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HELP THE BOYS.

Abraham Lincoln, when leaving his old home at Springfield, Ill., in 1861 to become inaugurated President of the United States, made a speech to his old friends and neighbors, in the course of which he said: "Neighbors, give your boys a chance." Abraham Lincoln was one of the greatest men that ever lived. His advice to his neighbors is just as sound and wholesome today as when tendered fifty-eight years ago. The boys must be given a chance to show what they are made of. The boys of today will be the men of tomorrow, and it is important in the interests of the state that they should become good and useful citizens, fully equipped to carry on the business of this young and growing country. The citizens of Fredericton have an opportunity now to help the boys by assisting the movement lately inaugurated here for the establishment of supervised playgrounds. The scheme is a new one for this city, but it has been tried with success in other places and there is no reason why it should not be made to go here. An energetic committee of citizens has the matter in hand and will on Thursday make a canvass of the city for funds. The object is a worthy one—much more so than some others which have received generous support here in the past—and there should be a hearty response. The City Council has done its part in providing grounds and it is up to the citizens to provide the necessary funds. Meet the canvassers in a generous spirit when they call on Thursday.

DISPOSAL OF SLASH.

A recent discussion of logging costs in the national forests of the United States refers to the question of brush disposal. In California, for example, it is the general practice to require operators to pile and burn all brush resulting from the felled timber and snags. The work of piling is often subcontracted at rates ranging from 17 cents to 25 cents per thousand feet of timber cut. Records of brush piling work done directly under the supervision of the company show that the cost ranges from 11 cents to 26 cents per thousand feet of timber cut. Brush burning is usually done by the operator at a cost of from 2 cents to 5 cents per thousand feet of the timber cut, with an average of possibly 4 cents per thousand. There has recently been a sharp advance in labor costs. A fair present average, therefore, for piling and burning, is 30 cents per thousand feet.

Corresponding costs in eastern Canada would of course be higher, due to the smaller size of the timber, with consequent larger amount of brush per unit of timber cut. However, the importance of brush disposal from the standpoint of decreasing damage to the forest, due to fire, insect and fungi, is so great that the problem calls imperatively for solution at an early date. Under the auspices of the woodlands section of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, experiments are to be made on a number of operations this year to determine the feasibility and cost of reducing the menace by systematic burning of the logging slash, under safe conditions. Logging slash is the garbage of the forest, and its disposal is as essential to the health of the forest as is the disposal of city garbage to the health of the community of human beings.

London Times: Alone among all our colonial premiers, Sir Robert Borden will return as a living evidence that a people can and will render a service to their convictions as to their sense of right and justice to the call of blood and to the flag under which they live, at a vast and unreckoned cost to themselves, without either prepostulating any recompense or subsequently claiming any share or any indemnity or compensating spoil which might remain for distribution. Canada has fought, paid and suffered. Other great dominions have sought security for the future only. But they must

be conscious that in demanding just guarantees they have also received some compensation for their sacrifices. Canada has given all and sought nothing.

The recent sale of \$1,000,000 of three year Province of New Brunswick bonds at a price to yield the investor 504 per cent., was undoubtedly the most successful put on by any province of Canada in recent years. The bonds were offered en bloc and were taken up by New York and Montreal financiers at a premium which will amount to \$12,660 on the total sale and reduce the interest charge to the province from 5½ to 5.04 per cent. The result of this bond sale would seem to indicate that New Brunswick, under the wise and progressive administration of Premier Foster, is getting back its old place in the sun.

There is now little doubt that Hawker and Grieve, the aviators who set out on Sunday to fly across the Atlantic, have lost in their race with death. They were brave men and true sportsmen, and certainly deserved to win out in the feat of daring. It appears certain they were compelled to descend in the ocean, and there is a chance that they may have been seen and picked up by a passing vessel. It is to be earnestly hoped that this has occurred.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Germany, in its place in the sun, feels fried on both sides.

"Have a heart!" is our daily appeal to the little reconstruction radishes.

Germany's principal industry these days seems to be the writing of alibis.

German envoys could save time by signing the peace terms first and reading them afterward.

The fact that there are just as good fish in the sea as ever were caught is rather encouraging to the piscatorial liar.

Ordinary mortals might possibly get along without physicians, but it would be pretty hard on the druggists.

A girl's idea of sweetness is about equally divided between love's young dream and mixed chocolates.

No one has ever been able to explain why baldheaded men have a hair-cut oftener than other men.

To avoid worry, live one day at a time, says a philosopher. Good advice, yet many people will continue to live Saturday night four days in advance.

Germany seems to have brought along to the peace conference the expected "sob squad," but the squad's tears are vain, as the allied statesmen wear raincoats.

Because he realized that he talked too much in the dear days that are dead and gone, William Hozenzollern is now sawing wood at a furious rate.

PERSONAL

Mr. H. S. Laughlin of Milltown, is at the Queen. He will leave tonight for Chatham to take a position as chief forester with the Snowball Lumber Company.

Mr. E. J. Smith, of St. John, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. S. M. Scott, of Halifax, is in the city.

Mr. H. H. Grant, of Edmundston, is at the Barker House.

Mr. H. C. VanWart, of St. John, is in the city.

Tremendous Fish Run

One of the greatest strikes of herring known to fishermen along the Northumberland Strait has appeared. Nets in Buctouche harbor and other harbors along the coast were sunk by the weight of the fish. More than one hundred men from Grand Manan are at Northumberland Strait points smoking herring.

Paid Fraternal Visit

The regular meeting of the Graham Lodge, No. 20, L. O. L. was held last evening and a fraternal visit was made to the lodge by Islington Lodge S. O. E. B. S. Many members were present who listened to several excellent addresses from those present. A resolution was passed expressing the sentiment of the meeting as being in sympathy with Dr. Gerrard in his contest with the N. B. Dental Association. At the close of the evening refreshments were served.

WANTED—A maid or middle-aged woman for general housework. Apply to Mrs. R. W. L. Tibbitts, 523 Brunswick Street.

NOTICE

Saturday May 24th. Public Holiday. The Retail Merchants of Fredericton announce that the stores will be closed all day Saturday May 24th.

Friday, May 23, will be Market Day and the stores will be open Friday evening.

Retail Merchants Association.

DEVON ANNUAL STATEMENT OF FINANCES

The financial statement of the town of Devon for the year ending April 30, 1919, is as follows:

Receipts.	
Loan from bank	\$ 2,000.00
Arrears taxes and water rates	1,152.53
Taxes for year 1918	13,404.59
Water rates for term ending Nov. 1, 1918	1,186.30
Dog taxes	163.00
Miscellaneous licenses	55.50
Fines and fees	80.65
Secretary Gibson W. and F. commissioners	240.23
Secretary St. Marys W. and F. commissioners	99.92
Minister Public Works (road taxes)	1,200.00
Miscellaneous	110.35
Loan from bank	3,000.00
Total receipts	\$22,693.07
Expenditures.	
Contingencies for last year's business, legislation, etc., re incorporation	100.00
3 notes and int. Gibson W. and F. commissioners	891.94
St. Marys Fire Department	50.00
Bills St. Marys and Gibson W. and F. Commissioners	146.20
Returned to bank	2,000.00
Water and Fire int. on deb.	1,807.50
Roads and Streets and sidewalks	4,560.25
Water and Fire, operating	1,159.36
Water and Fire, capital acct.	1,467.48
Superintendence	100.00
Street Lights, capital acct.	1,600.00
Street lights, operating	243.80
School Board	4,300.00
Support of poor	234.45
Administration of Justice (sundries)	49.30
Town Marshal	699.98
Police Magistrate	183.32
Town Government and Contingencies:	
Clerk and Treasurer	541.68
Contingencies	552.91
County Treasurer	1,800.00
Provincial Hospital	65.00
Balance	139.90
Total	\$22,693.07

WM. JAFFREY,
Treasurer.
Sgd. H. H. PICKARD,
A. J. McEVOY,
GEO. W. WARD,
E. J. MILES,
Finance Committee.

LOCAL NEWS

Demonstration at Keswick
 Mr. Thomas Hetherington, Livestock Supt. for New Brunswick gave a very successful demonstration of the docking and dipping of sheep at Keswick last night.

Weekly Roll-Off
 About twenty-four bowlers took part in the weekly roll-off at the Palace Alleys last evening. Bert Smith won out with a three string total of 296 followed by E. Edney with 294. T. Upton came third with a total of 274.

St. John Degree Team
 Tonight Islington Lodge, Sons of England Benefit Society, will have the pleasure of greeting a degree team from St. John Lodges who will initiate several Red Rose Candidates. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony. An interesting meeting is anticipated.

Demobilizing Rapidly
 The 26th New Brunswick Battalion was demobilized rapidly at St. John yesterday 805 men receiving their discharge. The demobilization of No. 7 Garrison Regiment at St. John will begin today. Some large cheques were paid out to individual soldiers who had saved their pay while overseas. One man received \$1,160.

Queen's County Circuit
 Chief Justice McKeown of the Court of King's Bench arrived here last night and left this morning for Gagetown to hold the Queen's County circuit court. Mr. C. P. Leonard, official stenographer also went to Gagetown. Mr. Daniel Mullin, K. C. of St. John who has a case before the court also went to Gagetown.

Home From the War
 Lieut. Col. C. J. Mersereau D. S. O. and Major H. C. Mersereau sons of Lieut. Col. G. J. Mersereau have returned from overseas and are now at their home in Doaktown. Lieut. Col. C. J. Mersereau returned in command of the 25th N. S. Battalion. He went overseas with the First Contingent and was severely wounded at Langemarck. Major Mersereau served with distinction in a medical unit.

Poultry Work Booming
 Mr. A. C. McCulloch, Provincial Poultry Superintendent, reports that eighteen new poultry clubs have been formed in the province this year in addition to an equal number which were formed last year. Fifteen thousand and eggs for setting were imported and distributed and in addition five hundred chicks were distributed. Four clubs are taking chicks instead of setting hens on eggs and the results are said to be better.

Did Not Know of Reception
 Members of the 26th New Brunswick Battalion who arrived here today stated that they were entirely unaware of any public reception being arranged for them in Fredericton Saturday night. Had they been notified by telephone Saturday an effort would have been made for a large delegation of Fredericton soldiers to have come up from St. John. As it was the arrival in St. John was delayed and the soldiers were rather tired and quite hungry when they reached that city.

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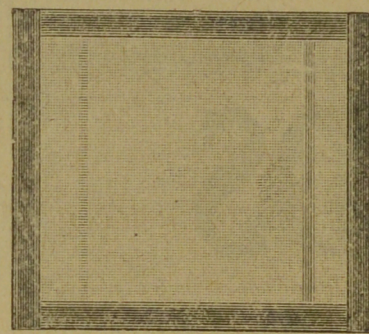
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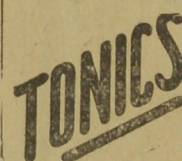
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