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THE DOUKHOBORS

It will be remembered that great sympathy was expressed a year or two since for Peter Verigin, the Doukhobor leader, because of his treatment by the Russian authorities. He was represented to be a man of enlightenment, whose coming to Canada would have a good effect upon those of his race who had already settled in the west. These people had not only failed to take proper advantage of the opportunities afforded them in the great west, but had developed a mania for winter pilgrimages in search of the Saviour. Mr. Verigin, it was predicted, would put a stop to that sort of thing. He came to Canada, passing through this city on his journey west, and impressed those who met him with the belief that he was a man of intelligence. But his arrival in the west did not change the views or the manners of his people. Only a few days ago a group of naked pilgrims were held up by the police, and their leaders sent to an insane asylum. The whole influence of Verigin has apparently been opposed to progress and enlightenment. Mr. Joseph Elkinton, the Quaker, son of the late Joseph S. Elkinton, who did so much for the good of the Doukhobors, tells the story. Three years ago he went through the Doukhobor settlements to endeavor to interest them in the work of education. He is now in Winnipeg again, and the Free Press says:

"He regrets that the success of that effort has not been greater. The Doukhobors, he finds, have not progressed very rapidly along the line of education; but that, he says, is not the fault of the Friends, it is the fault of Peter Verigin. Before his arrival four villages in Saskatchewan had requested that a school house should be built; but after he came, very much to Mr. Elkinton's surprise, they wrote saying they did not want it. He wrote to Verigin telling him that he desired to build a school house, and in the course of a month received a letter from the man who had requested a school, saying that they did not want one. He afterwards learned that Verigin wrote the letter and told them to sign it. Mr. Elkinton adds that while the Doukhobors are thus allowed to be under the dictation of one man they cannot be expected to make any progress. There has been one school up at Good Spirit Lake which has been conducted for two years by English Friends, but Peter Verigin was not in favor of extending the work, and the schools are now closed, owing to his influence against them. He faithfully promised the Friends and the commissioner of immigration two years ago that he would have a school house in every village inside of a year. The Friends have \$15,000 bestowed for educational purposes among the Doukhobors, but they have not been permitted to give a cent of it owing to Peter Verigin's refusal to allow the work to be carried on. Mr. Elkinton says he wrote four letters to Verigin, but the latter never answered one of them, and the whole Society of Friends in Philadelphia in trying to co-operate with him from disinterested motives has had the same treatment. The Friends came out to interview him and afterwards wrote him stating the desire of the committee and the object of the fund, but not a word was received in reply."

Canada has no use for a people who refuse educational facilities which are practically offered to them free of charge. This country imported a problem when it gave an asylum to the Doukhobors. Fortunately the west is big enough not to suffer seriously from the incursions of wandering fanatics, but some action should be taken to save those people from their leaders and from themselves.

COL. WATTERSON'S VIEWS

Col. Waterson, of the Louisville Courier-Journal, who has the habit of stating his opinions with a frankness that has given him a national reputation, has been telling New York newspapers that they have something to learn about journalism from their London confreres. The London paper, he says, indulges in no needless superfluity or featurism. "London compresses into a paragraph what New York would amplify into a column."

Going more into particulars Col. Waterson says:

"New York covers the field more fully. But it does this at the cost of a vast amount of the immaterial. Too much elaboration is the sin of New York; sometimes too little, though not often, of London. When one has read any one of the five leading London dailies, he is tolerably sure of being in possession of the history of yesterday."

"The cleanliness of the London newspapers is delightful. Much of their interest and value is found in their court reports, wherein the story is set down with great particularity, without surmise. There are no exaggerations in the text, and no headlining to distort the text."

"The divorce court furnishes a constant stream of matter which, under American treatment, would be most salacious and unsightly. It is not so as rendered there. The same may be said of the police reports. Indeed, in all points of decency they far surpass us."

IN JAPAN

A recent visitor to Japan was much impressed by the great resourcefulness of the people of that country under the strain of the war. He is thus reported:

There was no excitement and very little talk about the war, and all seemed to be cheerful, although there must have been great sadness of heart on account of the loss of many who never returned from the battlefield. The industries went on seemingly without interruption. His sister said to him that she noticed no difference from

the situation of three years ago. Women took the place of men in the commercial offices. (Never before in the history of Japan has the power of organization been developed in the women of that land as now. The Ladies' Patriotic Association of Tokio, with the Marchioness Oyama and Mrs. Urin, wife of Admiral Urin, as patrons, is producing degrees of efficiency in relief work through this emergency that is almost unsurpassed in any land.

The report of an interview with this visitor further says:

An incident was related of a Russian general who was at Port Arthur, and during an attack himself shot down Japanese one after another as they came up the escarpment in a line five feet apart, until the number astonished him and their determination and bravery aroused his admiration. Afterwards when he was a prisoner in Japan, he made it a subject of inquiry, what could inspire men thus willingly to sacrifice their lives as these Japanese apparently had done. In the course of his study into the cause he became acquainted with Dr. Nitobe's work, "Bushido," and in this he found the explanation of their courage. He immediately began to translate the book into Russian, and he told the author that if the Russians had known what this book reveals they would never have gone to war with the Japanese.

The book Bushido, which deals with knightly ways and the military spirit and training handed down from the twelfth century in Japan, has been translated into English, German, Polish, Norwegian, Russian and Hindustani. Its author, Dr. Nitobe, married an American lady.

The Times tomorrow will be a very interesting 12-page paper, with departments of interest to all classes of readers. The Saturday Times is a good friend to take with you to the country, or to have in the home on Sunday. Its special features and general news make it a veritable family magazine.

These are the days when those who are interested in the stock market manifest unusual interest and activity. The range of prices is very high, and sooner or later there will be a reaction. The public is in the market again, and trading is more active than for a considerable period.

The waterworks affair appears to be under the mind to be approaching a condition in which the taxpayer's duty will merely be to stand by and watch the lawyers gather in their fees.

It is said there is now some prospect of securing the long needed drill hall in this city. If the statement be true, Lord Aylmer deserves our thanks.

All reports continue to be most optimistic regarding the western harvest, unless the alleged scarcity of harvesters be a disturbing factor.

BURNING MIDNIGHT OIL

Police Magistrate Kept Up Late in Trying Case of Kervin vs. McIvor.

Those who passed by the Police Court this morning at 2.30 o'clock likely wondered what was the cause of the great electrical display to be seen.

The solution of the problem is that there was a civil action on, viz. Kervin vs. McIvor, in which the plaintiff sued for three weeks' board of a horse at \$3 per week, and \$10 for four days' service by assisting the defendant in selling horses. The defendant is a horse dealer in P. E. Island and the plaintiff alleges that he left a horse at his place on July 1903 to board and claims the arrangement was that he was to try to sell the horse for McIvor for \$150, and was to be given a commission. Meanwhile he was to use the animal for his stabling.

The plaintiff swore that he had two horses of his own he only exercised the defendant's horse.

The claim for service is for time alleged to have been spent by Kervin unloading the animals at the I. C. R. depot and for canvassing likely customers.

Six or seven witnesses were examined on each side and then argument of counsel was heard. The case was continued today. Walter H. Trueman for the plaintiff; D. Mullin K. C. for the defendant.

REV. J. D. FREEMAN

Speaks of the Recent Great Baptist Congress in London.

(Toronto News.)

"The London Congress was a remarkable one in the fact that every country in the world was represented, except Java and the Philippines," said Rev. J. D. Freeman, of Bloor Street Baptist church, who returned to the city on Saturday.

"One would hardly have supposed that the Baptists were established so widely throughout the world and much less that all would send delegates to the convention. There were all races, colors, and languages, but one faith. The whole tendency of the congress was to strengthen the sentiment of union among Baptists the world over, and to draw closer together the independent organizations of the different countries. There was at the congress a new consciousness of world-wide mission, and a fresh inspiration was received to advance in the work. It was specially realized what a force the Baptists are in the United States and Canada."

"Baptist principles were restated in a very clear, strong manner, and organization was completed for a colonial Baptist Union to pay special attention to mission interests in the British colonies. The Canadian delegates were given a very honorable place on the programme."

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Premier Roblin Estimates Yield at Well Over 100,000,000 Bushels—But Want of Farm Hands May Prove Serious.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 23.—Premier Roblin, who is also minister of agriculture, has just returned from an exhaustive inspection of crops in Manitoba. He said that the largest and best crop ever grown in the Northwest is now ripe and being harvested, but he added that the grain was so heavy and maturing so rapidly that loss must occur unless the harvest is rushed through. Twenty per cent. is cut, he said, but eighty per cent. should be in stack tonight.

The premier estimates the total wheat yield for the Northwest at well over 100,000,000 bushels, being an average of over 25 bushels, with good grade at that, and the only danger being heavy rains in the next week or two. Mr. Roblin concluded by saying that the immediate crop would give a great impetus to the development of the west.

Impelled by these remarks it is an undoubted fact that cutting is general only throughout Manitoba, and many Territorial points, while only three thousand harvesters have arrived so far, these will not get very far along the line, but will be snapped up at the last moment by the everywhere are expressing anxiety at the lack of help now that the crop has matured, with such an unexpected rush. Heavy dewy winds have altogether upset the calculations of experts, and railway people. Returning from Souris today your correspondent saw more after mile of grain ready for binder where but a trifling start had been made.

THE RIVERSIDE SCHOOL

Owing to delay in building operations the Riverside consolidated school will be a week or ten days late in opening. Hon. A. R. McClellan who fathered the scheme for consolidation, and might almost be called the founder of the school, having contributed \$5,000 to the building fund was here last night on his way home from Fredericton and said there would likely be no formal opening.

The building will be a fine, well equipped structure and will have seating capacity for 250 pupils. George J. Trueman, B. A., will be principal and will be assisted by a staff of six teachers.

The manual training department is being fitted up under the approval of the board of education, as the government bears half of this expense. The equipment is now being sent forward. It is expected that land for a school garden will be procured so that this kind of science work may begin next year. The school also intends to have a domestic science department.

Five whole districts and portions of two adjoining were taken to form the new district. For building purposes \$10,000 of twenty-five year 4 per cent bonds were authorized, and those already disposed of have been sold at par and upward. Hon. Mr. McClellan said that there are some yet for sale.

CROCKER'S HORSES COMING

"This week the management of the Theatre Royal, Exeter, are providing unique entertainment for patrons of the Theatre, in the shape of Professor Crocker's horses. These animals have earned a world wide reputation for their clever tricks, and until one sees with one's own eyes the perfectly marvellous performance of these sagacious creatures, one is inclined to regard the claims of their trainer with grave doubts. All thoughts in this direction, however, will be dispelled when put to the test, and after seeing the Professor's productions the spectator will leave the theatre more impressed than ever at the wonderful state of training to which the noble horse is put in to the whole arrangement provides a welcome relief from the performances that one usually sees at the theatre. No lover of horses should neglect the opportunity afforded by the visit of this well-known troupe."—Western Times.

TO BUY FARM HERE

Attorney General Pugsley has received from C. Duff Miller, agent general for New Brunswick in England, information relating to Mrs. Close's scheme for the emigration to New Brunswick of poor law children. Mrs. Close has been interested in this scheme for the past few years, and has made an arrangement whereby she will receive the aid of the New Brunswick government. Mrs. Close has just received from a London banker a generous donation, which she will devote to the purchase of a farm of about two hundred acres in New Brunswick. Arrangements for locating the children and for the supervision of the different groups will be in the hands of a local committee.

YOUNG IS ANGRY

Elmer E. Young has been refused the custody of baby Elma, and has announced his intention of taking proceedings from Boston with an end to recovering the child. Beyond the statement that the little one was born in Boston and is therefore an American subject, he was rather vague as to what line of action would be adopted. He left Digby for Boston via Yarmouth yesterday afternoon. Before leaving he called at Digby jail and asked permission to say good-bye to Mary Hope Young, but was refused, being told that the condemned woman would be informed of his visit. No one but jail officials are allowed to see her.

IN THE COURSE OF JUSTICE

The inadequacy of our criminal law is strongly drawn in a story by Arthur Train in the September McClure's. "In the Course of Justice" tells a vivid story of the underworld of the habitual crook in New York. Its author's position as an assistant district attorney gives him a first-hand knowledge of the criminal in his relation to the law, by which his writings achieve an importance entirely beside their quality as virile, moving stories. Much is heard of the lamped justice of our criminal code and no more vivid picture of its lacks is needed than this tale of a thief with a conscience.

CANADIAN FORESTRY JOURNAL

The third number of the Canadian Forestry Journal contains a number of interesting articles. "The Art of Forestry" is dealt with by Dr. A. Harold Unwin, a European Forester, and "Diseases of Timber," by Dr. J. H. Paull, of the University of Toronto. "Forest Fires in British Columbia in 1904" and "The Poplars" are the titles of popular articles, and plans and descriptions are given of the new timber reserves established in Ontario and Quebec.

RAILS FOR I. C. R.

It is stated in Montreal that the price the Dominion Iron & Steel Co. will receive for the 25,000 tons of 80-lb. steel rails for the Intercolonial will be \$32.50 per ton. Steel agents say rails brought from England today would cost \$32.50 to \$33, while German and American rails could not be landed here for much under \$27 or \$28. At \$25.50 the company, it is estimated, should be making a big profit on its rails, probably \$11 a ton. The Lake Superior Corporation, an official is quoted as saying, has been selling rails at \$28 and \$29, according to the point of delivery.

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