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PROVINCIAL POLICE FORCE.

In our issue of May 14th last The Free Press advocated the formation of a force of Provincial police, urging in support of the step the well-known fact that in many cases criminals were allowed to slip through the hands of the county police owing to the fact that the latter, being paid by fees, are not at all anxious to incur expense when there seems to be no prospect of being recouped.

Yesterday's Globe, in an article headed, "No Protection Against Tramps," voices several of the objections we then advanced in our article. It says: "Could the number of more or less outlaws now sojourning in rural Ontario be ascertained it would fill the unprotected inhabitants with alarm.

These wanderers soon develop an antagonistic, anti-social spirit that makes them delight in depredations. The burning of barns, the maiming of cattle, and shocking crimes of personal violence are the results of the new invasion.

The county constable system is powerless in meeting such conditions. It affords no protection against the miscreants before they have committed their crimes. When the community is shocked by an outrage there is an eager pursuit, but there is no systematic direction and no method of communication for intercepting a guilty fugitive. A bad feature of the fee system develops, for the constable whose only remuneration is a fee for an arrest cannot be expected to devote his working days to the uncertain pursuit of a criminal.

SOCIAL ECONOMICS.

The present week has been marked by two steps in social economics taken in England and Canada which must have a great effect upon the future of both countries. In England the bill for giving old age pensions to all persons requiring the same, who have reached the age of seventy years and are neither paupers nor criminals, has passed through all its stages in the House of Commons, and appears certain to find its way into the statute books.

In Canada the Government has launched a less ambitious scheme, but one founded on the right lines. These lines are cheapness of administration, Government security and safety from seizure. When this bill becomes an Act any Canadian who wishes will be able to purchase for himself an annuity. If he starts young enough he can make provision for his old age cheaply and with the certainty that no misfortune can deprive him of the fruits of his industry. In case of death the funds paid in will be returnable. The annuities go as high as \$600 per annum, and will enable many careful workers to make provision for themselves with confidence that their efforts will not be thrown away. In Canada the age limit is fixed at fifty-five, which gives workers a chance of enjoying a few years of quiet retirement before the end.

These schemes, which mark a great advance in the same week in two countries, together with the working schemes in force in Germany and New Zealand, testify to the great

The Formation of a Canadian Life Saving Society a Public Necessity

SPLENDID ARTICLE WRITTEN FOR THE FREE PRESS BY MR. T. W. SHEFFIELD, OF THE BRITISH ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY.

Until the formation of the Royal Life Saving Society of Great Britain in 1891, very little was done to promote the essential feature of the art of swimming, that of rescuing persons in danger of drowning, by swimming to their relief, and at the present time the society is the only body which exists solely for the purpose of providing instruction in the art of human salvage. In an empire which prides itself on its strength upon the waters, there should not be a person ignorant of these things, and yet it may be safely said that comparatively few have the skill to undertake a rescue in deep water, or the knowledge of how to restore suspended animation.

Here is an admitted evil, the gravity of which is forced upon us by hundreds of cases every year. If only those who have learned by sad experience what it is to see a person struggling in the water, and unable to help him, could be moved to assist a national enterprise for the saving of life, this evil would soon disappear from our midst.

The safety of a person who cannot swim may be imperilled at any moment when he ventures in, upon, or near the water. It may be safely said that there is no art in which it is easier to arrive at a moderate facility than the art of swimming. There is none which is cheaper, and the pursuit of which conduces to much to health or confers more pleasure.

A very little scientific teaching acquaints the pupil with the all-important fact that the body is buoyant in water, and that nobody need drown except as a consequence of a panic, exhaustion or ignorance. A knowledge of swimming will prevent those ugly clutches through which scores of people have gone down, and through which even the strongest swimmer may be fatally submerged if he does not know how to free himself. This self-control and knowledge will never come to one as a result of theory alone. The confidence and ability which are necessary, can only be instilled into the human being by practice and experience. It is earnestly to be hoped that it will soon be publicly recognized that it is a duty on the part of those who are charged with the education of the young to see to it that every boy and girl be taught the art of swimming and life-saving before leaving school. The method or system whereby this knowledge may be easily and profitably imparted, is in existence, and, having regard to the wants of the rising generation, no educational body should leave it unemployed.

Everybody knows that man is not a swimmer by nature, but he may be

change in public opinion on these points which has marked the last few years. Governments are giving the workers new opportunities. In Canada the Government will help all workers who help themselves—the best possible form in which help can be given. To the young man of twenty, old age seems a long way off and the necessity of providing for it not at all pressing. The chance will be there, however, if he wishes to make use of it, and we may hope, as the scheme is put into actual working, that it will prove beneficial enough to induce large numbers to take advantage of it. If the payments are pressed heavily at any time, and very little self-denial will be needed to secure great advantages. The success of the scheme depends upon the extent to which the workers use it and it is to be hoped that in large numbers they will purchase Government annuities with the advantages attached to them.—Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

It would shorten the voyage to the South Sea by more than 1,500 leagues," he says, "and from Panama to the strait of Magellan would be an island and from Panama to the new lands (terres neuves) another island." English, French, Spanish or American, we can all join in praise of the sweeping foresight that could conceive such a project in the days when almost everyone else believed that America was merely the eastern coast of Asia and its territory was the habitation of dragons, demons and mythical monsters.

LIFE SAVING.

After reading the article written by Mr. Sheffield one cannot help but feel impressed with the loving message that the writer intends to convey to his fellowmen. The work that this noted swimmer has accomplished in the Dominion for the organizing of a Canadian Life Saving Society was very favorably commented upon in the Toronto Globe, the leading Canadian newspaper, and in fact all the newspapers of that city are assisting Mr. Sheffield in his noble work. Mr. James L. Hughes, the Inspector of public schools for that city, who is always interested in any scheme that will be a benefit to the youth of the nation, has taken up this work and is a strong advocate of the formation of the society. Commissioner Harris has also become interested, and the Toronto Swimming Club are pushing forward the movement very effectively.

CHAMPLAIN AND THE CITY HE FOUNDED.

Centuries of history are recalled by the approach of Quebec's celebration, which will begin next week, says The Detroit Free Press. Retrospect goes back to the summer day when Samuel de Champlain sailed up the St. Lawrence and at the Indian village of Stadacona founded the first permanent European settlement in the north of the continent. Cartier had preceded him, but Cartier's voyages left no trace. To Champlain falls the honor of the pioneer.

Many changes have been recorded since those early days. The French made good their foothold on the new shores, in spite of the Indian aborigines, who claimed the land by right of possession, and the Spanish people, who asserted their right to the entire continent through right of discovery. The English overcame the French conquerors, and in turn yielded the greater part of the continent to the composite race, unborn when Champlain built his rude shelter at the foot of the rugged rock in the St. Lawrence.

While recalling the past, however, it may be well to suggest a point that has not been mentioned as yet. This is that Champlain, in whose honor the celebration is planned, was the first to advise the cutting of the Panama canal. He was in the Spanish possessions in 1603, five years before the Stadacona landing, and visited the isthmus. His journal of that year notes the possibilities of such a canal.

come an excellent swimmer by practice, and may be yet, with the most admirable intentions and the utmost courage, unable to render efficient service to a drowning man. He may be clutched by the person whom he desires to rescue, and the pair may drown together. There are hundreds of abortive efforts at rescue every year, and there are many in which a single tragedy is made into a double one through the absence of a simple little knowledge on the part of the intending helper. Even a powerful swimmer takes a great risk upon himself when he approaches in the water a person who has fallen into that natural state of panic which so generally overcomes those who are in danger of drowning, unless he knows his business, in which case the whole thing becomes safe and comparatively easy. The person who has been trained, undertakes the work of rescue with as complete immunity from danger as if he were disporting himself in the water for his own amusement. He has no fear of the drowning man's clutch, which has been fatal in so many instances, for he has his guard, just as a practical wrestler has, against a possible contingency, and he has this advantage over the wrestler, that he is at home in the element in which the other person is in deadly danger. The drowning man is altogether at his mercy, and the wildest flurry and the most desperate embrace have no perils for the trained life saver.

The main objects of the society are: 1. To promote technical education in life saving and resuscitation of the apparently drowned. 2. To obtain public support in favor of adopting swimming and life saving as a branch of instruction in government schools, colleges and institutions throughout the Dominion. 3. To encourage and improve the general knowledge of swimming, diving and plunging and learn the art and correct method of saving life. 4. Promoting public lectures, demonstrations and competitions in life saving to form classes of instructions, and issue printed circulars of the principles underlying the art of natation. 5. To give lessons in throwing out life buoys. 6. To collect donations, bequests and subscriptions for the society.

There is no part of the empire which offers so many advantages as Canada for the immediate formation of this society, whose chief aim would be to educate all in the art of natation and life saving methods, and thus minimize the terrible loss of life that is always taking place in the great lakes and waterways of the Dominion.

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When one considers that up to the present date seventy-nine fatalities have occurred in the Province of Ontario this season from drowning, they are appalled by the astounding figures and feel that something should be done immediately.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Hamilton Spectator: Official figures printed recently of the returns for the general election in Ontario prove interesting reading to Conservatives at least. Considering that for twenty-five years they polled a majority of votes, it took a weary time through a manipulation of the constituencies by their opponents to come into their own. Now that they have, it can confidently be expressed that, by an honest administration of the affairs of the province, it will be an equally lengthy period ere the electorate lose confidence in the trust they have so consistently and emphatically expressed.

PERSONAL

—Miss Beatty, of Rochester, is the guest of friends in town. —Mr. E. C. Rutherford, of Sturgeon Point, spent Sunday in Omeme. —Miss Ferris is the guest of friends at Sturgeon Point for a few days.

—Our talented young friends, the Pepper twins, are home again for their holidays.

—Miss Allen, Victoria ave., left for a few weeks' vacation at Muskoka.

—Mrs. Allin and children, Victoria ave., are enjoying a holiday in Muskoka.

—Miss Cora Emerson has returned from a pleasant visit with Manvers friends.

—Miss Agnes Meehan is at present the guest of her cousin, Miss Mollie Gillice.

—Mr. Sam. Carew, Township Councillor of Somerville, was in town on Wednesday.

—Mr. Wilbert Hunter, formerly of town, is spending a few days' vacation with friends.

—Miss Estelle Porter, of Lindsay, is the guest of Miss Winnifred Dobbin, George-st.—Examiner.

—Mrs. Leigh R. Knight has returned from Huntsville after an exceedingly pleasant visit.

—Mr. Hugh Jerne, of Lansing, Mich., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jerne.

—Rev. Dr. Sherry, M.A., P.D., of Ottawa University, is the guest of Rev. Father Collins.

—Mrs. A. B. Gordon and children, of Sudbury, are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Burrows, Sussex-st.

—Miss Curtin, the popular cashier at Dundas & Flavell's, is enjoying her vacation at present.

—Mr. K. Brooks, late of the local staff of the Bank of Montreal, is the guest of Mr. Boyd Sylvester.

—Mr. H. Shaw, Custom House Inspector, arrived Wednesday to look over Lindsay's custom house.

—Miss Madge Gillice, of King's Wharf, is visiting her cousin, Miss Kathleen Meehan, of North Ops.

—Miss Whytall, of Toronto, passed through town Tuesday on her way to Fenelon Falls to visit her parents.

—Mrs. H. A. Brown has returned to the city, after a pleasant visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Watson.

—Mr. J. Conway, of the firm of Conway Bros., general merchants, Bobcaygeon, was in town lately on business.

—Mr. Percy Moynes, of the Dundas & Flavell staff, is away enjoying holidays at Kirkfield and Victoria Road.

—Mr. Wm. Junkin, formerly of the Ontario Bank, town, but now with the Dominion Bank, Winnipeg, was in town Saturday.

—Mrs. C. Deyman and Miss Della Deyman, of Fenelon Falls, were in town on Tuesday on their way home after a visit with friends in Peterboro.

—Mrs. R. S. Graham, of Fenelon Falls, returned home last week after spending a month visiting her daughter, Mrs. (Rev.) W. T. Roberts, of Wallaceburg.

—Messrs. Alex. Freiburg, and Mr. Oslerman, of Rochester, have returned after a few days' fishing up the Scugog river, and are registered at the Benson house.

—Mrs. and Miss de la Ronde, wife and daughter of Major S. E. de la Ronde, of Ottawa, are visiting Mrs. de la Ronde's father, Inspector W. J. Cairns, Glenelg-st.

—Mr. Geo. H. Newton, proprietor of the North Bay Despatch, is in town, the guest of relatives. Mr. N. is an old Lindsay boy, and generally spends part of his vacation here.

—Mr. W. H. Crandell, of Toronto, who last season was proprietor of the Rockland house, Bobcaygeon, visited the village on Monday and enjoyed a day's fishing, catching some fine bass.

—Mrs. L. Thompson, of Toronto, is at present the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Worsley, of Fenelon Falls, after spending some time down east at Kingston and the Thousand Islands.

—The engagement is announced of Miss May Foster, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Foster, Cannington, Ont., to Dr. James B. Dougherty, New Berlin, Ohio. The marriage will take place in August.

—Ven. Archdeacon Casey returned Saturday evening last from Caledonia Springs. He still has a few twinges to remind him of his old enemy, rheumatism, but his three weeks' stay at the Springs has benefitted him greatly.

FENELON FALLS MUSICIANS WHO PASSED EXAMINATIONS

REFLECTS CREDIT UPON THE TEACHER, MISS LILLIAN WILSON OF A.T.C.M. Fenelon Falls, July 20.—The following pupils of Miss Lillian G. Wilson, A.T.C.M., of Fenelon Falls, successfully passed their Junior Piano examination at Toronto Conservatory of Music, which was held in Lindsay July 7th: Honors—Norah E. Wilson and Barkley Mason. Pass—Uber Shane. All residents of Fenelon Falls. Miss Wilson and her pupils are greatly pleased with results, as this is the most difficult test in junior examination work in the Province.

BURNT RIVER.

Burnt River, July 21.—Mrs. Nichols and son Clarke, of Orillia, are visiting relatives and old acquaintances here.

Mrs. Noble returned to her home in Shelburne after a week's visit with her brother, Sam Suddaby.

Mr. Renof and Mr. Fred Levelly visited at Fenelon Falls last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Suddaby spent Sunday at Cambay.

Miss Edna Eldridge and Mary Levelly spent Sunday at Fenelon Falls.

Miss Armstrong, teacher from Ewan, is spending her vacation at Four Mile lake.

Just Eight Days More And Ford's Will Close

WE'RE DRIVING PRICES DOWN AND GOODS OUT.

There have been lots of sales, but none have equalled this—because we close up our business here on Saturday night, August 1st—because we are determined to reduce this stock as much as possible—because of the remarkable bargains on new and second-hand goods for summer, autumn or winter wear—because nothing has escaped the reduction wave and you can save up to 50 per cent. on everything you buy—because it will pay us to sell at cost price rather than at a rate on the Dollar to one who will buy us outright—because if you were a merchant you could not buy as cheaply as we are selling now direct from the makers or wholesale houses.

Now For the Final Clean Up

Come prepared to buy liberally for the savings are big and you'll find opportunities enough. All these lines selling at wholesale and less.

- Silks, Dress Goods, Dress Linings, Dress Trimmings, Sateens, Cottons, Dress Muslins, Cretonnes, Art Sateens, Gloves, Hosiery, Underwear, Shirts, Flannel-ettes, Cotton Bats, Towels, Towelling, Table Linens, Yarns, Men's Underwear, Men's Socks, Boys' Sweaters, Men's Collars, Trimmed Millinery, Corsets, Belts, Collars, Handkerchiefs, Ribbons, Smallwares, Cotton Night Gowns, Corset Covers, Dress Skirts, Sateen Underskirts, Wrappers, Spring Coats, Fall Coats, Capes, Waists, Flowers, Feathers, Silk Velvets, Lace Curtains, Curtain Poles, Etc., Etc.



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Explosion in Gasoline Yacht Young Lady Badly Burned

UNPLEASANT TERMINATION TO PLEASURE TRIP TAKEN BY A PARTY OF FENELON FALLS YOUNG PEOPLE — CAUSE OF ACCIDENT UNKNOWN.

Mr. McLean's new gasoline yacht blew up at the Fenelon Falls upper wharf Tuesday night about 11 o'clock. Mr. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. A. McIntyre and Miss Mae Heard, had just returned from a trip across Cameron Lake and had tied up the boat alongside of Mr. Thos. Robson's yacht. The gasoline had just been turned off, when a terrific explosion occurred, the noise of which was heard all over town. Many people got up out of their beds to see what the trouble was, and visions of bank robbers were conjured up.

The boat took fire after the explosion and considerable damage was done. Great difficulty was experienced in getting the fire extinguished, and also preventing it from catching onto Mr. Robson's yacht. The occupants of the boat escaped serious injury, with the exception of Miss Heard, who was rather badly burned. Mr. Jesse Perrin of Lindsay, was up and made some repairs to the boat yesterday, as the machinery had not been working properly. The cause of the explosion has not been definitely ascertained, but it is supposed that it was due to a leak in the pipe feeding the gasoline.

JOTTINGS FROM FENELON FALLS

FAST GASOLINE YACHT FROM YANKEEVILLE CLIPS OFF 16 MILES AN HOUR.

Fenelon Falls, July 22.—W. H. Robson is spending a few days at the Tercentenary Exhibition at Quebec.

Dr. D. Gould left Monday morning for Quebec to view the Tercentenary Exhibition.

Mr. Will Junkin, a former Fenelon Falls boy, now of the Bank of Montreal at Winnipeg, is spending a few days in town.

Mr. Cliff Scott, of New York, is here again for the summer. Cliff brought over his motor boat and you ought to see her go. She does sixteen miles an hour when opened out, and will show her heels to anything on the lakes. It is all off with the fast ones from Lindsay now, as any of them will find out when they go up against her.

Miss Mabel Henderson, of Lindsay, and Mr. Hopkins, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. Herb. Puley is home from the west, and we believe we are about to lose one of our popular young ladies, as we do not think Herb. intends to return to the west alone.

Miss Hamilton, Miss Hall and Mr. Ford, of Peterboro, who have been spending a few weeks at Rosedale at Fenelon, left on Monday for home.

A "hop" was given at Rosedale last week, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. A large number from Fenelon went up on the Kawartha and other boats and tripped the light fantastic till well on in the morning. Refreshments were served on the lawn, and everyone reported a most pleasant evening.

Emily C. Road... MANY COMMUNAL WORKS DE... Council met pursuant to adjournment... Revere, James R. ... Mrs. William C. ... Wilson, the Hon. ... minutes of last ... proved and on ... following commu ... ed, perused, and ... From J. R. M. ... advising county ... current year, as ... General Purpos ... House of Refug ... School Rate (ex ... portion of the ... annexed to the ... Omeme for S ... Total ... From J. H. ... Trent Canal, P ... construction of ... across the "Em ... advising that as ... to its normal co ... try was throug ... would be gone ... From Bert. L ... tion for the us ... for the purpose ... his farm. ... From the Cle ... Ops enclosing a ... Township Treas ... ure Boundary ... 1907. ... From the "O ... ciation," advis ... Toronto on 2nd ... next, soliciting ... questing appoi ... tives to the Se ... St. Thomas, On ... From the M ... Toronto, Omeme ... Sec. 20, Chap ... Statutes of Ont ... at credit of the ... Bank on the 30 ... be \$302.47. ... From J. R. M ... in compliance ... Act, Section 81 ... ing copy of the ... By-law No 651 ... levying county ... year 1909. ... An application ... of the Trustees ... for one hundre ... account of teac ... Mr. James C ... the closing up ... premises of Jos ... the west quart ... The Reeve re ... repairs should ... Bridge" as soon ... The Clerk wa ... Mr. Bert. Laidl ... the use of the ... usual rate of t ... After discussi ... closing up of ... premises of Jos ... decided that the ... pensive for the ... one Commission ... grant should be ... vert pipe for s ... the cost of the ... properly therei ... Councillor Co ... he had arranged ... from Margaret ... term of fifty ye ... being fifty doll ... Moved by Co ... Ilhey, seconded ... W. Wilson, that ... urer be authoriz ... Bank of Toront ... institution, such ... time to time, a ... meet the curre ... Municipality, at ... cent. per annui ... ing amount, how ... to exceed the ... dollars, and th ... prepare the nec ... purpose.—Carrie ... Moved by Co ... W. Wilson, that ... favor of Margare ... fifty dollars, be ... gravel pit leas ... handed to the s ... Lucas on execut ... the Clerk be an ... to draft said l ... soon as possible ... Expenditure Co ... Moved by Cou ... hey, seconded ... W. Wilson, that ... The Treasurer f ... following approv ... counts: ... M. O'Donnell, ... vert on east qu ... John McConnell ... on 4th concess ... John J. Switzer ... on 6th concess ... George Franks, ... on east Loop ... John Irwin, for ... east-Loop line ... M. McCarroll, f ... 6th con. line ... James Blackwell ... on east bound ... William Deyell, ... on 5th con. ... Thomas Kerr, fo ... east quarter li ...