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THOSE STREET CARS.

Between six and seven o'clock last evening a citizen boarded a street car on Prince William street. The car was not well heated. At the corner of Paradise Row he alighted and entered the car of the branch line. It was one of the large chair-seated cars. Something had gone wrong with its heating apparatus and it was entirely without warmth, other than that afforded by the breath and the heated remarks of shivering passengers. As this paper remarked a couple of days ago, the local directors of the railway company should get busy, and find out who is at fault in connection with the wretched service provided.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The London press speaks in generally complimentary terms of President Roosevelt's message to congress, a summary of which was given in the Times yesterday. The London Daily Telegraph pays a tribute to President Roosevelt's "courageous recognition of thorny problems," and says: "It is a positive relief to contrast his virile language on the subject of foreign policy with the anemic femininities which find shrill utterance in England." The Standard says that on the question of a strong navy President Roosevelt will carry with him the sympathetic concurrence of most Englishmen. The Daily Chronicle and Graphic appear to discover "tinge elements in the message," but the Morning Post thinks it "will do more than any public utterance of recent years to increase sympathy between Britons and Americans."

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

The citizens of Westmont have voted for municipal ownership of the lighting plant of the town. The Montreal Witness regards the fact as one of great importance, and makes these observations:—

The vote of Saturday is the most important one that has been made by any of our neighboring municipalities for a very long time. It is the first successful fight against the grinding greed of a monopoly that was conceived in avarice, and whose career has been one of insolent oppression. If Westmont can successfully make and sell her own electric light, it will be an object lesson and a precedent for all the neighboring municipalities, so far as electric lighting and all other public utilities are concerned. And there is no reason at all why Westmont should not supply successfully her citizens with their electric light and power, and what not, since many other cities have done as much. All that is required is honesty and efficiency on the part of the men Westmont chooses to represent her in the council.

The concluding remarks made by the Witness touch the root of the whole matter. The success or failure of municipal ownership depends on the class of men in charge of the affairs of the municipality. St. John is now trying an experiment on the west side. The members of the city council are on trial with regard to it.

PLEA FOR REFORM.

The Montreal Witness is moved by the ballot box investigation in Ontario to denounce what it terms the "rotten political system" prevailing in Canada. Both political parties, it asserts, are run by graft, and it calls upon teachers of religion to take action. The article is a very interesting one. The Witness says:—

One intolerable evil which seems to be abundantly proved by this ballot-box investigation throughout our whole electoral system the candidates on the government side have the appointment of the returning officers. If all men were sinless this would be a minor matter, as, though the returning officer is in the place of an umpire, he is so fenced in by regulations that his partiality could do little harm. Where social conditions are so degraded as in Canada, when a candidate has been found to presume on general perjury in the interest of party, the system simply means playing with loaded dice. The parties criminally approached presumably looked for reward in further appointments. Both parties in Canada are rotten with this patronage system. The government cannot buy a blotting pad without reference to the patronage register and finding out some beneficiary who has served the party in elections—loaded dice again. Ald. Walsh, in his recent successful canvass as a candidate for the Legislative Assembly, appealed to the electors of his own ward on the score that he had secured for them their full share of civic appointments. Since his election, he has flourished a defiant hugh in a like behalf. He will have his nine men appointed or he will know the reason why. It would look as though in the mind of Alderman Walsh, M. P., public positions exist for the benefit of those on whom they may be conferred, and that when there is a government job to be done, it is not who will do it best that is to be looked for, but whom among partisans it will do best for. Mr. Walsh would hardly carry on his own business on this basis. It is an essentially false principle on which to carry on the business of the government—one which will always result, as Sir Wilfrid Laurier has proclaimed that government railway management has always resulted, namely, in public harm and loss. It is simply a system of plunder of the people by a political machine. There is nothing of the sort in Great Brit-

ain, or what there is is very ineffective, as shown by the fact that in country by-elections go often against the government than in general elections, while here it is very much the other way. Owing to the concentration upon such elections of government blandishments, it is generally assumed that they will be carried by the government. There was an illustration of this at a recent conservative caucus in Ontario, where it was the mind of the meeting to contest certain liberal elections for corrupt practices. The proposal was opposed by those conservatives who had won their elections, on the score that it would lead to retaliation, and they also would lose their seats with little hope of regaining them at by-elections. What a confession of general rottenness! Is it not time that the teachers of religion should begin to dwell a little on what seems by some misnomer to be called common honesty and on such like elementary virtues? People seem to be able to listen calmly and even sympathetically to the strongest expressions on "the exceeding sinfulness of sin" and its abhorrent nature in God's sight without apparently having any clear idea of right and wrong in their ordinary business dealings. It may be said that it is not the people who go to church who do such things. How far this theory is based on fact it would be hard to say. At all events, it is evident that until the "light of the world"—namely, the religious people—shines so brightly as to bring such vile iniquity as that which is now being exposed into disrepute, we shall have both political parties run by "graft" as heretofore.

A man who has returned from Alberta to Winnipeg tells the Free Press that south of Calgary, where the ranchers have had full sway for so many years, a large number of American farmers from Montana, Dakota and Minnesota, and some from as far south as Oklahoma, are crowding into the country and settling it very fast along the line of the C. P.R. for a considerable distance east, making it necessary for the ranchers to move further back into the foothills. New towns are springing up and those already established are growing very fast. A considerable acreage has been sown in fall wheat, which does excellently in that neighborhood, as some samples shown, averaged 47 bushels to the acre, and brought a dollar a bushel at the elevator.

The Victoria Colonist makes this plaintive appeal to some eager souls on the Pacific slope:—"We trust that our correspondents will not attempt a protracted correspondence on the subject of Christian Science. A religious controversy is very apt to develop into a war of words, without profit to either side and with but little edification to readers."

The St. John Star prints daily the statement that it issues a paper of "six to sixteen pages every evening except Sunday." The readers who only get a six-page, or on Saturdays an eight-page paper, are wondering what happens every day to the other eight or ten pages. Perhaps they are only counted in the circulation statement.

In view of the appeal to the city council to join in concerted action to check the ravages of tuberculosis, it is interesting to know what other communities are doing. In today's Times appears an account of the Maine state sanatorium. Nova Scotia is also in advance of New Brunswick in this beneficent work.

The stranded cattlemen who go to the police station for assistance are making a mistake. They should call on those benevolent aldermen, headed by Ald. Christie, who apparently see no good reason for a cattleman's shelter, where these wandering gentry might earn an honest meal and a night's lodging.

Carleton county continues to be a leader in the adoption of advanced educational methods. It has practically been decided to establish a consolidated school at Florenceville. When the districts themselves take action the outlook for the best results from the system is decidedly bright.

Montreal is discussing the question of taxing capital as a means of raising civic revenue. It is favored by the Real Estate Association, but is opposed by others on the ground that such a tax would discourage the investment of new capital.

The water-wagon and the fire-wagon continue to be a lively subject of discussion in civic circles.

HIGHLY DECORATED. David R. Francis, president of the world's fair, is probably the most elaborately decorated man in America. Kings, princes and potentates have showered decorations upon him until, if he wore them all at once, he would glitter like a circus wagon. Among the lot are the red eagle of Prussia, the crown of Italy, the Leopard I of Belgium, the sun and lion of Persia, the double dragon of China and the cross of the Legion of Honor of France.

HAS A VERY QUEER HOBBY.

Mr. Rothschild of London Makes Valuable Collection of Fleas.

St. John's Nfld., Dec. 5.—Not long ago the little schooner Bluebell, returned from a four years' sojourn in the Baffinland waters, where one of her objects was the securing of specimens of rare members of the flea tribe for Mr. Charles Rothschild, of London, England, who pursues the queer hobby in natural history. He has a museum at Irving Park, which contains thousands upon thousands of specimens all labelled and classified and packed in hermetically sealed vials. The skipper of the Bluebell, Mr. F. G. Simpson of Grimstey England, was charged with the duty of procuring the fleas from the polar bear, the musk ox, the gray wolf, the blue fox, the husky dog and the other denizens of the region, he being supplied with vials and chloroform and full instructions as to selecting and handling the specimens. The Bluebell is stated in Frohisher Bay, one of the great fjords that cut into the mass of Baffinland and which strikes back a full 200 miles. Mr. Simpson was unable to detail the distinguishing features of his numerous and varied arctic finds of the flea tribe, but he believes they include many unique specimens. The polar bear provided veritable mines, owing to their thick hairy covers concealing myriads of the parasites. The musk ox also yielded many specimens, but because of the comparative rarity of the arctic flea it was difficult to obtain a large assortment of the insect domiciled in its fur. But this was eventually done and now, so far as Mr. Simpson knows, the collection at Irving Park will be complete.

IT WAS MR. KELLY.

Quarantine Officer on Partridge Island Tells of Michael Daley's Rescue—The Tug Neptune.

Edward Kelly, quarantine officer at Partridge Island, called on the Times yesterday and stated that he, Chas. Matthews, assistant engineer, and Mr. Hargrave, boatman, were the persons who rescued Michael Daley and his associates who were drifting helplessly in an open boat in the harbor last Friday. Mr. Kelly stated that, hearing the men call for help, he and his companions put off in an open boat and rescued them, taking them to the island where they remained all night coming to the city in a tug on Saturday morning. A further explanation in reference to circumstances surrounding the case is only fair to Capt. Clarke and the crew of the Neptune. Mr. Daley stated to a Times reporter that his calls for assistance were either not heard or not noticed by the Neptune. On the day in question, Mr. Daley is informed, the Neptune never left her wharf and, consequently, she could not be expected to hear people calling about three miles off. No one of the Neptune heard the cries for assistance, for if they had they would have taken prompt steps to succor the men in the boat.

SIMPLE EXPLANATION.

Lady Bloomfield, in her interesting reminiscences entitled "Recollections of an Octogenarian," tells this story:—

"When my brother, the Hon. Sir Adolphus Liddell, was at the Home Office, he told me that a complaint was made that people had been travelling on the railway without a ticket, and the company asked that a detective should be employed to discover the offenders. One was accordingly put on the line, and travelled up and down for some days without discovering the culprit. At last two men got into his carriage who began talking in a whisper, and one gave the other a florin, and they alighted at the next station; so the detective, thinking he had got his clue, followed the man who had given the florin and said he understood they had been talking about travelling without a ticket, and as he (the detective) was a very poor man he should be glad to know how they managed."

"The other eyed him suspiciously, and then said:—  
"If you make it worth my while I think I can tell you."  
The detective then offered him a florin, but that he refused.  
"Half a crown?"  
"No."  
"Will you take five bob?"  
"The offer was accepted and the money paid."  
Then the man said:  
"Do you really want to know what I does when I wish to travel without a ticket? Well, then I'll just tell you. I walks."

MAY HAVE COLD STORAGE.

Canadian apples command a ready market in England and the fruit from the orchards of Ontario is now coming to the winter port of Canada by the car load. Thirty-eight car loads are now stored in John F. Morrison's warehouse on Smythe St. Between 8,000 and 9,000 barrels make up this lot. Mr. Morrison says the building is frost-proof, and that "most dealers prefer storing their apples in a place like this rather than in cold storage. He expects to keep some of the fruit until April. Some will cross the Atlantic about the end of this month, but before they start on the journey every barrel must be opened, and the contents sorted over and carefully repacked. Mr. Morrison had under consideration the installation of a refrigerator, the preservation of butter, eggs, and poultry. There is every likelihood that an ice making machine will be included in the plant.

NEW MAMMOTH CAVE.

An immense natural cave, that promises to rival the wonders of the Mammoth cave or the Wind cave of the Black Hills, has recently been explored at Lime Spur, Mont. The cave is a recent discovery, and few know of its existence. Not more than four persons have entered the underground region. The mouth of the cave is at the top of Lime Spur mountain, in Jefferson canyon, about forty-two miles from Butte, on the northern Pacific railroad. It is about half a mile from a lime quarry owned by D. A. Morrison, who also owns the land where the cave is found. It was discovered by accident, and it was only recently that a serious effort was made to find whether the caverns led.

COL. E. B. BEER HONORED

By the Sussex and Studholm Agricultural Society.

Sussex, Dec. 7.—A complimentary dinner to Col. E. B. Beer prior to his departure from Sussex was given by the "Sussex and Studholm Agricultural Society" last evening at the Medley Memorial Hall. Quite a large number of guests were present, and sat down to a sumptuous repast spread in the upper hall of the building.

After the good things were disposed of, toasts were given and responded to. Col. H. Montgomery Campbell occupied the chair, with Col. Beer, the guest of honor, on his right and G. W. Fowler, M. P., on the left. The toasts were:—  
The King, proposed by president Campbell.  
Our guest, proposed by Col. H. M. Campbell, to which Col. Beer gave an appropriate reply, speaking of his warm interest in the agricultural society since he had been connected with it, and of the regret it gave him to leave Sussex after so many pleasant years spent therein.

The parliament of Canada, proposed by C. W. Stockton was coupled with the name of G. W. Fowler, M. P., who eloquently replied to the same.

The town council of Sussex, was coupled with the name of Mayor W. B. McKay, who suitably responded.

Agricultural interests, was coupled with the names of E. O. McIntyre, S. J. Goodlife, Henry Parloe, H. T. Buchanan, James Manchester, W. W. Stockton, J. P. Reoch and J. T. Prescott, all making suitable replies.

Mercantile interests of Sussex, was coupled with the names of S. A. McLeod, R. B. Rossborough, manager Bank of Nova Scotia, H. S. Patrick, manager Bank New Brunswick, and J. M. Kinmore.

The Press was coupled with the names of H. P. Robinson and J. D. McKenna. At this point, J. T. Prescott, editor of the Kings County Record, favoured the assemblage with a song which brought forth an encore both being received with hearty applause.

The toast of the ladies was then proposed and responded to by Herb McArthur, Dr. Manchester, Dr. J. J. Daley and Dr. G. L. Pearson and others.

The insurance interests coupled with the names of H. A. White and G. S. Moore, brought forth neatly replied from both of these gentlemen.

Col. Beer then in a few well chosen words proposed the toast of the president and vice-president of the Sussex and Studholm Agricultural Society, which was responded to in a very pleasant manner by Col. Campbell, the president, and vice-president S. C. McCully.

The president then called on all present to sing "Auld Lang Syne," which was well rendered and with three ringing cheers and a tiger for Col. Beer the evening's entertainment came to a close.

The splendid dinner served under the management of the ladies of Trinity church Sewing Circle, elicited much praise from all present. The event was one which in a marked manner evoked the good feeling that is entertained in Sussex and vicinity for Col. Beer. His absence from the community will be thoroughly regretted and he leaves for his future home with the best wishes of the people of Sussex generally.

The funeral of the late Wm. T. Walker, took place on Monday at Kirk Hill. The Rev. Mr. Baird conducted the services. The funeral was one of the largest held in Sussex. Deceased died on Sunday from injuries received by the falling of part of a portable mill, some few days ago. He was 39 years of age. A wife and four small children, survive him.

A working party was busy all day Sunday, at Salmon River bridge, driving, piling and making preparations for putting in a new bridge.

The skating rink will be operated again this winter by its former manager, John Lucas.

A. E. Killiam, inspector of bridges L. C. R., was in town on Monday.

Chas. Hallet and wife of St. John are in town, and are the guests of Dr. S. H. Langstroth.

MR. KEE HONORED.

Retiring Foreman of No. 1 Hose Company Receives Silver Pitcher and an Address.

The members of No. 1 Wellington Hose Company, held their annual meeting last night at their rooms. After the company finished their business an address and handsome silver pitcher was presented to the retiring foreman, Wm. G. Kee. The presentation on behalf of the company was made by Asst. Foreman R. J. Evans and J. Dinsmore, and the address ran as follows:—  
Hose Company Wellington No. 1. To William G. Kee:  
Sir,—We, the members of Hose Company Wellington No. 1, desire to offer you our sincere congratulations on the great esteem in which you are held by this community and to express our great regret that you have decided to sever your connection with this company. Since 1889, a period of fifteen years, you have been connected with this company, and while during this period there have naturally been many changes—some have gone and some have come—your zeal and hearty co-operation have always made it a pleasure to be associated with you. We now take pleasure in presenting you with this pitcher as a lasting token of our respect, esteem and regard, and although we shall miss your connection with the company, we hope in the extended future you may long be spared in health and strength to enjoy the many comforts of this life.

St. John, N. B., Nov. 30, 1904.

The following inscription was engraved on the pitcher presented to Mr. Kee:—  
Presented to William G. Kee, foreman of Wellington S.F.E. No. 1, by the members of the company and friends on his retirement Nov. 30th, 1904.  
After the presentation on the invitation of the new foreman, Frederick Kee, refreshments were partaken of by the members, and a number of kind and good wishes for the retiring and new foreman were said.

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SACKVILLE NEWS.

Death of Charles Moore—Reading Circle Meets—Personals.

Sackville, Dec. 7.—Rev. I. N. Porter of Bear River, N. S., preached in the Main St. Baptist Church Sunday morning and evening.

Brantford Atkinson has returned from the Halifax Hospital where he underwent an examination some few weeks ago. His health is much improved.

Word was received yesterday that Amos Patterson of Cole's Island has been seized with paralysis. On account of his advanced age, very little hope of his recovery is entertained.

The reading circle under the auspices of the W. M. S., met Monday in Mrs. Borden's parlor, at the Ladies' College. Dr. Borden gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the war between Russia and Japan. The doctor's opinion is that the whole future of Japan hinges upon the naval engagement between the Baltic fleet, which is now on its way to Port Arthur, and the Japanese fleet. Readings were given by Mrs. Borden, Miss Webb, and Miss Oulton. Refreshments were served at the close. The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Edward Ogden.

Mrs. Greenwood (Mrs. Dr.) Andrew's mother) returned home on Friday, from an extended visit to her old home in Maine.

Mr. Cameron, manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, left yesterday to relieve Mr. Abbot, manager of the Amherst branch. During Mr. Cameron's absence, F. L. Murray will have charge of the Sackville branch.

Word was received here on Monday of the death of Charlie, only son of Capt. Moore of Vancouver, from appendicitis. Capt. Moore is well known to the people of Sackville, having lived here before moving West. Deceased was 17 years old.

WOODSTOCK NEWS.

Town Council Holds Monthly Meeting—Death of Mrs. M. Gallagher.

Woodstock, Dec. 6.—All the members of the town council were present at the monthly meeting held in the council chamber last night.

The treasurer reported for November, the receipts were \$2,321; expenditures, \$3,576.66; overdraft at bank \$2,359.36. The board decided that the rent for the council chamber during the Council-C. P. R. arbitration proceedings, now going to be \$5 a day, to include the janitor's fee.

Last month's bills included one for \$194, expenses for enforcing Scott Act, but there were no receipts from that source.

G. H. Soko, Bloomfield, was heard before the board. He intended removing to town and establishing a business, but did not feel like paying as high a license as the by-laws provide.

The matter was referred to the finance committee, which made a license fee satisfactory to Mr. Soko.

The Grange Band was given permission to conduct a shooting gallery and bowling alley during the winter months.

Frank McClement, the town wood scaler, asked for a limit to be defined for the sale of wood by farmers. His request was granted and the limit was placed from the weigh scales in Wellington ward to the Town Hall. For a sale outside the limits the fine is \$2.

Mrs. M. Gallagher, who has been ill for some time, died at her home in Newburg on Sunday, aged 50 years. She is survived by her husband and six children, three boys and three girls; Mrs. Alfred Culbert, Lowell; Mrs. M. G. Galt, St. John; James Brown, George, William and John Gallagher, all of Newburg. Mrs. Alfred Culbert arrived from Lowell for the funeral which will take place tomorrow morning. Rev. Fr. Bradley will celebrate a requiem high mass in the Newburg church before interment.

STICK TO IT OLD BOY.

John O'Driscoll the well known butcher and cattle buyer, announces that it is two years today since he took the pledge to abstain from the use of alcoholic liquors, a pledge that has been faithfully kept by him. He celebrated the second anniversary of the event by appearing in the market this morning with a ton and a half of pork, which he had no difficulty in disposing of. John says he has enjoyed great prosperity since he climbed on to the water wagon, and he would not think of abandoning it. (Fredericton Herald).

OWNERS OF A VOLCANO.

Communal ownership of Vesuvius seems rather ridiculous, that the flaming mount with its beacon glass burning through all the known centuries should be the appanage of a village and terrace on its slope, but that is the present claim. Four communes—Resina, Torre del Greco, Boscò, and Ottaviano—are competing for its overlordship and have gone to law about it. The dispute will not have any difference with the mountain. Pompeii and Herculaneum may have had a similar one for all that is known. Vesuvius, like Niagara and the Yosemite and a few other natural features of unusual sublimity, belongs to the great world and to time, and can admit no other possession. Farmers may own the farms, as Emerson says, but none among them nor all together can own the landscape. The Vesuvian villages are pushing too ambitious a claim and might almost as well extend it to the sky overhead, which, indeed, is true enough to justify covetousness if that could be of any avail.

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