

## Notes and Gleanings

Electricity is fast displacing the use of hydraulic power on the Continent of Europe, and slowly superseding it in England.

Alpine flowers and plants are becoming extinct so rapidly that strong measures are to be taken in future for their preservation.

Railways in Holland are so carefully managed that the accidental deaths on them average only one a year for the entire country.

There are about ninety female physicians in London and its suburbs. The Royal Free Hospital employs sixteen, and there are seventy women students in it. In all England there are about 600 women physicians.

The Russians had an old law by which anyone who drew hair from another's beard should be fined four times as much as for cutting off a finger, and the importance and value of the appendage are further illustrated by the fact that, although the loss of a leg was estimated at twelve shillings, the loss of the beard was estimated at twenty.

The largest flower in the world, it is said, is the bolo, which grows on the island of Mindanao, one of the Philippine group. It has five petals measuring nearly a yard in width, and a single flower has been known to weigh as much as twenty-two pounds. It grows on the highest pinnacle of the land, about two thousand feet above the level of the sea.

The following is the percentage of illiterates among various classes who come to the United States: Scandinavian, 0.6; English, 1.1; Irish, 3.2; German, 4.1; Magyar, 7.5; Hebrew, 23.6; Polish, 37.5; South Italian, 59.1. A law excluding illiterates, would, therefore, exclude more than half the Southern Italians, and more than a third of the Poles, while it would affect the immigration from the Scandinavian race not at all. It would reduce the German immigration only 4 per cent.

A Bournemouth doctor, Mr. T. W. Blake, keeps bees, and after the heavy rain, flowers being scarce, he bought Demerara sugar to feed them. Bees are particularly fond of Demerara, but they turned this sample unceremoniously out of the hive, and Mr. Blake found that the crystals did not dissolve, as they should have done, in the rain. He made inquiries, and found that sham Demerara is made in Germany, and largely used in this country. His bees had discovered the fraud.

A writer in *Electricity* says it has been discovered that the ageing of a violin can be artificially secured by exposing the wood to X-rays. The beautiful tone which has heretofore resulted from a natural ageing of the wood for fifty or sixty years can thus be obtained in a single day. If this be true, Stradivarius violins will be no longer at a premium, except in so far as perfection of manufacture is concerned; though it is probable that, as in most other processes, the natural ageing will yield the better tone.

Large numbers of German boys and men are finding ready employment in London as "housemaids" and "parlor maids." They are to some extent solving the domestic servant problem. The men servants draw the same wages, work twice as hard and don't want so many concessions as the women of their age—between 19 and 23. They do washing and can turn their hands to work for which women are totally unsuited. The bureau which started this enterprise is doing a roaring trade, and several others are being established in competition with it.

The wisdom, ability and devotion that have been displayed by Booker T. Washington and his associates in the work at Tuskegee are strikingly shown by the fact that starting from nothing

they have built up a system of schools, with over 1,400 students in attendance, and more than 6,000 who have been trained and sent out into all parts of the South. Property in land, buildings and equipment has been acquired to the value of \$450,000, and this is managed with sound business sense and prudence, as is testified by able and experienced trustees from the North and South.

We saw the other day in one of our exchanges that there were about sixty thousand newspapers and periodicals and one hundred and thirty-three thousand books published in the world last year, the United States producing more newspapers than any other country. Forty-eight per cent of the world's periodicals were published in English, twenty-three per cent in German, and eleven per cent in French. Germany leads in the production of books and pamphlets, putting out three times as many as Britain and the United States.



### ATTITUDE OF CANADA.

It is right and wise to live on the most friendly terms with our neighbors. Trade with them on the fairest terms. Deal with them as we would wish them to deal with us. It is simply our duty to cultivate peace and good will all round the vast circle of our boundaries. On the whole this is what our people aim at doing. We used to be too obviously anxious and clamant for trading privileges—and some of us were wont to say so much about the absolute necessity of more trade with the United States that the conviction grew on the other side that Canada could not live without a reciprocity treaty. To shut her out of U. S. ports would compel her to accept terms that would signify annexation. American statesmen told us to accept the U. S. tariff and shut out British goods. The illusion has been dispelled. Canada has a great trade with the United States, but she has learnt to trade with Europe, and no amount of exclusiveness, no height of tariff walls will seriously embarrass our trade. We shall be delighted if the U. S. authorities reduce their tariff; but if they keep it as high as ever we need not be alarmed; for our trade embraces half the world, and with Great Britain it is free.

Mr. Edward Farrer, writing from Ottawa, sends to the *Contemporary* a clever article on "The New Imperialism." Mr. Farrer is a particularly brilliant writer, possessed of great skill in arranging facts—to suit his own fancy. He is a small edition of Goldwin Smith. That the tendency of his essay is to create ill-feeling between Canada and Great Britain is clear enough. He fears the Imperialism which is in the air, and he misunderstands it; at least he misrepresents it and tries to prejudice the reader against it, as if the liberties of Canada were to be sacrificed in the interest of Imperialism. If he were a hired incendiary commissioned to create trouble and excite jealousies in Canada and in England, he could not conduct his case more adroitly.

The one snare of the destroyer of which Canada must beware, is the policy that would induce us to give the United States free admission to our markets, while closing our markets against British products. Great Britain admits our products free of duty; the United States levies 50 per cent and upwards on our exports. We are asked, then, to shut out the manufacturers of England by a tariff as high as that of the United States. It would be too strong to characterize this as a piece of base ingratitude.

The policy advocated by Mr. Farrer is to proclaim our independence—a most absurd proposal. The right policy is that formulated forty years ago by Joseph Howe—to consolidate the British Empire so that we may come to be a greater and freer Empire than the United States or Russia. When thus

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### Marriages.

GRANT-WARD.—At Temple, York Co., on the 14th inst., by the Rev. J. J. Barnes, Mr. Allan H. Grant, of Temple, York Co., and Miss Alena Ward, of Waterville, N. S.

### Deaths.

HOYT.—At St. John, West, on the 1st inst., Mrs. Elizabeth Hoyt, aged 76 years, leaving two sons, three daughters, two brothers, three sisters, with other relatives, to mourn their loss. "Her end was peace." She was buried in Blissville Cemetery. Funeral services conducted by the writer, Jan. 3rd. She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Uriel Webb, where everything was done that could be done for her comfort. She was frequently visited by Rev. R. W. Ferguson, pastor of the West End Free Baptist church. G. W. FOSTER.

REICKER.—At Wickham, Q. Co., on Nov. 10th, of typhoid fever, G. A. Hartley Reicker, aged 34 years, leaving father, mother, seven sisters and four brothers to mourn. He professed religion a number of years ago under the labors of Rev. J. D. Wetmore and united with the Free Baptist church at Shannon. Funeral services by the writer. S. J. PERRY.

REICKER.—At Wickham, on Jan. 5th, of typhoid fever, Joseph Reicker, aged 66 years, leaving a sorrowing widow, seven daughters and four sons, three brothers and two sisters, and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Bro. Reicker professed religion under the labors of Rev. B. Merritt and united with the church at Belleisle. He was a good man and those who knew him best spoke most kindly of him. This is an exceptionally sad family; two deaths in seven weeks, father and son. Funeral services by the writer. S. J. PERRY.

LOGUE.—At Wickham, Jan. 8th, of heart trouble, George Logue, aged 35 years, leaving a sorrowing wife and three small children, besides his father and mother, one brother and two sisters, and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. At the time of his death he was working in the lumber woods for F. P. Hetherington; he was driving a team and had just finished loading it when he fell backwards, and when the man went to him he was dead. Funeral service by the writer. Interment at Shannon. S. J. PERRY.

GRASS.—At the home of her son, Murray Grass, Wassis, Sun Co., Mrs. Susan Grass died on Jan. 6th, in her 77th year. Early in life she professed faith in her Lord, and lived a consistent life. May God comfort those whom she left behind. E. H. C.

SCRIBNER.—At Kingston, Kings Co., on Jan. 11, suddenly of pneumonia, Hezekiah Scribner, aged 55 years, leaving a young family consisting of two sons and four daughters to mourn their sad loss. They had not gotten over the severe blow of the sudden death of their mother about four years ago, and now that father and mother are both gone the stroke is a heavy one to bear. The youngest child at home is twelve years old, and was sick with pneumonia and did not see her father after he was taken sick. The infant child,

left at the mother's death, was taken by Mr. Scribner's brother in St. John, and has a good home. He leaves three brothers and three sisters. Bro. Scribner was a member of the Free Baptist church at Long Point, K. Co. He was a man who had many friends and will be much missed in the community in which he lived. He was a prominent member of the I. O. of Foresters and was buried under the Order. The funeral was very largely attended, and the deepest sympathy is being manifested by the friends and neighbors for the family in their sore bereavement. The remains were interred beside his wife in the Baptist Cemetery, at Keirsteadville. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. Mr. Field, Baptist. May the Lord, who has promised to be a Father to the fatherless, guide and protect the orphan family in all their future movements. D. LOGG.

KIMBALL.—Entered into rest at 33 Waterloo St., St. John, on Jan. 13th, John Kimball, in the 82nd year of his age. The deceased was an excellent Christian man, having the confidence of those who knew him.

### THE MAGAZINES.

The February *Delineator* is of uncommon interest. Its stories, articles and pictures are excellent, and the review of the fashions thorough. A paper on The Cultivation of Ideals will be generally enjoyed, and collectors of antiques especially will be interested in The Quest of Roxane. Dr. Grace Peckham Murray's article on the care of the complexion is a scientific treatise simply presented. There are entertaining pages for young people, including chapters of The Little Garden Calendar, and Tommy Postoffice, and a paper dealing with the manners and customs of the Red men. There is timely information on a variety of topics of interest to women.

CALENDARS.—The E. R. Machum Co., Insurance Agents, have issued a neat calendar.

Slipp & Flewelling, pork packers, St. John, are sending their patrons and friends an attractive wall card.

A very convenient desk calendar is that of Barnes & Co., printers, bookbinders and stationers, St. John.

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