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MONDAY	7,081
TUESDAY	6,996
WEDNESDAY	6,965
THURSDAY	7,008
FRIDAY	7,009
SATURDAY	7,172
TOTAL	42,231
Daily Average	7,038
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THE PLAYGROUNDS

The supervised playground is, for this season, a thing of the past. It has been all and more than its advocates predicted. The citizens who have visited the Centennial school grounds have been convinced of the great value of such places for the children. Necessarily this year's work was experimental here, and there were some lessons to be learned. They have been learned, and will be profited by next year; for it goes without saying that the supervised playground has come to stay.

The thanks not only of the Women's Council but of the citizens is due to a number of ladies, named by Miss Miller in her remarks concerning the ground, for their unselfish devotion to the welfare of the children in these weeks past. To Mr. Hill, the janitor of the Centinnial school, much is due for his faithful and zealous work. He was an enthusiast from the beginning.

St. John is becoming more fully aroused to a sense of the duty of a community to its children, both in school and playtime, and the results cannot but be for better citizenship.

TOO MUCH FOURTH

Another evidence of the growing spirit of Canadianism, as distinguished from the sentiment which Goldwin Smith appears to believe must ultimately prevail, is found in the fact that the Baptists of Canada are seriously considering the publication of their own Sunday school papers. A committee has been appointed to consider the whole subject.

"The 'American Baptist' publishes splendid papers," a representative of the Canadian Baptist Book Room remarked to the Toronto Star this week, "but, to be candid, there is too much Uncle Sam, an excess of Fourth-of-Julyism. Why, there was a special number on the last Independence Day occasion. There is a reference to Canada now and then, but United States' thunder predominates. For some time past Baptists have been asking themselves: 'Why can't we publish our own Sunday school papers?' To be frank, I don't see any insurmountable obstacle. I am free to confess that it has the appearance of a fairly large contract, but the Baptist denomination in Canada is about 200,000 strong, with conspicuous strength in the Maritime Provinces, and it is many years since the Baptist Book Room began business.

"The Baptist schools of Canada are not limited to the 'American Baptist' papers, but I think that those publications are more largely used than any other. Some English papers are taken, and certain undenominational papers published in Chicago have quite a circulation. As I have said already, the 'American Baptist' gets out some very fine papers. Still, the Canadian Baptists ought to do almost as well, certainly from a Canadian standpoint, with proper support and under favorable conditions."

IN AUSTRALIA

The Scottish American observes that though less is heard about emigration to Australia than to Canada, which is quite a reversal of former conditions, yet Australia is at present enjoying the wave of prosperity in which all the world save Russia seems to a greater or less extent to share.

"Last year," says the Scottish American, "proved a very prosperous one for the Commonwealth of Australia, and the returns so far indicate that this is to be another of the same. Internal commerce and foreign trade seem almost all that could be desired. Imports during the first quarter increased about six and a quarter million dollars compared with the same period of last year, while during that time the exports exceeded those of 1905 by no less than thirty million dollars. Then the Inter-State trade—that is, trade between the several colonies comprising the Commonwealth—has likewise been very active, and shows substantial increasees over last year's figures."

"In March last the deposits in bank amounted to $194,500,000, an increase of nearly ten per cent during the year, and that despite the reduction in the rate of interest which drove a large proportion of the savings to Britain for investment—a course which the bank trouble of a few years ago probably induced the canny Scot to adopt. Besides, the better times have not only enabled the people to repay former loans, but to do without further advances. This is demonstrated by the decrease of $11,000,000 in bank advances since 1904. That decrease, however, does not indicate any decline in general business, but rather the reverse."

It may also be noted that Australia is realizing more keenly the need of immigrants, and despite the restrictions imposed in the past in the interests of native labor, it is certain that a more vigorous effort will be made to secure more settlers.

WELCOME THE SCOT

Noting the increase in the number of Scotch people coming to Canada the Winnipeg Free Press says:

"The growth of the movement Canadawards from Scotland can be estimated from the fact that the Land o' Cakes sent 3,741 settlers to the Dominion—that is, as shown by the Board of Trade returns—in June of this year, as against 1,854 in the same month of 1905. The general emigration from Scotland has increased by 100 per cent. during the past three years, and of this the Dominion is getting by far the biggest share. Among all the highly desirable classes of settlers now pouring into Canada, none are more welcome than those from the land of the heather. Sons of Scotland have done much for the upbuilding of the Dominion, and from the days of Lord Selkirk to those of Lord Strathcona have exercised an enormous and beneficial influence on the progress and fortunes of Western Canada. Every dweller in the three Prairie Provinces will join in the hope that the movement thitherward will continue to grow, until Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta become in fact if not in name, the real Nova Scotia, where the sons of the land of brown heath and shaggy wood will find, in common with settlers from other parts of Great Britain, from the United States and elsewhere, larger opportunity, and will benefit themselves and the country of their adoption by assisting to establish firmly that reverence for law, love of liberty and regard for learning as well as the characteristic thrift, progressiveness, thoroughness and industry that have made the country north of the Tweed a household word wherever the canny Scot has gone—and where he has not gone?"

An exchange notes that accordng to a new volume of statistics just published the population of London has grown almost a quarter of a million since 1901, for it is now estimated at 4,721,216. Then the outer area of the county has added over half a million, and is now two and a half millions strong. Together these form Greater London, and so it will now have a population of about 7,300,000. During 1904 there were 39,586 marriages registered in London, being about seventeen per thousand people, while in 1863 the per centage was 22 per 1000. The birth rate in these respective years (1863 and 1904) shows a corresponding decline, viz., from 35 per 1000 to 28 per 1000. The death rate, again, 17.4 per 1000, is considered a decided improvement on forty years ago. It is recorded, however, that in 1904 there were no fewer than 224 cases of what is called 'industrial' poisoning; and of these 66 occurred from the manufacture of white lead, and 16 from anthrax."

DOUBLE LIFE

London City Man Retrieves Losses by Burglary.

A London cable says:—A strange life-story lies behind the conviction at Clerkenwell Sessions of Henry Lewis, a well-dressed, intelligent-looking man. He was sentenced, on his own confession to a series of burglaries, to two years' imprisonment.

Lewis is a trained accountant, belonging to a good family, and is a man of more than average education and intelligence. During the day he was engaged with a firm of accountants in the city; at night he devoted himself to burglary in the neighborhood of Hampstead. Up to two years ago he was a prominent cyclist, and frequently trained for and rode in the chief amateur cycling events.

He had, however, always a propensity to crime, and when he began to gamble he turned to burglary as a means of retrieving his losses. He himself told the story of how he began. After leaving a club, where he had lost all his money and was in debt, he saw a house with a lower-floor window open. "There," said he, "is a way of clearing myself," and three nights afterwards he committed his first burglary.

He was married to a young woman of good position. He himself is only twenty-five. His wife left him when she discovered his nocturnal occupations.

Finally he was captured and sentenced to six months' imprisonment. His parents, whose names have been kept by the police strictly out of the case, got him another chance. They could have started him in business had he wished. But in Henry Lewis's character there is a curious twist. He resumed his gambling habits in fresh quarters, for he was at once expelled from the last to which he had belonged. With the strange limitations of the criminal both in methods and localities, Lewis stuck to Hampstead, among the houses between the village and Finchley road. Always, too, he entered the houses through the lower floor windows and took articles which he afterwards pawned in Houndsditch or the neighborhood. He was caught in the act, and confessed to Detective-Sergeant Ballard his complicity in nearly every case which has occurred in the district for a couple of months back.

WOMEN IN CONVENTION

OCEAN PARK, Me., Aug. 18. — The Women's convention opened a several days' session here yesterday with a field day devoted to western Maine. Maine delegates from Portland and other places in the western portion of the state were present. The speakers at the afternoon meeting were Mrs. Mary W. Thomas of Saco and Mrs. Mary Phillips, a missionary to India.

Last night Rev. Louis Malvern of Portland gave an illustrated lecture on India.

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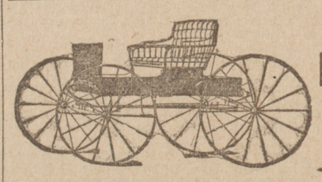
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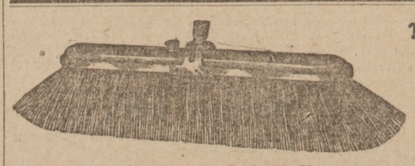
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THE GOLDEN CHAIN

Though I have heard much noble speech of man,
Strengthening the bands of human brotherhood,
Fostering our faith in Heaven's great clemency;
Yet, once, that kinship gained a wider span.

A moment then I saw the Eternal Good,
And hope leapt up and touched on certainty.

But 'twas no bard that sang me burning words,
No seer's prophetic voice that fired my soul,
Nor lyric rapture of love-wakened birds,
Descant of great-voiced waves, nor thunder-roll—

But from one small, despised, unlovely throat
Low in the grass about my straying feet,
Rose to my ears, and to my heart, the note
That woke my whole world to new spirit-light.

I had gone forth the early day to greet,
And where the meadows to the pool sloped down,
Fresh wakened from his winter sleep, and bright
In his new livery of gold and brown,
There leapt a frog, whom the great life force drew
To seek the waterside and find his mate.

And we two met and crossed our destinies—
For, on the instant, crouched he in the dew,
Fearing this overlord of his small fate,
And I made pause and lightly pressed upon
His form with idle foot. Then, suddenly
Sinking his head beneath his out-stretched hands—
As one might bend before a headsman's blade—
He cried aloud: God, how he cried to me!

The morning silence of those meadow-lands
Thrilled to the harsh, high-pitched, imploring cry,
That shocked me with its half humanity;
It caught me by the heart, its poor fear made
A love I might have scorned an hour before
Leap in my breast; "Ah, little brother mine,
I harm thee?—No; go thou thy life-drawn way."

And then the Universal Love upbore
My soul—I saw the golden chain outshine
That links all life; and in the new made day
My faith flamed up anew. For that small fate
I saw then as my own; in that poor cry
I heard my prayers to God; and while I live,
Remembering how my soul rocked yearningly,
I know the only answer God can give.
—H. Lulham, in The London Outlook.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

"That young married couple seem of one mind, don't they?"

"Yes, hers."—Boston Transcript.

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"Arabella," called the father from the head of the stairs, "is that young man gone?"

"Yes, father. Completely!" Milwaukee Sentinel.

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"That's a bad habit which you have taken up of talking in your sleep, my dear husband."

"That may be, but it is the only time at which you let me talk."—Il Riso.

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Lady—Can't work on account of paralysis, eh? Nonsense! A great big man like you! Where are you paralyzed?

Battered Butters—Yer see, mum, it's me will power dat's paralyzed.—Chicago News.

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A little girl was out walking with her aunt one day. The aunt bowed to a man they were passing. "Who is he, Aunt Jennie?" asked the little girl. Mrs. Littlefield told her that he was Mr. Melrose, the village undertaker.

"Oh, yes" replied the child quickly. "I remember him. He undertook my grandmother."—Harper's Bazar.

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The suburban trolley was tied up and they had been walking toward home for an hour.

"John," she ventured after a long silence, "how far have we walked?"

"Dunno," growled John, as he felt his melting collar. "You didn't take a pedometer for a husband."

She said nothing. The next morning John was going fishing, and instead of awakening at 4 he slept until 7.

"Great Scott!" he exclaimed, searching for his shoes. "Why didn't you arouse me earlier?"

"Arouse you?" she said sweetly. "Why my dear, because you didn't take an alarm clock for a wife."—Ledger.

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NATURALLY.

De Style—Has any of your family gone away for the summer?

Gunbusta—Only the cook.—Woman's Home Companion for August.

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PERT AND PERTINENT.

"I suppose, Mrs. de Ritch, you enjoy your family tree so much this sultry weather?"

"What do you mean, Mrs. Sharp? Why should I enjoy it particularly now?"

"Because it's such a very shady one."—Baltimore American.

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BRIGHT BOY

"Many fish around here?" asked the old gentleman of the boy fishing on the pier.

"Yep; lots of 'em."

"What kind are they?"

"Mostly suckers that ask questions."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

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THE MAN REQUIRED.

A man went to the director of an insurance company, asking to be given a position.

"What can you do?" he was asked, but there was no reply.

"Did you hear? What can you do?"

"Sir, I am deaf."

"Oh, deaf, are you? Why did you not say so at once? I'll put you in our complaints department."—Il Diavolo Rosa.

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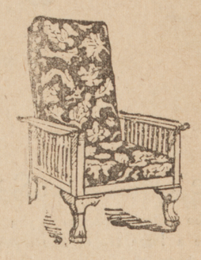
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