

CANADIAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

New and Important Era Has Dawned in the Organization

Work of the Fredericton Ladies' Auxiliary.

With the organization of the Canadian Auxiliary of the Bible Society and the coming of the Rev. R. E. Welsh as General Secretary, a new era has dawned over the Dominion in the spreading of the Word of God among the people. "The aim of the Canadian Auxiliary of the Bible Society," said Mr. Welsh recently, "is to put the Bible at the front in Canada as well as in other parts of the earth."

For every one of those thousands of settlers in the Canadian west, no matter what their language, the society has a Bible. It can supply all this polyglot population with a silent, helpful, compassionate messenger of the things of God's heart and will. Now is the time to reach our new Canadians, when they are settling and open to influences.

The Bible has ever been the base of Anglo-Saxon privileges, the framework of all education, and the buttress of society. What might happen if the motley races populating the west were left to give to the community a semi-pagan color? There is a material bread and to spare in the wheat fields of the west, but without there is a famine of the Bread of Life. Let us share our portion with them and all the land will throb with gladness as the Ark of the Covenant leads the way for new conquests of the Lord.

The aim of putting the Bible to the front in the civilization is one of the purest and highest which any nation can adopt, and when Canada holds aloft this beacon of light to men of

all creeds and nationalities there is hope for the people, and a prophecy of greatness.

The Ladies Branch of the Auxiliary Bible Society in this city are about to begin their annual work of collecting funds for the society. This work has been carried on for more than fifty years, with varying success, but as the needs of the work are constantly increasing as different countries are being aroused to a desire for the word of God, and asking the society for larger grants of Bibles or portions it is desired that all who love it, shall contribute more generously than ever before.

The Ladies' Branch feel confident that there will be a greater interest manifested since the organization of the Canadian society as stated above as we shall now be giving for the benefit of our own Dominion. Heretofore the funds collected have been sent to the parent society and then a grant has been made by them to our work in Canada, a work which will greatly increase with the increasing tide of emigration to our shores, as it is the desire and aim of the society to give the word of God to every one who will receive it in their own language.

The new general secretary for Canada, who came out in August, the Rev. R. E. Welsh, is a man admirably adapted for his work, we are told, and we trust that with a large increase in the amounts collected the work in Canada will go forward as never before.

HUNTING FOR ARCHIVES.

Mr. Robert Laidlaw to Search Out Valuable Records.

Toronto Globe.—The department of Agriculture is undertaking an important and useful work in the investigation of the archives of Canada.

Mr. Robert Laidlaw of the archives branch of the department arrived in Toronto last evening from Ottawa to begin work along that line in the Province of Ontario. Dr. Hannay is conducting the search in New Brunswick, and Father O'Leary, who accompanied the troops to South Africa, is doing the same in Quebec. The work is under the general supervision of the chief archivist, Dr. E. G. Doughty of Ottawa.

Mr. Laidlaw stated to the Globe last night that this search is being taken up as a basis for future work and with a view to publishing a guide to these important public documents. It is not the intention to publish any of these documents themselves at present, though that may be done in the future.

"I will call on the prominent men," said Mr. Laidlaw, "such as Dr. Bain, Professor Wrong and others, who have to do with these records, and will visit all the public collections and such of the private collections as I may have access to. I imagine that to a Government officer many such will be made accessible. The archives of this country have been neglected, and many documents and records have been lost because they have not been properly looked after."

Mr. Laidlaw says that the report of the archives branch of the Department of Agriculture for 1904-05 will be out in a couple of weeks. It will be contained in a volume of 800 pages, and one of the most interesting portions will be the collection of extracts from the archives of Paris from 1720 to about 1759, giving an account of the closing years of the French regime in Canada.

The work in Ontario is expected to require six months, and Mr. Laidlaw counts on spending six weeks in this city. He will be at the Rossin House.

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HALIFAX FORTRESS.

Ottawa, Oct. 12.—October 1 and October 10 were named as the dates for the disbandment of the Royal Garrison Regiment at Halifax and the occupation of the fortress by the Canadian troops respectively. Neither event has yet taken place, and inquiry at the Militia Department discloses the existence of an uncertainty as to when the next move will be made. In the meantime, Canadian troops are under order at Toronto and Quebec waiting to move to Halifax, and have been on the qui vive for some time past. This is a cause of considerable expense to the Government, while the officers and men themselves are out of pocket, as their wives and families, from whom they are separated, have to be maintained. The question is still unsettled as to the future of the status of the officers and men of the regular army who join the Canadian forces. Will their service with the Imperial army count for a pension or Canadian rates when the proper time expires? That is to say, will an officer's or soldier's service in the Brit-

ish regulars be allowed to go toward the time required to be spent in the Canadian permanent corps before becoming entitled to a pension. Although it was supposed this matter had been settled, and that Great Britain had agreed to recoup Canada at Imperial rates for the pensions paid to soldiers in respect of the time spent in the regular army, such is not the case. The question as to what pension such men shall receive is before the Canadian Militia Council, which is meeting today for the first time since Sir Frederick Borden's return to Ottawa.



THE MODE PICTURESQUE.

Those long, closely fitting coats, relieved with a waistcoat in the front, are extremely becoming to the average figure, and when cleverly planned can be made to assume a picturesqueness of appearance that is stylish to the last degree. The one illustrated shows the new shade of chamois yellow brocade, the shimmering satin finish being selected. The waistcoat is of the same tint, broad satin, the design worked over with embroidery stitches and fastening invisibly beneath the embroidered

ed reverse on the coat, that employs the same material. The sleeve is the modish half length, with an upward flaring cuff topping a lace ruffle that adds quite a little to the length of the arm covering. The skirt is one of those circular designs, escapes the ground all around, and depends upon four tucks at the hem for all of its trimming scheme. There is an interlining of princess hair-cloth some six or eight inches above the hem, thus affording the smart hang to the skirt that is so cleverly illustrated in the design pictured.

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TOTAL ABSTINENCE TRUE TEMPERANCE.

An interview was lately published between Hon. Mr. Tarte and a workman, in the course of which Mr. Tarte sought to impress upon the mind of the artisan the great advantage he would reap if, instead of spending a dollar for strong drink, he would invest the same amount in life insurance. This was certainly very excellent advice which many a wage earner who is spending a dollar or perhaps two or three dollars weekly in drink, might receive with great profit. It appears, however, that Mr. Tarte thought it necessary to tell the workman that he did not advocate prohibition or total abstinence. In reference to this Dr. L. A. Lessard, of Granby, Que., has written a letter to Mr. Tarte. Dr. Lessard declares that so long as the masses are taught that "abuse" alone constitutes the evil in the matter of strong drinks, the desired reforms cannot be secured. He points out that while alcohol may be found useful in the pharmacopoeia, the same as strychnine and other poisons, medical science refuses to recognize it as an article to be used in the ordinary course of life; and he adds: "In this matter more than in any other, half measures are entirely insufficient. Knowing the physiological effects of alcoholic liquors on the different vital organs, I can assure you that if you allow the use, you will too often have the abuse. That is inevitable. 'In my humble opinion,' the doctor adds, 'there is safety in total abstinence only. Has there not been constant talk against abuse, and yet, what results have been obtained?' The doctor then quotes the following remarks of Professor Gruber, after a study of the different effects of alcohol on different natures: 'Who among us could state beforehand whether he belongs to the category of those who cannot be injured by liquor, or to the infinitely more numerous category of those who are influenced by it? Who could tell, in advance, what daily dose he can bear without suffering any damage?' Dr. Lessard concluded his letter as follows: 'Do you not, then, believe, my dear sir, it would be better, if we wish to succeed in the fight against alcohol to use the surest measures? Past experience stands there to teach us. Let us take up the battle with courage. There is no room here for any feeling of false shame. The fact of being called a 'water-drinker' or a 'teetotaler' never hurt the reputation of any one, to my knowledge. I trust, therefore, that you will recognize total abstinence as the real sheet-anchor, and will admit that it is the only one to

be recommended." Dr. Lessard's doctrine on this subject is wholesome, and it is a hopeful indication that an increasing number of physicians are speaking out plainly as to the lack of any good to be derived from alcoholic drinks even by the most moderate drinkers, and as to the wisdom from all points of view, of total abstinence.

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