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DECENTRALIZING INDUSTRY.

Years ago certain economists and sociologists of individualist leanings predicted decentralization in industry as one of the results of the cheapening of electric power. The socialist schools of economics, on the other hand, perceived in electric power a coming serious physical obstacle to state monopoly of industry, which they had held to be inevitable because of the public's fear of private combines.

The forecasts of the theorists are being confirmed by the course of events.

The public utilities of the middle west report, after a joint investigation, that electricity is decentralizing industry and checking the drift of the country population to the cities.

Factories and shops can be established in the country amid pleasant surroundings. The worker need not be deprived of fresh air, and the city itself can be made clean and wholesome by the abolition of smoke and soot and the cultivation of trees and grass.

Thus the use of electric power—and of the motor car and motor truck as well—makes life in small towns and villages more agreeable and stimulating, and at the same time decentralizes industry and business in the city itself.

There are some industrialists who believe that in time the farms and the factories will be joined; that farmers will devote part of their enforced leisure to remunerative employment in small industrial establishments, and that industrial technic will be revolutionized by electric power and automotive vehicles.

This may sound utopian, but already significant facts and figures foreshadow the transformation of the farm, the village, the suburb and the city by the rapid development of superpower and new instrumentalities of transportation and communication.

THE FEMALE OF THE SPECIES.

Doubtless you read the news about the mosquito. Even so, it will do no harm to repeat that Major Edwin M. Skinner, who is directing mosquito abatement in Chicago, says all biting mosquitoes are females. This has been said before, and it confirms Kipling, who has written that the female of the species is more deadly than the male. The distinguished English author made a refrain of his declaration.

She, Mrs. Mosquito, injects an acid liquid into the human skin to dilute the blood she draws out. If we, in our frenzy of the moment, swat her she leaves the liquid in. The advice is to let her alone and she'll draw it out again and the bitten won't feel the bite. This sounds something like the Little Bo Peep rhyme about the sheep: "Let them alone and they'll all come home, bringing their tails behind them."

To follow the mosquito injunction and remain calm while the human flesh is being pierced will require, not only presence of mind, but forbearance. Perhaps we might sing to the lady while she bores us.

N. B. FIRE LOSSES.

The fire losses in New Brunswick according to a bulletin issued by the New Brunswick Fire Protection Board reached the enormous sum of \$926,888 for the first half of the present year. This is a most appalling condition of affairs and is worthy of serious thought. Moncton although not the largest centre of population led with a total of \$266,374, with Saint John in second place with \$226,947. Fredericton, with a little more than a third of the population of Moncton, had a total loss of \$13,011. Even in the little county of Sunbury there was a loss of \$12,329. The loss in rural sections of York County was only \$5,334.

A million dollar deal may be left stranded by an over-heavy midday meal. When an English earl, many years ago, invented the sandwich he performed a great service for busy men. He invented a balanced meal that can be eaten in five minutes. That English earl, by the way, was the Earl of Sandwich. He was a great gamester. He didn't like to be interrupted at noon. So he ordered his roast beef to be cut in slices and

brought to him at the gaming table between two pieces of bread.

Statisticians have figured out that \$5,175 invested in General Motors fifteen years ago would have grown to \$400,000 today, which no doubt makes painful reading for the man who had the money and didn't invest it. We, on the other hand, who couldn't have invested \$5,175 in anything fifteen years ago, can read it with perfect equanimity as a simple exercise in mental arithmetic.

Is it not curious that most of us let ourselves become discouraged over trivialities or moderate troubles while here and there a few are serene in the midst of tragic circumstances? Would it not be worth while to look for the source of serenity? Would it not be worth while to find it?

So far as we know, the match manufacturers have never properly expressed the very real appreciation they must feel to the makers of five-cent cigars.

The week's most notable feat of strength is reported from New York, where a girl was arrested in a 5-and-10-cent store on a charge of grand larceny.

It has never been explained what Ananias did for a living. Yet there must have been many openings available for one of his talent.

Possibly oratory is no longer effective because, as they say, to teach a dog anything you must know more than the dog.

The one-armed Westerner who has caught a record-breaking fish will have to take a friend along to describe it.

The practical advantage of being married 5,000 feet up in the air is that an exhilarated best man won't trip over the bride's train.

The use of a hoe may, as an expert says, develop a firm grip for a golf club, but a firm grip on a golf club ruins one utterly for the use of a hoe.

The time when a man was tied to his wife's apron strings, however, is past. Wives don't wear aprons any more.

If the 150-pound girl is to return to style, the chummy roadster will be even more so.

We can always tell when a radio singer is past 40. That struggle for breath isn't lost in the microphone.

"Turtles live sometimes to be 300 years old," and the odd thing is they are pedestrians.

How do those who lament the disappearance of individuality in a democracy explain golf socks?

Everybody has a capacity for appreciation, but too many waste it on themselves.

Beauty Culture (old style): Getting a good night's sleep: (in the modern manner) Sandpapering the knees.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. John Toner has returned from Kedgwick where she visited her daughter Mrs. Harry Lynn. Mrs. Lynn and her daughter accompanied Mrs. Toner and will spend some time here.

Miss Helene Tweeddale has returned to Campbellton to resume her duties on the teaching staff of the public schools there.

Miss Stella Bowlen has gone to Plaster Rock where she will teach school.

Miss Annie Grannan leaves for Moncton tomorrow and will teach in the schools there.

Miss Helena Sweeney of Newark, N. J., is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. James Sweeney of Devon.

Miss Dorothy Burpee has gone to Aroostook Junction where she will teach school.

Miss Jean Staples left on Tuesday for Knoxfield, Carleton County, where she has been engaged as teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Powers have returned home after spending the summer at Grand Falls.

Clement J. Toner and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tompkins are spending some time in Boston on vacation having motored there.

A. D. Taylor, M. L. A., of Minto, is a guest at the Queen.

N. C. Head of New York, an official of The International Pulp and Paper Company is registered at the Barker House.

Inspectors C. D. Hebert of Dupuis Corner and J. F. Doucet of Bathurst are registered at the Barker House.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

A silk that water won't spot has been produced. But how does it respond to tomato catsup?

Divorce statistics indicate that matrimony, instead of being a ball and chain, is a toy balloon.

Albeit the worst might possibly happen, it never happens more than once.

Getting married has taken so much of her time that Peggy Joyce has decided to quit until further notice.

Sometimes an airman, doing stunts meets with a mishap. More often the only injury done is to the necks of the spectators.

Take it here and there, and from season to the next, no human being could scatter the rain and the warmth more satisfactorily than nature does it.

When everybody goes flying around in little airplanes the telephone poles may not get as many scratches, but what will the flyers find to hit?

Another wonderful thing about the watermelon is that the consumer isn't fearful of finding a worm inside. The rosy dawn of a new day is not more glorious.

CUSTOMS PROBE IS CONTINUED AT HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 24.—The Legislative Council Chamber here will be utilized for the sittings of the Royal Commission investigating the administration of the Department of Customs and Excise, which opens tomorrow.

Sir Francois Lemieux, Commissioner, arrived in Halifax today, so all is in readiness for the opening at 10 o'clock.

While there is no announcement as to the list of witnesses who will be examined, it seems probable that Angus Young, chief preventive officer for the province of Nova Scotia will be one of the first, if not the first, to be called. W. C. Acker, collector of customs for Halifax, is on the list and may be examined tomorrow.

Margaret in Port.

The present intention is not to proceed with further investigation of the customs steamer Margaret tomorrow. The Margaret is here and A. J. Doucet, former member for Kent is expected to attend the opening sitting of the commission. Counsel for the commission are inclined, however, to devote the opening day to other matters, leaving the "Margaret" phase of the inquiry until Thursday or Friday.

Sittings of the Commission will open at 10 a. m., of each day and close at 6 p. m., according to present information. The array of files for examination during the Halifax sittings is imposing in its proportions. Many of them have a bearing on the activities of the "Margaret."

Teaching at Barker's Point.

The Barker's Point School reopened this morning with two new teachers in charge of the department. They are Miss Irene FitzPatrick of Fredericton and Miss G. MacNeill of Marysville.

New Teachers in Devon

Two new teachers took up duties in the public school of Devon this morning. Miss Kelcey Gregory succeeds Miss Annie Grannan and Miss Leah Stickels succeeds Miss Annie MacPherson.

DIED

LIBBEY.—At his home in King street, this city, on the 25th inst. Freeman H. T. Libbey, aged 70 years. Funeral Friday afternoon with service at 2.30 o'clock by Rev. F. H. Holmes. Interment in Marysville Methodist Cemetery.

NOTICE

Pupils who stood the High School Entrance Examination in Fredericton June last and made between 333 and 500 Marks, and who wish to enter the High School, are requested to apply to the Secretary of the School Board for an oral examination as prescribed in the Schools Act. This examination will be held in the High School, Monday the 30th inst. beginning at 3 p. m.

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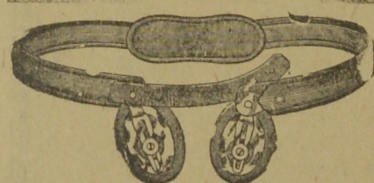
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