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## STRICT RULES

Stop Many Immigrants From Coming In.

## THE POLICY ADOPTED

SO THAT PEOPLE WOULD NOT BECOME PUBLIC CARE.

Immigration For Month of July Shows Decrease As Compared With Last Year's Figures Must Come on Direct Ticket.

Ottawa, Sept. 4.—The difficulties and restrictions with which Canada had surrounded the immigrant who aims to enter Canada, has had an effect upon the arrivals. Last winter the minister of the interior adopted a policy of selecting immigrants from the best countries of the world more strictly than had ever been done before, and it was required that the immigrants to gain admission to Canada must come on a direct ticket from their country of origin and possess at least twenty-five dollars in cash. The object was to keep track of the newcomers and to insure that they should not become a public charge. Then at the beginning of April inspectors were placed along the United States boundary to prevent immigrants who could not get in otherwise, coming in by that route.

The July returns of immigration show that 11,322 immigrants arrived during the month while in the same month the year before the arrivals numbered 26,341. The decrease was fifty-seven per cent. During the first month the year before the arrivals numbered 107,451 against 195,760 during the first six months of 1907, the decline being forty-five per cent.

Since the inspectors were placed in the United States boundary, on April 1st, they have turned back 323 persons as undesirable, thus justifying their usefulness in three months. During the first six months of the year 437 persons were refused permission to land at Canadian ports and 872 persons were returned to the countries from which they came.

## YOUNG MAN SHOT DOWN.

Invited With Several Others to a Party.

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It seems that Aubry, along with several other young men, drove to a dance at Dickinson Centre, N.Y. One of the occupants of the house fired on the young men with a shot gun.

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## ENGLISH CHINA TEA SETS

Quaint old style.

\$3.75 Set.

Also a few sets short one or two pieces. While they last.

\$2.95

ROBERTSON BROS.

## CONSCIOUSNESS OF PLANTS.

Darwin Says They Have Habits and a Memory.

Dublin, Sept. 4.—Sir S. H. Darwin, in an address, developed his theory of the consciousness of plants. He contended that plants have a memory, have habits, and can behave differently to what might be called their moods. He argued that plants have something corresponding very nearly to the nervous system of animals. They are quite as sensitive to certain agencies as animals, quite as capable of telegraphing from one part of their organism to another, and there exists in them a faint copy of what we call consciousness in ourselves. Growth itself, he maintained, was a sort of habit made possible by memory in their cells, so that growth could be changed at any period of its progress or surroundings, if not by a sort of free will. These changes of growth are remembered by successive generations and thus acquired characters are inherited.

Prof. Darwin developed his argument at great length. He was listened to with deep attention, but there was much shaking of heads by the numerous scientists in the audience.

Another portion of the address was devoted to criticism of Prof. August Weissman, of Freiburg, the great opponent of Alfred Russell Wallace.

## Methodist Church Progress.

Toronto, Sept. 4.—Most encouraging advances in every department of Sunday school and Epworth League work during the past year were made at the meeting of the General Sunday School and Epworth League Board of the Methodist church, which was in session in the Wesley building to-day. Representatives were present from all parts of the dominion, from Regina to St. John. Rev. Dr. Carman, general superintendent, presided. The report of the general secretary, Dr. A. C. Crews, showed that there are now 3,556 Methodist Sunday schools in Canada, with 35,323 officers and teachers, and a total force, including these and the schools, of 346,663, an increase over last year of 16,694, the largest increase ever known in the history of the church. This gain is largely due to the unprecedented growth of the senior departments, those having been the leaders of nearly one-half in the adult classes, due to the organized adult Bible class movement. The Epworth League also shows a gratifying increase, a gain of 4,407 during the year.

## Woman Attempts Suicide.

Sarnia, Ont., Sept. 4.—It is thought that Mrs. David Turner, fifty years old, who attempted suicide last Monday evening, by severing an artery in her left arm, and then cut a deep gash in her throat, will not recover. Mrs. Turner is the widow of a former jeweller, and although possessed of a fortune of \$10,000, she has for several weeks labored under the delusion that she was facing poverty. Late Monday evening the woman donned the garments she frequently told her friends she wished to be buried in, after cutting herself, lay down, and was soon unconscious. She was found by a messenger, who went to the house on business. Dr. McDonald was called and the woman was taken to the hospital.

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## CUT UP BODY

Chester Johnson, Actor, Murdered His Wife.

## TO THROW INTO SEA

## THIS WAS TO BE THE BURIAL OF PIECES.

Ill-Health Caused Mrs. Charles Small, of West Pa., to Take Gas As Well As Use a Gun—Her Child Was Found Alive.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 4.—A most horrible and brutal crime was revealed last night when the police discovered the torso of Mrs. Honora Jordan, an actress, in a trunk in a boarding house on Beacon Hill. Later the woman's husband, Chester Johnson, an actor, was arrested and confessed he had killed the woman during a quarrel, and had dismembered the body, intending to throw the pieces into the sea.

## Took Gas And Used Gun.

York, Pa., Sept. 4.—Mrs. Charles Small, aged twenty-six years, wife of a bank clerk, committed suicide yesterday, by taking gas and shooting herself. She took her fifteen-month-old baby with her into a room, intending, it is thought, it should die with her. When discovered the child was still alive and will recover. Her health is given as the cause of the act.

## NEARLY DROWNS GIRL.

Rescued With a Snapper Clinging to Her Toe.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 4.—Gwendolyn Washburn, a girl of drowning, had a narrow escape from drowning in White river, south of Omega, Ind., the other day. With friends with whom she had been camping, Miss Washburn went into the river. She swam about for a while and then started to tread out some carp in the mud surrounding an old tree stump in the bottom of the stream.

Presently one of the girl's companions noticed that her large sun hat was floating on the water. She was nowhere in sight. Bubbles coming to the surface, however, indicated that she had gone down, but a moment before.

One of the young men in the party dived and caught Miss Washburn by the shoulders. He found it impossible for a time to drag her to the surface. She seemed to hold in the mud by some strange force.

Finally the rescuer managed to reach the surface, and still holding on to the girl, who was beneath the water, he called for help. Several of his companions came to his assistance, and together they got Miss Washburn out of the mud, so that, though unconscious, her head was above water. Quickly then they pushed her ashore.

Clinging tightly to the large toe of Miss Washburn's left foot was a snapping turtle of unusual size. The turtle had resented apparently the young woman's interference with its midday sleep, and was dragging her slowly to death when companions rescued her.

Miss Washburn was revived after a time and the camping party broke up.

## Killed By Burglars.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 4.—Daniel Walser, confectioner at 705 Woodward avenue, was fatally shot by burglars last night at the store. Neighbors heard the shooting, saw two men run away, and words found Walser lying unconscious on the sidewalk in front of his open door.

Walser had been sleeping alone in a living room at the rear of the store and a broken show case and other damage gave evidence of a terrific struggle. Walser died on the way to Harper hospital. He was shot once through the chest and once in the shoulder.

## Work On Heavy Contract.

Montreal, Sept. 4.—Johnson Bros., contractors, have completed the grade of the Grand Trunk Pacific, from Winnipeg to Portage la Prairie, and begun work on a heavy contract "subbed" from the Grand Trunk Pacific company. This later contract begins at Plaster Rock, on Tubac River, in New Brunswick, and runs east twenty-eight miles. The country here is rough or rolling and heavily timbered, but there will be some good agricultural lands along this part of the line.

## More Students Anticipated.

It is a little early to estimate, but another record registration of students is expected at Queen's University this season. For the past twenty years at least there has been a steady increase. Each session showing a larger number of students than the previous one. The session of 1908-09 will assuredly show a similar increase. The department of engineering and mining will have the largest increase.

## Steel Coal Controversy.

Toronto, Sept. 4.—J. H. Plummer, president of the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., said this morning that the Steel company controversy was permanently beyond settlement through the medium of conferences. "The matter is in the courts," he said, "and the courts will settle it." Mr. Plummer has purchased a residence in the city and will take up his permanent residence here this fall.

## Send Back From Canada.

London, Sept. 4.—Thirty-two Russian mutineers, from the battleship Potemkin, who left Roumania for Canada are stranded penniless in London. They are all of peasant extraction and good agriculturists. About £300 are required to take them to Canada. Hanging awaits them if they return to Russia. With them are six women and seven children.

## Indian Stabbed By Another.

Cornwall, Ont., Sept. 4.—Louis Peters, a young Indian, was stabbed here by another redskin, said to be Mitchell Oak. The knife entered between the heart, and it is feared Peters will die. Oak appears to have escaped across the river.

## Sticking Together.

Winnipeg, Sept. 4.—Employees of the G.T.R. and C.N.R. have notified the C.P.R. strikers that they will contribute \$1 per man, or close on to \$14,000 for the present month, in aid of the strike fund.

## CROPS OF THE WEST.

Total Wheat Yield Estimated at 110,000,000 Bushels.

Winnipeg, Sept. 4.—The rainy weather which prevailed has given way to bright and clear weather with good strong winds and cutting and threshing operations have been resumed at some points and will be general again to-day and to-morrow.

Considerable interest was taken in the estimate of the Manitoba Free Press, which was announced this morning. Their estimate of the total wheat crop, compiled by their special correspondents, figures out at 15.5 bushels per acre, which indicated a yield of 11,750,000 bushels. From this however, they deducted an arbitrary figure of 1½ bushels per acre for possible damage from frost, but it is felt that this is excessive in view of the fact that the frosts were by no means general. Where frost did occur it was very light, and no general effect on the yield is expected to result.

Taking the average of the estimates made by those who have given the matter sufficient study and attention to enable them to speak with some authority, and may be safely taken as a fair approximate estimate of the total wheat yield of the Canadian Northwest.

The Free Press' estimate of the oat crop, viz., 91,000,000 bushels, and of barley, 33,000,000 bushels, added to that of the wheat will give a good idea of the large volume of traffic which the railroads are confronted with, and which will tax their capacity and keep them all busy for the next twelve months. It also gives some idea of the large amount of money which will find its way into the hands of the farmers as a result of this year's crops.

An important feature in connection with this year's harvest is that the crops are fairly uniform, no district particularly suffering to any extent, and consequently, the money will be pretty generally distributed over the whole country.

## MARRIED AT TORONTO.

An Event to Occur at An Early Date.

Naperville, Sept. 4.—Mrs. Leonidas Hubbard, Jr., spent a few days this week with her sister, Mrs. (Rev.) McColl, at the parsonage. Mrs. Hubbard will be remembered through her Labrador experiences two or three years ago. Mrs. Right Hon. J. E. Ellis, M.P., of Princess's Gate, London, Eng., and Miss Edie, to Mrs. Hubbard.

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