales on Saturday

When You Buy An Arcadian Range It Lasts a Lifetime

If you put an 'Arcadian' in your home you won't want another range for twenty years. It's there practically for a lifetime, and ready for business every hour of the twenty-four. The cost of its upkeep is nil. It never wants repairing, and it will save its cost in a few years by the fuel it saves.

Table Cutlery and Spoons at Prices Hard to Beat

NEVADA TABLE SPOONS—These must be seen to be appreciated. Nothing that we can say in this advertisement will flatter the value that we are now offering at this low price. Per dozen, on Friday, \$1.50. DOUBLE PLATED TEA SPOONS—These are a very useful spoon, will give long and satisfactory service, and are a much better quality than you would expect at the price.

Strong Values in Six Piece Dining Room Suites

STRONG DINING SUITE, consisting of five side chairs and one arm chair. In style they resemble the mission style, have solid leather seats finished with leather studs. February sale price, \$29.00. DINING ROOM CHAIRS, in Early English finish and made of choice quarter cut oak. The heads and slats in the back are neatly shaped and curved, plain wood seats and strongly braced legs.

After Stocktaking Sale of Dressy Silk and Net Waists. Regular Values from \$4.75 to \$8.75, to Clear at \$3.75

There is a wide range of styles here for you to choose from and, except in two cases, there are no two alike. Handsomely embroidered net over silk waists are very prominent, mostly with high necks and kimono sleeves. There is a choice range of chiffons in a variety of colors, some with round or square yokes and a few have attractive side frills.

Special Prices in Men's Sox for Spring Wear. The First Arrivals of This Season's Goods

MEN'S COTTON SOX in colors cadet, purple, tan, myrtle, oxblood and black. Sizes 9 to 11. Special, per pair 1 1/2¢. LISLE SOX, in plain colors, made of fancy cotton and fancy silk lisle. All shades are to be had in this lot. Per pair, only 25¢. WORSTED AND CASHMERE SOX—These are heavily ribbed black sox and may be had in all sizes. Per pair, only 25¢.

Girls' Dresses in Ginghams, Drills and Chambrays

MANY NEW STYLES TO CHOOSE FROM A shipment of spring models has arrived and includes many interesting styles. There are sizes to fit girls from 6 to 14 years old and the quality of the workmanship and materials are well above the average for garments marked at these prices. WHITE DRILL SAILOR DRESS, with either butcher blue or navy blue collar, cuffs and waistband. The skirts are pleated and finished with a three-inch band of material at the bottom. Some have embroidered collars.

Barrettes, Back Combs and Other Items of Interest from the Main Floor For Saturday's Selling

SMALL PLAIN BARRETTES in an assortment of neat shapes and made of shell and amber. Prices ranging from 25c to 35c. BARRETTES, either barred and plain styles. All the newest styles are here in colors, shell and amber. Large and medium sizes at prices starting at 25c and ranging up to \$1.00. SET OF PLAIN BACK AND SIDE COMBS in colors, shell, amber and grey. Per set, \$1.25, \$1.00 and \$1.00.

Silks Suitable for Spring Garments

NEW GOODS THAT HAVE JUST ARRIVED 1,500 YARDS OF NATURAL PONGEE, 34 in. wide. Per yard, 50¢. NATURAL PONGEE, 25 inches wide. There is about 1,000 yards of this material. Per yard, 25¢. PAILETTES, in colors cream, maize, pink, sky, steel, French grey, cardinal, wine, flame, helio, moss, emerald, reseda, tan, brown and black. Per yard, 75¢.

Remnants of Embroideries Priced Low

Here are many very attractive bargains in embroideries and embroidery insertions ranging in width from 1 to 10 in., and in lengths from 3 to 10 yds. See them in the department on the main floor. Judging by the low prices and the good quality of the goods, this lot should find ready purchasers. EMBROIDERY AND INSERTIONS in various widths, from 1 to 4 in., and in lengths from 3 to 8 yards. Per yard, 5¢ and 10¢. EMBROIDERY AND INSERTIONS from 2 to 6 in. wide and in lengths from 3 to 10 yards. Price, per yard, 20¢ and 15¢. EMBROIDERY, from 8 to 10 in. wide, and in lengths from 4 to 6 yards. Per yard, 25¢.

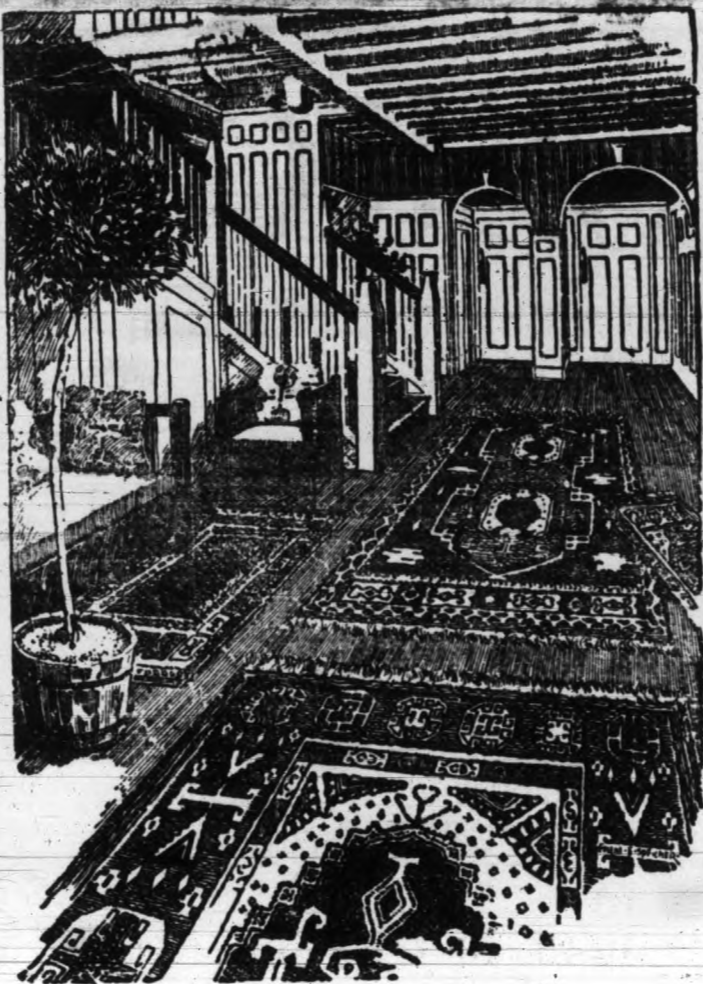
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When You Think New FLOOR COVERINGS For Your Home

THINK THE WEILER BROS. STORE

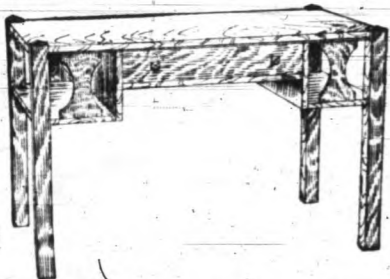
Think a superior collection of the newest creations in every needed floor covering—think newer and more beautiful designs—rich colorings—think greater numbers and better quality goods, from which to choose and think prices most reasonable, quality considered, than any you have ever known. Think the best you can—when you come—you'll find even better than you had thought. May we not hope for a call to-day? SEE THE NEWEST CARPETS AND SQUARES SHOWN IN OUR BROUGHTON STREET WINDOWS.

Here Is Your Chance!

**99 piece Wedgewood Dinner
Set, Reduced from \$75 to \$55**

Hurry and get it. It's the best bargain that has ever been offered in years. This is the last set of this class, and as there are TWO PIECES SHORT we are making this remarkable reduction of twenty dollars. The quaint border decoration is in rich enamel colors and the body is of the famous Wedgewood cream ware. You will have to be an early caller if you wish to secure this great Dinner Set bargain at \$55.00. We list below the pieces offered.

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| 12 Tea Cups | 11 Plates, 5 in. |
| 11 Saucers | 2 Sauce Boats |
| 19 Plates, 8 in. | 1 Sauce Tureen |
| 12 Plates, 7 in. | 7 Platters |
| 12 Plates, 6 in. | 1 Soup Casserole |
| | 3 Vegetable Dishes |

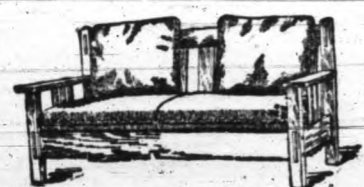


Library Table \$20

Solid Quarter Cut Oak, Early English finish, Mission design—top 38x24, 1 large centre drawer and under shelf, 2 large book racks on side. Similar to illustration \$20.00

Grandfather Clocks

Solid Quarter Cut Oak, golden or Early English finish, Mission design, with leaded glass panels in doors. Brass figures and hands. \$59.99 and \$59.99



Fumed Oak Settee \$90

Size 5 ft. 4 in. with 4 loose Spanish leather cushions. Similar to illustration. Exceedingly handsome. Artistic piece of furniture. Made to last. Good value at \$90.00

**BIG REDUCTIONS ON ELECTRIC TABLE
LAMPS. FIRST FLOOR**

SATURDAY SPECIALS

**An Assortment of Chippendale
and other high class House-
hold Glassware, 25c per piece
and in many cases TWO PIECES for 25c.
In no case will the articles offered be worth
less than 35c and many are priced as high
as \$1.25. Come early.**

Last Saturday our offer of Useful HOUSEHOLD JUGS

met with such appreciation that we have de-
cided to offer another lot to-morrow at

25c

**Pretty Little Flower Holders
and Trinket Boxes in white china. The orig-
inal price of the smallest of these was 25c,
and many were 35c and 50c, to-morrow any piece
5 cents**

New Wilton Squares

*That will please you in
both style and price.
Don't miss these latest
arrivals.*



The new Carpets for the spring trade have been "piling" in during the last week or so. Chief among these latest arrivals are the Squares, and the outstanding feature of the Square is the handsome showing of Wiltons. We know there is no other such showing of Wilton Squares in the province, and we doubt if in Canada there is a better assortment than you have offered you here. We are positive there is nothing better in quality—for it isn't made anywhere. The very latest of these Wilton Squares to arrive is a shipment of medium-priced Squares of splendid quality, the sizes and the prices of which we list below. These very attractive Squares in the new art designs are shown, and also some very pretty floral effects in two-tone greens. Pleased to show you at any time.

Size 4 ft. 6 in. x 7 ft. 6 in. Each \$18.00 and \$16.00	Size 9 ft. x 12 ft. Each \$45.00 and \$40.00
Size 4 ft. 9 in. x 9 ft. Each \$25.00	Size 11 ft. 3 in. x 12 ft. Each \$52.00
Size 9 ft. x 9 ft. Each \$32.00	Size 11 ft. 3 in. x 13 ft. 6 in. Each \$67.50 and \$60.00
Size 9 ft. x 10 ft. 6 in. Each \$35.00	Size 11 ft. 3 in. x 15 ft. Each \$67.00

Smyrna and Wilton Rugs Just Received

**Some Fringed, Some Plain—Suitable for
Hearth or Bedroom**

A great assortment of Smyrna and Wilton Rugs have just come to hand, hundreds of them, in many sizes and a wealth of pretty designs. We have an excellent collection now, offering you a broad choice in pattern, color and size. Some are fringed, some plain. Specially desirable for hearth, hall or bedroom. Drop in and see some of these.

WILTON RUGS	Size 26x34 in. at \$3.00
With Fringed Ends	Size 30x43 in. at \$4.50 and \$3.75
Size 18x33 in. Each \$2.50	Size 26x72 in. at \$8.00 and \$5.00
Size 27x54 in. Each \$4.50	SMYRNA RUNNERS
Size 36x72 in. Each \$7.50	Size 3x9 ft. Each \$10.00
SMYRNA RUGS	Size 3x10 ft. Each \$12.00
Size 18x33 in. at \$1.75 and \$1.25	Size 3x12 ft. Each \$14.00
	Size 2x15 ft. Each \$18.00

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FIRST OF FISHING

VESSELS LAUNCHED

A. B. Carpenter Takes Water at Seattle—Five Others to Be Built on the Sound

Seattle, Feb. 9.—While whistles of shipbuilding plants and large and small craft tooted a noisy greeting, the new steamer A. B. Carpenter, building for the Northwestern Fisheries Company, was sent down the ways at Basile Harbor yesterday morning before a large assemblage of Puget Sound commercial and steamship men.

WIRELESS REPORTS

Feb. 9, a.m. Point Grey—Raining; wind, S. E.; 23.77; 43; sea moderate. Cape Lazo—Raining; wind S. E.; 23.78; 44; sea moderate.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Seattle, Wash.—Arrived: Atlas, towing barge 88, San Francisco. Sailed: Alameda, Southwestern-Alaska; President, San Francisco; Everett G. Griggs, Tacoma.



FALLS FROM LOG AND IS DROWNED

A YOUNG MAN FALLS INTO RIVER SUNDAY

Removing Log From Jam—Tees Has Rough Trip to West Coast Ports

Falling from a log which he was removing from a jam in the Holberg river, a man, whose name at present cannot be ascertained, was drowned last Saturday, according to word brought by the C. P. R. steamer Tees, Capt. Gillam, which arrived in port this morning from the West Coast.

CONTINUE OVERHAUL UNTIL NEXT SAILING

Venture Did Not Clear for North Last Night—Preparing for Spring Rush

Owing to the fact that the annual general overhauling which the Boscowitz steamer Venture, Capt. Parks, is undergoing at this port, was not completed the vessel did not sail for northern British Columbia points last night.

FAMOUS COMMANDER

CROSSES BIG OCEAN

Capt. McKay, of Cunard Fleet, Dies at Liverpool—Never Lost Ship or Passenger

No captain is better known, either at Liverpool or New York, than Captain Horatio McKay, R. N. R., who has just died at the Mersey river port.

Later on, he was appointed to the Lucania, which ship, only ten years ago, held the record for the fastest passage from Queenstown to Sandy Hook.

'FRISCO' MARINE NEWS

County of Linnithgow Sails From Valparaiso For Here—Lahaina Chartered. San Francisco, Feb. 9.—The barkentine Lahaina has been chartered for lumber from the Sound or the Columbia river to Australia at private terms.

MILLERS ARE IN TROUBLE

Tacoma, Feb. 9.—Notice has been served on the millers and grain shippers by the Trans-Pacific Bureau of Transportation that the latter will refuse hereafter to pay the charge of nine cents a ton for delivering wheat or flour on the deck or in the hold of a steamship, insisting that the commodity be shipped and delivered to the dock with the ship's tackle.

SOUND PILOT STILL ILL

Capt. Brotherton Was Unable to Take Canada Maru to Tacoma Yesterday. As he is still suffering from the effects of the accident which befell him at Tacoma last Saturday, Capt. Brotherton, sound pilot for the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, did not arrive here yesterday to pilot the Canada Maru to Tacoma.

MATE OF SHIP TELLS STORY OF HIS TRIALS

Norwegian Vessel Askoy Was Grounded Mysteriously—Boat Leaked

While bound from Salaverry, Peru, to Sydney, Aust., the Norwegian ship Askoy ran ashore on Elizabeth reef, about 300 miles from the New South Wales port.

GRAND TRUNK SYSTEM

S.S. "Prince Rupert" TO PRINCE RUPERT Via Vancouver

Connecting for certain Q. C. ISLAND-Points MONDAY 10 a.m. TO STEWART, MONDAY 10 A.M., FEB. 19 TO SEATTLE, SUNDAYS, 10 A.M. Use the DOUBLE TRACK LINE from Chicago East.

THE BOSCOWITZ SS. CO. LD. THE UNION SS. CO. LD. S. S. CAMOSUN S. S. VENTURE S. S. VADSO

SHIPPING GUIDE

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS. From the Orient. Saouki Maru Feb. 15 Empress of India Feb. 16 Tacoma Maru Feb. 22 Luocric Feb. 25

SLACK WATER—ACTIVE PASS.

Table with columns for date, time, and slack water/active pass information for various ports.

MARINE NOTES

The steam schooner Nehalem left the Sound yesterday for San Pedro with 800,000 feet of lumber, loaded chiefly at Tacoma.

Canadian Pacific Winter Train Services. Train No. 4, "Toronto Express," leaves Vancouver daily at 8.45 a.m. carrying through first class and Colonist coaches.

GRAND TRUNK SYSTEM S.S. "Prince Rupert" TO PRINCE RUPERT Via Vancouver. Connecting for certain Q. C. ISLAND-Points MONDAY 10 a.m.

THE BOSCOWITZ SS. CO. LD. THE UNION SS. CO. LD. S. S. CAMOSUN S. S. VENTURE S. S. VADSO

For San Francisco and Southern California. Monthly sailing to and from British Columbia and Mexican ports and taking cargo to Eastern Canada and Europe via Tehuantepec Railway.

NEW RIFLE SIGHT. King's Prizeman Invents New Range-finder of Great Value. A wonderful new rifle-sighting device, which it is claimed eliminates all the difficulties of range finding in rifle shooting.

Canadain-Mexican-Pacific Steamship Co., Ltd. Monthly sailing to and from British Columbia and Mexican ports and taking cargo to Eastern Canada and Europe via Tehuantepec Railway.

SHOT BY BANDIT. Butte, Mont., Feb. 9.—James Gallagher, who came to Butte five days ago from Seattle, was shot four times last night by a saloon bandit and probably fatally wounded.

**CITY DEFENDANT
IN LAND ACTION**

**IT ARISES OUT OF
Sooke Arbitration**

Claim for \$13,500 Commenced
To-day by C. F. Davie to
Recover Award

A writ has been issued against the City of Victoria to recover the sum of \$13,500, the amount awarded C. F. Davie, solicitor, by a court of arbitration in connection with fifty-eight acres of land at Sooke lake formerly owned by him, and expropriated by the city in connection with the Sooke waterworks.

Mr. Davie put in a claim for over \$20,000 and the city offered \$4,902. The offer of the city was declined and the matter went to arbitration, the arbitrators being Fred Pemberton, A. W. Coles and Judge Lampman sitting as umpire. The sum of \$13,500 was finally agreed on, and after the award the city voted a notice on the property stating it belonged to the city and warning trespassers of the fact.

Since then a powder magazine has been established there by contractors working in connection with the waterworks, and Mr. Davie has recently received notice from the city through Water Commissioner Baymar, that the land will not be required, as the city will need only the front portion, and proposes that a new arbitration shall be had to decide on the value of the land the city now wants.

The suit is to recover the amount of the award by obtaining a declaration from the court that the city is now the owner of the property, having taken it over, and that the award is binding on the city.

The statute, under which the city took possession of the land provides that the land shall thereafter vest absolutely in the city and that the award shall be binding on both parties.

The plaintiff, Mr. Davie, said this morning that he could not understand the action of the city officials running the municipality into more law on the matter. He was well aware, he said, that the award he received was disputed to the water commissioner and the city solicitor. He claims that he has been unable to dispose of the land since the arbitration proceedings commenced and that the award put him out of ownership. If a fresh arbitration could be allowed, he says, there would be no reason why new arbitrations should not follow each other indefinitely and he would be held from using the property or disposing of it for years.

Elliott, Maclean & Sandley are representing the plaintiff.

**SNAPSHOTS FROM
THE GALLERY**

The man in the gallery would like to know what the majority of the members of the legislature are elected for. Judging from appearances, they come to Victoria for the purpose of walking around the corridors, smoking more or less tobacco and occasionally taking a walk for exercise.

Less than half a dozen members of the legislature appear to take any interest in the forestry bill now before the house. The minister of lands, assisted by the member from Grand Forks, and Messrs. Williams and Brewster, with a single interjection by the member for Cowichan, were the only persons paying any attention to the bill in committee at the sitting of the House yesterday.

As usual, the minister of lands was unable to explain the provisions of his own bill, and whenever an explanation was asked for the section was stood over for consideration.

Isn't it pitiable that with 39 out of 42 supporters on the floor of the House the minister of lands has to appeal to members of the opposition to help him in framing acceptable legislation?

Of course, the minister of lands could not go through a sitting of the House without attempting his usual bluffing. His statement that he had both Liberals and Socialists acting as fire wardens in Fernie district was promptly challenged by the member for Newcastle, and, as usual, William crawled through the knothole and pulled it in after him.

Probably at a later stage the opposition members may point out some of the glaring defects of the bill. At the present they appear to be willing to allow the minister to discover some of them on his own account.

It might be suggested to some of the members of the select standing committee on public accounts that they could at least make a show of performing their duty by calling the committee together and inquiring into some of the payments made for legal assistance in drafting legislation. Of course, it might not be too pleasant for the attorney-general's department if a very close scrutiny were made along these lines.

The member for Nelson was quite justified in his protest against the statement by the minister of lands that other than Conservatives received government appointments as fire wardens.

After the exhaustive speech of the honorable member for Nelson on this subject, he will certainly need a stimulant to enable him to recuperate his exhausted powers.

MANIAC FIRES HOUSE.

Demented Citizen Creates Panic in Early Morning Hours.

Henry Cullingford, a man, about 60, living in his own house in Waldegrave Gardens, Uppinster, Essex, was responsible for an extraordinary scene in the small hours of a recent morning. Cullingford, who is a prominent local Congregationalist and a testotator, got mad and set his house on fire, and was only secured after a fierce struggle.

About 3 a.m. the noise of furniture being thrown on the lawn at the back of the house awakened the servant, who discovered her employer hurrying towards the window. Terrified, she ran in her nightdress to a neighbor.

A constable who arrived saw that a bedroom was on fire, and summoned the brigade. In the meantime he tried to force open Cullingford's bedroom door with the object of securing him, but Cullingford, suddenly opening the door, and kicked the officer down a flight of stairs.

When the brigade arrived the flames were got under, not before the contents of the room had been practically destroyed. Then the firemen turned the hose on Cullingford. The force of the water knocked him down, and by this means he was secured and taken to the Brentwood asylum.

The gas brackets had been wrenched off in most of the rooms of the house, and gas was escaping. Nearly all the windows in the house were smashed, and the man was badly cut about the face and wrist. He had also a rash in his throat.

KING REVERSES DECISION.

With Queen Will Pay State Visit to German Court.

According to the London correspondent of the Liverpool Courier, his Majesty has now completely reversed the decision at which he arrived prior to his departure to India, and has called to the court officials concerned to say that he and the Queen will pay their state visit to Berlin this year, and that the necessary preparations have to be taken in hand immediately. The precise date for this cannot be fixed at the moment, but inquiries at Buckingham Palace go to show that the middle of May is regarded as the most probable time. Their Majesties will be the guests of the Emperor and Empress for about a week, and will then travel to Paris, where they will stay for a few days, making the British embassy their headquarters. They are to be accompanied by the Prince of Wales, and in all probability by the Princess Mary, both of whom will then be visiting the continent for the first time.

Toronto, Feb. 9.—It has been decided to hold a monster anti-Home Rule meeting on Wednesday, February 28, in the Massey hall. A circular soliciting subscriptions is supplement the \$500 voted by the county Orange lodge will be sent to all members of the order throughout the city.

OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of the late Lee Yen Chow, who died in the city Wednesday morning, will take place from the Hanna & Thomson chapel at 10 o'clock this morning. The deceased, who was 69 years of age, had been employed as a janitor about the city for some time. Interment was in the Chinese cemetery.

The funeral of the late Catherine Gladys Baines, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. W. Baines, who died Wednesday morning after a short illness, took place yesterday from the residence of the parents, 962 Yates street. The funeral was private. Rev. Father Leterme conducting the services at the graveside.

The death occurred at Ketchikan on February 2 of C. S. Carvelson, a former Victorian, and who was well-known here. He was 22 years and 11 months old. A mother, living here, and two sisters, Mrs. George, residing here, and Mrs. Indrison, of Port Townsend, survive. The remains were interred at Ketchikan.

The death occurred at the Old Men's Home yesterday of John Charles Rhymer, after a long illness. He was 82 years of age, a ship's cook by trade, and came from Port Royal, Jamaica, West Indies. The funeral will take place to-morrow morning at 9:30 from the B. C. Funeral, Furnishing Co.'s parlors to Ross Bay cemetery.

James Auchterlonie, of Hope Bay, North Pender Island, passed away very suddenly early this week from the effects of pneumonia. He is survived by a wife and four children, the eldest of whom is only twelve years of age, in addition to whom he leaves many friends to mourn his death.

The funeral of the late Capt. Charles de la Haye took place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the B. C. Funeral parlors, the Rev. Mr. Stevenson officiating. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. E. H. Matthews, W. W. Raibe, H. MacDonald, J. H. Pollard, J. Renouin and E. J. Hall.

POWERS AND CHINA.

Cologne, Feb. 9.—The United States note to Germany regarding conditions in China will be sincerely welcomed by all striving in good faith toward a peaceful issue of the Chinese conflict, according to an inspired telegram from Berlin in to-day's Koelnische Zeitung. The dispatch says:

"That Germany's policy is thoroughly committed to such a practical programme, goes without saying."

Paris, Feb. 9.—France has not made any change in her attitude with regard to China. Like the United States, France is opposed to the principle of intervention. Should, however, the situation in China require some action, France would favor only united action by all the powers.

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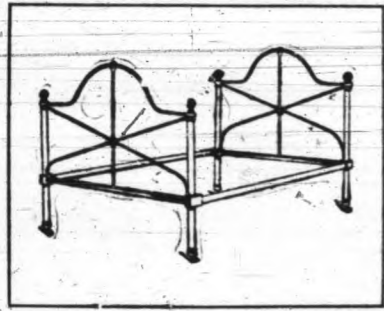



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MISS CAMERON TALKS TO LONDON JOURNAL

And Says Canada is Just at the Beginning of Things— About B. C.

A recent issue of Greater London Illustrated contains an interesting report of an interview of a member of that journal's staff with Miss Agnes Deans Cameron, now in this city. The article is headed: "Miss Cameron, the Traveller," and is as follows:

A representative recently interviewed Miss Agnes Deans Cameron, the Canadian traveller, lecturer and writer, who was lately in England, at the instance of the government of Canada, for the purpose of giving a series of illustrated lectures on Canada with the object of making the Mother Land and Canada somewhat better acquainted.

Miss Cameron's sympathies are with the great west of Canada rather than with the older and more settled eastern provinces. She says: "The west is the land of opportunity—the empire of the larger hope. In the three prairie provinces of Canada we see a rolling bread basket, a rolling mass of thousands of miles in length and of unknown depth, the world's greatest wheat farm. English folk seem unable to realize either the size or the fertility of Canada. Canada is a potential Europe. Place a pair of compasses with one leg on Winnipeg and the other leg at Key West, Florida. Then swing the lower leg to the northwest, and it will not reach the limit of the good agricultural land. This fertile plain is the theatre to-day of the greatest economic trek this world has ever seen: into these far lands in 1909 came 100,000 farmers from the United States to the south, and another 100,000 from the Mother Land and the hardy nations of northern Europe. This year will see these numbers practically doubled. The great free lands given to homesteaders—and the cheap lands available for purchase. It is a fascinating drama to watch this miracle of the wheat. This is my first visit to London. As I notice the bent and broken men on the Thames embankment and the starry people in the East End, as I fall to the pictures, there comes to my mind a vision ever those things in western Canada. Up to the present it is only the southern half of

Alberta and Saskatchewan respectively, with all of the province of Manitoba, which is served by the railways and so open for immediate cultivation. This huge rectangle last year produced approximately 200,000,000 bushels of grain, but in the best so indicated only one-twentieth, or 5 per cent., of the land capable of producing wheat has been brought under the plough. When all these available acres have been made to yield their wheat harvest, there will roll out from these prairies a supply of bread stuffs ample for the whole empire's needs. But the human side of the story grips one more strongly even than the economic side. More than farms are making on these rich plains. There is taking place in prairie Canada to-day the greatest amalgamation of tongues and uniting of faiths that history has yet recorded. This section of Empire is a great seething cauldron, a melting pot of humanity. Every country of northern Europe is throwing its quota into the crucible. The entity that will step out from the formative mass will be The New Canadian.

"What is there beyond the railway?" asked the interviewer. "Does the present railway mark the limit of livable land? Did you not make a journey beyond the present confines of the wheat?"

"Yes, it has been my privilege to take a somewhat unusual journey. Starting with my niece from Chicago in May, 1908, we travelled due north-westward, till we reached the edge of the Arctic Ocean, following the great waterways. Edmonton, as you know, is the northern limit of the railway. From Edmonton we travelled a hundred miles by horses and reached the Athabasca river, which we followed to Athabasca lake. The Slave river took us from Athabasca lake to Great Slave lake, and then we followed the mighty Mackenzie to the Arctic Ocean. This is a great section of Empire which up to the present has been practically disregarded, yet its possibilities are great.

"The basin of the Athabasca is rich in undeveloped resources—fish, fur, timber, natural gas, oil, tar-sands, and coal-measures. The Mackenzie river is forested to the very ocean lip. I found the little blue flowers of the wild flax far within the Arctic circle, and wild roses bloomed in profusion at the very edge of the Arctic Ocean. We reached Fort Simpson, where the Laird river makes into the Mackenzie in latitude 72 degrees north, on the morning of July 10. The growing potatoes were over a foot high, the peas a foot and a half, with turnips and cabbage, and in the whole garden that we inspected was not a sign of an insect pest. The Slave Indian boys brought us wild gooseberries which were as big as marbles. On Oranekman's Bay, July 12, we floated into Fort Norman, three degrees nearer the North Pole, where the Bear river discharges into Great Bear lake into the broad-bottomed Mackenzie. Norman was a riot of bloom, with the giant willow-herb shoulder high, beets and turnips in the vegetable garden, and again the perfume of wild-roses everywhere. There are trees on the shores of Great Bear lake and Great Slave lake, north-east of which stretches a triangle of land three times as large as the United Kingdom. This unknown Empire long ago was dubbed "The Barren Land of Canada," an unfortunate title which stuck. It is barren only in the sense of being treeless, 124 species of plants, exclusive of algae and fungi, were identified here; and this country supports uncounted herds of musk oxen and caribou.

"Did you come out of the Northland, Miss Cameron, by the same route by which you entered?"

"No, we came out by the Peace river and the Lesser Slave. The settlement in this section which is most fascinating, is that which clusters round Little Fort Vermillion. Within a decade this Peace river country will support a vast agrarian population. It is merely a question of the coining of the railway. At Vermillion-on-the-Peace the Hudson's Bay Company grows grain, grinds flour, and trades in furs; the Indians in spring buy guns and traps, paying for them when autumn comes with wheat of their own raising. The bill-of-fare of one dinner which we ate under the hospitable roof-tree of Mr. Francis Wilson, of the Hudson's Bay Company here, will demonstrate how independent the Vermillion rancher is of the world to the south of him. We had beef and mutton and ham, grown, killed and cured on the premises, bread made from flour grown in contiguous fields, with potatoes, parsnips, carrots, turnips, cucumbers, tomatoes, squash, and celery, all home grown. The butter was made by Mrs. Wilson and the salt which gave it its savor came from a natural deposit on the Slave river. We had pie, too, and its four component parts, flour, butter, lard and raspberries, were all products of this inland

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"I see that these prairie provinces have a great fascination for you, Miss Cameron," said the representative.

"Yes," assented she, "but there is a more wonderful land beyond. Across the Rockies is British Columbia's mainland and Vancouver's Isle-of-Dreams. I find it so hard to make people realize the bigness of the Canadian heritage. We could place the British Isles more than twice over within the borders of British Columbia and still leave ten thousand square miles untouched. British Columbia is as large as the combined provinces of Manitoba, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. It is essentially the province of the Englishman and the Scot. The huge wheat-farms have attracted the cosmopolitan hordes of Europe: British Columbia is the mecca of the Briton. I find that most English people know more of our forests and our fruit farms than of our leading industry—mining. British Columbia is essentially the mineral province. We produce in British Columbia 60 per cent. of the combined mineral product of the eight remaining provinces. It was the placer mines of the Fraser that attracted people to the Pacific province in the pioneer days of the early 60's. The men of that gold rush washed out about \$50,000,000 dollars in placer-golds from the Fraser and tributary streams. Since that time British Columbia has produced over \$116,000,000 in gold and of other minerals over \$185,000,000. In 1907, the last year for which I have completed data, the mineral output was over \$25,000,000—an amount sufficient to pay each man, woman, and child in the province \$150. If the socialistic principle of equal division obtained. Our lumber and paper-pulp industries in the same year represented an output of just \$12,000,000.

FLYING THE SAHARA.
Young Aviator's Daring Journey to Learn the Road.

An interesting story is published in Paris of a young man who dreamed of flying over the Sahara in an aeroplane, and decided to make a long journey into the desert in order to become familiar with the country.

M. Le More, a native of Tours, started from that town one morning with practically no luggage, but just his money in a pocketbook. At Algiers he procured a letter of recommendation from the general in command; he took the Algerian railway as far as it would carry him, then continued in a carriage as far as that cold proceed, and when he had arrived at the limit of regular means of transport, he bought a camel and hired two Arab guides.

M. Le More had still no proper outfit; besides their mounts, there was only a little folding bed for the white man—the Arabs slept on the ground—and a small supply of food.

At the military station of El-Golea they made the traveller a tent, and in other ways helped to complete his equipment. He passed the last official French station on the outskirts of the desert, and still further out was the hut of a French missionary, Pere Foucouc, who has lived alone for more than ten years.

Once M. L. More and his companions travelled 29 days without seeing a hu-

man being. Another time a party of Arabs, pursued by a band of brigands, put themselves under the protection of M. Le More, thinking him a chief. He organized resistance, and the robbers were put to flight.

M. Le More was fortunate enough to find the remains of Adjutant Joly, a French officer, who was murdered by his escort some time ago. He managed to bring the body back into the French zone.

The traveller says that after covering the ground his proposed flight does not look so impossible as he feared, and he is determined to make an attempt.

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TROUBLE SPREADS

IN MANCHURIA

Bands of Brigands Capture Several Towns—Chinese Attack Russians

Pekin, Feb. 9.—Diplomatic difficulties as well as occasional military incidents between Russians and Chinese continue, and are being watched closely by foreign representatives here.

The Imperial foreign board recently sent a note to the Russian legation charging the Russian troops with attacking the Mongols in their attack on the Chinese garrison at Manchuria. The Russian board requested the Russian legation to see that Russian troops observed neutrality.

In its reply the Russian legation says the Mongols, after their attack on the Chinese garrison, retreated into the railway zone, where the Russian troops arrested them. The troops of the Chinese garrison followed into the railway zone and the Russians, killing a Mongol officer and a Russian soldier, as well as several Mongolians.

Conditions in Manchuria evidently are becoming worse. Reports from Russian sources say the Mongols have carried the warfare to the Amur river, while brigand bands numbering hundreds have gone so far as to attack and capture several towns.

The authority of the Kutugtu, head of the Mongolian Lama sect, who is now the Mongolian Grand Khan, has secured recognition from Khalar, in the north of Mongolia, down to the Turkistan border.

In the Turkistan district itself, a three-cornered conflict is in progress between the imperialist garrisons, rebels who have deserted from the imperial army and the native Mohammedans, who have taken the present opportunity to revolt. A number of Russian subjects have been killed during the fighting between the rival parties.

The Imperial foreign board has not made any reply to the recent Russian proposal to mediate with the Mongolians, and in diplomatic circles no surprise would be felt at Russian intervention in Manchuria.

May Declare Independence.

London, Feb. 9.—According to the Peking correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, Prince Kung, leader of the Mongolian anti-abdicationists, Prince Su of the board of dependencies, Prince Nadka, Muke Tsunise and Tsch Liang, who was at one time mentioned as the probable successor of Tsun Shi-Kai, have gone to Mukden to proclaim the independence of Manchuria and make an attempt to revive the old Manchu kingdom.

Alexander's Rag-Time Band at the Eagles' Grand Masquerade.

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URGES RECLAMATION WORK.

New York, Feb. 9.—"The necessity of expediting the reclamation of increased areas of our desert is obvious," said C. J. Blanchard, statistician of the reclamation service in an address last night before the Union League Club. "This is apparent," he continued, "when we consider that 150,000 good American citizens are leaving our country every year to take up homes under another flag because opportunities in this country are limited. "Our public domain, once an empire in extent, to-day offers no opportunity for the poor man," said Mr. Blanchard. "It will not produce crops without an expenditure of money beyond the means of the average citizen." The investment of half the cost of the Panama canal would add vast amounts to the national wealth, Mr. Blanchard said, and continued: "Conservation engineers state that there are yet 30,000,000 acres of desert to which water can be supplied and 50,000,000 acres of swamp and overflowed lands, which can be drained. The economic importance of such work as this scarcely can be realized. The reclamation of this vast area would provide homes on the land for 2,750,000 families, each family occupying a 40-acre farm. The addition of our nation's wealth in land values alone would be not less than \$11,000,000,000, or ten times the amount of our national debt."

WAR AMONG CHINESE.

Authorities Will Take Action Against Heads of Rival Tong.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 9.—Indictments were returned here yesterday by the grand jury charging Yee Chong, Sam On Gun, Loi Ye, Wong Dock, Lee Lin and Lee Jim with assault with intent to commit murder upon Wong Yuet in a tong battle. Bail was fixed in each case at \$5,000. The indicted Chinese are leaders and "gunmen" of the warring tongs.

Don't know what Al Belanger is going to do with all those truffles at the Eagles' Hall.

SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

(Manitoba Free Press.)

The Northwest Review, in its current issue, comments sharply upon the appearance in the Tablet of this reference to the proposed extension of the boundaries of this province:

"On this point, the extension of the boundaries of Manitoba, it would scarcely seem that there should be much difficulty. If Manitoba extends its boundaries its existing educational system should certainly be carried into the new territory."

The Northwest Review in its comment upon this, says: "Such words from the Tablet, the Catholic Tablet, the organ of Cardinal Bourne, sound extremely strange. The one thought that comes to our mind is the following: If the Tablet knows so little about Canadian affairs and the state of the Catholic church in Canada, why does it not mind its own business? We, of Manitoba, can very well settle our own questions without the suggestions of the Tablet. How would the Tablet like to be quoted in parliament when the bill extending the boundaries of Manitoba comes up for discussion, by Hon. Sam Hughes, Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Clarke or any of the Orange members of the Canadian parliament? Certainly it would not look upon it as an honor. Any one therefore, who has at heart the welfare of the Catholic church in Canada and who desires a just settlement of the Manitoba school question, can not but sincerely regret this strange expression of opinion on the part of the Tablet."

The comment is doubly interesting as showing that a "just settlement" of the boundary question, in the opinion of the Northwest Review—which is the organ of the English-speaking Catholics of Manitoba—will involve a constitutional provision for the recognition of public schools.

There are very persistent rumors that demands to this end have been made upon Mr. Borden by influences which he does not care to deny; and that a determined attempt is being made to secure a solution of the problem by inducing the Roblin government to grant, apparently of its volition, separate schools in both the added territories and the present province. If there is anything in the story, it explains the significant pause in the settlement of the boundary difficulty.

BANDITS EXECUTED.

San Francisco, Feb. 9.—It is said So Kow, Lo Yoke and Ng Si Fung, three bandits who terrorized the population of Kwang Tung province, were executed at San Ming, near Canton, by General Lee Hoy Wan, according to a cablegram received by the Chung Sai Yat Po, a local Chinese paper. Those who witnessed this execution cheered loudly when the sentence was carried out.

CASE DISMISSED.

New York, Feb. 9.—On motion of the prosecutor, the coroner dismissed Wednesday the charge of homicide against Charles M. Dickinson, held in connection with the death of Mrs. Helen Taylor, who was blown up on Saturday night.

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Financial News

FAIR STRENGTH IN NEW YORK MARKET Southern Pacific Preferred in Demand—Copper Metal is Buoyant

New York, Feb. 9.—Generally speaking the stock market has not responded to the better news from Washington as was expected.

Tobacco Magnate's Plans. New York, Feb. 9.—James B. Duke very shortly will resign from the presidency of the American Tobacco Company to become chairman of the British-American Tobacco Co., Limited.

Grand Trunk Dividend. London, Feb. 9.—The financial year of the Grand Trunk railway shows great improvement with a surplus of \$86,800.

"THE IDLE RICH." Socialist M. P. Says There Are 673 Millions of Unearned Income. Philip Snowden, M. P., speaking recently at London on "The Abolition of the Idle Rich," said he was afraid that the abolition of the idle rich could be much more easily talked about, and suggestions made for their abolition, than these suggestions could be carried into practical effect.

EMIGRATION ASSOCIATION. San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 9.—The Chinese United Emigration Association has been organized with headquarters at Pekin, according to a cablegram received here to-day by the Chinese Free Press.

VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE. Bid. Asked. American-Canadian Oil 85. 89. Canadian North West Oil 93. 95.

MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS. Bid. Asked. Alberta Coal & Coke 101. Amalgamated Development 101.

BANK STOCKS. As quoted on the Toronto Stock Exchange. Do. pfd. 217. Imperial 217.

NEW YORK MONEY. New York, Feb. 9.—Money on call steady, 2 1/2 per cent; ruling rate 2 1/2 per cent.

CHICAGO CATTLE MARKET. Chicago, Feb. 9.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,000; market dull, weak; beef, \$6.80 per 100 lbs.

LIVERPOOL COTTON. Liverpool, Feb. 9.—Cotton closed 2 1/2 to 4 1/2 higher.

TORONTO STOCKS. Bid. Asked. B. C. Packers "A" 55. Do. "B" 59.

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NEW YORK SUGAR. New York, Feb. 9.—Raw sugar firm; muscovado, 89 test, \$12.88; centrifugal, 96 test, \$4.48.

NEW YORK COPPER. New York, Feb. 9.—Copper metal quiet. Spots to April, \$14.00; 1912, \$14.15.

LONDON COPPER. London, Feb. 9.—Copper Close, spots 162 1/2; 2 1/2; sales, 700. Futures unchanged.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET. New York, Feb. 9.—On High, Low, Close. Jan. 10.21. 10.41. 10.21.

WHEAT RECEIPTS. Receipts. Last Year. Wheat 50,000. 53,000. Corn 1,100,000. 1,000,000.

WINNIPEG GRAIN. Winnipeg, Feb. 9.—Wheat—May, old, 100 1/2; new, 100 1/2.

SILVER QUOTATION. London silver, 2 1/2 to 3 1/2. New York silver, 90.

SILVER ADVANCES. New York, Feb. 9.—Commercial bar silver yesterday advanced to 52 1/2 an ounce, the highest price since November, 1907.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 9.—Bankers here explained a rise of one cent in the price of silver yesterday to the prospect of a larger demand for the precious metal with the opening of the Chinese republic.

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W. C. T. U. DISCUSS

WORK OF THE MONTH

Satisfactory Condition of the Mission — Interview With the Superintendent

Mrs. Willisroft, the president, presided at the monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U., which was held yesterday afternoon in the Political Equality League rooms in Fort Street.

material good would be the result of the deputation, and if the W. C. T. U. would grant the committee a further length of time they would wait on the licence commissioners regarding the placing of notices in tobacco stores warning the public and the policemen against the sale of cigarettes to small boys.

Matron Makes Report. Miss Dormag, newly appointed matron of the mission on Store street, gave her report, and said that the past month had been full of interest: the average attendance at the meals for the month had been forty-five for each meal, and the fifty-three beds have been always taken, each night at least a dozen men having to be turned away.

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WOMEN IN UNIVERSITIES.

Female Students Pushing to Front in Educational Institutions.

The feminine element is larger than ever on the latest matriculation lists of Berlin University.

Of this total of 1,115 women students, sixty whom come from the United States, no fewer than 50 are inscribed on the philosophical faculty roster.

One might think that a pedagogy would appeal to women more than any other branch of science, but not so have adopted it, while fifty-one have chosen mathematics.

Professors' daughters show a notable desire to follow a university career, thus Miss Agnes Harnack studies philology.

Prof. Schiemann's daughter follows a course of natural history and two daughters of Prof. Mendel, the pathologist, study medicine and early philology.

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BY DR. FRANK CRANE

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I have lived some time and observed quite a number of folks, and never in my life did I know of a case of breakdown that I believed to be due to overworking the brain.

One young man I remember who went to school with me. He was a brilliant student. When he went to pieces, a nervous wreck, everybody, and particularly his mother, attributed it naturally to overstudy.

The fact is, the human mind is like the old oaken bucket that hung in the well; when it gets full it runs over. It holds so much only, is capable of only so much power of attention and retention.

It is weary and not work that kills. Overeating and overdrinking are the real criminals hiding behind overstudy.

Skates Ground.—Skates hollow-ground. J. Walter, 544 Fort street, Phone 418.

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