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ON GARBAGE SYSTEM.

The garbage question is not giving satisfaction, and, in its limited quality, is not likely to do so. The service is not daily, and for that reason it cannot be worked well. The housewife puts the kitchen refuse in a pail or a barrel and deposits the same where it will be conveniently reached by the civic collectors. It stands out every night, and the vagrant cats and dogs overturn the vessel or distribute some of the contents over the yard or lawn, for they occasionally find in the garbage the food for which they are in search. The garbage is therefore a menace in two ways. It contributes to the development of worthless cats and dogs, and it causes, in the exposure of the garbage for a couple of days and nights, foul smells that are not to be tolerated. But there is no desire to abandon an experiment because in some respects it is not panning out well. It must be improved with experience, and some of the good housewives who have given the subject more thought than the aldermen can supply a few practical suggestions.

SIR CHARLES AS A CRITIC.

Sir Charles Tupper is being complimented upon the effective manner in which he has replied to Sir Hugh Graham with regard to Canada's part in empire building. Sir Hugh said, in London, at the imperial press conference, that Canada had been sponging on the mother country for years.

Sir Charles resents this charge, and points out that in the construction of great transcontinental railways, at an expense of hundreds of millions of dollars, this country was doing, unaided, a great deal for the development of the empire and its military importance. These railways were of inestimable value for defence purposes, and they were opening up a territory, Rupert's Land, so that in the years to come it will supply Britain with the bread stuffs it is unable to produce.

The reproach is the more timely in that it comes from one in whose political sagacity Sir Hugh Graham had so profound a trust. The Montreal Star supported Sir Charles Tupper in his appeal to the people as the premier of Canada, having supplanted Sir Mackenzie Bowell at the time of the party combat. The Star was so devoted to its men that it put its editor, Mr. Dalby, in the field as political organizer and sacrificed him in the attempt to save the party.

The reasons are very grave that would induce the old man to publicly correct and chastise Sir Hugh Graham, and they are. Sir Hugh was very unfortunate in referring to his countrymen as spongers.

A REFORM IS NEEDED.

There is a serious side to the question of Canadian history and the manner in which it is being taught in our schools. The Globe supplied in a couple of columns the absurd and laughable answers which were given by candidates in the recent departmental examinations. Some of the answers were not mere misquotations, as to dates and events, but the strangest muddling of fact and fiction so that the effect was simply ridiculous.

The contemplation of the subject suggests the enquiry, What does the revelation teach? First, there must be more care taken in the impartation of historical data. In the public schools history is now taught by the dictation of certain notes. The pupils write them down and then commit them to memory. The process is the most unsatisfactory. History, under these circumstances, becomes stale and unprofitable. The attempt is being made to give it a better standing in the schools, public and secondary, and not without good reason.

The students of the day, especially those who are qualifying for the teaching profession, should be familiar with the record of their country. History is being made every day, and it is possible to tell the story in a fascinating way. There is more in it than a recitation of facts. There is the feeling of reality, and the history teacher who is doing himself and his class full justice can impress things on the minds of the students so that they will be remembered.

The references to confederation, in the examination papers, show how faulty is the general idea of a great central fact in Canadian history. Here was the beginning, practically, of a new nation, and the men who contributed to the movement were conspicuous in public life and should be gratefully remembered for their work's sake. The agitation for a better teaching of history has not commenced too soon.

FUTURE OF THE HORSE.

The Whig remembers when the horse market was the special attraction. There was money, large money, in breeding, and for the reason that horse power was in great demand. The better animals were wanted for pleasure purposes. In the large cities the coach horse was in evidence on the drives, and the man who desired to make a display of his prosperity had his stable and his outfit of saddle and driving horses.

Next in importance, and giving high values to the sales, was the army. Only the best blood or strain was desired by those who bought for the artillery and mounted forces. There was a time when in some of the centres of Canada and the United States men were constantly employed in selecting and shipping across the ocean the horses that gave the best promise of military service.

Last in the choice of animals—and taking all that had working capacity, regardless of flaws and defects—were the street railways. They wore out the equines by the thousand. The service was simply killing, and the slaughter went on apace from year to year.

Electricity has put the horse out of business on the railways and in the parks, and it is only a question of time until the army will dispense with them also. The auto is in motion everywhere. It is giving its troubles—the engine will baulk occasionally as badly as any horse—but it has no feelings and the conscience is never touched with the thought of overwork.

Very soon the horse will be as rare as the auto used to be. He will never disappear. As one of the domestic animals the world will never weary of him, and refuse its admiration. But the electric motor will do his work without distress and the humane society will be given a long and grateful rest.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The new school readers will be in use on the reopening of most of the schools. They will then be sampled by the scholars, and there are no keener critics.

The Germans, the masses, are grumbling at their taxes, and yet, according to recent accounts, their taxation is about half of the Englishman's. As a patient tax-bearer there is none who compares with John Bull.

Seven candidates have passed the examinations at Toronto and qualified as commercial specialists. All of them women, and not one a specialist in art. Kingston's institute apparently wants one of rare qualifications.

The Ontario government advertises a sale of timber limits, covering a territory of 2,000 miles, and gives but six weeks in which the inspection may be made by intending tenderers. The proposition is simply absurd.

Mr. Bowser, of the British Columbia government, has been heard from. He is figuring out the result of the next election, four years hence, in the federal parties. Queer way of spending one's leisure time in this hot weather.

The Telegram thinks Toronto would have been a great city if the provincial university had not been there. Doubtless. But Toronto is a greater city because it has a great, or an expensive, university, and it is time the Telegram realized the fact.

So the Ontario government—on a six weeks' notice—will dispose of the timber on crown lands 2,000 miles square. Is the government hard up? The timber is the capital of the province, and according to Hon. Mr. Matheson the value of it should not go into current account.

A writer in Little's Living Age, deriving his information from the registrar-general's report, reasons that it is only a question of time until the upper classes in England have become extinct. They represent the virility of the old land, the better stock by careful selection, and its disappearance becomes a serious matter.

Edward The Peacemaker.

La Patrie, Paris.

Since his advent to the throne our King Edward VII has assuredly been the most visited king in Europe. By the prestige of his superior personality he became at once the great centre of attraction. The heads of other nations realized that he was the master of them all, and that he held in his hands, so to speak, the destinies of Europe. That is why they all come one after the other to the great arbiter of peace, from the president of the French republic to the emperor of Germany himself, and the emperor of Russia has also now fulfilled the same duty by paying his first official visit to the king of England. In spite of the painful incidents which preceded it the visit of the czar to the king of England cannot but have beneficial results. It will certainly help to establish closer relations between Great Britain and Russia, and it is another link in the chain of peace wrought by Edward VII.

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GANANOQUE CASES

THE POLICE MAGISTRATE IS KEPT BUSY.

Case Against Woman For Keeping a House of Ill-Fame—Trying to Save a $500 Horse Whose Leg is Broken.

Gananoque, Aug. 6.—A number of interesting and sensational cases were up before Police Magistrate Carroll, on Thursday afternoon. On complaint of Ira Patterson, "Kit" Tryon, "Tip" Leakey (alias Pecor), and Ernest Smith, were charged with holding up plaintiff and relieving him of a gold watch, a chain, and a sum of money. Tryon and Smith were arrested, but Pecor could not be found, being out of town. The magistrate, therefore, enlarged the case until such time as the other party to the theft could be arrested. Constable Thomson located his man, on Thursday evening, a few miles east of the town, in Leeds township, went after him and landed him in the lock-up. The case will, in all probability, be threshed out this (Friday) afternoon.

The second case called was that of Catherine Bezie, wife of Michael J. Bezie, residing in the West ward, charged with harboring disorderly characters and keeping a house of ill-fame. Her husband, in answer to her name, presented a medical certificate, signed by J. P. Sinclair, M.D., that defendant was ill and unable to attend court before the beginning of next week. On guarantee of her husband that she would appear, the case was postponed until Monday next.

The third case was that of Henry Mallory, a young resident of the town, charged by Mrs. Clara Stacey with the theft of a fur scarf and two quilts from her residence, North street, on Tuesday evening last. In the evidence given it was shown that John Mallory, his son Henry and his younger children, boarded with Mrs. Stacey; that the father, John Mallory, had taken plaintiff out on the river in a boat and while they were absent the son, Henry, had removed trunks and belongings of his father and family from her premises, and among them the articles previously mentioned belonging to her. The case being a rather complicated one, the magistrate adjourned it to give both parties opportunity to secure further evidence and provide counsel, neither being represented. The hearing will probably be given on Saturday.

Charles La France was charged by Frederick Brennan with the theft of a sum of money from plaintiff. A warrant was issued for La France's arrest, but so far he has not been located by the police.

Summonses have been issued against Levi Williams and George Robbins, the latter on the proscribed list, charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct. The case will be heard to-day. A summons was also issued against Ford Ormiston, son of the late John Ormiston, who was for many years customs officer here, the charge being vagrancy. The case will be given a hearing on Monday.

In the firemen's practice run, last evening, to No. 12 alarm, a very creditable exhibition was made, and four good streams of water were promptly playing on the Mill street factories, every detail being perfectly satisfactory.

At Thousand Island Park, on Wednesday afternoon, the Park Nine defeated the Garnocks by nine runs to two.

The Canoe and Motor Boat Association will put on a big vaudeville show with every part of the programme new, on Wednesday evening next, in Dolan's big tent, on the market square.

The valuable horse owned by J. A. C. Thompson, Main street, valued at $500, which had its leg broken as result of a runaway, occasioned by fright at auto 6991, has not been killed. Efforts are being made to have the leg set. Experts have been secured to make the trial.

At the regular session of the town council, this week, considerable discussion was called up, over the appointment of A. B. Carnegie as inspector of cement walks, he having been appointed by the roads and bridges committee, of which Deputy Reeve John B. McMurchy is chairman, whereas the motion of Councillors Sheppard and Webster was "that the council receive applications through the roads and bridges committee for the position of inspector of cement walks." This had not been done, no report having been made by the committee to the council. Discussion over this and other important matters almost caused the burning of midnight oil.

During the past week a party of Roman Catholic priests from Ireland, friends of Father Kehoe, have been in town, as his guests, they being on a tour of this country, and have been very much taken with Gananoque and its surroundings.

The Thousand Island Gun Club held a successful and largely attended shoot at its ranges, near Grasshopper Park, yesterday afternoon. It has arranged for a big all-day competition on the 25th, when a number of crack shots from a distance are expected to take part.

The steamer New Island Wanderer took out a large number of excursionists to Alexandria Bay, Clayton, Thousand Island Park, etc., under the auspices of the Citizens' band, last evening.

Charles Sheets, Garden street, operator for some time past at the T.I.R station, it is understood, has severed his connection with the company.

A Feast For Israel.

Youth's Companion.

Bishop Goodsell, of the Methodist Episcopal church, weighs over two hundred pounds. It was with mingled emotions, therefore, that he read the following in Zion's Herald some time ago:

"The announcement that our New England bishop, Daniel A. Goodsell, has promised to preach at the Willimantic camp meeting will give great pleasure to the hosts of Israel who are looking forward to that feast of fat things."

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CURIOUS INFORMATION

About Canada in Volume Just Discovered.

Montreal Witness.

Mr. Ross, the chief superintendent of the postal department at Toronto, while on a recent trip to the maritime provinces, unearthed a rare volume entitled, "The American University Geography, or a View of the Present of all Empires, Kingdoms, States and Republics in the Known World, and America in Particular." It is the second edition of the work, published in 1805, the first edition having been sent broadcast in 1789.

In this work there are some real gems of information, of which the following are a few, concerning Upper Canada:

The militia in the several districts meet annually. All the males, excepting Friends, Tunkers and Mennonists, from 16 to 45 bear arms.

Curiosities:—Among many others, a spring, two miles from Niagara Falls, emits a gas, or inflammable air, which being confined in a pipe, will boil water in fifteen minutes. It was discovered when clearing away the burning brush. They observed this spring to burn for several days after the wood around was consumed.

Near Burlington Bay is a volcano, where the Messague Indians sacrifice to Menitor, or Bad Spirit. They say the eruptions are frequent, with noise like thunder.

This country, extensive for the greater part is destitute of a regular gospel ministry. Of course many are deplorably ignorant of all religion. There are at very few places, at Newark, Kingston, and at a German settlement, regular clergymen, but Methodism is the prevailing religion in Upper Canada. Their teachers are illiterate and rude in their manners, and often exceptionable in their lives. The body of the people in this province are immigrants from New England and New Jersey. Very few are Catholics. Their towns, many of them, bear the names of those left by the immigrants in New England.

Principal towns:—Newark is situated in latitude 43 north on the west bank of Niagara river, as it enters Lake Ontario. The town extends along the lake for a mile. It contained in 1798 sixty dwelling houses with a jail and court house under the same roof. There is also a printing office and two churches—one for Presbyterians and one for Episcopalians.

Queenston stands on the Niagara river, seven miles above Newark. This is called the lower landing. Here vessels discharge their cargoes and take in the furs collected from three hundred to fifteen hundred miles back. It is a place of great trade. Several vessels are seen unloading at the same time. Sixty waggon loads in a day are sometimes carried to the upper landing on Chippewa creek, three miles above the falls. From Chippewa the merchandise is transported in batteaux to Fort Erie, eighteen miles, where it is shipped to Detroit and Michillimakkinack.

York, formerly Toronto, is situated on an excellent harbor of Ontario, opposite Niagara, forty miles distant by water, and one hundred by land. This town was laid out in 1791, and now contains about three hundred families. The legislature met here for the first time in June, 1797. It is the seat of government. York is between thirty and forty miles northwest of Newark; eighty miles northwest of Oswego, thirty-five northwest of Niagara, and a hundred and twenty miles west-southwest of Kingston. The vestige of a French fort, which was called Toronto, is still discernible there.

To Go On The Stage.

Smith's Falls News.

Mrs. Ella Wood Ferguson, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Wood, Smith's Falls, who has been engaged as professional nurse in New York, has decided to leave that profession and go into grand opera. For some time inducements have been offered Mrs. Ferguson to take up this work and she is one of fifty selected for grand opera chorus work by Mr. Hammerstein, manager of the Manhattan Grand Opera company, out of five hundred whose voices were tested by him. The trial was one entirely of merit and the test was a severe one. Mrs. Ferguson is the possessor of a rich mezzo soprano voice of splendid power and range, and possesses ability and talent which ensure her success in this profession.

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Two remarkable instances of fidelity to the letter of Sabbatarian law were given at the annual breakfast of the Lord's Day Observance Society.

"I am afraid Scotland is leading in the van of Sabbath breaking," said the Rev. Lord Blythswood, who presided. "One would think that people would notice and profit by the constantly illustrated fact that the man who observes the Lord's day prospers.

"I have worked for nearly fifty years, and such is my conscience that I would never put a foot in a train on the Lord's day, neither would I use a public conveyance.

"One might say that it has prevented me from preaching in many places, but I cannot help that. I have had to drag myself along with the bag that contained my gown."

The other instance was contained in the speech of Prof. Beresford Pite.

"The late Sir George Livesey told me," he said, "that he had never spent a Sunday away from his wife.

"Travelling from Glasgow on Saturday, he found that he could only arrive home at Tunbridge Wells by travelling on Sunday, so when he arrived at St. Pancras in the early hours of Sunday morning, he walked the remaining distance (more than forty miles), although over seventy years of age, and attended service at Rochester on the way."