

### EVENTS

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### THE CANADIAN FRENCH.

An editorial writer in a Toronto weekly says that it is curious that, in view of the fact that France has a divorce law that the attitude of Canadians of French Catholic stock, should be one of distrust of divorce. This is on a par with the remark of another writer that French Canadians would naturally like the tri-color or to figure on a Canadian flag. If these things were said in the newspapers published in England, the ignorance of the writers would be pilloried from Halifax to Vancouver. Yet both the comment and the surmise show that those who gave them utterance have forgotten that Quebec was taken by the British thirty years before the French Revolution and that French Canada looks back to France of the old regime, that she remembers not the tri-color but the lilies, and that she the loving and obedient child of Mother Church has not a single aspiration in common with the brilliant nation which for good or evil has secularized every national institution.

### LET THERE BE LIGHT.

A correspondent of the Graphic recently called attention to the need of a light on Andrew Street, near the railway crossing, stating that the thoroughfare, under present conditions, is unsafe for pedestrians. The Graphic agrees with its correspondent that a light is needed on this dark street and would urge upon the Council the necessity of remedying the evil. The absence of a light makes the street exceedingly dangerous for those who have to pass through it after night-fall. It is practically impossible to pick one's steps so as to avoid the ruts and obstructions.

Bad whiskey has killed two Vancouver Hindus. This may suggest some thing to the Asiatic Exclusionists.

Sir Hibbert Tupper has been bitten by a spider, thus confirming the Globe in its opinion that he is altogether too fly.

The man who was intending marriage with that girl who defied the Yellowstone Park highwaymen, will probably turn that over in his mind a few times.

J. M. Barrie has written a play about a woman who stayed at home, minding her own business and was completely wrapped up in her husband. It ought to create a sensation.

### NEW CARLILE

NEW CARLILE, Monday — Harvesting has begun and the grain is ripening quickly on account of the continuous dry weather which we are enjoying.

Quite a number of teachers attended the convention which was held in New Carlisle school house on the 18th inst.

Miss G. LeBlanc of Maria is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Morin.

We are pleased to hear that Mr. John Thompson is recovering from a serious illness.

Miss May Caldwell has left to teach school in Black Capes.

The schools are again opened for another ten months, and a large number of pupils are in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Flowers have arrived home from spending the summer in Campbellton.

Miss Pidgeon of Perce is visiting friends in New Carlisle.

Mr. Bernard of Carleton is in New Carlisle at present in the employ of Mr. C. R. Scoles.

Mr. Joshua Chatterton who has been spending the last three years in British Columbia, is visiting his old home.

Rev. J. A. Lavole and Rev. J. Gagne of St. Charles de Caplin and Maria, were in town last week.

Mr. Adam Dobson is building a new house. We are pleased to see improvements going on in our town.

Mr. J. A. Therberge of Quebec, was in town Thursday.

Miss Ruby Blois left on Monday last to take up a course in MacDonald College, also Miss Amy Smith of New Carlisle.

It is usually the loud talker who is getting the short end of the argument.

### COOLED THE ADMIRAL.

An Answer For Which the High Official Was Unprepared.  
Going into a port where the water was very deep—Rio Janeiro, I believe—relates Captain A. T. Mahan, the chain cables "got away," as the expression is, control was lost, and shackle after shackle tore out of the hawse holes, leaping and thumping, rattling and roaring. The admiral was on deck at the moment, and when the chain had been at last stopped and secured he said to the captain: "Alfred, send for the young man in charge of those chains and give him a good setting down. Ask him what he means by letting such things happen." The officer was sent for, and soon his questioning blue eyes appeared over the hatch coaming. Alfred was a mild person and clearly did not like his job. He could not have come up to the admiral's standard. The latter saw it and intervened: "Perhaps you had better leave it to me. I'll settle him." Fixing his eyes on the offender, he said sternly: "What do you mean by this, sir? Why in blazes did you not stop that chain?" The culprit, looking quietly at him, replied simply, "How in blazes could I?" This was a shift of wind for which the admiral was unprepared. He was taken aback. After a moment's hesitation he turned to the captain and said meekly, yet with evident consciousness of a checkmate: "That's true, Alfred. How the blazes could he?"

### OBSERVANCE OF EASTER.

Discrepancy in Dates.  
Not Corrected Until 1752.  
The observance of Easter dates back to about the year 63, at which time there was much contention among the eastern and western churches as to what day the festival should be observed. It was finally ordained at the council of Nice in the year 325 that it must be observed throughout the Christian world on the same day. This decision settled that Easter should be kept upon the Sunday first after the fourteenth day of the first Jewish month, but no general conclusion was arrived at as to the cycle by which the festival was to be regulated, and some churches adopted one rule and some another. This diversity of usage was put an end to, and the Roman rule making Easter the first Sunday after the fourteenth day of the calendar moon was established in England in 689. After nine centuries a discrepancy in the keeping of Easter was caused by the authorities of the English church declining to adopt the reformation of the Gregorian calendar in 1582. The difference was settled in 1752 by the adoption of the rule which makes Easter day always the first Sunday after the full moon which appears on or next after the twenty-first day of March. If the full moon happens upon a Sunday, Easter is the Sunday after.

### Queer Names.

"We Chinese," said the law student, "give our children queer names. Our girls, for instance, are not called Mabel, Jenny or Matilda, but Cloudy Moon, Celestial Happiness, Spring Dew and Basket of Fortunes."

"Our boys get less delicious names. Boys are made for work and wisdom rather than for dancing and pleasure, and their names show this, as Practical Industry, Ancestral Knowledge, Complete Virtue, Ancestral Piety, Discreet Valor."

"To our slaves we give still another set of names. Yes, those dear, pathetic little slaves of ours, some girls, some boys, who do a hundred various little tasks about the house, these lowly creatures have names like Not For Me, Joy to Serve, Your Happiness and Humble Devotion."

University of Paris.  
The doctor's degree in the University of Paris is so entitled as to designate the faculty under which the work was done, as those who do literary work would receive the degree doctor of letters, etc. To obtain the doctor's degree the candidate must possess the lower degree of the corresponding division of work, submit two theses on different questions, reply to questions or objections concerning them, pay a fee of 140 francs and present 100 printed copies of the thesis to the university. The candidate for the degree doctor of letters must write one thesis in Latin, the other in French. If in the scientific department, the thesis must be on some original investigation; if in theology, the examinations are both oral and written.—School Bulletin.

Sitting on a High Hat.  
"If I were to offer to wager that I could sit squarely on my silk hat without crushing it, you would take me up, I suppose," said a clubman to a fellow member. "Well, you would lose," he continued. "A good silk hat should support the weight of a man say 140 pounds without yielding, providing the weight is applied gradually and carefully. The way to do it is to place the hat on a smooth, strongly supported surface, crown downward, and lay a board across the rim, in the hollow. On this seat yourself steadily and slowly, and you will find the hat does not yield. Of course, a hat that has once been bent or broken will not do. Nor is the rule invariable. It applies only to good hats. Have I ever tried it? Yes, I have, but not on my own hat."

Eating Onions.  
Persons with dropsical tendencies should eat onions frequently. This simple cure has proved effective in many cases. In one instance the patient had been given up by several physicians and only tried the onions to please a friend. She was completely restored to health and, though that was five years ago, has never had a return of the trouble. She ate the onions just as she would an apple, taking a great many during the day.—Exchange.

Where He Gets His Orders.  
"My friend Jinks says he can't catch up with his orders."  
"Is he a manufacturer?"  
"Oh, no; just a married man with two grown daughters."

The Feminine.  
The Wife—Fancy, John, they are getting out a woman's dictionary! I wonder if it's any different from the other.  
The Husband—Probably has many words in it.—Lepidus on Calceolus.

Same Old Misery.  
"Spose dar was a turkey fer every man in de country?"  
"Wouldn't make any difference, fer dey'd have wings enough to fly out of reach."

A man's misfortune is like a shoe—if too large, it trips him up; if too small, it pinches him.—Horace.

### THE FUR SEAL.

A Sea Animal With Heart, Liver and Kidneys Like a Sheep.  
The fur seal is a land animal of perverted tastes, who, living at sea, has had his paws changed into flippers very like the long black kid gloves of a woman. His heart, liver and kidneys are exactly the same as those of a sheep and just as good to eat, but his flesh, although just like fat mutton to look at, is rank and distasteful from his habit of eating fish. The whole package is put up in a parcel of thick white fat to keep the body warm, while from the skin grows a heavy crop of beautiful brown fur, protected with large flat oil bearing hairs, making a glossy surface which slides through the water without friction. Perfectly fearless, overflowing with fun, a perfect little athlete, marvelously strong, the fur seal is the most delightful of all wild creatures. But, although they live at sea, the seals, being heavily clothed in skin and hair, find the temperate latitudes much too warm for comfort during the summer months. Since they cannot shed their garments like ourselves, they migrate to a subarctic climate, gathering in immense multitudes where there are fisheries to support them. Their ration is fifty pounds of cod every day, which for creatures the size of a sheep is considerable.—Exchange.

### A STORY OF THE SEA.

The Man Who Braved the Storm and the Sailor He Rescued.  
Off the coast of Ireland there was a terrible storm, and a crowd gathered on the shore to see a storm-tossed vessel not far away being pounded on the rocks.

Sturdy men launched a boat and pulled away at the oars to rescue the imperiled ones.

As the boat came back the watchers on the shore cried, "Did you get them?" and they answered: "All but one. We had to leave him or risk the lives of all." And when they were landed a seaward fellow stepped from the group and said, "Who will join me in the rescue of the remaining one?" Then an aged woman cried out: "Oh, my son, don't go; don't go! You are all I have left. Your father was drowned at sea, and your brother William sailed away, and we never heard from him, and now if you are lost I will be left in sorrow alone."

But the man replied: "I must go, mother. Duty is my duty. There be another brave hearts launched the boat and pulled for the wreck."

Anxiously the mother waited in tears and prayers. At last they saw the lifeboat coming nearer and nearer, and when it was in hailing distance they called, "Have you got your man?"

And the answer rang out clear above the storm, "Yes, and tell mother it's brother William!"

Nests of the Golden Eagle.  
Every pair of eagles whose habits I have had an opportunity of watching over a period of a few years would seem to have invariably at least two alternative sites for their nests. Some have three, and I know of one with four sites. In fact, I know of one pair of many which habitually resort to but one place and only one.

The reason for this is, however, apparent, for owing to its situation it has several different districts. The nest is in a small cavern on the face of an absolute wall of limestone rock some 800 feet high, at about 400 feet from the summit. Above the cliff is a talus of loose stones at an angle of forty-five degrees or so, above which again rise other precipices. To reach the nearest point above this nest would be a long day's work.—London Saturday Review.

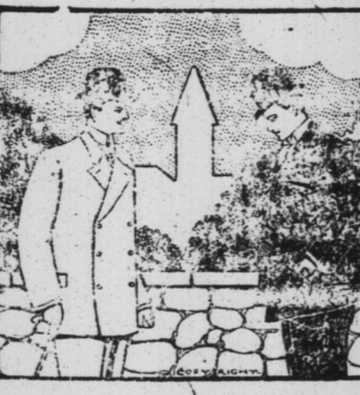


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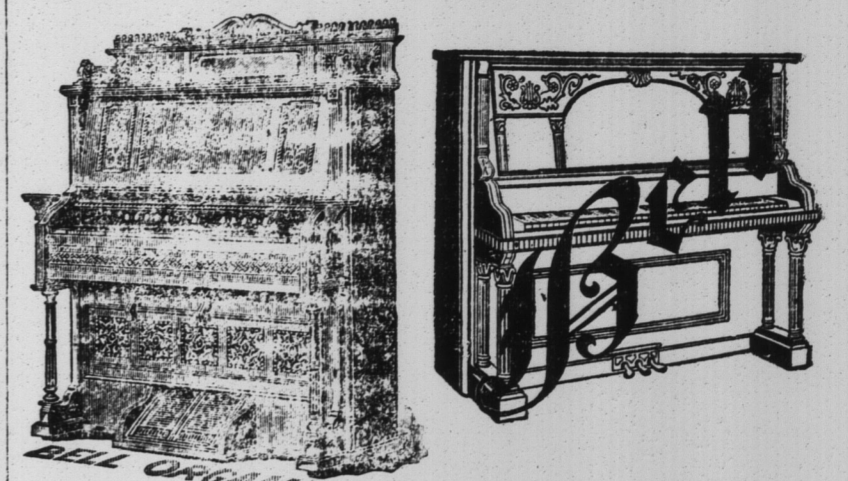
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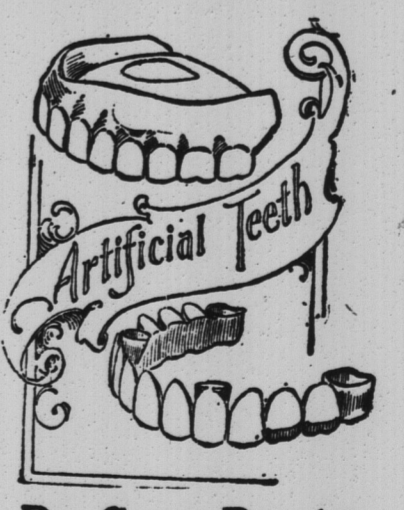
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