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The total value of diamonds exported from South Africa in a year is about $42,000,000, and of this quantity about a quarter are discovered in the Premier Mine, the other two chief mines being the De Beers and Jagersfontein.

The Premier Mine was really discovered by Sir Thomas Cullinan, the present chairman, after whom the great Cullinan diamond of 3,025 carats, discovered in the Premier Mine, was named. It may be remembered that this diamond was presented to King George by the Transvaal Government, and was cut into eleven flawless stones, the largest of which is in the Imperial Crown.

The Premier Mine possesses an area of 3,500 claims, equal to eighty acres, and at the present time 12,000,000 loads of treatable "blue," as the diamond-yielding earth is known, are dealt with every year. And such are the resources of the mine that it is calculated that during the next forty years the present annual output will be easily maintained.

At present the mine is about 350 feet deep, and it is considered practical, according to The African World Annual, to work to a depth of 1,500 feet. The quality of the stones discovered is increasing in value with the depth, and, in order to encourage honesty among the Kaffirs, a payment of 75 cents a carat on all stones found and delivered to the compound managers is paid.

In addition to the 15,000 Kaffirs, there are 1,000 whites working in the mine in various capacities. It is wonderfully equipped with electric plant and machinery, and is a fascinating sight after sunset, with "a thousand electric lights twinkling, eight great searchlights concentrating on the crater, piercing the huge cloud of blue smoke rising from the mine after blasting, and many thousands of natives rushing down the side of the mine, shouting and singing merrily, to resume work for the night shift."

Affected by Time.

Dr. Ormsby is the son of a former Irish judge. He was educated at Dublin and Durham Universities, and held several appointments in the North of England. From 1885-93 he was vicar of St. Stephen's, Walworth. In 1893 he was appointed Bishop of Honduras and Central America, which post he held until 1907, when he was appointed chaplain of the British embassy in Paris.

Dr. Ormsby tells a good story against himself. After a lapse of many years he visited a village where he had held a curacy, but nobody recognized him. At length he came across the wife of the parish clerk, and her he asked, "Do you remember me?"

The reply was in the negative.

"Do you remember Mr. Ormsby?"

"Oh, yes," exclaimed the old lady, "he was a canny lad."

"I am Mr. Ormsby," confessed the bishop.

The old lady gazed at Dr. Ormsby, and then remarked, "I wouldn't have known you, you used to be so slim and good-looking."

Society Realty Agents.

Society women in London have taken up the business of house selling, finding it, doubtless, a far from unprofitable speculation. Mrs. George Cornwallis-West was one of the first to go in for a little work in this line; taking a house in Great Cumberland Place, she furnished it very beautifully, lived in it, and gave parties there for a short period, rented it furnished to Madame Melba for a season, and then sold lease, furniture, and all at a good profit. In all such transactions, however, there is none to equal Lady Sarah Wilson, aunt of the Duke of Marlborough, whom all the town agents consider the cleverest women in London. Over a recent transfer of her furnished house, also in Great Cumberland Place, she realized a sum running well into five figures.

Veteran of the Church.

The veteran of the Church of England is Rev. Canon Bell, Dean of Guernsey, and Hon. Canon of Winchester, who recently celebrated his ninety-second birthday. The canon shows no sign of his great age. Every Sunday he conducts three services. He is most regular in his attendance at the decanal office, and answers all correspondence personally. The canon is a famous breeder of heifers, and is also an enthusiastic gardener.

Duke To Sell Land.

All tenants on the Duke of Newcastle's estates, comprising 3,000 acres, in the villages of Cromwell, Holme and North Muskham, near Newark, have received notice to leave next year, but have been given the option of buying their farms, part of the purchase money to remain on mortgage at four per cent.

Her Widow's Mite.

A Church Army collecting-box which is displayed in a village postoffice in Kent (Eng.) was found the other day to be heavy with coppers contributed by an old woman living in the almshouses opposite. She put in a penny as a thank-offering every time she came to draw her old-age pension.

Dilatory Tactics.

Wife (about to prepare meal)—The question of what to eat seems never to be settled. Husband—Well, why don't you settle it, then, instead of laying it on the table every time?

Got His License.

Bob, a Rochester (Eng.) dog, trotted to the postoffice with a note and 7s. 6d. in an envelope, jumped over the counter, and was given his license.

"Go away from me," said the fashionably dressed woman to the tramp. "I wouldn't have you touch me for a dollar."

"I was only goin' to touch you for a dime, lady."—Yonkers Statesman.

Mister, when I make complaint
Of my poverty you say
I've got blessin's that you ain't—
Wealth and strength and youth. I may
Have all of them, and p'r'aps you might
Swap your riches for my health,
But with my blamed appetite
You'd need more'n your present wealth!
—Chicago News.

Willie—Paw, what does putting on a bold front mean?

Paw—Wearing one of the shirts you get for Christmas, my son.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"Be good," says the proverb, "and happy you'll be,"
But fun, on the other hand, satisfies me.
—Judge.

Publisher—I can't see anything in that manuscript of yours.

Struggling Author—I presume not; but, you know, some of your readers may be more intelligent.—Stray Stories.

There once was a spinster named Kate,
Who marriage affected to hate.
But along came a gee,
Who remarked, "Marry me?"
And tomorrow she fixed at the date.
—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Monument Man—What shall I put on your husband's tombstone, madam?

Distracted Widow—Oh, say that he was my husband and that he is happy now!—Life.

If you'd get to the top
You must work with a will.
You have no time to stop
If you'd get to the top.
If life's prizes you'd cop
You must battle uphill.
If you'd get to the top
You must work with a will.
—Detroit Free Press.

First Motorist—How far did you drive last night?

Second Motorist—I did seventeen road houses.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The Drainage Question

Published by Request

Which is the wettest month of the year in Ontario? Probably nine people out of every ten would name April in answer to this question, while as a matter of fact it is the dryest month in the whole twelve, according to Prof. W. H. Day of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. Taking all the stations in Ontario where records of the rain and snow have been kept, he finds the average precipitation for the various months during the past ten years to be as follows: January 2.23 inches of rain and melted snow together, February 2.40 inches, March 2.22 inches, April 2.14, May 2.81, June 2.92, July 2.46, August 2.52, September 2.81, October 2.54, November 2.43, and December 2.63 inches respectively, making a total average precipitation for the ten years of 31.87 inches. April, it will be noted, has the least precipitation of all. "From these figures," Prof. Day remarks, "one receives another surprise to learn that July is really the wettest month, so far as actual amount of precipitation is concerned. Why does the dryest month seem the wettest and the wettest seem the dryest? During the winter the snow accumulates and when it melts in late March or early April it forms several inches of water which saturates the soil and drains away very slowly. Besides in the spring there is cool weather usually coupled with considerable cloudiness and gentle rains, so that evaporation is largely prevented and hence the soil and roads remain wet; in summer the showers are heavy, but being few and far between and as a rule with clear sky and hot weather intervening, evaporation is much greater than even the heavy rainfall, so that the soil and roads become dryer and dryer."

The year 1912 will go down in memory as an exceedingly wet one, yet as a matter of fact 1902 was wetter, so far as actual rainfall is concerned. And 1909 had within an inch as much rain as 1912. But the precipitation of 1912 was not well distributed. February and March were considerably below the normal. May had nearly twice as much as usual. June and July were both much below the average, while August and September were unusually wet. But worse than the rainfall was the almost continuous cloudiness, which retarded evaporation and thus prevented the soil, roads and grain from "drying out" rapidly between rains even in the summer time. These factors combined to make the soil wetter during 1912 than it has been in many years.

Never, perhaps, has the value of thorough underdrainage been more emphatically demonstrated than during the past year. Land that was thoroughly tile drained gave splendid crops despite the excessive wetness, while thousands of acres of undrained land could not even be seeded and some that was seeded and did produce a partial crop was so wet that the grain could not be harvested. "The effect of this lesson," says Prof. Day, "is reflected in greater interest activity than usual in matters relating to tile drainage. We are holding over a large number of applications for drainage surveys than we have for some years past and fresh applications are coming in rapidly, so that the drainage campaign promises to be unusually active."

The Department of Physics, of which Prof. Day has charge, makes tile drainage surveys for farmers on application, the only outlay to the farmers being the necessary travelling expenses connected with the survey. These are usually small, as generally several surveys are made on the same trip. Those wishing surveys should write the Department of Physics, O.A.C., Guelph, for regular application forms.

Responsibility For Rural Mail Boxes.

Artemesia Council passed a resolution Saturday repudiating responsibility for any damage resulting from the placing of rural mail box posts near the travelled highway. According to a legal opinion offered in the Mail-Empire this was superfluous. For the benefit of our readers and for the many who have rural mail boxes erected we will quote the answer to a question submitted as to liability. The answer was:

The regulation with regard to placing rural mail post boxes is, "that they shall be placed near enough to the travelled road to enable the courier to deposit the mail in the box without dismounting from his vehicle." I should think that the post might be placed even nearer to the traveled road than four feet.

If the posts have been legally placed near to the traveled road, those driving vehicles along the road should take care not to run into those posts. The posts are there for the convenience of the public. If a traveler comes into contact with the side of a bridge and injures his vehicle he would not have any legal right to claim damages from anybody, and on the same principle a traveler coming into collision with a rural mail box post cannot claim damages from anybody, but the traveler may have to pay for the damage done to the post.

An Egremont farmer called at our sanctum Tuesday, after delivering ten hogs, for which he got the neat sum of two hundred dollars. He said that things had changed since the time he would have to give three times the number for the same money. The price on Tuesday was $9.50 a hundred.—Durham Chronicle

Thirteen years ago James French was fined $2.00 and costs in the police court for a minor offence at Guelph. He didn't pay the fine at the time, but left the city, and since that time has been working in Detroit and Clinton, Mich He returned to the city a couple of weeks ago and was soon spotted by the police. The old warrant was resurrected and Mr. French is now in the county jail serving a week's time.

The Owen Sound Sun says:—It is quite within the range of posibilities that the County of Grey may have a big temperance campaign during the coming summer. Failing to overcome the three-fifths requirment in Meaford for the third time the temperance people have been looking around for another weapon to use to rid their town of the open sale of liquor and they are said to be seriously considering a move towards bringing on a contest for the adopion of the Canada Temperance Act (better known as the Scott Act) in this county. Word comes from Markdale, Chatsworth and other parts of the county that the temperance people are thinking seriously of a county campaign. Already a county convention is being talked of at which the proposition would be thoroughly discussed. While Owen Sound is under local Option and the measure is working out most satisfactorily since the amendments of the past few years have come into force, there is quite a general feeling that a move should be made towards extending the prohibition area around Owen Sound. It is generally recognized that the licensed hotels at Chatsworth and Meaford are loopholes by which liquor can be procured and that if these bars were cut off that the measure would be still more effective.

Honor Rolls

S. S. No. 7 Artemesia.

Fourth—Olive Henderson, Lottie Muir, Duncan McMillian, Muriel Henderson and Robbie Dingwall (equal), Wilfred Parslow, Archie White and Ralph Williamson (equal), Walter Williamson.

Sr. 3—Bobs Meads, Frank Williamson Ethel Gilchrist, Mary E. Whyte.

Jr. 3—Jim Whyte, Elmer Muir.

Sr. 2—Annie Gilchrist, Vada Henderson.

Jr. 2—Beatrice Walters, Allie Parslow Ruby Muir, Sadie Whyte.

Pr. 2—Farquar Oliver.

1 A.—Mabel Gilchrist, Annie Dow, Gladys Oliver, Fred Whyte, R. J. Turner.

1 B.—Tommie Currie, F. J. Vause.

1 C.—Elford Watters, Jackie Ried.

—J. W. Greenwood, Teacher.

Report of S. S. No. 4, Artemesia, for March.

Class 4—W. Harrison, E. Caswell, R. Sharp, H. Moore.

Class 3 sr—R. Caswell, E. Bentham, C. Orr.

Class 3 jr—W. Orr, Rhoda Best.

Class 2 sr—M. Sharp, S. Chard, A. Moore.

Class 2 jr—M. Caswell, F. Irwin.

Part 2—I. Breen, G. Irwin, A. Breen, G. Akins.

Primary—Margaret Moore.

During the windstorm on Good Friday Mr. J. Nunan of Minto had an exciting experience. The roof of his barn was flapping up and down and he climbed up on the purline plate with some logging chains to anchor the rafters to the sills when a terrific gust of wind lifted the entire roof four feet off the posts. Mr. Nunan had the chains attached and managed to pull the roof back to its original position though he narrowly escaped being crushed under its enormous weight. The damage to the structure will amount to several hundred dollars.—Harriston Review.

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