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PROGRESS THE WATCHWORD

Sir Edmund Walker, President of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, in his annual address to the stockholders of that great financial institution, said: "Progress appears to be the watchword in New Brunswick. The Department of Agriculture has the whole-hearted support of the Government, and is giving the farmers of the province inspiring leadership. This is evidenced by a general increase in production, the amount of land cultivated in 1918 being 125,000 acres more than in 1917. Of this increase 33,000 acres were planted in oats, 34,000 acres (or 200 per cent increase) in wheat, and 13,000 acres in turnips and potatoes. The potato crop is estimated at 8,650,000 bushels, somewhat below the average, but 50 per cent. more than in 1917. The yield of hay was good and that of oats and wheat excellent, but of only fair quality owing to the bad weather which prevailed during harvesting. Reference was made in our report last year to the effort being made under government auspices to improve the quality and number of live stock. This policy has been continued, with specially good success in the case of sheep."

IN NEED OF REVISION

A bill to revise the procedure of military court martials is now before the United States Senate and stands a good chance of becoming law. A committee of the Senate is now investigating matters relating to the court martalling of American soldiers during the war, and has found that the methods practiced were "shocking" and "intolerable." Here are a few isolated cases cited by General Ansell as disclosing the system of punishment followed by the army during the war:

"The death penalty was imposed upon an American soldier in France, who pleaded guilty to a charge of refusing to obey an order to drill. The soldier pleaded he was ill and physically unable to obey. The military authorities in France insisted upon execution of the sentence, but the man was saved by the clemency of President Wilson.

"A court martial, sitting in this country, ordered the death penalty inflicted upon a soldier who went to the bedside of his dying father without leave. He returned to duty as soon as his father died. The man was saved by interference from Washington.

"A sentence of forty years was imposed upon a young soldier, in the army only a few days, because he refused to give up a package of cigarettes to his superior officer, a second lieutenant. 'A company row,' was the way General Ansell characterized the incident, blaming the officer as much as the soldier.

"A soldier convicted of having a pass in his possession was sentenced to dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of pay and imprisonment for ten years. This was later reduced to three years. The soldier has already served two months and General Ansell recommended the suspension of the remainder of his sentence.

"Dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of pay and forty years' imprisonment—afterward reduced to ten years—was the sentence pronounced upon a man for absconding without leave.

"A private who went home without leave to see his wife and sick baby in destitute circumstances, was sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment. This was later reduced to three years."

The trouble with military court martials in both the United States and Canada is that the men who sit upon them imagine that they are living in the eighteenth century, and act accordingly. The "system" will stand a great deal of revising and there are many who believe that it should be done away with altogether.

FAKE REMEDIES.

One of the most heartless acts that a human being can do is to impose

upon the credulity of the sick and suffering. When a man is ill his one overwhelming desire is to get well again, and the very intensity of this desire makes him an easy victim for the faker and quack. Among those who are most susceptible to pretensions of this sort are those afflicted with tuberculosis. It is one of the peculiarities of the affliction that the mental attitude is a hopeful one almost up to the last, and thus enables the faker to get in his nefarious work quite easily. The National Association for the study and prevention of tuberculosis reports that in the United States there are \$20,000,000 invested in the business of making and exploiting of fake cures for consumption. About five million dollars are spent every year in advertising these nostrums and the net profit is ten million dollars annually. Such a condition of affairs is a hideous disgrace to any civilized country, for the money thus obtained is blood money, pure and simple. It is here that the law should step in and stop this heartless and criminal process. There is no medical cure whatever for consumption. Rest, diet and careful living undoubtedly help most cases, and presumably cure a number also, but although scientists of every civilized nation have for many years been searching for such a cure, they have thus far failed to find it. This being the case, the man who advertises an alleged cure is simply and purely a faker, and the laws of the land should prevent him from advertising his useless and very often dangerous nostrum.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the veteran chieftain of the Liberal party, suffered a stroke of paralysis at his home at Ottawa on Sunday night. Later reports state that the old leader's condition is critical. Sir Wilfrid is now in his 78th year and of late has been in the enjoyment of excellent health. The news of his illness has been received with general regret throughout Canada. The latest word from Ottawa states that all hope of his recovery has been abandoned and that his death is hourly expected.

Death of H. A. DeVeber

The death occurred at the Victoria Hospital yesterday morning of Mr. Henry A. DeVeber following a stroke of paralysis. The deceased was fifty-four years of age and unmarried. The late Mr. DeVeber was a native of Mauderville his family being among the first settlers. He moved to this city about six years ago after being in the West and established himself in the grocery business. About two weeks ago Mr. DeVeber sold out his store on University Avenue. He was well known by residents of the city and was very popular. He is survived by two brothers, Frederick and Mered, of Newburyport, Mass., and by two uncles Henry and Arthur Close of Devon. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock from North Devon. Service will be conducted by Very Rev. Dean Neales, interment being made at Lower Mauderville.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Tactlessness is telling a man how grey he's getting.

Sitting on a divorce court jury ought to be a good job for the tired business man.

No sooner does Germany begin to get the wrinkles out of its stomach than it begins to imagine it won the war.

Give a boy plenty of spending money and he will develop into a good mixer at an early age.

Foolishness doesn't make so much trouble unless it is combined with stubbornness.

Always be courteous to a soldier, girls, but that doesn't mean that when he asks for a kiss he expects you to say, "Certainly—take two!"

It is said that laughter will cure indigestion—but what will make you laugh when you have indigestion?

When you tell a woman that you do not understand women you not only flatter her, but you tell her the truest thing you may ever tell her.

It seems to be the general impression that certain members of the loyal opposition in the Legislature known as potato politicians will soon be spoken of in the past tense.

If chess playing is not as general an amusement as it once was, it must be because chess playing does not go on at a mile a minute, as every other popular pastime does.

Back From Overseas

Charles Bohan, son of John W. Bohan of Bath, N. B. was numbered among the returning men on the C. P. O. S. liner Tunisian. The young soldier is a nephew of Michael Bohan the genial proprietor of the Park Hotel, St. John and also of Mrs. Timothy Lynch of this city. Pte. Bohan crossed overseas with the 65th Battery, but later was transferred into the 24th Battery in which he went to France. Fortunate enough to escape wounds in action, he fell, however, from the effects of German gas, and was returned to England for treatment. He enlisted when quite young, being detained in England on account of his youth, before being allowed to proceed to France.

Reports More Flu Among Indians

Indian Commissioner B. J. Griffiths has been notified of further outbreaks of influenza on the various Indian Reserves throughout the Province. One case is reported from Kingsclear but the Indian is recovering. A family at Honeydale is seriously sick while one Indian Charles Noel has died from the disease. At Woodstock the child of Mrs. Lizzie Sapier died a few days ago. At Devon everything is all right at present. Several of the families attacked by the flu were in very hard circumstances which necessitated careful treatment and supplies being given them by the Commissioner.

Late Maurice Grace

The funeral of the late Maurice Grace took place yesterday from the home of Mr. C. E. Scott, Charlotte Street. Rev. Dr. W. C. Keirstead conducted the service. Interment was made at the Rural Cemetery. The G. W. V. A. attended the funeral with the Returned Soldiers' Band which furnished music.

A MOST FASCINATING STORY

Is one found in "Arabian Nights" entitled "Aladdin's Lamp." But no more "local" interest has centred round this story than has been shown in stories we have told in reference to

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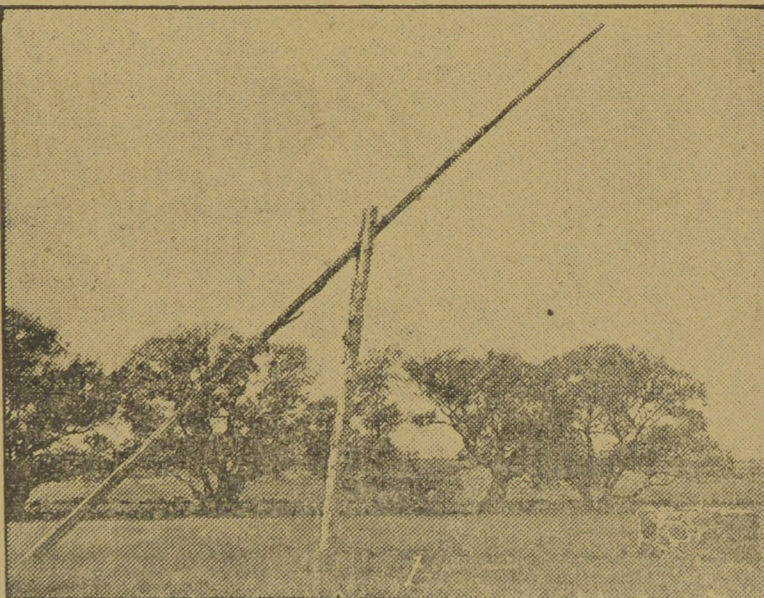
WHOLESALE

RETAIL

Underwent Operation

Mr. G. Y. Dibblee who has been suffering for some time from partial blindness was operated upon at St. John on Saturday by Dr. Chipman. It is reported today that the operation was a success and that his condition is very satisfactory.

Evangeline Returns to Grand Pre



(1) Evangeline's Well.
(2) Philippe Hebert's Statue of Evangeline.

WHAT lover of poetry has not dreamed of visiting the places made immortal in song? And what song has roused this longing more intensely than the story of the gentle Acadians and their Great Banishment? Many have realized this ambition for Nova Scotia is easy to reach and each succeeding summer sees more hundreds making the pilgrimage to

"The Acadian land, on the shores of the Basin of Minas, Distant, secluded, still, the little village of Grand Pre."

There they find the meadows, dikes and orchards of which Longfellow sang, and they try to retrace the action of the poem by using as a guide the still remaining well which the poet described as

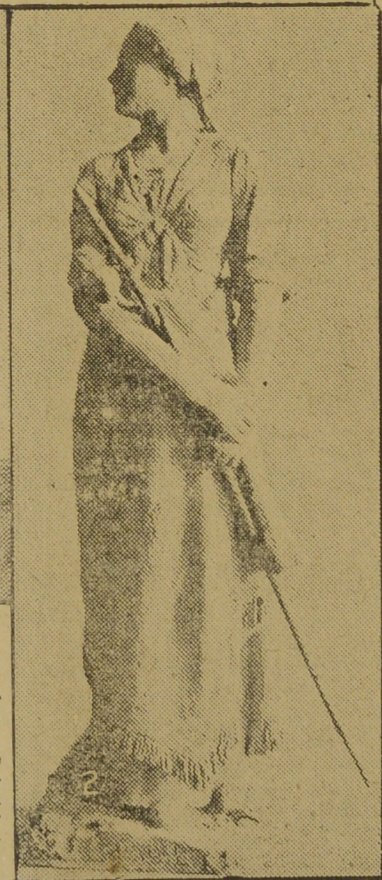
"Farther down, on the slope of the hill, was the well with its moss-

grown Bucket, fastened with iron, and near it a trough for the horses."

The piece of ground at Grand Pre on which is the well of Evangeline, together with the old willows, has been bought by the Canadian Pacific for the purpose of preserving it for posterity.

Before he died last year, Philippe Hebert, the greatest of French-Canadian sculptors, was engaged on a statue representing Evangeline leaving the land of her childhood and looking back in sorrow.

Philippe Hebert was himself an Acadian and, although a perfectly happy exile in Montreal, entered into the spirit of the poem as no other sculptor could. The model of his statue has been purchased by the Canadian Pacific who have commissioned Philippe's son, Henri Hebert, also a distinguished sculptor, to complete it, life size in bronze to be



erected beside the famous well.

Thus will be added one more attraction to a land full of attractions for artists, devotees of romance and matter-of-fact sportsmen. The artists find an inexhaustible supply of subjects ranging from many-mile long but picturesque fisherfolk; the romantically inclined find a land of legends and sleepy beauty; the sportsmen find fishing and hunting such as is seldom equalled and never excelled.

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