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KNOW FREDERICTON

A person with literary talent could write a most interesting book on some of the many characters, past and present, permanent and transient, whom citizens of Fredericton have known or known of.

An enjoyable evening was spent at the York-Sunbury Historical Society meeting some time ago, when a questionnaire was read out, containing queries as to who recalled this event or that event, or this person or that, or this or that old-time landmark. The Society is filling a great need in the community, and is certainly deserving of more support, moral and financial. In the Autumn, it is hoped that a good many more people will become members and attend meetings. They are worthwhile, entertaining and instructive, to young and old. What some people don't know about their Town would fill a big book. Several informative and enjoyable papers have been read and discussed.

### "AND THE ARK OF GOD WAS TAKEN".

One thing is already certain about the impending Italo-Ethiopian war. The side-line dispatches will be gorgeous. Oriental imagination is fertile, cable and telegraph communications in the near east are fairly good, and the whole setting is rich with olden stories that are the common heritage of men of the east and men of the west.

Already Istanbul, nee Bysantium, and at various times New Rome, Constantinople and Stamboul, is on the cables with a thrilling yarn. Emperor Haile Selassie, the story goes, has hidden the Ark of the Covenant in the wildest mountain wilderness he could find. This, supposedly, is the original Ark of the Covenant, and it has nothing to do with the covenant of the League of Nations. The son of Solomon and Sheba fetched it to Ethiopia 3,000 years ago.

If the king of kings and conquering lion of the tribe of Judah is really hiding the Ark, he can cite scripture in justification. How it was last brought into battle we are told in Samuel 4:10-11:

"And the Philistines fought and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man to his tent; and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel 30,000 footmen.

"And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni, and Phineas were slain".

But what happened to the Philistines after that?

Holy writ is taken seriously by Abyssinian boards of strategy. They also take Christianity seriously. The Italian debacle at Adowa, the Ethiopians think, was due in part to the fact that the Italian army attacked on Sunday. Up to that day no Ethiopian army had ever fought on the Sabbath.

### APPRECIATES OUR FISHING

Words of commendation for the excellent trout fishing on the Nepisiguit River in the northern part of the Province of New Brunswick, Canada, and for the fine type of accommodation to be found there come from the pen of Alfred E. Vytal of Boston, Mass.

His appreciation of his recent trip is sounded in a letter addressed to D. W. Griffiths, Director of the New Brunswick Government Bureau of Information and Tourist Travel. "You can be certain", writes Mr. Vytal, "that I am returning to Indian Falls on the Nepisiguit at the first opportunity for I've never run into such natural trout waters". Excerpts from his letter further express his satisfaction with the Nepisiguit:

"According to our schedule I had but one full day for fishing at Indian Falls and I think you will agree with me that this very limited time is not even a test for any fishing place.

ous time and I am no end pleased since returning home to find that Mrs. Vytal speaks of her trip up on the Nepisiguit in superlatives.

"On a great many of my fishing trips I have often expected and welcomed 'roughing it'. But Arthur Leger's outfit, the Bathurst Hunting and Fishing Lodges, actually accomplish the unexpected—deep in the forest where fishing's best they have established solid, restful comfort with 'roughing it' virtually non-existent. I concur fully with Mr. Rodman of the National Sportsman magazine who described to me last May Arthur Leger's equipment by saying, sort of smacking his lips, 'He's got a beautiful lay-out'. It is all of that and then some.

"You can be certain, that I am returning to Indian Falls on the Nepisiguit, and perhaps further up, at the first opportunity for I've never run into such 'natural' trout waters. And when I do go back, I'm going to stay more than one day. I'm not disappointed—merely, my appetite is whetted".

## SNAPSHOTS

Why does not the water cart pay a visit to Queen street once in a while. It would keep the dust out of the biscuits in the store.

If it weren't for the modern women's bathing suits more men would want to spend their vacations in the mountains.

When a woman and a whiskey bottle state their ages the observer is often entitled to make appropriate allowances.

It is just as well to remember, in planning to "soak the rich", the implicity of killing the goose that lays the golden egg.

Dr. Einstein and the 200-pounder, who backs into your lap in a darkened cinema both entertain a theory that matter is merely space.

"Don't write a letter when you are angry", says a sage adviser. No; you can let off more steam over the telephone.

The inventor of a "foolproof" motor fuel spent 10 years studying gasoline. Unless he has also studied fools, we fear the worst.

"Pirates" who raided a gambling boat off Los Angeles were so lacking in professional courtesy, as to take off with the bank roll.

Cookies will keep longer if an apple is put in the box with them, says a household item. Yes. The small boy of the house may take the apple first.

It is hard to understand why some women ever married the men they did until you reflect that most of the courting, these days, is done in the motor car, where the lights are dim.

## THIEVES ENJOY LUNCH BEFORE REMOVING LOOT

AMHERST, N. S., August 9—Bold, bad thieves who not only looted the little store conducted by W. Burke, Yorke street, but had nerve enough to eat on the premises before removing their booty are now being trailed by local police. Some time during the night, thieves entered store and helped themselves to canned goods, candy, cigarettes, etc. They opened a bottle of devilled ham and left traces of biscuits and chocolate bars on the counter, and scooped into the ice cream tins with their fingers.

### PRIVATE FUNERAL

A quiet and private funeral service was conducted here today over the ashes of Dr. David Wiley Hamilton of Pullman, Washington, the ashes having arrived here yesterday. The funeral was conducted at H. R. Adams' funeral parlour and the ashes were taken to the cemetery where Rev. J. W. Barnett officiated at the service there at two o'clock. Interment was made in the Rural cemetery extension. Burial was made beside the grave of Dr. Hamilton's first wife, who was a daughter of W. Bruce Dayton, of Devon.

## OUR MAIL BAG

### OUR WATER SYSTEM

Editor, Daily Mail,  
 Sir:

Some criticism has recently appeared in the columns of The Mail concerning our city water supply. Possibly some of this has been unjust. When a water system is derived from a river it is only natural that suspicion would arise as to the purity of the supply. Personally I believe any fear of contaminated water to be entirely groundless. The filtration plant with its chemical adjuncts is, I believe entirely efficient as the frequent tests and our freedom from typhoid clearly indicate. Many large Canadian and American cities operate similar systems with complete satisfaction so far as the health authorities are concerned.

Freedom from dangerous bacteria, however, does not mean that our water system is ideal as to quality or economy. Chlorinated water is generally lacking in good flavor, and river water, however, pure, is so warm in summer as to be almost nauseous without ice. So there are some real grounds for dissatisfaction. If Fredericton were situated as some cities are so these unsatisfactory conditions could not be remedied we would have to be satisfied with water which while fairly wholesome, is at times very unpalatable, and always expensive. But situated as we are there does not seem to be any particular need for either of these defects in our public water supply as a remedy for both quality and cost is readily available. This is entirely up to our civic authorities.

This statement may call for some explanation and this will be easily supplied. As concrete examples are worth volumes of theory let us turn to the definite examples. Take, for instance, the city of Charlottetown with over 12,000 inhabitants. There general surroundings, no fresh water near them, and no elevations near or distant to furnish gravitation, their prospects of an efficient water supply seemed will high hopeless. Necessity drove them to fix their hopes on artesian wells, but with doubtful prospects of success. They, however, employed experts and bored in a depression near the city. To their surprise and gratification they struck an abundant and constant flow of the best of spring water at a very moderate depth in sufficient volume to supply the whole city. A second well was drilled for purposes of emergency. While these wells overflowed, lack of elevation made a low-powered pumping station necessary, but the citizens drink pure cold spring water direct from their taps and at moderate cost.

This is also true on a still larger scale and nearer home in our St. Croix communities, on both sides of the border—St. Stephen, Milltown, N. B., and Calais and Milltown, Maine, with a combined population of about 15,000 are all supplied from a natural artesian spring a few miles from St. Stephen. This water like that of Charlottetown has, for lack of elevation, to be forced through the system by low-powered pumps. But it is spring water of the best.

All this leads me to say that it is practically certain that Fredericton could with a trifling cost have a better and cheaper supply of the best of spring water than either Charlottetown or the border cities referred to. Nature has fortunately given us high hills close to the city and within its limits. Fortunately there are also many naturally flowing springs high up on these hillsides. This leads to the certain belief that one or two drilled wells would provide a supply of spring water amply sufficient to supply all our needs. The considerable elevation with a small reservoir would provide a reserve supply and give ample pressure for all purposes with the force of natural gravitation thus dispensing with the cost of pumping station at the river or on the hill.

The official opposition to this proposition will of course, be that we already have the present pumping station and need nothing further. When it is considered, however, that an ample supply of superior spring water can be secured for the cost of installation the citizens may have something to say on the subject.

The gradual climbing of population to the higher levels will soon impose an intolerable strain on our present pumping system demanding heavy expenditure demands for increased capacity. These heavy costs would be entirely eliminated by a gravitation

## BRITAIN ADVISES EVACUATION PLAN

ADDIS ABABA, August 8—The British Legation advised British missionaries and British-protected subjects last night to excavate their women and children from Ethiopia when convenient.

The action, similar to that taken recently by the United States, was described as a precautionary measure because of the danger of war with Italy, Swedes and Danes in Ethiopia are under British protection.

### County Election August 20 To Elect Griffin Successor

The election to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of County Councillor William Griffin, formerly of Cross Creek and operator of sporting camps in Boiestown, N. B., "Griffin-Inn" is to be held August 20. Nominating day is to be August 12.

The names of Lawrence MacLeod and Joseph Hinchey of Stanley have been mentioned as candidates.

## LATE FLASHES

STANLEY, Wisconsin, August 9—Three persons died today when fire destroyed the summer home of G. W. Schmidt, professor of German at Plattville State teachers' College. The dead: Mrs. G. W. Schmidt, 60; Frank Schmidt, 30, and Florian Brzuzan, 22.

WASHINGTON, August 9—Members of conference committee adjusting Senate-House differences on the social security bill, reached a complete agreement yesterday by eliminating the Clark provision permitting tax-exempt private pension plans to remain in operation.

MONTREAL, August 9—Collette Barbeau, 14, of 7582 St. Hubert St., here died at the Ste. Justine Hospital yesterday at 3:30 P. M., following injuries received when she was struck by an automobile truck. The body was removed to the morgue.

system as here suggested with the added advantages of high class spring water without filtration or chemical treatment. The cost of installation would soon pay for itself in serving the thousands of dollars in the operating costs of the present system which gives us poor water.

CITIZEN.

### INSPECTING AUTOMOBILES

To the Editor of the Mail.

Sir:

I see by your paper and others, that Mr. Dysart is going to have a rigid inspection of all automobiles, as part of the movement to lessen the number of accidents. This won't do any harm, but neither will it do very much good. If I might take a liberty with Shakespeare I would say "The fault, dear Premier, is not in our cars, but in ourselves". By far the great majority of car accidents are caused not by the passive failure of the machine to function properly, but by the active fault and carelessness of the driver, in taking chances. What is wanted is a number of cycle "cops" planted about the roads where no one expects them, who would pounce down on offenders when they were not expecting them. Truck drivers are among the worst offenders; they know an ordinary car can't hurt them, and they go recklessly along their way at other people's risk. And the loads some of them carry too! There might be no motor regulations, whatever, for all these men care.

Another thing. There are to my knowledge a number of people, wives, sons and daughters of car owners, who are driving their parent's car without having any license to drive. A check-up on this would not hurt.

I see that some crazy fool got his neck broken last night by riding a motor bicycle at over 50 miles an hour. Well, he asked for it. There are several other young fools creeping about the city streets in a similar way, who I would be glad to hear meeting the same end. They are very serious danger to themselves and everybody else. But, who cares? Not the city authorities at any rate.

Yours,

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 ASSOCIATION AND LIFE  
 INSURANCE COMPANIES  
 IN CANADA

THE BABY

Many explanations may be offered for the truly remarkable improvement which has occurred in the health of children in this and other countries. The explanation which is most generally accepted, by those who have considered the matter seriously, is that a higher standard of maternal care is the most important factor.

This means that what is most important for the baby is that he shall have a mother who will give him good care. It is not suggested that the mothers of past generations were lacking in affection or wisdom. Nevertheless it is true that mothers today can give more effective care to their babies simply because more is known about the proper care of babies.

Those who delight in voicing their regrets over the changes which have taken place in our habits of living during recent years, will not receive any support from the babies. Today, even, too many babies are still being sacrificed on the altar of ignorance, but comparing present conditions with those of twenty years ago, we find that babies have a newer and a better world into which to be born.

Included under the important heading of maternal care comes the feeding of the child. As the baby comes into the world, he is the most helpless of living beings. He is entirely dependent on others for all his needs.

It is not the baby who decides what he shall be fed; he must take what is given him.

The first fortnight of life is the most dangerous period of human existence. During these two weeks, it is practically decided as to whether or not the baby is to be fed at the breast and this is one of the most important decisions which a mother is called upon to make.

Breast milk is the most satisfactory and fool-proof food for babies. This does not deny any claim that babies can be fed on artificial feedings with comparative safety and satisfaction. Nevertheless, it has been shown repeatedly that when a large number of breast-fed babies are compared with a group that are artificially fed, the advantages are all on the side of the breast-fed. It is also shown that the babies who are partially breast-fed—those who get some breast milk—are much better off than those who are entirely on artificial feedings—who receive no breast milk at all.

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