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DROWNING ACCIDENTS.

The Toronto Globe, discussing editorially recent drowning accidents in Ontario has this to say:

"Deaths by drowning have been this season unusually numerous, and in the great majority of cases they have been due to preventable accidents. As the victims have been for the most part young people, it is evident that the loss of so many lives year after year becomes a serious drain on the capacity of our population, apart altogether from the great sorrow thus inflicted on hundreds of domestic and social circles. Clearly matters have reached such a stage that the most earnest and general consideration should be given to ascertaining what preventive measures are likely to prove effective, and to having them adequately enforced by public authority where such enforcement is requisite and practicable.

"The most urgently necessary precaution is the education at school as to the dangers connected with deep water, the necessity for caution, the importance of being able to swim and to handle a boat, and the best way to act when taken with cramp. The strongest swimmer becomes comparatively helpless if he loses the power of one limb; to lose the power of both may easily be fatal. For this reason it is always dangerous for a person to bathe alone in deep water. This is one of the cases where there is safety in numbers and in the presence of able and trustworthy experts.

Many drowning accidents are the result of dangerous bathing places being left unmarked and unguarded. There is parts of the Esplanade front in this city which should be protected by some barrier, however slight, to enable people to know that they are dangerously near the edge when they cannot clearly see it. Muddy river bottoms are never safe. They are easily worked into deep holes by the erratic movements of the water, and a place that is quite safe one day may be a death trap the next.

A very large proportion of all the deaths by drowning are due to the ignorance and foolhardiness of those who go out in canoes or boats. These vessels have very little hold of the water, and are consequently very easily overturned. It is impossible to make an ordinary canoe anything but extremely dangerous to the unskilled, and the most cautious in handling their vessels. The better they know them the less liberty they feel disposed to take with them. It is worth considering whether those who let boats for hire should not be required by law to procure from persons taking out canoes or light skiffs a written statement that they are proficient in handling them. It is little short of manslaughter to promote death by drowning through letting essentially dangerous craft to those who have had no experience in this kind of navigation."

THE RULE OF THE ROAD

Interesting decisions regarding the rights of those who use the highways have been rendered in England of late. The most important of the lot was one which the court of appeals has handed down regarding a suit brought by the widow of a cyclist who was killed by an automobile. The lower court had awarded the widow a verdict of \$7500, in spite of the fact that he had tried to attract the attention of the cyclist by uttering loud warning blasts on the horn which was attached to the motor car. After a year spent in beating about the bush and trying to effect a compromise the lord chancellor has made a most sweeping decision against the motorists, sustaining the verdict of the lower court, confirming the award and defining the rights of those who use the highways so there can be no doubt as to the standing of the automobile in England. "When people," said the lord chancellor, "are driving motor cars or other vehicles on the public highway they have the duty to remember that deaf persons, blind persons and decrepit old persons, are just as much entitled to use the public highway as they are, and if anybody thinks proper so to drive that there is a chance of serious consequences from a mistake of judgment or miscalculation,

and those consequences are not averted, he will have to pay for them in damages."

Though the driver of an automobile may conform strictly to the public rules regulating the rate of speed, though he may use every reasonable precaution to safeguard the rights of those who do not travel by means of artificial power, even then he must have his machine under perfect control at all times, so as to avoid danger in exceptional cases. Walled and steam cars, with a direct intention to safeguard those who travel by slower methods. There is no reason why the automobile should claim an exclusive right of way until special and exclusive tracks are provided for such machines. No vehicle propelled by power may overstep the speed limits or in any way endanger the life or limb of human beings without being held fully responsible for every overt act.

St. Andrew's Beacon.—The editor of the Courier seems to have had a very bad half hour with himself when he read the Beacon's exposure of his misstatements and petty insinuations in connection with the retirement of the late respected principal of the Normal School. It comes with very bad grace from a newspaper that had to be disciplined for its untruthful remarks by the leading Conservative daily of the province, and that has since been branded as "dishonest" in its treatment of political questions to cast stones at his neighbors, accusing them of meanness, partisanship and the like. We would advise our irate and irritable friend to cultivate a greater regard for truth hereafter and to give up the reprehensible back woods practice of mud-slinging.

A short time ago the republics of Chile and Argentina were threatening each other with war over a piece of disputed territory; to-day the people of Argentina are actively helping the people of Chile in their great calamity and peril. Every dollar invested by them in this way will do more to prevent war than a thousand spent in equipping and training an army. It would be a great gain to both countries if a political union could be brought about with the approval of the masses in each. They are contiguous, and it would tax the resources of both to make communication frequent across the Andes Mountains which separate them.

BULL ATTACKS WOMAN.

Queens County Ladies Had a Narrow Escape.

Grand Lake, N. B., Aug. 21.—A few days ago two young ladies, of Bellenden Settlement, better known as Pagdad, which is about halfway between the Grand Lake and the Washemoak Lake, had an exciting experience. Early in the morning they had gone to the woods to pick raspberries. When they entered the bush they observed some cattle feeding nearly 200 yards away and concluded they were harmless. They were not at work long until they noticed a young bull coming straight toward them and only a short distance off. The dishes were hurriedly thrown down and the women fled for a place of safety. One of them succeeded in climbing a tree, while the other managed to climb upon the roof of a hovel near by, which had been used for the lumbermen's teams last winter. Fortunately their cries for help were heard by some bay-makers who happened to be in a field adjoining the woods and who immediately went to the rescue. The men had not much difficulty in getting off the beast. Their timely aid came none too soon, for the woman in the tree was nearly exhausted and could not have held on much longer. The fires that burned the woods two years ago had left the limbs of the tree dry and brittle and they were not strong enough to carry her weight. She could only keep out of horns' way by locking her arms and feet around the tree. Once the branches upon which she was standing suddenly broke and allowed her to fall within a few feet of the ground. The bull saw her fall and dashed to the tree. She had a close call. Speaking of her experience since, she says that she does not know how she managed to get up the tree and hold on so long.

A GRUESOME FIND.

Vancouver, Aug. 23.—Eight skeletons lying beside an undamaged Valencia lifeboat in the cave near Caranagh, on the west coast of Vancouver Island, dumbly tell what is undoubtedly the most awful tragedy of last January's wreck, when the Frisco liner Valencia, pounded to pieces on the treacherous coast. It will be impossible to identify the remains of the eight victims except by the removal of tons of rubbish. Lightkeeper Daykin says: "If the men got into the cave alive, as it is evident they did, they must have starved to death. It is a veritable man trap." Finding this boat from the Valencia removes the mystery that until now has impregnably surrounded the fate of lifeboat number two, which it undoubtedly is. That the lifeboat got safely away from the breaking up steamer and was seen at some distance from the steamer mak-

ing fair headway seaward was made very distinct and positive during the examination of witnesses at the inquiry.

YARMOUTH BANK CASE.

Halifax, Aug. 23.—The preliminary examination of Senator Lovitt and Samuel A. Crowell, president and vice-president respectively of the Bank of Yarmouth, who are charged by J. Lyons Hatfield, a shareholder of the bank, with making false returns to the government, was begun Thursday afternoon. The defendants were willing to waive examination and have the case referred to the supreme court, but this was not agreed to and the examination was proceeded with.

Thomas Lawson, clerk in the finance department at Ottawa, was the first witness and was followed by W. E. Stavert, curator of the bank, his brother, E. P. Stavert, who was placed in charge after the bank suspended business, and Henry G. Farish, the bank's accountant. The evidence given was a repetition of that given at the preliminary examination of the cashier in 1905. Farish was on the stand when the court adjourned.

DURHAM BRIDGG.

Aug. 21.—The congregation of St. Peter's Church regret to hear that Prof. Russell is to resign his position in St. Peter's. His resignation is to take effect on October 7th. Just who will take Mr. Russell's position is not decided as yet. The professor has done good work for the church, and it is going to be hard to get one to fill his place.

Mr. John Cowperthwaite is pushing the work on the new Episcopal church. He expects to have it finished by October.

There is to be a children's flower service in the Episcopal church on Tuesday evening next, the 28th, at 8 p. m. The church will be decorated with flowers. The children of the Sunday school will sing appropriate hymns. Rev. Dr. Duffy will preach.

A SOCIETY EVENT.

Miss O'Dell is entertaining a few friends at the Queen Hotel this afternoon in honor of her friend Miss Lord of England.

SEWERAGE MEN QUIT WORK.

About twenty men working on the sewerage quit work this morning. It is said that they knocked off because two of their foremen have been discharged.

SHOGOMOC.

Aug. 23.—It has been very dry and hot here for the last week.

We have had several very heavy thunder storms, the heaviest being on Tuesday night, Aug. 21.

Most of the farmers have finished haying and are now busy harvesting. They report a very good crop.

Mr. Barry Anderson passed through this place on Thursday morning with a large drove of lambs on his way to American markets.

Mr. J. H. Murch of Bear Island, one of the fish guardians, stopped at the Shogomoc Hotel on his way up the river. He says there is no fishing done on his circuit.

A few parties have been blue berrying from this and adjacent communities. They report a slim crop.

The mill at Pokioh has been closed on account of the men striking for shorter hours.

The school children at that place, have also been successful in a strike for longer holidays on account of the intense heat.

Miss Verna M. Moore of Lower Queensbury, has charge of this school for the fall term.

Three Woodstock clerks made a trip to Fredericton in a canoe last Saturday and called at the Shogomoc Hotel to get provisions.

Mr. Bennie Ingraham is peeling bark.

The King passed down the ranks in a formal inspection of the battalion, and then, to the music of the regimental air, seven hundred of the finest men in the army "marched past" him for the last time.

CITY OF FREDERICTON.

SEWERAGE DEBENTURES

The balance of the present issue of Fredericton Sewerage Debentures will be sold by the City Treasurer at par up to and including Monday, September 10th next. These Debentures are exempt from city taxation and may be had in amounts to suit purchasers. Persons desiring small amounts should make application before the above date.

For further information apply to I. R. GOLDING, City Treasurer, Fredericton, N. B., August 21, '06. Aug. 21—d161.

For Sale.

There will be sold at public auction on the 28th day of August instant, in front of the Post Office the following leasehold properties:

No. 1.—Double tenement house on north-east corner of Aberdeen and York Streets at present occupied by D. H. Crowley and Clarence Jones.

No. 2.—Double tenement house on Aberdeen Street occupied at present by Nelson Foster and Mrs. Fairley.

No. 3.—Double tenement house on York Street beyond Shoe Factory at present occupied by Mrs. Platt and Mrs. Dayton.

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