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SOON TO BEGIN ON LINCOLN MEMORIAL

Washington, D.C., Sept. 25.—The Lincoln Memorial Commission, which has charge of the work of erecting the Lincoln memorial structure, in Potomac Park, on the axis of the capitol and the Washington monument, held a meeting here today for the purpose of considering the bids and awarding the contracts for the construction work. Congress has fixed the limit of cost of the structure at \$2,000,000 and has appropriated \$300,000 for beginning the work.

The designs for the memorial to be erected are those submitted by Henry Bacon, the New York architect, and the latter will personally superintend the work. It has been decided generally that the work on the foundation shall commence within thirty days from the signing of the contract and completed within twelve months and that the superstructure shall be completed within four years. If the en-

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATION

Rev. Antonio A. Arrighi, noted missionary among Italians of New York, 78 years old today.

Bishop Wilbur P. Thirkield, of the M. E. Church, 59 years old today.

Henry Robert Emerson, former minister of railways and canals of Canada, 60 years old today.

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Work is continued in one contract its completion is expected within four years. Test borings on the site of the memorial show that solid rock is found at distances varying from 27.9 feet to 41.7 feet below mean low water mark, which is on the average sixteen feet below the present surface of the ground.

CANADIAN LAW IS COMMENDED

American Paper Says Canada Has Least Security in World For Escaping Criminals

The New York American referring to the capture of H. K. Thaw in Canada said: "Of all countries in the world, Canada offers the least security to strangers with unpleasant chapters in their histories. The Dominion has a cold way of looking at these things, that, to a suspect, must appear exceedingly inhospitable. In the first place, the Canadian courts have absorbed from the present British tradition an appalling contempt for technicalities. Anyone who has ever watched criminal trials of the present day in England must have been impressed with the brusque attitude of judges to phrase-juggling or efforts to translate words into some meaning other than what might be called their 'horse sense.' Barristers even hesitate to chance the snub of 'his worship' by advancing a technical objection, unless it be unusually clever and subtle, in which case the court may, after a few brief, keen-witted sallies, leave it to the jury, with a shrug, as much as to say: 'You gentlemen of common sense are, of course, not going to take such mental gymnastics into consideration. This reaction from a too technical period, when a misspelled name or word by an ill-fated engrosser could almost upset an indictment, has had its effect on Canadian practice. We recall the cases of Greene and Gaynor after the Captain Carter-Savannah harbor scandal. In these the defendants, refugees drenched with unlimited money in a luxurious hotel in Quebec, fought with the aid of the most astute legal talent for months, right through all the Canadian courts to the Judicial Committee of the Imperial Privy Council in London, only to be landed back ignominiously in the United States for trial and sentence."

Jack Johnson, the pugilist only escaped the clutches of this law by having in his possession a through ticket from Chicago to Havre, France, which had been actually purchased in Chicago and was convincing evidence of his bona fide intention to seek neither refuge nor residence in Canada. The criminal offence of which he had been convicted in Illinois was not an extraditable offence, the Mann White Slave Act having been passed long after the extradition treaty had been negotiated. Even at that, the Canadian immigration authorities never lost sight of him until he left the country on a steamship. Nor did he then take a chance on landing at any British port."

SEAL IN NEWFOUNDLAND

An Effort to Commercialize the By-Products Failed

An enthusiastic genius from England who visited Newfoundland promoting a scheme for developing various fishing industries more extensively, advocated the employment of a steamer to follow the sealing fleet, pick up all the carcasses, and bring them into St. John's, where the best of the meat might be sold and the remainder converted into fertilizer; but it was pointed out to him that if it would pay a steamer to do this it would pay her very much better to engage in the actual seal hunt, and the scheme thereupon collapsed. The same genius it was who proposed, and actually did put into practice, the experiment of canning flippers and offering them for sale, but it is scarcely necessary to observe that as the appetite for these dainties is somewhat of an acquired taste he has not yet succeeded in inducing even the Island railway to include them in its dining-car menu. At the same time it must not be imagined that there is anything unpleasant or unpalatable in seal flippers, because the contrary is the case. They are excellent nourishing food.

The flipper or the carcass must be eaten fresh to enjoy it at its best, but staleness is not an insuperable obstacle, as may be understood from the fact that the salting of both into barrels for summer consumption is by no means unusual. Just as with beef and other meats the flipper or carcass of an old seal is not nearly so delicate or tender as the younger one, and it becomes rancid through the operation of the oil much quicker. There is, however, an ample number of the flippers of young seals obtainable every year to satisfy all of the local demands, and it would be no exaggeration to say that the sturdy health of the 4,000 Terranova seafarers who tread the Arctic icefloes in the quest for these creatures is due in a substantial measure to their indulgence in flippers and seal meat, which provides the good red blood and the other elements that make for strength and physical endurance.

FISH STORIES

Lightning Killed a Bass Weighing Eleven Pounds

From the Eastern Townships of Quebec there came a story of an eleven-pound black bass killed by lightning. That was pretty good. Nobody had ever seen an eleven-pound black bass before in the world, and nobody had ever seen a fish killed by lightning. The story was a double-edged stroke of genius. Next from the New England States there came a story of a lad who rammed his fist into the gills of a fish in diving and landed another big one. And this was followed up by a story from Baltimore, where an old tar tells of having his ship lifted out of the water on the back of an enormous whale.

A Viper Killer

The official viper-killer of France has a dress composed of 900 skins of venomous reptiles. He receives a small payment for the head of every viper he destroys.

ZAM-BUK PROVED BEST

Ambulance Brigades Adopt It

Zam-Buk has now been selected as the balm to be carried by the members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. This is further proof of its superiority.

Mr. G. W. Pratt, of 15 Southview Avenue, Toronto, Superintendent of the Riverdale Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, writes: "Both in personal use and in first-aid work I have proved Zam-Buk to be of great value. I have used it for the past five years, and do not believe there is any other to come up to it."

Mr. Geo. H. Wetmore, 127 Yonge Street, Toronto, Divisional Superintendent of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, also writes: "I am pleased to report that the members of this Brigade use Zam-Buk when on public duty, and find it very useful. It is a wonderful healer. Personally I constantly use Zam-Buk in my calling as chiropodist, and find it very helpful in healing sore feet, and as a dressing for corns and bunions after treatment and extraction."

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CURIOUS FISH

Remarkable fish have been captured in depths of from one thousand to two thousand fathoms in the Atlantic, and brought to the surface. The majority of those living at great depths were jet black. Their luminous portions which light up the dark regions which they inhabit are marvellous.

These fish plough through the dark waters like flaming torches. Some have elongated snouts, with luminous tips emitting great volumes of light. Others have rows of luminous cells on top of and below their bodies, with reflectors and lenses which serve the function of projecting light in definite directions. This light serves the purpose of illuminating the surrounding water to avoid foes, to recognize their own kind or to capture prey.

The greatest depth found by sounding was until lately 5,269 fathoms, or 31,614 feet—nearly six miles. This is a point in the Pacific ocean off the coast of Guam, about 100 miles or so. But a surveying ship of the German navy has recently discovered a deeper spot in the ocean, near the Philippines, about forty sea miles off the north coast of Mindanao.

VAST RESOURCES

Some Statistical Facts About British Columbia

British Columbia has an area of about 253,000,000 acres, of which about 1,600,000 acres is composed of lakes in the interior. There are over 100,000 acres of timber land of no value for farming other than for stock purposes, and while it is estimated that 3,000,000 acres are either under cultivation or partly so, statistics show that the actual yielding acreage, other than for grazing purposes, is not more than 250,000 acres.

It is stated that with the exception of Siberia, Brazil and the Northwestern United States, British Columbia's timber wealth is unparalleled in any other country. The investigations of the forestry branch show that there are not less than 100,000,000 acres of forest land in British Columbia and that the total stand of commercial timber amounts to about 300,000,000,000. Taking the present lumber output of the province as a basis of figuring, which is about 1,250,000,000 feet per annum, and making no allowance for annual growth, it would take nearly 250 years to use up merely the mature timber now standing.

In the production of copper British Columbia stands first among the provinces, the output amounting to more than a third of that of all Canada. Fishing is one of the province's chief industries, and the vessels of all kinds which enter Vancouver total up to over ten thousand per year.

THE STRAIGHT EDGE

One of the most difficult problems in practical mechanics is to make a straight edge. How difficult it is may be judged from an incident that occurred in the shop of a celebrated astronomical instrument maker.

A patron asked what would be the price of "a perfect straight edge of glass thirty-six inches long."

"It cannot be made perfect," said the instrument maker; "but it could probably be made with a limit of error amounting to only a fraction of a wave length of light."

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