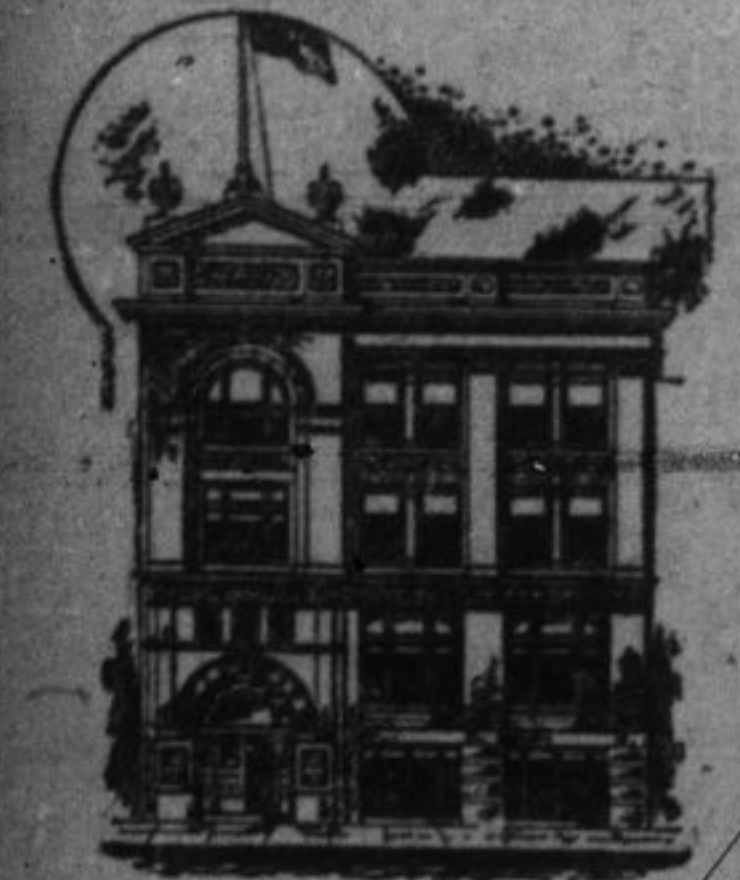


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KING'S DAUGHTERS AND SONS.

It required the presence of a convention to recall to mind the splendid work accomplished in Kingston—and we believe the same applies to other Ontario cities and towns—by that quiet, noble organization the King's Daughters and Sons.

Once again the execution of Russell T. Scott has been stayed at Chicago. This former young Toronto financier, found guilty of slaying a drug clerk, was adjudged insane by a jury and incarcerated in an asylum.

Scott's case recalls the cases of Harry K. Thaw, millionaire, who slew Sanford White, New York architect, and John Buchan Pirie, the young Englishman, who killed his common law wife and their two children in Ottawa two years ago.

Russell Scott was not judged as insane at the time he was a party to the drug store crime, but was found to have become of unsound mind during his long incarceration; and as Christian countries do not hang insane persons he went to an asylum.

Oil in U. S. Growing Scarce. In 1924 President Coolidge appointed a Federal Oil Conservation Board to study petroleum conditions in the United States.

for power purposes of all kinds in a few years' time will be faced with a real oil famine.

Canada, as a large importer of oil and as a potential exporter, is vitally interested in the report. Those recommendations in the report which relate to the future and have particular interest to Canadians are as follows:

(1) Continued exploration for extension of known sands and deep-sea sands in known fields; (2) continued exploration for new fields; (3) systematic research and experiment upon methods of securing a larger proportion of the oil from the sands; (4) systematic research and experiment in new methods and cheapened costs in refining and cracking oils and waste elimination; (5) co-operative methods in sane development of new fields to prevent wasteful flush flow and overproduction; (6) research and application by engine-builders of more economical use of petroleum products; (7) expansion of American holdings in foreign oil fields.

The threatened oil shortage in the United States should give an impetus to the development of Canadian oil fields, remarks the London Free Press. In Alberta for years there has been prospecting for oil, with every sign of oil on a large scale, but few strikes. Turner Valley, in Southern Alberta, however, has now several wells producing, and the outlook is that it will develop a big field.

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can produce two gallons of fuel where only "one grew before" is a benefactor whose name will be remembered for ages to come. If this new method of propulsion comes to Canada it will promote an even larger use of motor machines than at present, and somehow there are those who wonder, if they increase much more, whether travel in some of the cities will not be next to impossible.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The New York State apple crop will, this year, exceed thirty-eight million bushels, six million bushels more than in 1925.

Edison's new phonograph record will play for forty-five minutes. Families will be able to take their music in sections.

One thing that keeps Niagara Falls popular, says The Publishers' Syndicate, is man's inability to paint a sign on them.

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A postal order issued thirty-four years ago that had never been cashed has just turned up and been honored by the postal department. Canada will always meet her obligations, remarks the Toronto Globe.

A great German chemical trust has been formed as an effort to restore the impaired finances of the country. Through scientific research it is hoped to discover still more ways of turning waste matter to profitable account and improving existing industrial methods.

Miss Macphail, as the only woman in parliament, naturally comes in for special attention. Someone during the recent campaign twitted her with having received a note from Mr. Mackenzie King. "Yes," she said, "I got many notes from him. I also got notes from Mr. Arthur Meighan, and Mr. Bennett sent me maple sugar as well as notes."

Mrs. Sidonie M. Gruenberg, director of the Child Study Association of America, reports that children in Europe have better manners than American children have. But she believes that their courtesy is sometimes attained at the expense of repression or subservience. American children have more initiative and adaptability along with their rudeness.

Fred Hobson, Brandon, Man., addressed the London Kiwanis Club and said what the west needs is more people. Saskatchewan can house, heat and feed 20,000,000 people; Alberta can do about as well, and Manitoba nearly as well. The class and nationality of the people does not matter so much as long as they are people with a desire to work and live honestly and learn our education and Canadian ways.

QUEER QUIRKS OF NATURE

The Blind Digger in the Earth. BY ARTHUR N. PACK. President, American Nature Ass'n.

Long before we have commenced to note the first welcome signs of spring, the little mole, way underground, has known all about the reawakening of life and has started busily on his new year's work.

Quebec Viewpoint

War on Tuberculosis.

La Presse: "Our friends the Americans may well feel a legitimate pride in being able to proclaim from 1907 to the present date the rate of mortality from tuberculosis has declined fifty per cent. This encouraging result may be attributed to the concerted efforts of the governments and such societies as the National Tuberculosis Association. May we not hope that by resorting to the same means we may succeed in our turn in reducing the number of deaths from this scourge in the province of Quebec? According to Mr. Homer Folke, secretary of the Society of Public Assistance for the State of New York, the United States would have lost more than two hundred thousand human lives if tuberculosis had continued to kill people at the rate it was doing in 1907.

From another point of view, the anti-tuberculosis campaign represents a saving of \$50,000,000 to the American nation during the last twenty-five years. Obviously there is nothing to regret for all the trouble and expense incurred in the battle against this terrible plague.

"The Government of the province of Quebec has given good evidence of its determination to continue to fight with every resource within its power to chase not only tuberculosis from our territory, but also cancer and other diseases that play such havoc with our human capital. This is certainly a wise and opportune policy to carry out. It is all right for us to adopt every means we can to develop the rich natural resources of the province, but first and before everything it is our duty to guard the public health and keep intact as possible the population of the country. Human life is our principal wealth, for without that the material wealth the country possesses is useless. It is for us therefore to imitate the determination of the Americans and study the methods through the adoption of which they have so admirably succeeded. With enlightened and devoted doctors and nurses, with our sanitariums and dispensaries, with our clinics, and also through the education of the people, we may surely obtain results similar to those our powerful neighbors are so justly proud of. Success does not depend so much upon money as upon a general organization that shall be as perfect as it is possible to make it."

News and Views.

The Town Manager Plan. Learning Post and News: The advocacy of the town manager plan by The Post and News as a substitute for the present inefficient system of municipal government, has been approved by some of our best thinking citizens. It is believed that the present overlapping, waste and inefficiency would be done away with and better results secured all around.

To Prevent Accidents. Indianapolis News: The burden of making sure that children are not the victims of accidents ought to rest on those passing through the streets in motor vehicles. They can not do too much in co-operating with the police, the school officials, the pupils and parents. The time for caution is now. Driving both carefully and at a reasonable rate of speed will pay dividends in the safety of the children. Adult pedestrians also will be thankful.

The Empire Bias. United Empire: "The links which bind the empire together are largely the traditions of English public schools—traditions that have made the British Empire something quite different from the empires which were built up by force alone." So said Mr. Amery when, in presenting the prizes at Saffron Walden school on speech day, he expressed pleasure in knowing that the governors and headmaster were taking the wider outlook by giving the school "an empire bias." Though Saffron Walden happily does not stand alone, it has been among the foremost in fostering the empire spirit among its boys. It is the merest truism to say that what is sown in the schools to-day will be reaped by the country in the years to come. But it cannot be too constantly kept in mind.

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