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ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Irishmen throughout the civilized world today are doing honor to the memory of their patron saint in the usual way. Religious services were held in Roman Catholic churches this morning and in many of the large cities of the continent during the day representatives of Irish societies walked in procession.

Those who have the impression that "the little green isle" is a rather insignificant portion of the British Empire, which raises nothing but trouble, must revise their opinion in the light of the real facts. It is true Ireland is a small unit of the Empire, but no land on earth with the same number of acres has exercised a more potent influence on the commercial and political life of the world. Ireland, with a population of 4,390,000 people, occupying a territory only 5,000 square miles larger than that of New Brunswick, leads the whole universe in the matter of intensive agricultural production. In 1915 it produced 3,710,063 tons of potatoes, 5,091,034 tons of turnips, 400,000 tons of cabbages and 5,096,772 long tons of hay. It ranks next to Texas as a cattle producing country and in 1915 its export trade in cattle amounted to \$80,000,000. In that year there were five million head of cattle grazing in the pastures of Ireland, in addition to 3,600,000 head of sheep and 1,200,000 pigs. The city of Cork is one of the greatest butter centres in the world, and in one year the quantity of butter exported from Ireland was 750,000 tons. As poultry raises the Irish people easily lead the world. Millions of hens are kept by the people and in one year the export of eggs and poultry products totalled \$22,000,000. Egg depots have been established throughout the country, which collect the eggs from the farmers three times a week and ship them to England and elsewhere.

Ireland has a firm grip on the woolen industry and its linen mills are as large and modern as any in the world. The country's flax crop in 1915 amounted to the enormous total of 32,000,000 pounds.

Although the people of Ireland have more than their share of troubles, they are thrifty, light hearted and remarkably hospitable to strangers.

The Irish problem is looming large on the political horizon of the old country at the present time, and is engaging the earnest attention of the leading statesmen of Great Britain. It is to be earnestly hoped that the coming year will see an amicable settlement of the long standing and troublesome home rule question.

The unanimous adoption by the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association of a resolution favoring reciprocity with the United States, so frightened a well known Tory official that he found it necessary to rush into print on the subject. Although reciprocity was given a setback in 1911, it still appears to be very much alive. So far as the Province of New Brunswick is concerned, it stands to gain enormously by the closest commercial relations with the great republic.

Although Leader Murray and his colleagues profess a wonderful interest in the welfare of the returned soldier, they scolded the government for advancing a small sum of money to one of them residing in St. John county. As Premier Foster pointed out, the man was loaned money by the Farm Settlement Board to enable him to repair his home, and he now owes the province the large sum of \$75.95.

Mr. Tilley admitted in the Legislature last week that although he was a member of the House when the prohibitory act was enacted he had voted against its passage. If this is the same Mr. Tilley who used to turn up regularly at temperance conventions at St. John and Fredericton a few years ago, woman suffrage is not the only question on which he has changed his mind.

An article from the Tory Ottawa Citizen which Premier Foster read in the House a few days ago contained

a rather pertinent question. It wanted to know why the Valley Railway boddlers were not in jail. Although a number of opposition members have since contributed speeches to the debate on the address, none has attempted to answer the Citizen's question.

Mr. Tilley was under the impression that he had put one over on the Hon. Mr. Veniot with that little ant story which he got off in the Legislature a few nights ago, but he seems to have reckoned without his host. When the Minister of Public Works told his side of the story, the senior member for St. John resembled the proverbial thirty cents.

During the early part of the session Opposition speakers found fault because the McQueen report had not been brought down. Their action in prolonging the debate on the address, however, indicates that they are in no great hurry to see the document; in fact they are apparently anxious to put off the evil day as long as possible.

The efforts of the writer of the high toned letters on prohibition appearing in a local paper, to make it appear that he is a resident of St. John or Doaktown, deceive nobody. The lay has gone by when people can be fooled by that old moss-worm game.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Why should Erin go blagh?
 Some men spoil a good story by sticking to facts.

Men spend a lot of money for things they don't want.

Those who offer bargains get rich quicker than those who seek them.

To know thyself is better than trying to find out all about the neighbors.

The saving of money is something that ought to be accomplished without self-punishment.

Girls make almost as much fuss about graduating as they do about getting married.

Brevity may be the soul of wit, but just the same it doesn't tickle a man when he finds himself short.

All the chaps who used to burn the midnight oil inventing perpetual motion machines that will put a jag into a pint of water.

Everybody concedes that the flattest thing in the world is last night's Welsh rabbit under a hot sun. Next to that a popular song after being depopularized is the flattest.

Women's aversion to age—though for the life of us we can't see why we should mention it here—is more than we can understand. They don't seem to grasp it that they are as adorable at 60 as they are at 16, providing they are 60 gracefully. Meanwhile, the populace is maimed under the automobile wheels of facial cream makers and inventors of wrinkle eradicators.

BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT

Ottawa, Marh 16—The annual general meeting of the Canadian general council of the Boy Scouts Association was held at the Chateau Laurier on Saturday under the chairmanship of His Excellency, the Duke of Devonshire, chief scout for Canada. Every one present was most enthusiastic of the future of the movement. The new Canadian handbook has been printed and will be available immediately.

The report of the executive committee dealt with the proposed plan for the extension of the work and refused to the appointment of Prof. J. A. Stiles of Fredericton, as a assistance to the Dominion Commission. This report also showed that the movement had made steady progress during the past five years notwithstanding the drain upon its officers and scouts through enlistments for overseas.

The elections of officers resulted in Dr. J. W. Robertson, of Ottawa, becoming dominion commissioner, succeeding Sir Percy Sherwood. Much interest was aroused over the announced intention of General Sir Robert Baden-Powell resigning during the month of May.

Evangelist Dead

A Toronto despatch announces the death in that city of Rev. John E. Hunter, the well known evangelist. The deceased campaigned in all parts of Canada, with Rev. H. T. Crossley, and at one time visited Fredericton.

TEETHING TROUBLES

Baby's teething time is a time of worry for most mothers. Baby's little gums become swollen and tender; his bowels get out of order and constipation, colic or even diarrhoea sets in. To make the teething period easy Baby's Own Tablets should be given the little one. They sweeten the stomach; regulate the bowels and keep baby good natured. Concerning them Mrs. Marcel D. LeBlanc, Memramcook West, N. B. writes: "I have used Baby's Own Tablets for the past six years and have found them indispensable. To my mind nothing can equal them in allaying the fever accompanying teething. I would not be without them and can strongly recommend them to other mothers." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

REV. A. S. ROGERS HEARD BY LARGE CONGREGATION

Told of Horrors of Halifax Explosion Pastor of Grafton Street Methodist Ch. in That City.

"Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ," was the theme of one of the saddest of the war's sad stories as it was, unfolded by Rev. Alfred Rogers in the Methodist Church last night. The speaker is the pastor of Grafton St. Methodist Church, Halifax and was present on that fateful sixth of December 1917 when the city was swept by the explosion of the munitions ship Mont Blanc.

A mother and three children watching the burning ship not dreaming of impending disaster—The mother tells her children to run up the hill to grandmother—they are never seen again. A little tot of four caught in a fence from the maw of a receding wave caused by the explosion, is cared for by those who picked her up but who had no means of identifying the child. A few days later in the faint hope that it might be her child she is discovered by a mother who had lost her husband and five other children. A returned officer home for Christmas meets death with his wife and child in the ruins of their home. At one of the Methodist parsonages in Halifax a happy family gathered on the morning of the explosion when in an instant the mother and one child are taken and the others left. Fire then seized the wrecked building as it did so many others and within a brief period there was nothing left but the marks of a foundation. And so the heart-rending story ran on. The damage, and in some cases utter destruction to Methodist Church property is conservatively estimated at \$160,000. Insurance, and help from the Halifax Relief Commission will amount to about one third of this leaving a very heavy obligation upon the Methodist people of that city. It is to obtain help in meeting this that Mr. Rogers is now appealing to this and Western provinces.

A large and sympathetic congregation listened intently to an address somewhat longer than ordinary but wherever this story is told it can scarcely fail to grip the hearts and loosen the purse strings of the hearers.

Mr. Tees' excellent interpretation of "O Love that will not let me go" was much appreciated.

Before making his address Mr. Rogers called the attention of the congregation to the visit next week to this city, of Dr. Chown, General Superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada who has a strong story for the people of Fredericton based on his experience in France and Flanders and on reconstruction in Canada.

Tournament Finished

The two-string tournament match was rolled off at the Palace Bowling Alleys on Saturday evening between Edney and Roxborough and Garvie and Searles. Edney and Roxborough won out with a total score of 930 against the other team's score of 854. Edney also made the highest individual score of 503, thus winning the prize. Forty-five names are down for the roll-off this evening.

Death at Marysville

John T. Hazlewood of Marysville passed away at his home yesterday afternoon after a lingering illness. The deceased was 85 years of age and is survived by four sons, Robert, of Grafton, Maine, Joseph and Wesley of Marysville and Lemuel of Augusta, Maine, and by three daughters, Mrs. J. E. Dugan of Portland, Maine, Mrs. James Taylor of Marysville, and Mrs. Norman Buchanan of Auburn, Maine. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock from the late home, Rev. W. Harrison assisted by Rev. H. H. Ferguson will conduct the services. Interment will be made at the Methodist Cemetery, Marysville.

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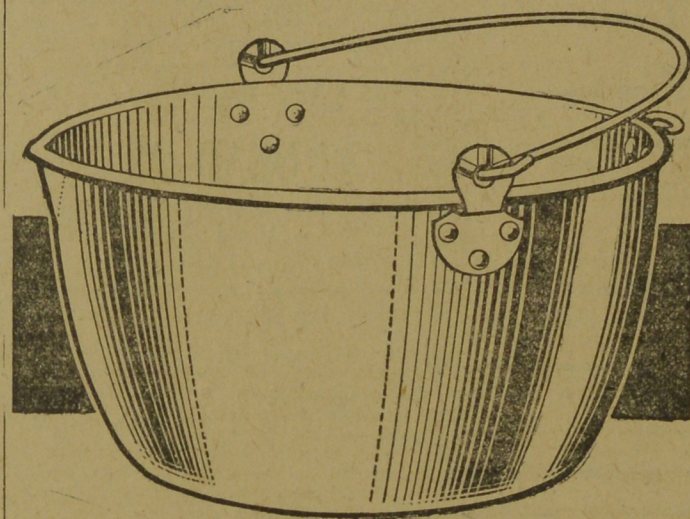
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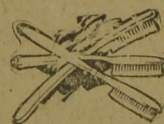
On Tuesday Morning, March 18th, 1919, at the Church Hall corner of Brunswick and Carleton streets, Fredericton, a **Short Course in Household Science** will be put on under the auspices of the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture.

This course will continue for ten days and will include classes in Millinery, Sewing, and Nursing under professional and proficient instructors.

Fire Yesterday Morning

The firemen were called out yesterday shortly before noon to extinguish a small roof fire at the home of Mr. J. Arthur Thompson, Brunswick St.

Mr. J. P. Gallagher of St. John is at the Barker House today.



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