



HUNTINGDON, Q., AUG. 16, 1906.

NOTES OF THE WEEK

As suggesting a remedy for the deplorable state into which the schools of the Quebec minority have fallen, the meeting of Tuesday was a disappointment. Changes that would alleviate the situation were suggested, but that does not meet the case. When a patient is stricken with an illness that may prove mortal, remedies that will ease his pains and prolong life by a few hours or days is not what is called for, but a radical cure of the disease. The figures given by Mr. Fisher himself were proof of the seriousness of the case. When he told that out of some 900 schools 431 are inefficient from lack of support, and a speaker who followed him stated that the doors of 66 schools had been closed last year, and were not likely to be opened again, the suggested remedies sounded somewhat puerile. The impatience that the English-speaking farmers are chiefly to blame, we resent. The statement that \$16 per scholar is their average yearly contribution to the cause of education is incorrect. That is the amount for the province as a whole. Surely it is unfair to impute to the minority the financial shortcomings of the majority. Many schools can be named with 7 or 8 scholars which cost over \$200 a year to maintain, and we are confident 325 per scholar would more nearly represent what our English-speaking farmers are doing for education than \$16. In considering the educational crisis, commonsense would indicate that the first step to be taken towards finding a remedy is to discover the cause of the crisis. On Tuesday the visiting speakers walked round the question, carefully avoiding pointing out what is at the foot of the trouble. The average farm of the English-speaking sections is 3 acres wide, so that it is seldom over 8 families can be counted to a mile. This governs the size of school districts. Under favorable circumstances, where every farm is assessable, it is not easy to support a school in the country, and, at the best, it will fall below the desired standard. When however, every farm is not assessable, it is simply impossible to have a school doing passable work. An English-speaking section will go on for half a century and more maintaining a school that answers the needs of its children. From some cause or other one of the number desires to leave. He finds a purchaser in a Catholic, who dissents, and the tax on that farm is lost to the school. Another leaves and another, until the time comes when only a few of the farms in the district pay rates towards the support of the school, which necessarily lessens in efficiency with its declining support, until the point is reached, when its door is shut. We know of two schools, one that has been in existence for over 80 years, the other for 70, which must close for lack of support when a single farm more passes into the hands of a Catholic. There are several schools which have had so much difficulty this summer in getting teachers, that their continuance next year is doubted. This is a bald statement of facts which nobody denies. Now what do these facts teach? Is it not that the cause of the whole trouble that has overtaken the schools of the minority in the rural parts is the sectarian system? It is utterly impossible for a farming population to maintain two efficient schools. They can supply means to support one, but the moment the law demands they shall support two, one must dwindle and, unless a change is speedily made in the law, will die. The sparseness in population that necessarily characterizes a farming community, makes it utterly impossible for a district to maintain a Catholic and a non-Catholic school. Where it is self-evident one alone can find the means for existence, it follows the other must go under. The only possible remedy is to banish sectarianism from education, and have only one school in each district—a public school. We are told that it is impracticable—are faced by the eternal non-pomomus—that agitation for such a change is out of the question. If that be so, then the schools of the English-speaking minority are doomed. Well-meaning men may coddle them for a while, prolonging existence by kindly devices and donations, but it

can only be for a while, seeing the steel of the ecclesiastic is reaching for their heart. Would there be anything unreasonable in the English-speaking farmers uniting in a demand that in the townships, the non-fish lands of the province, public schools be the rule? In the parishes, the Catholics would retain their present schools; in the townships the schools would be neutral? Would such a compromise not be equitable? Unless such an arrangement is reached, the case is hopeless; the English-speaking farmers will continue to leave and the spectacle furnished the world of a loyal population driven from British soil by the machinations of a few ecclesiastics. The export of cheese to date beats the record. Before the week is out 12 hundred thousand boxes will have left the St. Lawrence. It is a pity it cannot be said to be Canada's best, for the big price has induced factory-men to ship close to the hoop and much green cheese is going forward that cannot fail to lose flavor before reaching the table of the customer. The better price of cheese is reducing the production of butter. The first trains have landed their loads of harvesters at Winnipeg, and the wages offered are not such as to induce a rush. \$40 to \$45 per month is the idea of the prairie-farmer; \$2 per day that of the harvester, and when the time lost in travel is considered, that is not too much. At least half who go as harvesters think more of seeing the country with a view to settling than of the wages they may earn. The loyalty of the people to Gleggarry is proverbial. Go where they may, the natives of that county see no place that so enchains their affections. The holding of a home week at Cornwall has strikingly brought this out. From every part of the continent there has been a coming of men and women to see the dear old home with a great outpouring of local enthusiasm. The program began on Saturday and lasts all this week. Its successful carrying out does credit to all. That Montreal is to have another bridge across the St. Lawrence seems to be settled. It will cross at or near St. Helen's Island, be 2.1-2 miles long and have a 1500 foot span over the ship channel, 150 feet high. It will be a double bridge, the upper deck carrying 3 tracks, and the lower adapted for foot, vehicle, and trolley-car traffic. It is understood the Delaware & Hudson is the chief promoter. The city station will be on St. Catherine street. Canada's chief exports to Australia are machinery and agricultural implements. Part have gone in free and part at 15 per cent. duty. The tariff has been increased to 15 and 25 per cent. and our manufacturers are surprised at Australia giving them a dose of their own protection medicine. While the silver craze was on with our neighbors it will be recalled they coined silver dollars beyond what could be forced into circulation, and they went on accumulating in the treasury vaults at Washington until millions of capital were locked up doing no good to anybody except the owners of mines who sold their silver to the government at a price above what the market warranted and who had so much specie kept out of consumption. When the coining of dollars was stopped, authority was given to melt them into smaller coins and it now seems the expansion of the population has been such that the surplus cast wheels have gone out in smaller pieces and the government is again buying silver. Those in charge of the Panama canal find black labor will never build it and have asked for leave to import Chinese. There is a howl over this from the trades unions. There is nothing to hinder Mr. Gompers and his dupes going to the isthmus and trying their hands at the job proposed for John Chinaman, whose services are sought because nobody else can do the work. The Pope has taken action with regard to the separation of church and state in France, by issuing an encyclical addressed to the archbishop of Paris. The substance of it is, that the clergy are not to accept the terms offered by the government for the use of churches and parishes. This means a conflict. King Edward is in Germany on a visit to Emperor William. The King and Queen of Spain are in Scotland. The Czar is more especially secluded than ever owing to a recent incident. While one of his uncles was reviewing a regiment regarded as ultra-loyal, instead of firing blank cartridges, a number of bullets whistled over his head. He left.

VALLEYFIELD. Celestin Legault, aged 65 was the victim of a fatal drowning accident one evening of last week, by falling into the waste weir of the canal. Alarm was promptly given and after about an hour's search the body was recovered. A gasoline company of Montreal is engaged installing their system. It has been inaugurated in the Larocque house, where it is now in partial operation and giving, as it is claimed, satisfactory results. York and Fisher are introducing the system in their underwear factory, where their special line of work calls for the use of an improved plant. It is claimed that the apparatus can be effectively used for cooking purposes. We consider the cost of installation to be a heavy factor in the expense bill. An excursion of 300 members of the Licensed Victuallers' association of Montreal reached Valleyfield, over the New York Central, Wednesday forenoon. On their arrival the visitors were taken in hand by the members of the local org. association, who drove them around to view the principal points of interest, in the city. After supper the party boarded the steamer Garnet, which ran the rapids to Montreal. The case of Z. Major came up for hearing before magistrate Lanctot, who further remanded the enquiry until the 15th instant. Rumor says that an hotel-keeper in town was robbed last week of over \$500 by a member of his family, who has fled to parts unknown. A complaint was laid before the police authorities, who are taking steps for the recovery of both thief and money. A staff of engineers from the hydrographic bureau, Ottawa, are continuing the work began some two years ago of preparing a chart of lake St. Francis and its tributaries. A large number of nuns and students reached here Friday evening to pass their examinations so as to qualify themselves as school teachers. A wrestling match, announced to take place between a couple of Montreal professionals in the cercle Emard Thursday, turned out into a fizzle, not 10 people attending. Saturday, notwithstanding that the weather was threatening, had its usual number of excursions by land and water. The attendance was not so large as usual. Miss Albertine Lapointe, daughter of deputy prothonotary Lapointe, has carried off a first-class certificate, with the title of Mus. Bac. at the recent examinations of the Montreal Polytechnic school classes. The afternoons of Friday and Saturday were devoted to a series of traffic races at St. Onge's driving park, Grand Isle, but failed to draw a crowd. The league lacrosse match drew quite a few of our local admirers of the game to Cornwall on Saturday afternoon. They were well repaid for their visit, as the game was most interesting. In order to improve the sanitary conditions in Bagelvie ward, the Montreal Cotton Co. has had all the sewerage drains under its control flushed this week. Admirers of flowers are invited to visit the section covered by the Montreal Cotton Co.'s cottages. The surroundings are now resplendent with a rich covering of sweet-smelling bloom, of many hues and colors, which offer not only an attractive appearance, but tell of skill and patient labor on the part of the residents. Farmers within this district have hailed with pleasure the showers that have favored this section the last few days. Root crops are now doing well. Hay has been well saved but is in light quantity. Grain promises abundant yield. Fruit is small and scraggy. Vegetables are free from worms and scale. The corporation has started the construction of permanent concrete pavements, each ward getting an allotment of the improvement. What has come under notice so far meets with general approval, so far as appearance goes. Opinion as to its wear and tear capabilities is divided. On heavily used streets, experts have limited confidence in its lasting qualities. On streets where traffic is light, its use is recommended. Climatic changes have to be considered as to the durability of material, especially in exposed places where the temperature changes are sudden and violent. Asphalt pavements have their adherents, and pitch-laid hard-brick pavement has also supporters. The latter is in much use in cities and towns south of us. As the matter of permanent street walk pavement is now in the stage of experiment in Valleyfield, the suggestion is offered that different materials be tried and a year's result afforded some data as to the most inexpensive and durable system. What samples have been laid in town by private persons are not giving the satisfaction expected from concrete work. It would be a good investment by the corporation to have the quality of the various cements used in the new sidewalks properly tested. We

should not make the oft-repeated blunders of buying a pig in a poke. Some returned "Cobalters," now that the clamor of the untold wealth to be picked up without toil or labor, has worn off, have lost considerable faith in the get-rich-quick proposition. Considerable hard-earned money went from Valleyfield into the prospectors' field has yielded a fat return of experience but very few nuggets. The returned prospectors tell beautiful stories of the untold wealth they heard about, but have not seen and much less handled any of it. Farmers are seriously complaining of a grasshopper plague which is causing much damage to the growing crops. In some sections farmers are cutting oats before the grain has matured, as a preventative against total loss, also as a substitute for grass, which is very scarce, owing to the extended drought. The late rain has somewhat improved the pastures and started the aftermath of harvested meadows. The milk-flow has considerably decreased, and the price of butter has reached here a high figure, good dairy cattle at 28c a pound. The corporation water works department has started to make a much needed change, in removing the hydrants from the centre to the outside edge of the foot-walks. This removes a dangerous and inconvenient encumbrance, which has for years stood as a manifest example of a stupid piece of civil engineering. The sign-board nuisance is again cropping up on a small scale, this with blocking walks with goods, and the unauthorized awning should be vetoed at once by the council. The hotels had the bung-holes of their whiskey kegs fastened up in great shape on Sunday. What drunks we had, it appears, were the product of whiskey sold in an open bar-room run on board an excursion train which reached here from Montreal. The bon ton calls them buffet cars. A man named Primeau was badly kicked by a horse at the races, on Saturday. He is still under medical care. The Valleyfield ball-players went to Farnham Sunday and beat the Farnhamites 7 to 6. The local lacrosse team played the St. Remi club on St. Jean Baptiste park on Sunday. Score 2 to 1 in favor of the local bunch. The city clerkship embryo is still awaiting solution. Bailiffs, this week presented themselves at the city's official headquarters to seize the city's books and documents, but, through legal interposition, nothing was done. The date for homologation of the assessment-roll is about due, and this will probably bring matters to a crisis. The Bell Telephone Co. has decided to lay another section of its cables in an underground conduit along Nicolson and Victoria streets. Court Lanier, I.O.F., held its annual excursion to Beauharnois on Saturday; about 200 enjoyed the beautiful sail and return trip via the Soulanges canal. An excursion by steamer Salaberry was held to Hamilton Island on Sunday. Rev. Mr. Ducloux and family entertained the S.S. teachers to an alfresco lunch at Bulson point on Saturday afternoon. The pleasant drive and the fresh breeze off the rapids had freshened the appetites of the guests and due justice was done to the dainty gouter laid before them. The Montreal Cotton Co.'s club grounds and the mystic mazes of the adjoining grove are beautifully illuminated in the evenings by a large number of arc lamps. Visitors would like to hear the strains of the Valleyfield band now and then. As the city grants the corps an annual allowance, this section is entitled to a share of its music. **BEAUHARNOIS** The Garnet brought a party of Valleyfield Foresters Saturday to view the sights of our town, and no doubt mark our dirty streets. A goodly number of our citizens consider it a duty to throw waste paper and other trash to decorate the streets, and as the watering cart, purchased by the corporation, seems to be more for ornament than use, we have dust galore, Burdocks and other weeds seem to be quite up to the average crop, and help out the untidy appearance of things. The town fathers must surely walk with closed eyes to avoid the dust, or the "handy man" would be spared a day to cut weeds and gather part, at least, of this refuse scattered so profusely. The steamer Beauharnois and Chateaugay were loaded with excursionists Saturday night, facing the storm, which came up suddenly, but did no damage, so far as known. The steamer Beauharnois brings a load of excursionists every Saturday night, taking them back to Lachine in time to catch the trolley car back to the city before midnight, affording an escape from the heat of the city if only for a few hours. **CAZAVILLE** Mrs. Captain Rankin has sold her farm to Xavier Tremblay for \$4000. It contains fully 100 acres of arable land with a marble front.

HEMINGFORD The judges on farms and crops. Daniel Ryan and Robert Curry, have completed their work. In farms Robt. Brownlee takes 1st; A. Cleland 2nd, and F.A. Sweet 3rd. The following is the award on crops—Wheat, Mrs. M.A. Ellerton. Oats—1 A. Cleland, 2 R. Brownlee, 3 F.A. Sweet. Barley—1 Mrs. Ellerton. Ensilage Corn—1 R. Brownlee, 2 A. Cleland, 3 A. Campbell. Corn—1 A. Campbell, 2 Mrs. Ellerton 3 F.A. Sweet. Potatoes—1 R. Brownlee, 2 A. Cleland 3 A. Campbell. Mangolds—1 Mrs. Ellerton. Turnips—1 F.A. Sweet, 2 Mrs. Ellerton. Carrots—1 Mrs. Ellerton, 2 F.A. Sweet. John Rutherford has raised a barn, 32x28, with 15ft. posts, in which will be a large cow stable, with all the modern conveniences. The stable will be 30x36. The building was framed by Thos. A. Helm, with the aid of one man, in 19 days and went together without a single mistake. **KILBAIN** The sale of the effects of Ernest A. Lee on Thursday attracted a big crowd and extraordinary prices were obtained for cattle. The sale being unexpected, none of the stock was in order, and beasts not in condition went as high as if at their best. Hens were sold at 35c in some cases and cows in milk at 30c. The sale realized over \$1300. **BETH** On the morning of the 7th smoke suddenly burst from the outbuildings of Mr. Thompson. Nothing could be done to save them, and a large barn, stable, and shed were burned to the ground, the dwelling-house escaping. Mr. Thompson cannot account for the origin of the fire otherwise than by supposing a tramp had taken his lodgings in the hay and struck a match to light his pipe. The loss of buildings and season's hay falls heavily on Mr. Thompson, for he had no insurance. **DUNDEE CENTRE** During the thunderstorm on Saturday the house of Murdoch McDonald was struck by lightning. The bolt hit the chimney, smashing the brick into pieces. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Irwin saw the 61st anniversary of their marriage last week. They were married in Enniskillen, Ireland, on August 6th, 1845. The aged couple are still hale and hearty. Two deers have been seen in the neighborhood lately. They appear to be slowly wandering their way southward. **ROCKBURN** A most enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. Isaac Cain on the evening of the 8th inst., the occasion being a lawn social given by the ladies of the Presbyterian church. The grounds are admirably suited for an event of this kind, and were prettily decorated with Chinese lanterns. The attendance was large and the ladies served supper in their usual first-class style. Songs by Mr. Morgan of Ormskirk, and Mr. Gervin, the student in charge of the Franklin Centre Congregational church, were much enjoyed, both being heartily received. Several selections by the Rockburn orchestra, also music by an excellent gramophone, added to the enjoyment of the evening. After paying all expenses \$62 was cleared. A base-ball match was played here Saturday between the Earlville, N.Y., team and the juniors of this place. Several of the former, who have played against the seniors here for years, again appeared as juniors, and had an easy victory over the Rockburn youngsters. **ALLAN'S CORNERS** Mr. Wm. Greig has sold his farm to Mr. George Hope of St. Remi, for \$5000. The property is still engaged judging farms, and will be for another week. No fewer than 69 have to be visited. **HUNTINGDON DAIRY BOARD** August 10.—There was boarded 772 boxes of cheese and 241 of salted butter. All, except 179 1/2 of butter, sold. For white cheese the bids were uniform, and all went at 11.7-12c to Willer & Riley. For colored 11.5-12c was obtained by all excepting Kilbain and Mountain View, for which Mr. Teehan obtained 12c. Butter all went at 21.1-2c, mostly taken by Ayer. Colored Cheese Gunn, Langlois & Co.—David Vass 115 boxes, A. Cass 97, Karmers' Choice 65. Ayer—Hutton 32 boxes, Bayview 31, Walkers 40, Tatehurst 31, Lorne 43, Hodgson Bros.—Kilbain 76 boxes, Mountain View 37. White Cheese Willer & Riley—Burns 36 boxes S.H. 25, R.D. McNeil 159, Powercourt 32. Salt Butter Ayer—R.D. McNeil 37 boxes, Brookfield 30, Kelso 35, Riverbank 26, J.D. Currie 60. Lovell & Christmas—Martin Connell 37.

HUNTINGDON VILLAGE COUNCIL Met Monday evening; Crawford and Kyle absent. Mayor Philips said he was still unable to report as to offer for proposed issue of debentures, and the secretary added he had nothing to report of Fair & Cameron's offer. Coun. Kelly was surprised to find work begun on the sidewalk between the academy corner and Dr. Clouston's, and wanted to know how the committee had given it out, whether by the day, job, or by contract. Coun. Willer replied, that a member of the committee, he was as much surprised as Coun. Kelly at seeing the work started. He had written Mr. Hart about the job and he, being absent, Mr. Kelsey, his partner, came last Wednesday, to whom he showed what was wanted, and who, on leaving, told me he would send an estimate of what they would do the job for. On Thursday when I was told Coun. Kelly had let it to Mr. Thomson, I thought it was a joke, for Coun. Kelly had agreed to wait for the estimate from Mr. Kelsey. It seemed strange he would give out the work without consulting me. Coun. Walsh—I understand Coun. Kelly let the work to Walter Thomson at \$1.35 per square yard. Coun. Kelly—Had tenders been asked, it could have been done at \$1.25 the square yard. I move that hereafter all new work be advertised and the lowest satisfactory tender accepted. Coun. Walsh, being in sympathy with the motion, would second it. The secretary pointed out that the resolution was so sweeping that it would bar giving out the small job without preparing specifications and advertising for tenders. Coun. Kelly saw the difficulty and agreed to wait until the matter could be considered, and on the understanding that, until then, no similar work would be given out. Mayor—Are we to understand the laying of the sidewalk was let by Coun. Kelly without the consent of the road committee? Coun. Willer—So far as I am concerned I can answer I was not only consulted but it was done without my knowledge. While on his feet, he wanted to direct attention to what the fire on Saturday showed him. The first reel that arrived had only 350 feet of hose, and when the second reel came they found its hose would not couple to that of the first. Coun. Walsh—I brought this matter up long ago, and was told there were 1000 feet of hose. At the fire, there were only 600, and, as stated, the couplings were not in order, and could not have been made to go together but for the help of Malcolm Boyd. There should be hose enough to reach any house within 1000 feet of a hydrant. Coun. Kelly—There is a length of hose at the power-house, and there were some hanging in the tower at the fire-station, which could not be got at for the look. Mayor—What does the village pay an inspector for? Could he not attend to the hose on wet days, see that it is in order and properly wound on the reels? I was under the impression we had over 1200 feet of hose. Where has it gone? Coun. Willer—There was the same trouble in coupling hose at the Peever fire. Coun. Walsh—I am a member of the fire committee but it is a long while since we had a meeting, which is the reason why some things have been neglected. There ought always to be 500 feet of hose on the big reel, and properly wound, not with the nozzle end first. I will see that we meet and prepare a report as to more hose. The danger centre of a fire was in the front street, between Buchette street and McCoy's, and there were only three hydrants. With a big fire one or two of these might be inaccessible. There ought to be two more, at Ross' and Hunter's. Mayor—The chairman of the light committee is not present. Can any member of it tell what has been done? Secretary—Coun. Crawford had to leave, but said he was not yet in a position to report. Adjourned to next evening of 17th.

HINCHINBROOK SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS Met on Monday evening. Present the chairman, James Johnston, and commissioners Henry Rennie, J. O. Kelly, and Wm. B. McKay. An engagement entered into by the chairman and the secretary-treasurer with Miss Ruth Parham, to teach in school district No. 1, was confirmed. The annual assessment for the maintenance of the schools of the municipality for the current year, was fixed at 2.4 mills in the dollar, and a special assessment for fuel, repairs, &c., was laid in each of the several districts, as follows: District No. 1, 1-3 of a mill District No. 2, 5-8 of a mill District No. 3, 1-3 of a mill District No. 4, 1.1-3 of a mill District No. 5, 1.1-4 of a mill District No. 6, 1.4 of a mill District No. 7, 1.1-10 of a mill District No. 8, 5-8 of a mill

FALL EXHIBITIONS Toronto, August 27 to Sept. 10. Ottawa, Sept. 7 to 15. St. Marline, Tuesday, Sept. 11. Huntingdon, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 13 and 14. St. Louis de Gonzague, Tuesday, Sept. 18. Havelock, Wednesday, Sept. 19. Malone, 19 to 21 Sept. **THE QUEBEC EXAMS** A list has been published of the 130 pupils in each grade who took highest number of marks. The following are the scholars from this district—Grade II, academy, possible marks 900. 1 Norman Dowd, Gault institute 817. Grade I, academy, possible 1200. 2 Elsie Macfarlane, Huntingdon, 1934; 10 Margaret I. Morison, Ormskirk, 1013. Grade III, model, possible 1100. 1 Roy Blair, Ormskirk, 1015; 3 Elsie Sellar, Huntingdon, 995; 9 Jeremiah Sullivan, Gault institute, 956. **NAPIERVILLE JUNCTION RAILWAY** The construction of the above railway, uniting Rouee's Point, N.Y., to St. Constant, Que., and connecting there with the Canadian Pacific, is advancing rapidly. One drawback is the scarcity of labor and of draft horses and teams along the line. The right-of-way has been obtained amicably in a great number of cases. Mr. John R. Myers, of Rouee's Point, the secretary-treasurer of the company, has been successful in making arrangements in most cases. Mr. W. C. Withers of Port Henry, N.Y., is the president, Eug. Lafontaine, Esq., K.C., of Montreal vice-president. Mr. Chas. Arpin, financial agent, St. Johns, is the arbitrator of the company, and the attorneys are Mr. P. A. Chasse, of St. Johns, K.C., and Mr. Emile Merizzi, of Napierville. The first case in expropriation is that of Odias Poissant, of St. Edouard, county of Napierville, who has for his attorney, Mr. L. P. Demerise, K.C., M.P., and as his arbitrator Mr. J. A. Nadeau, of Herville, notary. Two other cases have begun, those of Pierre Guerin, of the same parish, who has for arbitrator Mr. D. Monet, P.S.C., district of Montreal, and for attorneys M. M. Geoffrin and Beauchamp, of Montreal. The regular proceedings respecting the nomination are on the way. **CANADA** The C.P.R. has twenty thousand cars and 421 engines in the Canadian west ready to engage in moving the wheat crop from the fields to the head of lake navigation, and the officials of the road are confident that this immense supply of rolling stock, which is being daily added to, will be quite sufficient to handle the wheat output of the west without serious difficulty. Complaints of overcharges on the White Pass and Yukon railway will be investigated by the railway commission during their present trip to the Yukon. On their way there and back a number of small local complaints of unjust freight charges will be investigated. The members of the commission are now on their way from Winnipeg to the coast, and expect to spend three weeks on their journey to and from the gold country. H. W. Buck, an engineer, says the total hydraulic energy of Niagara Falls is 3,500,000 horse-power. To generate continuously 3,500,000 horse-power by steam would require about 50,000 tons of coal per year. Winnipeg, August 9.—The first wheat from the 1906 crop received by the Lake of the Woods company, from Plum Coulee, on the Mennonite reserve. The wheat was cut on the 2nd and was threshed yesterday. The sample is an excellent one, being clean and hard. It will scarcely grade No. 1 hard, but it is an excellent No. 1 Northern. It is a pretty fine record for a country to produce wheat without in much less than 90 days from the sowing. This is probably the earliest product that has been afforded in a quarter of a century. Ottawa, August 10.—Hull received another of its periodic baptisms of fire to-day when some forty houses were burned and fifty families rendered homeless. The Shure horses, belonging to King Edward and Lord Rothchild have arrived and are safely stabled in the grounds at Toronto. There are ten of them, and as the King and Lord Rothchild are among the best breeders of Shires in the world, these animals are said to be the finest in the world. Three mares belonging to the king; two stallions, a yearling colt, a brood mare, and a filly foal age Lord Rothchild's. While there are two big geldings owned jointly by the King and Lord Rothchild, Edmund Beck representing Lord Rothchild is in charge of them, and he has two stallions and a horse shoe with him. The Rothchild colors are blue and orange, and may be seen on the bridges

Of the King's mares, Taconia is a 3-year old, having won three firsts and seven other prizes at the English shows. Perseverance, a 2-year old and Buxton Vain Maid, a yearling, have several prizes to their credit. Lord Rothchild's brood mare Elythwood Guelder Rose, is 11 years old and has won 16 prizes and 1 championship in the last 4 years. Her foal took first at the Peterboro show this year. The first steel car built in Canada has just been completed at the works of the Dominion Steel Car company, at Blue Bonnet on the Lachine canal. The car is the first of an order for 500 which has been placed by the company by the Canadian Pacific railway company. It has a capacity of 100,000 lbs. as against the 80,000 and 30,000 pounds capacity of wooden cars. The steel car is gaining favor of railway managers for the reason that it is more durable and is capable of carrying far heavier loads than the wooden car and consequently a more economic vehicle for traffic. The 500 which the Dominion company is producing for the C.P.R. are intended for coal traffic—principally on the Crow's Nest Pass. Ottawa, August 8.—It is the intention of the Department of Inland Revenue to institute proceedings against manufacturers of fruit preserves who have sought to evade the consequences of unfair marking of fruit compounds. It appears that where preserves are made with glucose, instead of sugar, the package is to be marked as containing a compound. Manufacturers however, have been resorting to the device of printing or stenciling the word "Compound" upon the label in the very smallest type obtainable, frequently insert it between the bold lettering of the label so as to render it practically illegible. This practice is illegal, as the act requires that the word be printed "in conspicuous characters, forming an inseparable part of the general label." A petition for the repeal of the Canada Temperance act in Inverness, Nova Scotia, has been filed with the State Department. So soon as the petition has been examined and proven to contain the requisite number of signatures, an order will be issued for the taking of a vote in the county. The Scott Act, as it is more commonly known, is still in force in twenty-two constituencies in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. It has been repealed altogether in Prince Edward Island where a more stringent local law obtains. A Sherbrooke automobilist was fined by Justice Mulvena the minimum penalty of \$100 for failing to stop on passing a frightened horse on the road. **UNITED STATES** Burglars have again turned their attention to Franklin county, and one night the store of Frank Stenberge, at North Bangor, was broken into. The principal loss consisted of jewelry, watches, etc., to the amount of \$200. The post-office was also located in this store, and this was ransacked, the burglars securing a quantity of stamps and about seven dollars in money. The stamps were found later in the road enclosed in an envelope. The post-office at West Bangor was broken into the same night and two dollars in money taken. There is no clew to the burglars. Record—One of the destructive fires that has visited Chateaugay, N.Y. in a number of years occurred on the morning of 3rd August, when two storehouses, together with contents, owned by the High Falls Fuel Co., were destroyed. Nearly 100 carloads of pulp were stored in the buildings in anticipation of the mills being closed down, and this was burned together with nearly 400 barrels of cement which was to have been used in enlarging the dam. The work of removing the cement from the cars to the storehouse had been completed and the workmen left the building less than half an hour before the fire was discovered, everything being all right when they left, so that it has been impossible to learn the origin of the fire. The loss is estimated at over \$12,000 to \$15,000, which is fully covered by insurance.—At about 1:30 Sunday morning, 6th August, the barn owned by M. E. Roberts was found to be on fire, the flames having gained considerable headway when first discovered. An alarm brought out the fire department and soon two heavy streams of water were playing on the fire, but the flames were not extinguished until the building was a complete wreck. How the fire originated is a complete mystery, as no one, so far as known, had been in the barn during the evening. The building was used by Mr. Roberts as a storeroom for agricultural implements and supplies, but fortunately the stock on hand was not very large as the greater part of the season's goods had been disposed of, so that the loss was not as large as it would have been had the fire occurred earlier in the season. The building was insured for \$450 with E. B. Skinner's agency. Creditors of the defunct firm of A. C. Wilcox & Co. have received notice from William H. Willis, referee in bank.

uptly, to the effect that Wilcox has filed his petition praying for a discharge from all his debts in bankruptcy. As there is now no manner of doubt that the failure was not an honest one, but a deep laid and cunningly contrived scheme to get hold of other people's money and make away with it, it seems a pity that this prince of swindlers should ever again be allowed to do business under his own name; and it also seems a travesty on justice that he should not have to spend a considerable portion of his natural life behind prison bars.

Tupper Lake Herald.
Detroit, Mich. July 27.—A man known as French, who was found dying on a pile of bricks in Woodbridge street Thursday afternoon, and who died in Boyd's ambulance while being taken to an hospital, has been identified as Joseph Melleau, of Valleyfield, Que. The body is at the county morgue, but will be sent to a brother in Quebec for burial in Melleau's home town.

John Herman, an energetic Methodist church worker, has organized the chickens in the neighborhood of the Wesley Methodist-Episcopal church near Skyesville, Md., into a missionary society to raise funds to aid the church. Each hen is a lay member, so to speak, and the farmers of the neighborhood agree to turn over to the church each and every egg their hens lay on Sunday, and only those laid that day. These eggs are to be taken to the church each Sunday afternoon at the Epworth league meeting and placed in a basket. A similar plan has worked well in some Western States. It has the advantage of being quite reliable.

FROM AFAR

While crime is not a disease, physicians are sure that certain diseases induce crime. For instance, abnormal growths in the lymphatic glands, causing peculiar nervous excitation, may, and often do, result in the patient exhibiting signs of constitutional moral weakness. In children these growths are not uncommon, and it has been shown again and again that in many cases a simple surgical operation will turn an incorrigible child into a tractable obedient one. In Boston, the Children's Institution department has had the assistance of physicians and surgeons at the city hospitals, and the results of the removal of the adenoid growths have awakened fresh interest in a subject which is always near to the hearts of all who take a close interest in sociology and its first cousin, criminology.

The Spanish Cabinet has decided to maintain its denial of the right of the clergy to refuse burial in consecrated ground to the bodies of persons who have been civilly married.

Madrid, August 10.—The government continues to maintain a firm attitude on the Church and State question. A minister today declared that while the Government was desirous of avoiding a breach with the Vatican, it had determined to defend the supremacy of state. At the first sitting of parliament, the Government will introduce a bill making the religious orders amenable to the law controlling industrial corporations, and will also introduce a bill providing that members of orders recently expelled from France will be required to become naturalized, or leave Spain. The minister added that the cabinet was determined to carry these measures and did not fear Papal excommunication.

Out of 68,000 school teachers in Prussia only 9000 are women.

The pay of a private in the British army is three times as high as that of one in the French.

A Sherbrooke automobilist was fined by Justice Mulvena the minimum penalty of \$100 for failing to stop on passing a frightened horse on the road. Typhoid fever is responsible for nearly one-third of the deaths in the British army in India.

The British secretary of war has changed the terms of the army meat contract so as to permit the use of cattle feed abroad, but killed in Britain.

It is stated that if all the gold in the world were melted into ingots it might be contained in a room 23 feet square and 16 feet high.

The number of vehicles entering and leaving the city of London daily is a million and a quarter.

Montreal, August 11.—About 1,200 head of butchers' cattle, 40 milch cows, 300 calves, 300 sheep and lambs and 300 fat hogs were offered for sale at the East End abattoir to-day. Among the offerings were several carloads of Northwest ranch cattle. Prices have still a downward tendency and a number of the cattle were not sold to-day. Prime beefs sold at \$1.4 to \$1.50 per lb; pretty good cattle \$1.4 to \$1.50; and the common stock \$1.4 to \$1.50 per lb. Milch cows are slow of sale at from \$25 to \$50 each. Calves sold at \$2.50 to \$3 each. Sheep sold at \$1.2 to \$1.40 per lb. Lambs at \$2.25 to \$3 each. A weaker feeling prevailed in the market for live hogs, in spite of the small offerings, and prices scored a further decline of 10 to 15c per 100 lb, with sales of selected lots at \$7.50 to \$7.60 per 100 lb, weighed off the cars.

A CONTINUOUS RIOT.

Fight For Double Fare to Coney Island Causes Much Trouble.

New York, Aug. 14.—Riots and disorder prevailed along the trolley lines to Coney Island Sunday when the Brooklyn Rapid Transit, in defiance of Judge Gaynor's decision, undertook to collect two fares to reach the resort. Thousands of persons were pulled from the cars by the railroad company's inspectors and fully fifty thousand walked to Coney Island rather than submit to the company's demands. Other thousands who undertook to walk to Brooklyn spent the night sleeping by the tracks.

The police, who had interfered during the day only to prevent disorder, at night took command and for a time kept the cars moving so rapidly that the inspectors could not eject passengers. Later, however, the mobmen declined to move the cars and the police arrested several of them for obstructing the street.

A continuous riot was in progress from early morning Sunday until early yesterday along the main lines of travel. As a result of it two women were injured, one so seriously that she may die; another woman and a child came to the aid of the hundreds of on-lookers turned their faces away in horror; innumerable persons were bruised and several were arrested on charges of assault.

Some steps have been taken in scores of damage suits.

C. P. R. 2 PER CENT.

Fiscal Year Returns of the Big Canadian Railway Corporation.

Montreal, Aug. 14.—At a meeting of the directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. yesterday, a dividend of 2 per cent. on the preferred stock for the fiscal year ending 30 last was declared. A dividend of 3 per cent. for the same period was also declared on the common stock.

C. P. R. Report.

The results for the fiscal year to June 30 last were:
Gross earnings: \$61,669,768.
Working expenses: \$38,698,446.
Net earnings: \$22,971,322.
Net earnings of steamships in excess of amount included in monthly reports: \$652,577.
Income from other sources: \$1,316,870.

Total net income: \$24,942,760.
Deduct fixed charges: \$8,350,545.
Deduct amount transferred to steamship replacement fund: \$500,000.
Net contribution to pension fund: \$80,000.
Net revenue available for dividends: \$16,012,216.

After payment all dividends declared for the fiscal year 1904-5 for the year carried forward, was \$3,268,082.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 14.—The Government attaches much importance to the defeat of the Constitutional Democrats in the senate elections now under way. For years the provincial zemstvos have been the centres of the Liberal movement, and practically all the Constitutional Democratic leaders have been prominent in zemstvo work. Now, as candidates for re-election, they are going down to defeat. M. Kakoshkine, next to M. Rodtchikoff, the most brilliant of the Constitutional Democratic orators in the outlawed Parliament, has been defeated by Count Sheremeteff, the notorious reactionary, and yesterday two Constitutional Democrats were elected at Saratov.

While these results certainly indicate a reaction of sentiment against the advanced program of the Constitutional Democrats, it should also be pointed out that the reaction is not so general as it appears. In many provinces the Constitutional Democrats are still the dominant influence in zemstvo elections, and the defeat of the Constitutional Democrats probably represents the forced expropriation of land, to which the Constitutional Democrats are committed, than enmity toward the purely political part of their program.

Nevertheless, the important landed interest, reactionary or Liberal, are uniting and lining up in favor of the Government's radical agrarian program.

ASKS ADVICE OF UNCLE.

Czar Nicholas Writes King Edward and Asks Him to Meet Kaiser Wilhelm on the 15th Inst.

London, Aug. 14.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra are expected to leave London yesterday for Cologne to prepare for His Majesty's annual trip to Marienbad, on which he starts to-day. The King will cross the Channel in the royal yacht, the Albert, to Flushing, whence a special train will convey him to Friedrichshof, near Weisbaden, where he will meet Emperor William on Aug. 15. There has been much speculation on the political significance of this meeting.

The Pall Mall Gazette says that recently an autograph letter from Emperor Nicholas to King Edward was received by a special messenger to the Russian embassy here, and delivered to the King personally by the ambassador, and that at the same time other personal letters were received from Emperor Nicholas to the King in this country. The Russian Emperor's letter to the King is understood to have been a request for advice on the situation in Russia, and a reply is said to have been sent, and almost immediately afterwards the meeting between King Edward and Emperor William was arranged.

After the conference at Friedrichshof, it is expected that a joint letter will be sent to Emperor Nicholas, containing the advice of King Edward and the British Government. Grand Duke Alexis is expected to accompany the Emperor to Hamburg and probably will represent the Russian Emperor if further royal conference should be necessary.

Belligerents Burn Town.

Sofia, Aug. 14.—Advices were received here yesterday from Ahoulit, where the Greeks and Bulgarians have been fighting, to the effect that a large part of the town has been destroyed by fire. The Greek metropolitan is said to have perished in the flames.

Upton Arrested.

London, Aug. 14.—(C. A. F.)—W. J. Upton, a well-known accountant from Yorkton, Assiniboia, in May last with funds of the Dominion Express Co., appeared at Bow Street Police Court yesterday. After evidence the prisoner was remanded for a week.

Want Canadian Beef.

Ottawa, Aug. 14.—The Department of Agriculture has received from the military authorities at Malta formal offers of tenders for the supply of fresh meat and live cattle to that district for 12 months, commencing 1st January, 1907.

Pyrie, Aberdeen, Scotland, Aug. 14.

The King and Queen of Spain arrived at Pyrie Castle yesterday to visit Lord and Lady Leith for the opening day of the shooting season.

'John Oliver Hobbs,' Mrs. Craigie, Passes at Age of 39 Years.

London, Aug. 14.—Mrs. Beatrice Mary Teresa Craigie (John Oliver Hobbs), the authoress and dramatist, died in her sleep yesterday morning of heart failure. Her death was totally unexpected, she having been apparently perfectly well when she retired Sunday night. Mrs. Craigie had been spending a fortnight at her home, Steephill Castle, Venetian Road, which she left Sunday afternoon to keep an engagement in London. She was 39 years of age.

Sketch of Her Life.

Mrs. Craigie was native of Boston, Mass., her father being John Morgan Richards. She was married when 19 years of age to Reginald Walpole Craigie, by whom she had one son, now 18 years of age. Her father of Protestant parentage, Mrs. Craigie joined the Roman Catholic Church in 1892. Her interest in the land of her birth continued throughout her life, and she made several visits to the United States after her marriage, the last one being in November of last year, when she lectured on literary subjects. Her husband returned to England and lectured there on "American Worship of Wealth."

CHIEF CAPILANO SEES KING.

Make Gifts to Queen and Say They Have No Complaints.

London, Aug. 14.—(C. A. F.)—A large crowd of people, many with cameras, assembled yesterday afternoon in front of the Canadian Government offices in Victoria street, the rumor having got about that Lord Strathcona was to leave for Buckingham Palace accompanied by three Canadian Indian chiefs. Presently, Lord Strathcona did not go to the palace.

The Indian chiefs were received by the King, who when they presented a document, owing to the late Queen, and not to His Majesty. They presented three beautiful Indian work-baskets to Queen Alexandra, one bearing the name of the son and daughter of Chief Koo Capilano. The chiefs were delighted with their reception by the King. The C. A. F. asked Capilano what he thought of the King.

"Oh, He's a good man; he speak so softly." The chiefs had no grievance whatever to put before the King. But it is his courtesy which strikes the tourist more than his frugality, for it is more easily seen. One must be somewhat of a student of the old world to appreciate the latter; one has only to meet him in ordinary intercourse to notice the former. He evidently belongs to the old world, those old French guards, who when they had come face to face with their British opponents in deadly warfare, politely received their helmets, and, bowing to their adversaries, begged the gentlemen of the English guards to do them the honor to fire the first round, and to do the British justice, they refused to take advantage of the Frenchmen's excessive politeness; and so commenced firing at the same time. Whether you are visiting in the mansions of the nobles, or in the comfortable dwellings of the skilled artisans; whether you find yourself in one of the great centres of trade and commerce, where the most do congregate, or amongst the picturesque cottages of the humble "habitant," far from the maddening crowd of ignoble strife, the universal courtesy of the people is what strikes the eye of a visitor from any of the sister provinces. But it should, perhaps, be called politeness rather than courtesy, and it has not of necessity anything to do with the old world. It is a quality which is found in the homes of the poor, as well as in the mansions of the rich. It is a quality which is found in the homes of the poor, as well as in the mansions of the rich. It is a quality which is found in the homes of the poor, as well as in the mansions of the rich.

Winnipeg, Aug. 13.—The worst drowning accident in the history of Winnipeg occurred here Saturday evening. A party of eight people were going down the Red River to River Park in a rowing launch to join some friends at a picnic there, and when only about 100 yards from the landing at the park, they were waving a salute, their boat ran on a sunken pile and was overturned.

Five out of the eight were drowned. The other three were rescued by two boatmen, who happened to be near at hand. The drowned were: Myrtle Ethel and Ernest Brown, children of City Clerk C. Brown; Miss N. Thompson, daughter of J. Thompson, undertaker, and Miss White.

The two men, mother of the three drowned children, and Messrs. A. Foxwell and P. Williams were rescued by the boatmen in an exhausted condition just as they were sinking.

The two men were indifferent swimmers and were not able to render any assistance to the children.

Mrs. Brown was resuscitated with difficulty, and, owing to shock and exposure, her recovery is doubtful.

Quebec, Aug. 13.—A party of six persons were boating on the river about noon yesterday, when the boat capsized and one of the party, a young lady named Clement, belonging to Ottawa, was drowned. Her body has not been recovered.

Toronto, Aug. 13.—Sydney Frowett, aged 17, a pantry boy on the City of Montreal, was drowned Saturday afternoon at the foot of Bay street. He and two other employees of the steamer thought a swim would do them good. The steamer capsized, which had been in the water for some time. The boys jumped on her with the intention of going a short distance and swimming back to their own boat. They dived and young Frowett was rescued. It was ten minutes before his companions located him. Dr. Strath of the General Hospital staff worked for an hour, but failed to revive him. The body was recovered by a Montreal policeman. The body is in the morgue and the father was notified.

Drowns While Bathing.
Brookville, Aug. 13.—Barney Shier, 18-year-old son of J. Shier, carpenter, was drowned on Wednesday, shortly after 5 o'clock, while bathing at the Muskoka Foundry Co.'s wharf.

London, Aug. 13.—A man named George Pate, under the influence of liquor, fell into the Rideau, near Foster's lock, and was drowned.

London, Aug. 13.—Fred Bullis, who was taken from the water at Port Stanley on Thursday, died in Victoria Hospital on Saturday afternoon. From the time he was found until his death he was unable to speak a word. Some doctors are of the opinion that nicotine poisoning was the cause, as all the water was polluted by his lunge.

Montreal, Aug. 13.—Antoine Toutant, residing at 74 Poupard street, was run over and killed Saturday night by an automobile run by German tourists from the States, named Carl and Dalgith, both of whom were arrested. The machine was going thirty miles an hour.

Fort William, Aug. 14.—Joseph Brodie, electrician, employed by the C. P. R., was electrocuted yesterday morning about 10 o'clock. Brodie was working on a dead-wire connection on top of one of the poles opposite the elevator, and abscondingly let his pliers touch the live wire which supplies power for the elevators. He was instantly killed.

The unfortunate young man, upon seeing the shock dropped instantly upon the wires, and when his body was taken down it was found that the flesh was burned to the bone of his hand and underneath his arm. Deceased was about 25 years of age, a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Electric Union. He was formerly engaged during the construction of elevator E-2 with the Macdonald Engineering Co.

Winnipeg, Aug. 14.—Mrs. Blackstone was electrocuted here Sunday afternoon in the bathroom of her home. Investigation shows that she had probably slipped in stepping into the bath and in throwing up her hand she had grabbed the lamp socket which was out of order. This threw the full current of 110 volts through her body, the circuit being completed by the metal of the bath tub. Life was extinct when found.

THE FRENCH-CANADIAN.

His Economy is Not Miserly and His Courtesy Delightful.

The "habitant" has to be frugal, for his means of supporting his family—usually no small family—are somewhat meagre. Nor is frugality unknown among those of those two delightful classes called easy circumstances; no bad thing either, seeing that this virtue is the opposite of the vice, wastefulness and extravagance. But though frugal, the French-Canadian is not miserly; he is domestic ways, though many, are simple and easily satisfied. It is said that a Scotchman could live where a French-Canadian could live, but a French-Canadian would find it difficult to supply himself with the simple but nourishing food of those who live in the mountains. In the present day, the peaceful and contented French-Canadian of this generation, especially if he belong to the humbler classes, may not be well adapted to play a leading part. His natural inclination is not to grasping, his quiet life, his domestic disposition, his conservative tendency, all predispose him against a policy of grasping in that mad hurry and headlong haste which is characteristic of this plutocratic age. Long ago he learned the salutary lesson—indeed, he seems never to have learned it, but always to have known it intuitively—"Having food and raiment, let us be therewith content." Is he any worse for it? Is he not all the better? Is it really a hindrance to his true and permanent happiness? And is it altogether to say, restless and dissatisfied Anglo-Saxons as we are, to have as our neighbors a race of people, who, in their comparative indifference to Mammon, are content with the simple life, with its many false ambitions, evanescent honors and ephemeral glories, is not everything? Yes, the "habitant" is frugal, and his domestic economy is one of charming simplicity; but in spite of this—or is it not because of this?—one would have to travel a long way before coming across a people whose domestic happiness prevailed more generally.

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—Mayor Robb of Valleyfield was in the village on Tuesday. Asked regarding the crops of the Northwest, as seen by him during his recent visit, he said the yield would be nothing like what is represented by those who are booming the country in order to sell land. He found yield in all 4 provinces, which would affect not only the yield but the quality. Harvesting would be general next week.

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HUNTINGDON

—Early risers saw white frost Wednesday morning.

—The east abutment of the new bridge is completed and Thomas Chambers has given the village a piece of masonry that does him credit. The other abutment is now taken in hand.

—Mr. Cogland paid his patrons 77c per 100 lb of Milk for July, equal, counting the skim milk, to at least 90c.

On Saturday at noon there was a thunderstorm. After it had passed and the sun had come out again, the alarm of fire was given by the Methodist bell. The second last house on the west side of Lake-street, owned by Nelson Laberge, but unoccupied was wrapped in flames. The firemen could do nothing, but succeeded in saving the adjoining house, that of A. Riel, rented by McFarlane, fireman in the condensed factory, who had his furniture insured by carrying it out. The fire is said to have been caused by lightning. The building was insured by Mr. Larche in the British America for \$250.

—At the close of the services in St. Andrew's on Sunday, the Rev. D. W. Morrison, D.D., interim-moderator, asked the congregation if they were prepared to have a meeting to consider giving a call. The response being unanimous he fixed on the afternoon of Tuesday, 30th August, for that purpose.

—In the absence of the pastor at Knowlton S.S. convention, the Rev. Mr. Jones of Kensington conducted the services in the Methodist church.

—There have been summers with hotter days, but nobody recalls a summer with so long a heated term. The hot spell set in the 6th July and continued, relieved by an occasional moderately warm day, until Saturday night—a period of five weeks. The thermometer was not a true indicator of the heat as it affected humanity, for it was humid heat, oppressive and weakening. On many days the difference between the dry and wet bulb thermometer was not 15 degrees. The heat and drought saved the early sown grain, which, certainly, would otherwise have lodged and failed to fill, while it ensured the securing of hay in the best of order.

—The fire of Saturday brought out plainly what previous fires have done—that the greatest need is not more hose or hydrants, but the appointment of a man who will have supreme control and who alone shall give orders. Nobody knows how many men we have among us who alone know how a fire should be handled until one occurs. Dr. Walsh, with a substitute in his absence, ought to be given the required authority.

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