

Quebec to Repeat Carnival Success



1. The Guns which once defended the citadel now accommodate the small revellers. 2 and 3 are Ski-ing scenes. 3. These are out for a "bouncing" good time. 4. Skating in the Exhibition Grounds is also the order of the day. 5. "Neglik" was born this year to the Chateau Frontenac dog team and he will probably figure largely in the dog race featuring the Winter Sport Program.

QUEBEC is again to have a real, live carnival that shall be truly representative of the wonderful sporting attractions of the ancient Capital. The success of the dog races held in Quebec last year has encouraged the organizers to sponsor a very much bigger program for this year, and a comprehensive series of sporting events will be held on February 21, 22, and 23, in which all the sports for which Quebec is so naturally adapted will be represented, and culminating in a grand masquerade ball at the Chateau Frontenac. In addition to the international races for the Eastern Dog Sled Derby Trophy, there will be events in snow-shoeing, skiing, ice racing, curling and skating. The whole of these events will take place within the Exhibition Grounds, and it is proposed to once again give Quebec an ice palace.

The people of Quebec take, and naturally, a great pride in their wonderful old city, and the ancient capital is not so large that its people cannot get together on occasion to fete en masse. A carnival in Quebec is not to be forgotten, for the whole populace absorbs the spirit of the

season, drawing its visitors into the gay vortex, so that even the walls which rang to laughter centuries ago lose their aged atmosphere, and lend themselves to the fete. By reason of its even and exhilarating climate, its accessibility and natural and artificial opportunities for sport, Quebec is the home of the winter sports for the continent. Each wintry season, more people are attracted to it, and for long periods it becomes the social centre, as well as the sporting centre of North America. Practically everything that is carried on is on an open scale—Quebec is the soul of hospitality. A hundred rinks invite you to skate, as far as you can see, fir-clad hills invite you to ski through their myriad glorious glades, of toboggan slides there are not a few, and there are many excursions which simply must be made on snow-shoes. As for evening entertainment, the ball room of the Chateau Frontenac is the scene of a dance nightly. There are moonlight excursions, events on all illuminated rinks, music, song and dance,—a thousand things to do.

DEFECTIVE DELINQUENTS

Dr. J. G. Shearer.

In a previous article we discussed the "criminal imbecile." The defective delinquent is largely a juvenile criminal imbecile, a boy or girl who either in general has become incorrigible and lawless, and so comes into the hands of the officers of the law, or having a strong tendency or passion in some one direction such as sexual indulgence or incendiarism or extreme cruelty has not the moral power to control these tendencies or passions and in consequence gets into trouble for violating society's laws for social welfare.

There comes to mind a young fellow who had a mania for setting fire to buildings, stacks and the like. No amount or kind of punishment had any effect in curbing this mania. On examination he was found to be mentally defective. He was put in a training school and in due course was given charge of one of the furnaces in the heating plant. From that day to this (and he has passed three decades of life) he has given no further trouble and is thoroughly contented and happy.

I recall another case of a boy who had a passion for cruelty and would cut up a worm or any small creature he could capture. He was discovered cutting up inch by inch a live chicken and by and by attacked a little child. Had that boy been allowed to continue at liberty he would some day have been guilty of one of the shocking and revoltingly brutal crimes that happen not infrequently. Such delinquents (or, later, criminals) are mentally defective and not so much to blame as is society that does not have all children examined by a mental specialist, and those who are mentally defective thus discovered and given such specialized care and training as will at least protect society against their natural criminal tendencies.

I think of another youth of 19 who being mentally weak was also cursed as is very frequently the case with mental defectives, with abnormally strong sexual passions, which were developed by a perverted form of indulgence until one day he succeeded in inveigling a young girl in her early teens into a vacant cellar and after committing an indecent assault, murdered and fearfully mutilated his victim and was in due course convicted and executed.

Girls who are thus defective usually fall into sexual offences though often also into other crimes. They are easily victimized and in due course become victimizers and the prolific sources of vice, venereal disease and illegitimacy cursing not only their more guilty partners but innocent women who have the misfortune to marry these latter and their children unto the third and fourth generation.

The mentally defective delinquent constitutes one of the most serious and difficult of the social problems of to-day.

What is to be done about it? Clearly when discovered in delinquency or crime they should be segregated. All offenders, not merely murderers, should be examined by specialists—not mere insanity specialists, but specialists in mental

measurement, and when mental defectiveness is established they should never again have the liberty that affords opportunity to exercise their criminal tendencies. They should however as a rule have the care, treatment and training which is possible only in a training school for that sort of offender, not mere imprisonment as in a prison or penitentiary, and they ought to be exempt from execution.

But prevention is always better, immeasurably better, than mere cure or control after the mischief is done. There should therefore in every province be mental specialists—medical men—who shall cooperate with the regular medical inspectors of schools to examine and discover the mental defectives while yet children. Then they should be taught in special classes by specially trained teachers and when they leave school they should proceed to industrial training schools where their training can be completed and they can in whole or in part become self-sustaining and not given full liberty until they are proven after long study to be able to live in liberty and even then to be let out only on parole. These methods are no longer experimental.

The ordinary medical inspector of schools is not always a safe guide in judging mental defectiveness. I have before me the report of one such who says that out of 6,000 children under his care there are only three certain cases of mental defect, and ten others slightly under par, but capable of making good progress in school. In such a case there is either something quite abnormal of the mental health of the children of that particular city or something "peculiar" about that inspector. Some would be cruel enough to suggest that he himself be examined by a specialist. I would not. He is probably a case of the "closed mind," a terrible enough condition in a scientist as in a theologian. This was the affliction of the Pharisees of our Saviour's day and there was no sin he so scathingly denounced as the closed mind of the members of that sect. A medical man's training in science ought to save him from it though it does not by any means always do so.

Labor in Britain, like the famous Barkis, is willing.—Border Cities Star.

BORN
Falkingham—In Durham Hospital on December 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Falkingham, a son.

Manning—At Newmarket, on December 12, to Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Manning (nee Madeline Darling), a son, Robert Darling.

DIED
Drimmie—At Holstein, on Wednesday, December 12, 1923, John Drimmie, beloved father of Alexander, John and Mary, Mrs. Val. Alles, in his 90th year. Interment was made from the home of his daughter on Saturday at 2 p.m. to Amos cemetery, Dromore.

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HYMENEAL

FALCONER—GREENWAY

A pretty wedding was solemnized Wednesday evening of last week, the 12th of December, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Falconer, Elgin St., when their eldest son, Harold Harrison, was united in marriage with Miss Dorothy Greenway. The wedding, which was solemnized at 6 o'clock, took place under a bower of evergreens, streamers and white wedding bells. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Gertrude Greenway of Orangeville, and Mr. Eddie Falconer, brother of the groom was groomsmen.

The bride's gown was of pearl satin trimmed with rosebud trimming. The bridesmaid was dressed in blue silk canton crepe.

Following the ceremony and good wishes, about thirty guests sat down to a splendid fowl supper, the table being decorated with streamers to the four corners, while in the centre was placed the three-storey wedding cake decorated with silver beads and leaves. At the close of the repast a toast to the bride and groom was proposed by Rev. Mr. Peters, to which the groom's father responded.

The bride received some very handsome and useful gifts, among them being cheques from the groom's father and from Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Danard of Parry Sound, formerly of Durham, with whom the bride made her home.

Among the guests present from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. James Falconer, Toronto; Miss Gertrude Greenway, Orangeville; Messrs. Herb. Ben. Hardy and Thomas Harrison, all uncles of the groom, with their wives from Egremont.

Mr. and Mrs. Falconer will take up residence in Durham and The Chronicle joins the community in wishing them much happiness.

WILSON—WILSON

A very quiet wedding took place on Friday, November 30, at the home of Rev. M. S. Elliott, pastor of the Union church, Owen Sound North, when Miss Della Irene Wilson, daughter of Mr. Thomas Wilson, 1235 2nd avenue east, became the bride of Mr. George Calbert Wilson, son of Mr. Archibald Wilson of Durham. The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. S. Elliott at 5 o'clock. The bride and groom were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilson, Owen Sound North. The bride is a very esteemed young lady and admired for her splendid character by all who know her. Her presence will be greatly missed in the home, where since the death of her mother a number of years ago, she has had charge of her young brothers and sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, after spending a short honeymoon at Preston.

Galt and other points, have returned and settled on the groom's farm near Durham. The Chronicle wishes them a happy wedded life with a good measure of prosperity.

European hotelmen are visiting America. Now's our chance.—Columbia Record.

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