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EMPIRE DAY

The celebration of "Empire Day" has come to mean much to youthful patriotism throughout the Empire. The movement was started by a Canadian lady, Mrs. Fessenden, but Lord Meath has done a great deal to give it a wide meaning. Some 10,000,000 children, in various parts of the Empire, take part in the Empire Day concerts, which are held on the day preceding Victoria Day but the larger aim is to make the celebration co-terminous with the bounds of Empire, which embraces 400,000,000 of a population.

The welding effects of such gatherings are almost instantly seen.

In the bringing of the children together for a common purpose, a new love and interest are awakened, and in the young breast are felt the stirrings of a common destiny.

These grow with the years, and in adult life there is a common aspiration, a common purpose, a common citizenship.

In adult life the thought and habit are fixed, and while the incoming population may have respect for law, it is when the law is plastic that it can be moulded to the desire. Sentiment is stronger than statute, and a song has more binding effect than economic policies.

The miracle of homogeneity has been wrought in the United States, which presented an amazing racial heterogeneity, and while it would be much to expect, owing to the separating effects of distance that so intensive a national patriotism could be evoked throughout an empire so far-flung as that of Great Britain, the inauguration of simultaneous gatherings on Empire Day at certain large and commanding points would certainly have welding and unifying effects.

There is a larger patriotism than that which is concerned with bounds, and the solidarity of the race is more important than national sentiment; but the love of the nation precedes that of the planet. In Canada, we have special reasons for the encouragement of patriotic gatherings, because we are fast becoming cosmopolitan people, separated by long distances, and disposed, especially in the North-West, to segregation. In the North-West there are already over forty tongues that missionaries make appeal for the Bible.

Out of the many, how to induce one type—that is the problem. This has been solved by the common schools in the United States, and it can be similarly solved in the North-West; but it is needful that, considering our vast distances, we should have, upon certain set occasions, celebrations which would emphasize the oneness of all our people, and this, too, at the formative period in the life of our youth.

EATING THE HORSE

It is announced that in France over 60,000, and in Germany 30,000 horses were butchered for the table last year. Considering the poverty of the German people and the frightful food composed of every part of the pig, which is the chief of their diet, it may be horseflesh is an improvement as far as wholesome taste is concerned; at least the horse feeds on hay and grain, while swine are impartial eaters, swallowing what they can get. Nevertheless while horseflesh has not developed those diseases which cause enlightened consumers to shun beef, it is wondered what effect it will ultimately have on the human race. For as a man eateth, so is he! What will a persistent diet of horse produce in the blood? What new maladies result from this sort of animal food? The vegetarians are, of course, filled with forebodings for those fellow creatures who must be thus nourished at the expense of their posterity, but all the same let them remember we must be filled up, and horses seem destined to supply the needful material for the purpose.—Boston Herald.

BY THE WAY

Play Golf!

The growing time.

The town plums are now about all distributed.

And only six hundred appropriated!

The auctioneer knocks down almost everything he touches, and yet nobody seems to mind it.

If all the weddings we hear about will materialize, June will be a great month in this town.

Mrs. Newell—He who rocks the cradle rules the world; don't forget that, Mr. Newell—Then you come in and rule the world awhile; I'm tired.

A woman whose husband died recently leaving her \$2000 life insurance, reported the sad news to her eastern relatives thusly: "Jim died this week; loss fully covered by insurance."

How fast stories grow by repeated telling. The truth of that statement is brought to mind by the size of the "big trout." Probably if the figures were halved the figures would come nearer the truth.

Do not be too independent. Remember always that he who imagines he can do without the world makes a very great mistake, but that he who imagines that the world cannot do without him is under a much greater deception.

Canada will continue to have her Colbats, her Gowandas and her Klondikes, but after all, the Canadian farm will always be the source of Canadian wealth. As a wealth-producer, Saskatchewan will, therefore, occupy a foremost place.—Regina Leader.

"A few years ago," says the Philadelphia Ledger, "this seizure, of an American vessel by a Canadian cruiser in the Pacific would have set all our jingoes raging. Now it goes unheeded. The reason is, that we have had so many evidences of British good-will the people have confidence that the affair will be adjusted on its merits."

Rabbits, especially those very young, are the gentlest, most timid of creatures, and the one captured by two young ladies last week was doubtless terribly frightened by the crowd of men and women who laughed at its wild gyrations when exhibited. What because of this tiny victim has not been stated.

Beauty and wealth naturally draw together in this golden age. Once upon a time, when vast fortunes were not so frequent, beauty just married her poor young man for love's sake; today, she need make no such sacrifice, for the rich young man is sure to come along, only too glad to secure beauty at any cost. Beauty no longer goes abegging.

Victoria Day was generally observed as a holiday, most of the stores were closed and the fine weather attracted many to the fishing grounds at the different lakes.

A number of young people returning from the lake Tuesday morning had a narrow escape from a serious accident. The boat going at a great speed ran into a sunken pier, throwing George Frailey and Edward McGrattan into the water. Both having overcoats on had some difficulty in reaching the boat again, which had fortunately slid off the pier. The young ladies of the party were almost in a panic, and only the fact that the boat had come off the pier so quickly, prevented what would undoubtedly have been a drowning accident, as this spot is made dangerous by the swift current running at this season.

The "Hustler" Company billed for Coutts hall on 20th inst., stranded in St. John. They had been playing to poor business through the Provinces, and were compelled to abandon their tour when they reached St. John.

Fire in the saw dust pile at the new mill, Monday, looked serious for a time. The mill was shut down and the crew succeeded in stopping the fire from spreading. A high wind was blowing and prompt work prevented what might have been a destructive fire.

During consideration of the supplementary estimates in the House of Commons last week the following discussion took place on an item of \$326,500 for dredging:—

Mr. Jameson—Where will the dredging be done in the maritime provinces? Mr. Pugsley—There will be dredging done at a number of places, amongst others at Pass River, near Pictou, Red Islands, Petit de Gras, Cheticamp, Yarmouth, Miramichi Bay, the Restigouche, the mouth of the Gaspereaux River, Shediac, the shoals upon the St. John River, the Kennebecasis River, St. Andrews, St. George and other places.

Mr. Barnard—What is the total vote for dredging in the maritime provinces? Mr. Pugsley—In the main estimate \$230,000 and in the supplementary estimates \$150,000.

Mr. Barnard—that is exclusive of the appropriation for the harbor of St. John? Mr. Pugsley—Yes.

PERSONAL

D. Bassen is away on a business trip. Miss Susan Murray, Calais, is the guest of friends in town.

Mrs. H. Grass and child went through to St. Stephen Saturday.

Miss Annie Dadds was a passenger on the outgoing train Saturday morning.

Mrs. W. S. R. Jusison, Pennfield, is visiting friends in Calais.

P. W. Wetmore of the N. B. S. Ry. was in town a short time Saturday.

B. H. Gillmor has been engaged as surveyor at the new saw mill.

J. W. Webster, went through to St. John, Saturday.

Mrs. H. Peters and young son are guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Lawrence.

J. Sutton Clark, was in St. John, last week.

Capt. Joseph Boyd, Pilot, was in town last week.

G. W. Shaugnessy, was a passenger on train to St. Stephen, Thursday.

Mrs. Thomas R. Kent, spent a few days in St. Stephen, last week.

D. Eldridge, Beaver Harbor, made Greetings a call last week.

Misses Marie and Kathleen Lynott, St. John, spent the holiday here.

Several private excursion parties spent the holiday at Utopia and other points of interest.

Miss Annie O'Neill and young nephew of St. John, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Neill.

R. G. Murphy of the Pulp Co is in town, in connection with his business interests.

Martin Magowan, arrived here Tuesday of last week, suffering with a very bad cold.

Mrs. Lawrence Murry, spent a few days last week at Bonny River.

Thos. Magowan, has not been in his shop for some days, owing to illness.

P. McLaughlin left on Tuesday for Plume Ridge where he will conduct a big auction sale.

E. G. Murphy and Charles Fuller left on Tuesday for up river districts.

Arthur G. Brown went to St. Stephen Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Gillmor, Bonny River, attended the meeting of the Grand Division.

Miss Florence McLaughlin, spent a few days of last week in St. Stephen.

James Pender of St. John, was at Bonny River Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Conlors, Black's Harbor, spent Sunday in town.

R. Tayte is spending a few days in St. Stephen.

Mr. Later, roadmaster N. B. S. Ry. was in town Thursday the guest of K. B. Wathan.

Miss Etta Marshall and Miss Mollo McGrattan, were passengers on Saturday's train to St. John.

W. C. H. Grimmer went through from Pennfield Friday. He attended the Orange Convention at that place.

Mrs. Plummer who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, returned to St. John Saturday.

Misses Marjorie Gallagher, Annie Maguire and Jennie McDermott of St. John, spent the holiday at Utopia.

Friends of Abram Goss will be glad to learn that he is recovering from injuries received on the railway.

Rev. A. J. Padleford, thirty-two years Pastor of the Second Baptist church, Calais, has resigned his pastorate.

Chas. Fuller, W. Berry and C. E. Getting returned from a trip up river Thursday.

Mrs. Shaw who was badly injured by falling is slowly improving. Dr. Alexander is in attendance.

R. T. Wetmore who is at the Chipman hospital undergoing treatment is improving nicely, and will be able to leave the hospital soon.

Leon McGrattan, Wm. Mersereau and W. Shaugnessy spent one night at Utopia returning with a fair sized string of speckled beauties.

Walter Maxwell and a party of friends spent Monday at McDougall Lake. They landed sixty-five beautiful trout.

Herb Parks and Earnest Stuart are at New River, with Highway Structural Superintendent Austin, employed on the construction of the bridge at that place.

H. H. Johnson of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Bridgetown, was a welcome visitor in town last week. Mr. Johnson was manager of the bank here at one time, and made many friends during his stay.

Hon. H. H. McKeown K. C. of St. John, and J. H. Barry K. C. of Fredericton will be appointed to the New Brunswick supreme court bench, probably this week.

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