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EMPIRE DAY.

The founder of Empire Day which is being generally observed throughout Canada today was Mrs. Fessenden, widow of a former rector of St. John's Church, Ancaster, Ontario. The first celebration took place on May 23rd, 1899 and the movement has since spread to all parts of the Dominion. A monument in honor of the founder is to be unveiled at Ancaster on May 27th of this year.

"Mrs. Fessenden took a deep interest in the affairs of the Daughters of the Empire, and when this order was in its infancy she did a great deal to further its work. In recognition of the part she played, she was honored with a life membership in the I. O. D. E., and later was chosen to present on their behalf an address of welcome to the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York. On this occasion Mrs. Fessenden also presented the colors to the 18 Royal Regiment, and the flag now hangs in Westminster Abbey.

"As the founder of Empire Day, Mrs. Fessenden was known throughout Canada and the 'Dominion beyond the seas.' Chivalrous tribute was paid her by men prominent in the Motherland, and included in the collection of letters which she had in her possession was one from Lord Strathcona, written at the request of the late Queen Victoria. Her scrap book contains newspaper clippings from many parts of the world telling of the observance of Empire Day in Australia, South Africa, Gibraltar, and by Canadians in Japan."

For a number of years past Empire Day has been fittingly observed in the schools of Fredericton and today was no exception. Much of the credit for the local interest in the day is due to the untiring efforts of Mrs. John Black who was president of the first branch of the Imperial Daughters of the Empire formed in this city.

CHEERING NEWS

A reduction of eight cents on each \$100 on the current years' assessment will be welcome news to the taxpayers of Fredericton. The credit for this is due to an economical city council and to Mr. Peter Farrell, the city's highly efficient and painstaking principal assessor. In 1926, Fredericton's tax rate was 2.64, which means that there has been a reduction of 14 cents in two years. Another gratifying feature is the announcement that the number of polls has been increased from 2105 to 2162. For this increase the provincial government is deserving of a large share of the credit. With a reduced tax rate, the population increasing and a big building program and a record breaking tourist season in sight why should not an optimistic feeling prevail here?

The movement at Ottawa to increase the indemnity of members of Parliament and senators for \$4000 to \$6000, seems to have been squelched for the present. Hon. R. B. Bennett, refused to identify himself with it on the ground that it was a matter for the government to deal with. The proposal to increase the salaries of judges is to be considered at a Liberal caucus on Saturday of this week. If the government at Ottawa is well advised it will go slowly in salary increases and curb expenditures in Rideau Hall. So long as the people of Canada are compelled to pay nuisance taxes, they will not enthuse over anything that savors of extravagance in connection with public expenditure.

While the name of Hon. W. E. Foster, ex-premier of the province has been mentioned in connection with the vacant New Brunswick senatorship it is pretty well understood that he is not the only applicant. Mr. W. E. Scully, ex-M. L. A. of St. John, who like Hon. Mr.

Foster is a member of the St. John Harbor Board but would not be averse to exchanging his present job for a seat in the red chamber. There are a number of others of a similar turn of mind, including Ex-Mayor R. T. Hayes of St. John. Incidentally it might be mentioned that the term of Lieutenant Governor Todd expired in February last.

Moving pictures are now being used to make the teaching of mathematics easier, a news item says. But why make the teaching of mathematics easier? It has always been our idea that the teacher of mathematics should be forced to lead just as tough an existence as possible.

You can tell by the way a man slams the door when he goes out in the morning that he wasn't closing it as quietly as he thought when he came in a few hours earlier.

A new airplane is equipped with a card table. Then ext sensational aviation feat will be to complete a loop without spilling the pegs out of the cribbage board.

"Thousands face baldness and don't know it," reads an advertisement, but chorus girls are not among the number.

Time was when we didn't think much of the trombone, but that was before the saxophone gave us so much to think about.

Another thing an aviation hero doubtless adjusts himself to in the course of a year is having six people talking to him at a time.

A Kansas University professor who has written a book on the equipment to properly conduct a column says nothing about a waste basket.

Artistic Feeling: The impression that strawberry stains are prettier than catsup.

FISHING FOR CLOTHES GAINS \$15,000 LOOT

Chicago, May 23—Out in the wide open spaces, a man with a fish pole is going fishing for fish. Out in the Lawndale district, Chicago, it means something else.

Two policemen met Joseph Novak yesterday. He had a fish pole, a line and hooks. He had not bait, which interested the policemen.

"I fish twice a week," he explained. "There are many bungalows in Lawndale having clothes closets with outside windows. By opening the windows one can fish around. Often a pair of trousers, an overcoat, or some such thing will affix itself to the hook. For several years the fishing has been good. About \$15,000 would approximate the value of the catch."

He was held.

NOTED FLIERS PAY VISIT TO MONTREAL

Montreal, May 22—The Bremen fliers spent a busy day here today as the guests of the City of Montreal and the Province of Quebec. Major James Fitzmaurice, Captain Hermann Koehl and Baorn Von Huenefeld, in replying to speeches of welcome and in addressing gatherings stressed the significance of the Bremen flight in regard to international relations.

The aviators ended a round of entertainment as guests at a banquet tendered by the city tonight. Herr L. Kempff, German Consul-General, who was present, declared that the Bremen flight and the landing on Canadian soil brought Canada and the Reich closer together.

DISCHARGED FROM CUSTODY

Walter Tracey, the young man who was detained in custody yesterday as a material witness in the Owen case, was released last evening. The verdict returned from the jury did not implicate him in any way. Mr. Frederick C. Johnson, the American counsel, watched the case closely on behalf of Tracey and attended the inquest.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Lima Beane says the rain on the roof is not music when the roof leaks.

There may be a valuable vitamin in calf's liver, but if so it is tasteless.

Then there is the kind of fellow who seems to think his mouth, when open, is a wise crack.

Something wrong when a prize fight has to be postponed on account of the weather. Anybody'd think Tex Rickard would buy the weather bureau.

Gunmen of the old days were more picturesque than modern killers. Furthermore, they thought too much of their art to use sawed-off shotguns.

One man, 90, remarks that young people of today are inclined to live beyond their means. But there is a greater danger. Some of them live beyond their charge accounts.

BAILEY TO GUIDE DEVON

Nashwaaksis Player Elected at Meeting Held Last Evening.

Ralph "Sprig" Bailey the snappy ex-Marysville backstop, was elected at a meeting held last evening to captain the Devon baseball team for the season. Arlie Parks was elected manager of the team. Bailey who is at the present time residing in Nashwaaksis his original home was the snappiest of the backstops performing in the York Co. League for the last two seasons. The Devon team is working hard to get into shape and are progressing favorably and should give a good account of itself.

A CASE OF MURDER

The body of the woman found in the river at Lincoln a few days ago was interred on Monday at Forest Hill Cemetery. A post mortem examination showed that her death had been caused by a fracture of the skull and that she was dead before being put into the water. The Provincial Police are working on the case and will make every effort to clear up the mystery.

DIED

EDGEcombe—In this city May 23rd. Helen L., beloved wife of Frederick B. Edgecombe.

Funeral Friday afternoon with service at the late home at 2.30 o'clock by Rev F. H. Holmes. Interment in Rural Cemetery.

NOTICE OF SALE

In the Matter of the Estate of Howard Underhill of the City of Fredericton, in the County of York, and Province of New Brunswick, an absconding, concealed or absent debtor.

Pursuant to an order made by the Honourable A. R. Shipp, Judge of the York County Court, bearing date the sixteenth day of May, A. D. 1928, there will be sold at public auction in front of the Court House for the County of York, in the City of Fredericton, County of York and Province of New Brunswick, on Saturday, the second day of June at the hour of twelve o'clock noon, the lands and premises of the above named Howard Underhill and bounded and described as follows, to wit:—"All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate in the City of Fredericton in the County of York, bounded and described as follows:—Commencing on the Southerly side of University Avenue at the North-easterly corner of Lot 3, Block A herebefore deeded to Miles B. Dixon, thence South 38 degrees 15 minutes East 165.5 feet thence North 51 degrees 45 minutes East 61 feet, thence North 38 degrees 15 minutes West 165.5 feet to University Avenue, and thence South 51 degrees, 45 minutes West 61 feet to the place of beginning, being known as lot number Four in Block A in plan of survey of Shore property in the City of Fredericton made by Deputy W. E. McMullen in the year 1909."

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