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OFF THE MAIN ROAD.

There was a man—this is not fiction—who had lived in Fredericton practically all his life who, when his attention was called one summer morning to the wonderful scenery along the St. John River, remarked that he had never noticed it. He could see with his eyes; emotionally he was blind. This is not written for him. He is dead. But it is not out of place to remind Frederictonians that they are fortunate in being in easy reach of much that is most beautiful in nature. Not less fascinating than the St. John are smaller streams and ravines that are bordered with wild growth, at their best at this season of the year. They are byways of beauty.

Late-May is in bloom. Nature is wide-awake. For one who seeks the valley of a running stream or zig-zag pathway through ravine, they are waiting for him. But don't get the notion that the prettiest is just beyond. Nine times out of ten that is not true. Rest here. There may come to your minds the story the poet learned of a bird—

A story of a dim ravine,
O'er which the towering treetops lean,
With one blue rift of sky between.

Old lines? Yes, but the setting is new today; was new last year and the year before that. The spirit of spring makes everything new.

Look up. The tall elm is just coming into leaf. It presides over the smaller trees and non-descript shrubbery. High up the embankment, where the path leads you and where the freshest left its highwater mark of dead grasses and weeds, a root sticks out of the ground. Out of the end three leaves have appeared. Nature is aggressive; she will have her way.

The valley is alive—alive with the song of the cardinal, the mimicry of the thrasher in the thorn-tree, the woodpecker and the flicker. There are many robins, over there is a wren, a goldfinch comes to the water's edge for a drink.

All this just off the main road.

Many friends in this city will be shocked over the news of the death in the St. John Infirmary this morning of Dr. J. Roy Campbell, K. C. The deceased was a prominent lawyer and represented St. John City in the Legislative Assembly from 1917 until 1920. He proved himself a very useful member of the House and was held in high esteem by his fellow members of all shades of politics. Dr. Campbell was a student at the Fredericton Grammar School here years ago. His aged father, Rev. J. Roy Campbell, a veteran clergyman of the Anglican church, has for some time made his home in this city.

The proper test of a law is its helpfulness to the social order. If its observance would result in a benefit to the greater number, then it is a good law. The fact that there are many who will not obey it because they are self-indulgent has nothing to do with the case. There are always, in every community, a great many men and women who are not devoted to public duty, who are unwilling to make any contribution to the public welfare which involves sacrifice.

E. H. Sothern says that playing Shakespeare is an adventure and a costly one. So are most things that are worth doing. Fortunate for the world that there are a few real workers in almost every line of human activity who are willing to bet their lives against time and money, against failure and small profits for the sake of putting something on a high level and drawing people up to it.

A well-known millionaire of antiquarian tastes has just bought the corner stones of the country school house attended by Mary Sawyer and which has been immortalized in "Mary had a little lamb." He is reported to be negotiating for the wall that Humpty Dumpty sat on and the bull fiddle mentioned in connection with the cow that jumped over the moon.

President of New England colleges agree that football is a benefit and ought to be retained. The chief value of football is that it teaches young men to subordinate their personal interests to team play. The value of co-operation and the ability to co-

operate are among the richest lessons of life.

Manhattan has observed the three hundredth anniversary of the purchase of the island for \$24, and there are extreme cynics here and there who feel it should be returned to the Indians and demand made for an apology.

In the absence of a more likely theory it is supposed the radio favorite, "Show Me the Way to Go Home," was conceived by a base runner marooned on third.

Through an oversight the new bridge rules failed to provide any penalty whatever for the bird whose standard opener is "Here's where friendship ceases."

Near the Pole, says Amundsen, the temperature was 10 degrees above zero. It is colder than that these May mornings when someone leaves the bathroom window open.

The division on the budget in the House of Commons was taken on May 13th and the Government was sustained by a majority of thirteen.

A scientist who says he has improved a strain of guinea pigs by including fermented mash in their diet seems to be running a guinea blind pig.

The round-the-world racer who left New York today and expects to gird the globe in less than 30 days will return in time to pay the next month's rent.

The general strike being over, all that seems to have changed noticeably about the coal situation in Britain is that it is two weeks older.

We pronounce for Pilsudski; we cannot pronounce Wojciechowski at all.

Virtue is its own reward. You'll get no bouquets for being good because you can't help it.

The people who borrow trouble generally experience some difficulty in paying it back.

Many a mickle makes a muckle. For details see Woolworth and Kresge.

The Norge has demonstrated the practicability of trips to the Pole just as the hot weather is coming on.

Perhaps the reason silence is golden is because it is so scarce.

Poland, needs Pederewski to produce harmony.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Losers are never bothered by interviewers.

Dope springs eternal in the human mind.

Would it worry you much to know that the former Shah of Persia is disgusted with life?

Destroy free speech in this country and you might have a revolution. Compulsory listening would bring about the same result.

There is nothing much finer than getting up in the morning with an ambition to fly over the North Pole.

"A little pain here and there," remarked the Man on the Car, "is good for a fellow, like an occasional rebuke from his wife."

Doubtless countless thousands of men have found out, under prohibition, how good it feels to be sober.

Maybe the reason some drivers want to drive like sixty is because they are behind with their payments on the car.

Alas for the poor screen children! Two more have mutually agreed that they can be happier if they don't play being married any longer.

Strange as it may seem, people who can't think of anything mean enough to say about the weather when it is disagreeable can't think of anything at all to say of it when it is lovable.

One thing needed is a return to the stage of the old-time melodrama to teach hatred of the villain. Since its disappearance people have acquired the habit of giving the villain posies.

PEACE OFFERS
OF RIFFIANS
REJECTED

Special cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)
Paris, May 25—The council of Ministers today rejected peace offers made by Abd-el-krim, the Riffian rebel leader, in letters to the French authorities.

In rejecting the offers, they said Krim did not represent any power or even the opinions of his own tribe.

Military operations against the rebels in Morocco will continue it is announced.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. J. A. Edwards and Mrs. Dawes Gilmore of Montreal are visitors to the city.

Mrs. Margaret McLean and children of Toronto are the guests of friends in Devon. Mrs. McLean is a daughter of the late Robt. Colwell.

Miss Helen Scott of Milltown N. B. spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Scott. Word has been received from Montreal that the condition of A. J. Gregory K. C., shows no improvement.

Mrs. A. W. Edgecombe who spent the winter with their daughter Mrs. Chas. Townsend at Grand Mere, Que., has returned home.

WILL NOT RUN EXCURSION.

York County Orange Lodge Met at Nasonworth Saturday Night.

York County Orange Lodge was in session Saturday night at Nasonworth. County Master J. W. Merrieth was in the chair. With him on the platform was Dr. B. W. Robertson of Keswick, Senior Deputy Grand Master. The lodge considered the matter of taking part on the Orange march and demonstration in Woodstock on July 12th and decided not to run an excursion to Woodstock. Other routine business was transacted. The lodge then heard addresses from Dr. Robertson and other members. Refreshments were served by Nasonworth Lodge, No. 159.

Fishing Was Poor.

Many disciples of Isaak Walton were out on Victoria day but owing to wet weather high water and other causes had rather indifferent success. The fishing in Harvey Lake, Davidson Lake and Lake George is reported to be very good and some big trout have been taken in these waters of late. There is a run of sea trout on the Southwest Miramichi but smelt are very plentiful just now and the trout are two independent to take a fly. No bright salmon have yet made their appearance, but kelt or black salmon are very plentiful and many have been caught. Those fish are lean and hungry and will take any kind of a bait. At Ludlow last week one grabbed a piece of squirrels' tail attached to a hook and was caught.

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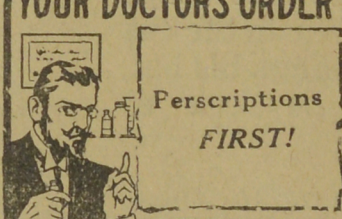
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