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KEEPING A DIARY.

There are times when a great many people are struggling to keep their newly formed resolutions to keep a diary, and when a great many other people are smiling over rather feeble and not very fresh jokes aimed at that supposedly large class who begin on January 1 to write up each day's doings in a little book that has a blank space for every day in the year, but who give up the effort before the year has grown to be more than an infant of days. Possibly a topic which seems to afford material for so much mirth may warrant a few words of truth and soberness.

Let us say at once that the plan for keeping throughout the year a daily journal in which shall be set down all the trivial routine of one's life is not a good one. Those who have formed it and are already weary of the process are quite excusable for being disposed to give it up. But it does not follow that all diary keeping is a delusion and a snare. Quite the contrary. There are several sorts of diary keeping that are excellent, each for its own purpose, and for the persons to whom it is adapted.

As a temporary expedient in training one's memory the regular, old-fashioned plan above mentioned will often be found to be useful. Try it. Sit down at the close of a busy day and spend an hour recalling and recording all that you have done, seen, learned, experienced since waking in the morning, or as much thereof as time and space will allow. Be minute. What was your exact time of rising? What did you have for breakfast? What acquaintances did you meet on your way down street? What bit of startling news did you hear? Set down in their order the business or professional transactions of the day. Note the evening's amusements or social enjoyment in detail. Do this every evening for a week. Then let the diary remain untouched for a week and on Saturday afternoon try the experiment of writing it up for the preceding six days. Enough, but not too much, of this sort of thing will prove entertaining, suggesting a wonderful tonic to the memory.

Then it is well to keep a diary for special purposes; that is, if you are inclined that way. A "fad" is sometimes an admirable thing to relieve the fierce strain of business or professional life.

It is a good practice to keep a diary during any limited period when one is passing through a special enterprise. On a transatlantic voyage, a daily record of distance sailed, condition of the sea, ships spoken, exchanges or schools of porpoises encountered, pleasant acquaintances formed, information gained about the marvels of the modern steamship will be a source of incalculable delight at the time, of pleasure to friends and of satisfaction to the voyager in coming time.

Still another good idea is to have a diary for the purpose of jotting down in its proper place any remarkable occurrence whose exact date and description may be matter of interest at a subsequent time. One who does not in general care for weather wisdom would be glad this winter if he could by turning the blank pages of an 1892 diary, find here and there a page containing memoranda of the remarkable blizzards and "cold snaps" of last winter, so as to compare them from time to time with whatever in that line the present season may have for us. So with the date of the first spring robin, the first wild flower discovered in the woods, the passage of an important bill at Ottawa or Toronto, the visit of a long absent friend, etc., etc. People whose calling does not require

keeping a regular day book and ledger account it will often be found useful to enter in a diary records of business transactions.

A diary is an intolerable taskmaster, but a very convenient and useful servant.

RUSSIA'S INHUMAN GOVERNMENT

The latest advices from Russia abundantly confirm all that has been reported in regard to the cruel persecution not of the Jews alone but of Christian dissenters from the Russian Orthodox church. Heedless of the lessons of history, Russia is attempting to establish unanimity of religion by methods that savor of the ages of Nero and Diocletian. The unhappy Jews have been driven in thousands from Moscow, and their expulsion has been attended by incidents of cruelty and inhumanity that in these closing years of the nineteenth century seem almost incredible. Neither helpless childhood nor venerable age has excited the pity of the persecutors. The Russian government and its official tools know no mercy when dealing with the Jews.

The accounts of the Stundist persecution are no less abhorrent to all who believe in liberty of conscience. The Stundists are faithful subjects of the Czar; but because they do not adhere to the orthodox faith, and choose to worship in their own way, without disturbing the public peace or interfering with the worship of others, they are being treated with brutal outrage, their homes broken up and their property seized.

Later advices indicate that the German Lutherans, who live chiefly in the Baltic provinces, will not long enjoy the partial toleration which the Russian Government has extended to them, largely for fear of exciting German indignation. Several of their pastors have been imprisoned on flimsy pretexts, the real reason being that they were energetic in preaching and spreading the Lutheran faith, and measures for subjecting Lutherans to various disabilities are reported to be in preparation. The spectacle thus presented by Russia can not fail to weaken the sympathy that would otherwise be felt for that nation in the event of an attack upon her by her enemies in Europe. Even to such a huge and powerful empire the favorable opinion of civilized mankind is of no inconsiderable importance.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE speech delivered by Sir John Thompson in Toronto last Thursday evening will be found in another column of this issue.

SIR JOHN THOMPSON and several of his colleagues will address a public meeting in Toronto on Friday evening. Their utterances will be listened to and read with much interest.

THE snowstorm that ended on Monday evening was by no means the heaviest on record, but it was just heavy enough to give the oldest inhabitant's torpid recollection a little vigorous and exhilarating exercise.

THE news which was flashed across the country on Monday morning, to the effect that James Gillespie Blaine was dying, was sad news to the people of the United States. He was by all odds their most brilliant statesman.

THE dominion government has decided to investigate the charge that Internal Revenue Officer Cosgrove signed an annexation document. He says he didn't and others say he did. If he is guilty he will be fired, and quite properly, too.

IT is reported that Mr. A. B. Ingram, M.P., is to be appointed postmaster of St. Thomas. We don't know whether the report is correct or not, but if it be, then our old friend Anny is to be congratulated on having sense enough to take care of his own good self.

THE Cobourg World says that E. E. Shepard was beaten in his fight for the mayoralty of Toronto because the Empire supported him. Our contemporary ought to know better than to make such a statement. It is sheer nonsense. There isn't enough brains among the Empire's editorial staff to hurt any one.

THE political parties appear to be getting ready for the local elections which the Toronto News says will take place when the flowers bloom in the spring. In North Ontario, T. W. Chapple has been nominated by the grays and James Glendenning by the tories. In West York J. W. St. John has been put up by the tories, and in a number of other constituencies conventions have been called for the nomination of candidates.

MR. J. J. B. FLEET, police magistrate of Belleville, has rendered a decision to the effect that the act of the Ontario legislature of 1892, relating to frauds on butter and cheese factories, is inoperative. He says: "My opinion is that the recent act referred to has rendered the prior act and all other acts in Ontario referring to supplying milk to factories of little or no value. I am of the opinion from experience in trying very many cases of fraud in supplying milk, that it is now, under the act of 1892, almost impossible to secure a conviction in any case. Factories are practically, so far as regards the Ontario act, unprotected."

TO ADOPT STERNER MEASURES.

To Show the Government is Not Afraid to Arrest Anyone—France is Bound to Sift the Scandal.

PARIS, Jan. 9.—M. Clemenceau was, at his own request, examined by Magistrate Franqueville to-day in relation to his knowledge of Panama Canal matters. The examination lasted a long time. No details have been given to the public.

M. Baihut, Ex-Minister of public works, was put under arrest to-day after a long interview with Magistrate Franqueville. Baihut has heretofore been allowed to go under surveillance.

The authorities are said to have been moved to sterner measures by reports coupling President Carnot's name with that of Baihut, the arrest being intended to prove that the Government is not afraid to take action against anyone.

Charles de Lesseps has given to M. Franqueville, examining magistrate, a pocket-book in which he kept notes concerning the relations of the canal company to many public men. The notes are in cipher, but M. de Lesseps has added a key by which all have been translated. The consequent evidence is exceptionally important. It shows conclusively the connections of the company. The celebrated writers on economic and international questions and two ex-Ministers are said to be among those compromised. These revelations are expected to lead to more arrests.

WARNING TO ITALY.

The Ambassador Reports a Revolution in France Probably.

ROME, Jan. 9.—Senor Rossman, Italian ambassador in Paris, has sent to the Government a very pessimistic despatch as to the state of feeling in France on the eve of the reassembling of the Chambers.

The crisis, he says, has reached an acute stage, which quite possibly may be followed by revolution. It behooves the triple alliance, he continues, to be prepared for any eventuality. The manifesto about to be issued by Prince Victor N. poleon he regards as a probable source of great danger.

FAILURES FOR THE YEAR.

Decrease in the Number Both in Canada and the United States.

The number of failures in the dominion of Canada and Newfoundland during 1892 was 1,688, with liabilities amounting to \$13,766,100. This shows a decrease as compared with last year, the number of failures for 1891 being 1,889 with liabilities amounting to \$17,100,649. The number of failures in the United States during 1892 was 10,344, with liabilities amounting by \$124,044,167. This also shows a decrease as compared with 1891, as in that year the number of failures was 12,273 with liabilities amounting to \$189,868,638.

Excitement in the Dressed Hog Market.

There is considerable excitement in the dressed hog market, and high as prices have already climbed, the opinion in the trade is that they will be higher still. Sales of car lots have been in this market at \$8.25 to \$8.35 per 100 lb., but on the basis of the extravagant demands of holders west of Toronto they could not sold at those prices here to-day. Choice heavy shipping hogs in Chicago have sold as high as \$7.15 per 100 lbs. live weight. So that in comparison with prices in the Western States, dressed hogs in Montreal are cheap at \$8.25 to \$8.50 notwithstanding that they are higher than for years past. A scarcity in the hog supply similar to that now experienced occurred in 1886 when dressed hogs were sold in Toronto by the car load at \$10.50 and over, and in Montreal at \$11.00 and over. To-day there is great strength in the market, and Western shippers do not seem to know how high to make a firm offer at. Prices are also very irregular; holders at different points, but with the same freight rate to Montreal, asking figures that are considerably apart. Of course the high price of hogs in Chicago has caused a sharp advance in the price of pork, which could not be laid down here from Chicago yesterday at under \$21.40 per bbl. for new regular mess. Some good turns have been made recently by Montreal operators in pork in Chicago.—Trade Bulletin.

Foresters' Insurance.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 9.—Dr. Oronhyatetka, head of the Independent Order of Foresters, and John A. McGillivray, Q. C., Supreme Court Secretary, both of Toronto, arrived in the city to-day and had a conference with Mr. Fitzgerald, government superintendent of insurance, this afternoon. They are desirous of obtaining from the government a certificate showing the standing of the order in Canada as an insurance society which will permit them to do business in certain states of the union.

There are only a few states which require these certificates. The society got one from the government already for Wisconsin, and now they desire one for Illinois and another for the state of Maine. Mr. McGillivray told your correspondent that there was considerable trouble in obtaining these certificates, the society being under a special act of incorporation; but if they were refused this time they would apply at the next session of parliament for an amendment to their act instructing the insurance department to issue them.

Canada's Only "Jaillores."

Boston Globe
The positions which Canadian ladies are incapable of filling remain to be discovered. In Walkerton the office of jailor is being ably filled by Miss Roether.

This lady has the distinction of being the only "jaillores" in Ontario, and the inspector of jails and prisons has given a very favorable report of the Bruce county jail as it is under her superintendence.

Have Rented a Railroad.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The deal between this city and the Cleveland syndicate to lease them the London and Port Stanley railway, held by the Grand Trunk at present, has been closed. This means the establishment of direct trade between Cleveland and London across Lake Erie.

The Pope's Successor.

ROME, Jan. 9.—A sensation has been caused here by the latter of Pope Leo to the people of Bologna in which the pontiff states that in nominating Cardinal S. rafino Vanutelli to the Archbishop of Bologna he had obeyed the divine inspiration. The unusual declaration on the part of the Pope is regarded as tantamount to designating Cardinal Vanutelli as his successor in the pontificate. The Pope is also reported to have remarked Vanutelli goes to Bologna a cardinal and will return a pope.

Crisp and Casual.

St. Louis exports quail to London. In the wine districts of France, Spain and Italy grapes are still trodden with the bare feet under the idea that the wine is better.

Marshy N. Lyles, a colored woman of Sylvania, Ga., who is now 70 years of age, started to school for the first time a few days ago.

It is stated by an actor that the electric lamp used as footlights is harder on the eyes of the performers than either gas or candle light.

Black patches, striped like stars, crescents horseshoes and even like coaches and horses, were worn by the ladies of the Court of Anne.

The town of Forsyth, Mo., is only fifty years old and never had a church.

Men attending the pans in salt works are never known to have cholera, smallpox, scarlet fever or influenza.

A recent estimate places the amount of standing timber in the State of Washington at 300,000,000,000 feet.

The motion of the earth around the sun is 68,305 miles an hour; over 1,000 miles a minute or 10 miles a second.

A recent invention is a cradle which rocks by clock-work mechanism and at the same time plays baby tunes.

The fleeces of ten goats and the work of several men for half a year are required to make a genuine cashmere shawl a yard and half wide.

At Minorca the fisherman simply dives to a depth of seventy feet with a weight in one hand to carry him down. With the other hand he picks up as many pearl oysters as he can carry and brings them up to a boat.

One of the last official acts of the Emperor of Germany before the dawn of the new year was to sign the death sentence of a woman convict of murder.

Sends Its Congratulations.

Napanee Beaver.
Rev. W. R. Young, B. A., Millbrook, formerly of Newburgh, has accepted the invitation of the George-st. Methodist church, Peterboro, to become their pastor, subject to the action of the stationing committee of the next conference. W. R. will please accept our congratulations.

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TOWN TALK

—There is plenty of snow now for ing.
—The county council will meet on Tuesday 24th.
—Dr. Niddrie left for Salt Lake Monday.
—Dr. C. H. Brereton of Bethany town on Sunday.
—Doak's hand-made chopping axe king of chopping axes.
—James Wilson died suddenly in Hope on Saturday evening.
—Boys' hand-leighs and runnaby carriages at R. J. Doak's.
—With the mercury 20 below zero man who sweats has to work for it.
—Rev. Mr. Bloodworth attended the meeting of the presbytery at Peterboro day.
—Doak's sleigh-bells, and cut excellent variety and quality at Doak's.
—Mr. Beaver Von Hornreich passed very successful examination for the service recently.
—The fight for the wardenship between Mr. Ferguson of Cavan, Mr. J. of Bowmanville, and Mr. Smale of Toronto.
—R. J. Doak has secured the grand Premier razor steel cross-cut saw, is a world beater. Every one wants to try one.
—Wanted by R. J. Doak, 10,000 of clover seed and any amount of blue peas, for which the highest price will be paid.
—Mr. James Stevenson, M. P., and Stratton, M. P., will attend a by-laws given by the South Monaghan council at Centerville on Tuesday evening.
—The Rev. Mr. Stephen late minister to China will preach in the Cent. Presbyterian church next Sabbath and will also give a lecture on the following Tuesday night.
—Old friends of Mr. Thos. H. Philmer resident of Millbrook, will be glad to learn that he has been elected a member of the Port Perry school board after a long fight. There were ten candidates for four vacant seats, and Tom was second on the race.
—I. E. Cecilham is the general agent for this section for a Toronto firm enlarging photographs at the very best prices. They are very handsome and make most acceptable Christmas presents. He is also agent for the sale of pianos, sewing machines, etc. Shop next Archer's shoe shop.
—The Christmas tree entertained at St. Thomas' Sunday school was held on Monday evening, and notwithstanding the cold weather, there was a large attendance of the little ones and their parents. Others interested in the work of the school. The proceedings opened with the singing of the hymn "Brightly beams our Father by the children, followed by the refreshments. The next order of business was the distribution of prizes given by the rector. The closing hymn "Once in Royal David's City" was sung by the children and followed by "The Queen," and the proceedings brought to a close.