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CARNEGIE'S LIBRARIES.

Andrew Carnegie has, it appears, given no less a sum than \$51,596,903 foundations for public libraries in all parts of the world. Writing in Collier's Weekly, the philanthropist gives the figures himself. In the United States there are now 595 Carnegie libraries with 208 branches, involving an expenditure of \$34,870,745. Canada has 86 libraries with 5 branches at a cost of \$2,059,115. In England and Wales there has been expended \$7,859,550 in 329 buildings and 59 branches, while in Ireland there are 42 buildings with 31 branches. Scotland, as is natural with a country where self-education is part of the national character, has 105 buildings and 18 branches, at a cost of \$2,075,080. New Zealand, the Scotland of the southern seas, has 14 libraries, towards which \$146,250 was granted, which is in decided contrast to the larger continent of Australia, which though having three or four times the population of New Zealand, has only two Carnegie libraries, though this may be partially explained by the fact that public libraries were part and parcel of the municipal government in all the cities and towns of the Commonwealth, almost from the days of the foundation of the various colonies. College libraries account for \$3,653,753 of the Carnegie benefactions, and the remainder of the gifts have been divided between the British West Indies (5), South Africa (3), the Seychelles Isles (1), and the Fiji Islands (1). In all, 1,800 library buildings have been given, and there is therefore little cause for wonder that Mr. Carnegie should say that he "is more than satisfied with the results of his gifts."

He tells us that "So far Canada has taken almost as many as our own land in proportion to population," and a table shows that there are 85 libraries in Canada (though a previous statement gives the number at 86) as follows: 2 in Alberta, \$60,000; 1 in Saskatchewan, \$10,000; 3 in Manitoba, \$130,000; 65 in Ontario, \$1,339,000; 3 in British Columbia, \$121,915; 1 in Cape Breton, \$15,000; 1 in Newfoundland, \$50,000; 4 in Nova Scotia, \$94,000; 3 in Quebec, \$175,000; and 1 in the Yukon Territory, \$25,000.

It is only within the past six months that the library gifts have passed the fifty million mark. In giving this vast sum Mr. Carnegie has caused the towns and cities benefitting to pledge a sum, varying in specific cases, of course, but on the average ten per cent as large annually for the maintenance of the libraries. So every year it costs the nearly two thousand communities having Carnegie libraries \$5,000,000 for the privilege. In other words, it is taking these millions of taxpayers just a decade to contribute for their own welfare in this one respect an amount equal to that which one man has given them.

SWEARING BOYS.

Canadian Courier: It is regrettable that profanity has become common among boys. It is not in the least out of the ordinary, where a group of boys of 10 to 15 years is together upon the streets or in any open space to play a game of ball, to hear them using oaths that might suit the tongues of the proverbial fishwife or coterminger, but which are shocking falling from the tongues of children of tender years. Of all stupid and silly vices, profanity is one of the worst and most abominable. A simple statement of fact is much stronger than any statement embellished with swear words, and no lie is made any the more believable by being framed in profanity. Profanity among men seems to be growing less and less, at least in public places and among those who may lay claim to decency and some education. But the habit seems to have firmly fixed itself upon a great many of the boys, who may imagine it manly to use profanity and smoke cigarettes.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Mr. Fred St. John Bliss did not capture the office of Judge of Probate with the help of Mr. Pinder, but he secured it in spite of him. The King of the Nackawick seems to have lost his grip.

The excellent system of forest fire protection inaugurated by the Harn government some time ago seems to have got out of joint with itself. The four chief wardens appointed at a salary of one hundred dollars a month should have got busy a few weeks ago.

The action of the city council in deciding to pave a portion of Queen street should meet with the cordial approval of the taxpayers. It is pleasing to note that the most modern method in street paving is to be adopted.

Neither Mr. Pinder or Mr. Slipp, M. P.'s found it convenient to be present at the demonstration in honor of Mr. O. S. Crockett, M.P., held in the Tory club rooms here last week. Straws sometimes indicate which way the wind is blowing.

The local government is meeting in St. John today and may make an appointment to the position of Chief Superintendent of Education, which is to become vacant in a few weeks. It is to be hoped that the choice will fall upon a man in every way as capable as Dr. Inch, who has so long honored and adorned the position.

Hallifax Chronicle: That things are "going some" in Canada is shown by the fact that since 1903, the year of the starting of the National Transcontinental railway, the population of the Dominion has grown by 1,000,000; the foreign trade has increased by \$178,000,000; the revenue of the Federal Government by \$30,000,000; and the production of grain in the three Western Provinces by almost 100,000,000 bushels. That is the way in which Sir Wilfrid Laurier is continuing "to finish his work."

LOST VALUABLE PAPERS.

Serious Fire in Office of Hon. Dr. Pugsley at Ottawa.

OTTAWA, June 7.—Fire which broke out in the office of the Minister of Public Works at the west block of parliament buildings at one o'clock today burned all the Minister's morning mail together with a number of important departmental papers on his desk and did damage to the room to the extent of about \$200. Hon. Dr. Pugsley was in the room but a few minutes before, and on his return from an adjoining room found his desk and chair ablaze. An alarm was immediately given and the Dominion fire police in the building soon extinguished the blaze with the fire hose in the corridor. The fire is thought to have originated from electric wiring leading from the Minister's desk to the various offices in the department.

At least six of Canada's cabinet Ministers will be in England next month. Hon. Frank Oliver, instead of sailing late in the summer as originally intended, has changed his plans and will sail on Friday next on immigration business.

Hon. Mr. Brodeur and Sir Frederic Borden expect to sail on the 25th instant to attend the imperial conference on naval defence. Hon. Geo. P. Graham sails on July 2nd and will be absent about two months. Hon. Messrs. Arllesworth and Fielding are already in London. Hon. Chas. Murphy will make a trip through the Canadian West during the summer and will probably speak at a number of points. Sir Richard Cartwright leaves on Wednesday next to spend two months at his summer residence at Kingston.

DUHAMEL IS DEAD.

Catholic Archbishop Takes Suddenly Ill at Casselman.

Ottawa, June 7.—Most Rev. Joseph Duhamel, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Ottawa, died suddenly Saturday night at Casselman, whither he had gone with the intention of presiding at a confirmation class yesterday.

The late archbishop had been in failing health for a couple of years, but had pursued his duties with scarcely an interruption. On Saturday he showed weakness after the work of the morning, and was advised not to go to Casselman. He could not be persuaded, however, and shortly after his arrival he expired, the immediate cause of death being an affection of the heart.

Archbishop Duhamel was born at Contrecoeur, Que., 63 years ago, but shortly after his birth his parents removed to Ottawa, where he was educated until his ordination to priesthood in 1893. He became successively priest of Buckingham, Que., and St. Eugene County, Ont., and in 1884 was appointed Bishop of Ottawa, on the death of Bishop Guigues. In 1886 he was created Archbishop of Ottawa.

He was a knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, a Roman Count, and chancellor of the University of Ottawa.

The body was immediately removed to Ottawa, and lies in state at the Basilica, where it was viewed yesterday by large numbers. The funeral will take place on Thursday. Archbishop Bruchesi of Montreal and Archbishop McEvay of Toronto will deliver orations in French and English respectively.

French Colony at 'Frisco Protests.

San Francisco, June 7.—Ambassador Jusserand, Mayor Taylor and about 2,000 members of the local French colony who attended a reception to the Ambassador and Madame Jusserand, entered vigorous protests to the statements made by President David Starr Jordan of Stanford University in his speech at Bryn Mawr College, that France was a decadent nation.

Compulsory Training.

London, June 7.—(C.A.P. Cable).—Details of the new military organization have been postponed for Kitchener's report, but the principle of compulsory service is adhered to, beginning with school cadets.

Suicides in Cell.

Preston, June 7.—A laborer named James Kenyon, aged 32, who was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment at Preston for attempted robbery, strangled himself with a ballpen on removal to his cell.

To Meet the Czar.

Paris, June 7.—It is officially announced here yesterday that President Fallieres of France will meet Emperor Nicholas of Russia at Cherbourg on July 31.

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Wage Battle in Prison Corridors.

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Five convicts who were condemned to death, while being transferred to the death cells, overpowered the wardens, wounding and disarming them. They ran through the corridors, shooting down everyone they encountered. They were finally brought to bay by a detachment of wardens, but refused to surrender.

Hotelmen Heavily Fined.

Kingston, June 5.—Two hotelkeepers, C. Millan and John Hastings, for selling liquor during prohibited hours on Sunday, May 23, were fined \$150 and \$100 and costs, respectively.

NOTICE OF TENDER

Tenders will be received by the undersigned until noon on Friday, 11th June instant, for painting the exterior of the Methodist church. The best lead only to be used and subject to approval of the Trustees. Spire and hand to receive two coats; tower and front of building three coats; balance of building, except roof, to receive two coats. Contractor to scrape, sandpaper and putty where needed. The lowest tender of any tender not necessarily accepted.

CHAS. A. SAMPSON,
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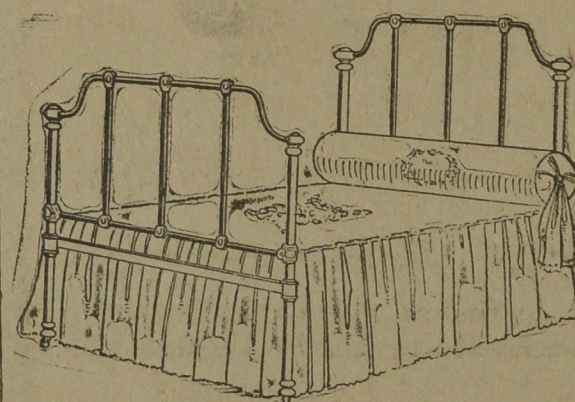
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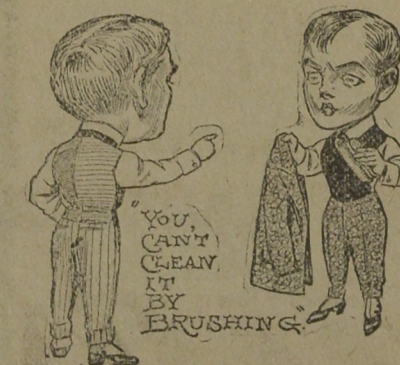
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