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THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

Commenting on an article from the Canadian Municipal Journal on the movement on foot to save one million babies and young people who annually die from preventable diseases, the St. John Times says:

"The first fruit of the new health law of New Brunswick is the appointment of an eminent specialist as chief of laboratories, and as explained in the Times, it is hoped ere long to have not only the central laboratory in the St. John hospital, but very useful branches in other parts of the province. The work of the bacteriologist is so important in modern practice that it is a first essential in connection with a new health act for the province. Heretofore the medical profession has been compelled to wait for examinations and reports from Montreal or elsewhere, even when quick results were of the utmost importance in a case.

"As the new health act becomes better understood, and the machinery for its successful operation is provided and in proper working order, with the hearty co-operation of municipal authorities, the conditions surrounding the health of children will be vastly improved, and here, as in the United States, the death rate will be lowered, while there will be a great reduction in the number of young persons growing up handicapped by defects that could and should have been overcome in early childhood."

THE MORLEY RECOLLECTIONS.

The characterization of great men by a competent contemporary is always interesting. Dr. Holmes has given us a taste of this in the introduction of his last work, "A Mortal Antipathy," and Justin McCarthy has attempted it in a small way in his "History of Our Own Times," but Lord Morley in his "Recollections" has surpassed most other modern writers in the characterization of public men.

Lord Morley was peculiarly fitted for this task. He began his career as a journalist and later he projected and edited the famous "Men of Letters" to which he contributed the volume on Edmund Burke.

His idol, of course, was his personal friend, Mr. Gladstone. He tells of a visit to Mr. Gladstone when the venerable statesman had just decided to retire from public life. He says: "It was a Sunday afternoon. I went to him at once. There the old fellow was doing what old fellows have done for long ages on Sunday afternoon, reading a big Bible."

He rates Mr. Parnell very high as an orator, and says that Mr. Gladstone regarded Parnell as a "political genius of the most uncommon order, with the rarest of all qualities in a public speaker—measure. He always says exactly as much as, and not any more or less than he means to say."

He met the present German Emperor and found "energy, rapidity, restlessness in every movement, from his short, quick inclinations of the head, to the planting of the foot. But I should be strongly disposed to doubt whether it is all sound, steady and the result of what Herbert Spencer would call a rightly co-ordinated organization."

Mr. Morley paid several visits to America and on one occasion was the guest of Mr. Andrew Carnegie. He visited Washington and was entertained by President Roosevelt at the White House. Mr. Morley says that as he stood on the deck of the vessel leaving America he was asked by reporters what had interested him most on his visit, and his answer was: "Undoubtedly two things, the President and Niagara Falls." And if they had asked him what part of this vast continent he would have chosen as his place of exile from his native Ireland, he would have answered, "Quebec." In this choice he would have voiced the opinion of Matthew Arnold, who found Quebec "the most interesting place on the American continent."

The patriotism of the young men of Quebec has evidently been aroused

and they are coming forward in large numbers to fight for the Empire's cause. The old Tory government made a mess of things in Quebec, but the Union Government is employing different methods with much more satisfactory results.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, on the occasion of his golden wedding a few days ago received the following message from His Majesty the King:

Windsor Castle, May 14, '18. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Ottawa: The Queen joins with me in offering you and Lady Laurier our warmest congratulations on the occasion of your golden wedding, and we trust you may enjoy a continuance of your happy married life together. (Signed) GEORGE R. I.

Good progress with seeding operations are being made in all sections of the province, and thanks to the efforts of the Agricultural Department in providing seed, a largely increased acreage is being put under crop. If the season ends as well as it has begun this should be a banner year for New Brunswick.

Disastrous forest fires are raging in some sections of Nova Scotia, and already great damage has resulted. New Brunswick has been very fortunate so far this season, but it is most important that settlers, when clearing up land, fishermen and others who go into the woods, should take every precaution to prevent fires.

The Huns are making preparations for another big onslaught on the Allied forces on the western front. The Allies are in much better shape than was the case a month ago, and the approaching enemy drive is less likely to be successful than was the last one.

Quebec Telegraph: The Canadian camps have been removed from Shorncliffe. Thus the battlefield of many of the government's honorary officers passes into history.

Through Our Sieve

Did the first heat wave give you cold feet?

The salmon run is expected daily. They shall not pass!

A bachelor is a guy who knows a lot about women that isn't so.

Faith is the ability to get stung twice in the same place.

Saving money will win the war, but you can't win a girl that way.

People who see little good in the world don't overwork trying to find it.

Most of our time is passed in getting used to the things we didn't expect.

It might wake some men up if opportunity would knock them down.

An old bachelor says that an optimist is a married man who says that he is glad of it.

Hindenburg was a glorious old bonehead while his reputation lasted. Now he is denied the adjective.

Fighting has begun between bolshevik and anarchists in Moscow—and you can't tell the players without a score card.

A Springfield church has abandoned plans for the usual Sunday school picnic, and will substitute for that affair a trip to the circus. Next winter probably the Christmas treat will be a trip to the movies.

Funeral Service Tonight.

The body of Miss Nellie Lipsett arrived from Boston at noon today. The funeral service will be conducted by Rev. A. D. McLeod at the home of the deceased, Devon, at eight o'clock tonight. Interment will be made tomorrow at Pleasant Valley, Nashwaak.

Will Be Sent Back.

The young boy who was before Police Magistrate Limerick in the Juvenile Court on the charge of theft was let go by him yesterday afternoon, the decision being that the lad should be sent back to the society by which he was sent out from England some years ago.

Midweek Market.

There was only a small market this morning, most of the farmers being too busy to spare the time which a trip to the city involves. Eggs sold at 40 cents, butter at 45 cents, veal at 13 to 18 cents, and potatoes at \$2.50.

Left for Ottawa.

Rev. Dr. D. W. Roberts, who was recently appointed casualty searcher for the American Red Cross, left last night for Ottawa, hoping that there he could secure the necessary passports to enable him to reach the United States. He is to report at New York.

Mr. Howard Douglass of Stanley, is at the Barker House.

Mr. G. E. O'Brien of Toronto, is in the city.

A TRUE BILL FOUND AGAINST KIERSTEAD

Murder Case Now Being Tried Before Judge Barry at the Queens Circuit Court.

Gagetown, May 21. — At the Supreme Court which opened here today, His Honor Justice Barry presiding, the grand jury found a true bill against George Kierstead, charged with the murder of his wife, and also against Frank Akerley, charged with assault. The trial of Kierstead was begun. Myrtle, his fourteen-year old daughter, took the stand, and was still giving evidence when court adjourned.

During the session, Thomas H. Scovill, on behalf of the grand jury, presented an address to Judge Barry, congratulating him on his sixtieth birthday. Later in the day, Mr. Scovill, speaking for the grand jury, entered a protest against holding court at this season of the year when farmers are so busy. His Honor replied that the matter was not within his province, but he felt that the attorney-general, who was present, would take cognizance of the protest.

The following grand jury was sworn in: T. H. Scovill, F. I. Dingee, John McDermott, David Moore, H. C. Bridges, Jarvis Boyd, T. P. Burpee, G. DeVeber, C. A. McKenzie and E. S. Brodie.

John R. Dunn, clerk, read the evidence of the preliminary hearing against both Kierstead and Akerley, and the jury returned with a true bill against the former for murder, and the latter for assault.

The grand jury returned at the opening of the afternoon session. Following, Kierstead was brought into court and was arraigned on the charge of murder.

Asked by His Honor if he pleaded guilty, the prisoner retorted sharply, "Not guilty." His Honor asked him if he was prepared to stand trial. Kierstead, who had his head buried in his arms, leaning on the rail, did not reply. His Honor repeated the question more sharply, and the prisoner replied a trifle excitedly, "Yes, sir, yes, sir."

The health of the prisoner and his general appearance seemed to have improved by his long confinement. He gained flesh and his demeanor was normal. At the preliminary examination he was very alert in court, but today he spent the afternoon with his head hung. The crowd assembled in the court seemed to annoy him.

It took considerable time to select the petit jury but finally the following were sworn in: E. F. Gale, J. W. Armstrong, Fred Hoben, George Colwell, George Chare, T. B. Sharpe, Charles Cooper, H. Mott, Thomas Gourley, George Brown, Brunswick Slocum and John Erb.

The attorney-general, Hon. J. P. Byrne, addressed the jury, outlining the salient features of the case. He remarked that the usual plea of insanity would be advanced in defense of the prisoner, but he asked the jury to take note of the demeanor of the prisoner in the dock and when he pleaded not guilty.

Myrtle Kierstead, aged fourteen years, was the first witness. She reiterated the story she told of the gruesome tragedy at the preliminary hearing, adding a few details regarding Kierstead's condition. Previous to committing the crime, she said, her father went about the house with a lamp and looked everywhere, apparently searching for somebody.

A. R. Slipp, K. C., and W. R. Scott conducted the defense. The latter cross-examined the witness, attempting to bring out points to confirm the contention of insanity. The witness said that her father had quarrelled with his wife last fall and on two or three occasions had struck her. He accused her of being in collaboration with a neighbor in a plot to take his farm from him. Later he accused her of attempting to poison him. When he went into the woods to cut pulpwood he always carried a weapon for protection. Regarding specific incidents of apparently insane acts, the witness said that on one occasion her father took an axe and chopped the wheels off the farm wagon and at another time he chopped down the royal mail box.

Must Have Bathing Suits. Notice has been given by Town Marshal Hayes of Devon that all persons bathing along the Devon shore must wear bathing suits. Small boys have offended in the past in regard to this regulation.

Ladies of Golf Club. At the annual meeting of the ladies of the Golf Club Tuesday afternoon the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. J. Gregory; secretary, Miss Margaret K. Hall; house committee, Mrs. J. J. F. Winslow, Mrs. J. Alex. Thompson, Mrs. G. A. Taylor, Mrs. J. Stewart Neill, Mrs. W. S. Thomas, Mrs. W. T. Chestnut; greens committee, Mrs. C. W. Hall, Mrs. Stopford, Miss Lynds.

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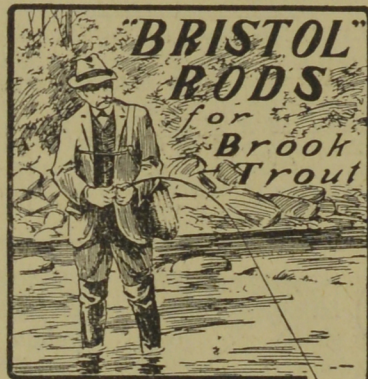
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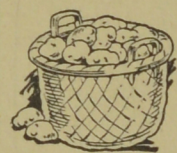


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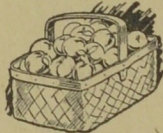
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