

SIMPLIFIED SPELLING WAS ADVOCATED

An English enthusiast in Simplified Spelling who spent a few months this summer in Winnipeg, Manitoba, had an interview with Mr. J. Bruce Walker, Commissioner of Immigration, on the subject of simplified spelling and its application to the needs of the foreign born population of the Western Provinces.

In the course of the interview Mr. Walker was asked: "You know something of simplified spelling. Does your experience in dealing with foreigners induce you to favour the new spelling?"

"I am an enthusiastic admirer of simplified spelling. My experience among the foreigners who come to Canada long since brought conviction to my mind on this subject. In the Canadian West, into which the nations of Europe are pouring in ever increasing numbers year after year, the need of some rational, practical and simplified form of spelling is a pressing necessity."

"What steps are you taking to assimilate this foreign material into your general population?" "Nothing can ever make for the assimilation of these varied nationalities like a common tongue—a common language. We ask these newcomers to acquire the English language with its strange, freakish methods of pronunciation and its odd, barbaric methods of spelling. Is it any wonder then that these nationalities seek to perpetuate their respective mother tongues, which, if encouraged, will eventually re-create the conditions subsequent to the destruction of Babel."

"Then you believe that the common use of the language to help digesting and assimilating these diverse races?" "Yes, the solution of the great national problem of the Dominion of Canada rests upon the common use of a common language, and simplified spelling, based on a reasonable, sensible, scientific principle will achieve that end better than any other effort we could make."

"Do you find any local objection to spelling reform?" "Well, the matter is not considered. The average teacher struggles and flounders in the labyrinth of difficulties that besets him in teaching the foreign youngster, but he goes through with it because he knows no easier method. I am in hopes that the Propaganda of the Simplified Spelling Society will permeate the educationalists of our West and awaken them to the need of some common sense principle of reasonable, if not phonetic, spelling that will catch and train the eye of the child and penetrate the understanding."

"Do your teachers complain the difficulty of teaching the foreign child by the present cumbersome methods of English orthography?" "Yes, they complain constantly and bitterly, but until there has been a public awakening amongst the leaders of education in the country they must persist to labour with the old antiquated tools of the present method, and the little child will continue to fret and fume and wrestle with the absurdities of English spelling, because of the sim he has in view of speaking English and writing it so that someone else can read it. I believe the teachers whose profession brings them in closest contact with the foreign child would gladly welcome the simplified spelling system, if the men higher up, who, because of their influence are proportionately conservative, were really anxious to formulate some system that would bring to the child a ready and effective means of reading, writing, and understanding our common English."

"Can we do anything to help you?" "Certainly," said Mr. Walker, with a smile. "You can help us very ma-

terially. An aggressive reform spelling campaign in Western Canada would find a fruitful soil, a progressive and keenly alert people, and a golden opportunity for the accomplishment of much work, and to do this I would suggest the establishment, through the London Head Centre, of Simplified Spelling Societies in the leading Western cities and towns, and that these local organizations be encouraged to keep up a continual bombardment of the educational authorities until they awaken a sense, first, of the need of some reform, and secondly, a recognition of the simplified spelling reform as being a ready and effective means waiting at their command."

Free literature can be obtained on application to the Secretary of the Simplified Spelling Society, 44, Great Russell Street, London, W. C., England.

WEDDING BELLS

SLEEP-BRIMMELL. The marriage of Miss Edythe Mary Brimmell, daughter of Mrs. Charlotte Brimmell, and Mr. S. Luther Sleep, of Havana, Cuba, took place in Toronto on Wednesday, September 10th, the Rev. Dr. Cleaver officiating.

McGILLIVRAY-GORDON.

At Lindsay, Ont., on Sept. 10th, the marriage of Miss Annie Graham, daughter of Mrs. William Gordon, Brechin and Mr. J. A. McGillivray was quietly solemnized by the Rev. James Wallace of St. Andrew's Church. The bride wore a tailored suit of navy velours cloth with shadow lace waist and navy hat to match. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. McGillivray left on the evening train for Buffalo, New York and other American cities. Among the numerous gifts received was a handsome cheque from the bride's brothers. On their return they will reside in Dalrymple, Ont.

EDISON LOOKS INTO FUTURE

Boston, Sept. 13.—Thomas A. Edison, who is at the Copley Plaza, was asked what in his opinion would be the next improvement in automobilism. He replied: "Cement roads. I believe that in ten years cement roads will band the country from one end to the other to the exclusion of all other kinds."

Mr. Edison does not believe there is need of a substitute for rubber for tires. He said, "Rubber trees are being planted in the tropical countries. A vast amount of capital is going into rubber tree farms. Eventually there will be a great influx of rubber harvested from them. I am told by manufacturers of automobiles that rubber should be cheaper today than a year ago. They expect rubber to go down."

Asked what improvements could be expected in newspaper making in the next decade, he replied, "Something to save paper. If non-carbonized inks were used—inks that would bleach—papers could be run through the presses again by the aid of an invention or two and be used several times. It is bound to come to a proposition of this kind. Inks that will bleach will be used."

More Money For Missions

The total amount paid to missions in the Methodist church for the past year has reached the splendid total of \$637,246.30. With one exception, British Columbia, there has been an increase in the amount given by every Conference in the Dominion. Adding the amounts received from interest on legacies and from legacies and donations the total reaches the sum of \$758,577.95.

The returns of the various Conferences are as follows: Toronto \$158,708.48; London, 79,290.14; Hamilton, \$88,820.90; Bay of Quinte, \$50,985.79; Montreal \$76,778.70; Nova Scotia, \$18,233.07; N. B. and P.E.I., \$14,238.13; Newfoundland \$18,116.85; Manitoba, \$46,944.54; Saskatchewan, \$31,933.94; Alberta \$25,205.51; British Columbia, \$27,802.24; total \$637,236.30. The greatest increase is in Toronto, \$19,188.45, and Montreal, \$11,702.85.

East Ward Paving. This morning the firm of Foley & Gleason started a gang of men at work on Caroline-st. near the C.P.R. station, to prepare the thoroughfare for an asphaltic concrete pavement. The stretch from Lindsay-st. to the station and west on Wellington to William-st. will wind up paving operations this year.

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BEAR KILLED NEAR 'CAYGEON

On Friday a monster bear was shot four miles from Bobcaygeon by Matthew McInroye.

During the day Mr. McInroye's young son asked his father to take down his gun and go for a hunt. The boy accompanied him with a dog attached to a rope, and when about 300 yards from the house, they spotted Bruin on a cherry tree helping himself to the fruit. When the hunting party approached the tree the bear started to come down, and Mr. McInroye lost no time in getting his gun into play. He pumped five shots into Bruin before he gave up the ghost.

The animal was a big one and had a great hide.

PRaises CANADIAN.

Mme. Curie Says Rutherford Leads In Radium Work.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—Mme. Curie shrinks from publicity to such an extent that even members are unable to distinguish her from the ordinary woman visitors at the meetings of the British Association. "Please do not write so much about me in your paper," she said to a reporter who sought an interview. "Why should you want to? Yes, I discovered radium, but you are in too much of a hurry to wait and see what the next ten years have in store."

She spends a good deal of her time with Dr. Rutherford, professor of physics in Liverpool University. She told a reporter that Dr. Rutherford was the one man living who promises to confer some inestimable boon to mankind as a result of her own discovery of radium. "I would advise Britain to watch Dr. Rutherford," she said. "His work in radioactivity has surprised me greatly. Great developments are likely to transpire shortly, to which the discovery of radium was only a preliminary."

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LINDSAY MAN GETS FIVE YEARS

Whitby Chronicle: The case of Jos. O'Leary, of Lindsay, and Archibald Scott, of Winnipeg, charged with assault and robbery of John Bigwind, an Indian of Rama township, near Washago, came up before Judge McGillivray on Monday. Crown Attorney Farewell, looking hale and hearty from his sojourn at Mt. Clemens, Mich., had charge of the case for the Crown, and called several witnesses, chief of whom was John Bigwind himself. The story of the assault as gathered from the witnesses, is essentially the same as that given at the preliminary hearing two weeks ago.

"Bigwind had been working on the Black River, and was given a time check for \$28, in payment of his services up to August 11. On the evening of that day he went into Washago and cashed the check at Robinson's store, leaving the place with \$27.70 and proceeded along the railway track for home. Two men, one tall and the other short, supposed to be O'Leary and Scott, respectively, followed him down the railway track and waylaid him. He was hit over the head and kicked in several places. Then the men took \$27 in bills from his pocket, threw him into the bushes at the side of the track and went away."

"John, stunned and bleeding, managed to make his way back to Washago, where he reported his mishap."

Constable Ellis was aroused and went with him over toward the G. T. R. station, where they met O'Leary and Scott. At once Bigwind pointed out these men as the thieves, and Ellis asked them to go over to the store with him. They went, but shortly after, while he was outside, they left and hid in a car of lumber. Ellis followed and placed them under arrest.

"The unfortunate Indian was prettily used up. He had a rib broken, his face and lips cut, wounds behind each ear, and a swollen chest. He could hardly speak on the day of the preliminary hearing, and there is no doubt that he had been unmercifully manhandled. At the trial on Monday, he was forced to move slowly and with care."

"Judge McGillivray found the men guilty of the crime with which they were charged. O'Leary hails from Lindsay, and has been convicted of theft once before. His wife was present in the courtroom. Scott, who is ten years younger than his companion, said he came from Winnipeg. His Honor sentenced O'Leary to five years' penal servitude, and Scott was remanded till next week. In the meantime the Crown is looking up his record, to discover any circumstances which might, if possible, lighten his sentence."

"The crime was a particularly dastardly one, and the maximum penalty for such an offence is life imprisonment. O'Leary may therefore congratulate himself that he did not receive a heavier sentence than five years. Scott, who looks to be not much more than a boy, has made a poor start in life."

OBITUARY

JOSEPH DAVIDSON

Mr. Joseph Davidson, who has been ailing for the last month, passed away on Saturday last, and was taken to the Verulam cemetery on Monday. Mr. Davidson died on the old homestead, one of the first farms cleared in the township, and a home from which many had gone out on the voyage of life. He leaves a widow and five children. Mrs. Davidson and family wish to thank their many friends for the kindness shown them in their affliction.

SAMUEL TUCKER.

The death took place this morning of Mr. Samuel Tucker, a venerable resident of the town at his residence Durham-st., in his eighty-third year. He deceased is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Graham, Durham-st., and a son, Samuel, of Detroit.

The funeral arrangements had not been completed at the hour of going to press.

Starts Peterboro Contract

The firm of Foley & Gleason starts preliminary work this week on their Peterboro contract. Arrangements are being made to instal the big asphalt plant in Robt. Hicks' coal and wood yard.

Any girl will cheerfully give up a dollar to a fortune teller in exchange for the information that she is going to be married within a year.

OPS RURAL SCHOOL FAIR

Although there were only two schools competing, the rural school fair at S. S. No. 2 Ops Wednesday was a marked success. The exhibits were of a very high standard showing industry and enthusiasm on the part of the pupils. A long sport program proved very exciting owing largely to the interschool competition. S. S. No. 2 Ops with Miss Bertha Nichols, as teacher, carried the red ribbon for the best school display.

It may be noticed by some that at Omeme fair, Miss N. Nichols won first for the school display. The teachers are sisters and it is due to their originality and perseverance that they won out at each of the two fairs.

The following judges officiated:—Mrs. McPhadyen, Lindsay, flowers, sewing and baking. Messrs Dunbar & Robertson, Lindsay, vegetables and fruit. Mr. A. A. Knight, B. S. A., Lindsay, nature collections. Mr. Jas. Robertson, Lindsay, sports.

On Monday, Sept. 15th, a fair is to be held at Cambray where six schools shall compete. A J. baseball tournament is to be given. Other sports following. The schools competing at Cambray are Cambray, Islay, Hartley, Brysons, Cameron, and Eden. This is one of the largest school fairs to be conducted this fall and anyone wishing an outing should not miss this opportunity. No admittance.

SEVEN ARRESTS IN OTTAWA MURDER

OTTAWA, Sept. 15.—Four of the five prisoners who were arrested in Montreal Friday on a charge of murder in connection with the mysterious death of Abe Rubenstein here on Aug. 28 were arraigned in the police court Saturday, and, without being asked to plead, were remanded until next Saturday.

The four prisoners are: Nathan Shapiro, who employed Rubenstein; Charles Dreyfus, who was in the dead man's company on the night he disappeared; Bessie Simms and Lottie Bringham, colored women, who were also seen in company with Rubenstein on the night he was murdered.

The fifth prisoner, R. H. Derno, of Toronto, held as a material witness, was arraigned on a nominal charge of vagrancy. He, too, was remanded for a week. Detectives found a key of the vacant store where Rubenstein's body was found, in Derno's possession. He is an employee of a former tenant of the place and claims that when they gave up the store he retained the key by mistake.

A. E. Fripp, K.C., M.P., counsel for Shapiro and Dreyfus, asked for bail and was refused. Performers Arrested. conclusion of their act at the Temple Theatre on Saturday night, the colored comedians, Jas. Stevens and Samuel Cook, were arrested in connection with the mysterious death of the bookmaker's clerk, Abe Rubenstein, at Ottawa on Aug. 28. The local police received a telegram from Chief A. M. Ross at the capital, asking for their immediate apprehension as material witnesses.

Detectives Sayers, Smith and Goodman arrested Cook at his boarding-house on Mulberry street, and Stevens was secured at the theatre. The men did not resist the officers, and said they were quite willing to go along as they knew nothing whatever of the case. They added, however, that they had met one of the women at present under arrest at Ottawa, while filling an engagement there during the week of Rubenstein's death. They said she roomed at their boarding-house.

PURELY PERSONAL

Mrs. J. W. Anderson, Miss Jean Anderson, and Mr. Kay Anderson returned last night after a pleasant holiday at their summer cottage near Bobcaygeon. Mrs. J. Connolly and Miss Georgina Connolly have returned after a three weeks' visit in Detroit accompanied by Mrs. Connolly's granddaughter, Aileen Bridgman.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dettman, Kinmount, Ont., announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Tena to Jack D. Austin, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Austin, Fealton Falls, Ont., the marriage to take place quietly the last of September.

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WOODVILLE FAIR GREAT SUCCESS

There was a huge crowd Friday afternoon at the Eldon Agricultural Fair at Woodville. Many attended from some distance, Lindsay, Beaverton, Kirkfield, and other places being well represented. One noticeable feature was the large number of automobiles on the grounds lined up at the west side of the baseball diamond. Eldon township has always had the reputation of being a particularly fine farming and stock raising section, but Friday's display of horses was something that is seldom seen any place, and showed that the farmers of the district have surpassed themselves along this line this season. Only those animals of the very highest grade were shown, but nevertheless there was one hundred and twenty-eight shown. It was worth going miles to see the horses alone, as every animal was practically perfect and the competition was of the keenest. Draught horse, general purpose, agricultural, road and carriage horses were there in large numbers.

Nor were the cattle any but the best. Eldon has a number of farmers who have given particular attention to their proper breeding. Among the principal exhibitors were John Campbell, of Fairview Farm, who had some choice Shorthorns and Durhams. Angus Jamieson with Short-horn Grades, Wm. Newman of Lorneville, whose specialty is dairy cattle, and Wm Manning and Sons with Holsteins as well as a number of others of the district. Wm. Manning and Sons also exhibited a number of fine Yorkshire pigs, as also did J. Trebilco, of Woodville.

In the building the exhibits were about the same in number as in past year, with probably an increase in roots and vegetables shown, and a few less exhibits in the ladies' department. All kinds of preserved fruits were shown, and looked very appetizing in the jars set upon the exhibition tables. Bread, butter, fancy work, quilts and in fact needle work of all kinds were shown, and did credit to the thrifty and artistic housewives of Woodville and vicinity. One very interesting display was a Navajo blanket, belonging to Captain Patterson, of Woodville. These are very rare indeed in Canada. Captain Patterson bought it from the Indians in Arizona, who are famous for their pretty and its owner has reason to be proud of it. Takes all in all, Woodville fair this year was more interesting than ever and the efforts of the officials have been amply rewarded. Following are the officers:—President—Dun. A. McPhadyen. 1st vice-president—N. L. Patterson. 2nd vice-president—Wm. Manning. Treasurer—E. R. Edwards. Secretary—A. E. Staback.

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LORNEVILLE JOY.

(Special to The Post.) The Lorneville baseball team celebrated Labor Day on the grounds at the manse. Quite a crowd were present, the four teams, Camington, Beaverton, Hartley and Lorneville being present, and played excellent ball, Lorneville being the winners, and Hartley next.

Mrs. Taylor and daughter, of Hamilton, returned home last week, having spent two weeks at her home here.

Miss Winnie Granger returned to Hamilton on Monday, having spent two months at her home here. We are always glad to have Miss Granger with us, and all enjoyed her sojourn, rendered from time to time in our church here.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Newman and baby spent last week at T. J. Newman's. We are pleased to see Mr. C. Tudlow back again in our town.

The next meeting of the W. I. is girls' day, to be held the first Thursday in October, when girls are expected to take the whole meeting. It is to be hoped there will be a good attendance out to appreciate and encourage the girls. Do not forget the date, first Thursday in October, in Plank's hall.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Stacey and son, are spending holidays in Toronto. Messrs. Don Sproule, F. Whetter, J. Robinson, and W. Sutherland left last week for the west.

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