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The system was, however, inaugurated in England, and it came later to the colonies. Many now living will remember when it was a new thing in St. John, and as a matter of history, the printers of the city owe its introduction to GEORGE W. DAY, who is still one of their number, and who inaugurated it no longer ago than 1845.

The experiment has been tried in Australia, where the eight hour system has been in force since 1855, and has long passed beyond the period when any question as to its benefits could arise.

So it has been in isolated instances where large concerns in the United States adopted the eight hour plan, several years ago, and are amply satisfied with its result. The idea is more than theory, and is supported by abundant proof.

Monday will be observed, to a limited extent, as the anniversary of the landing of the Loyalists. That is to say, the Loyalist society will have a dinner at the Dufferin, from the windows of which can be seen one of the most dilapidated and disreputable wooden fences in Canada.

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SUNDY HITS AND HINTS. IN MUSICAL CIRCLES. SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

It would appear that the Home Missionary Society has overlooked Fairville. Has anything been heard about regular open-air band concerts for this summer?

The Sun and Telegraph have been sad and silent this week on the subject of quotations from Tennyson. Now that parliament has about ceased its labors what has the country to show for all the money that it has cost?

Chief Clark will need a steam chest, if he proposes to straighten up some of the members of the police force. St. John is not likely to want the Scott Act, after the heap of trouble that it has brought upon Frederickton.

It is too bad that the boys are cheated out of an extra holiday, because the Queen's birthday comes on Saturday. It is getting near the time when the trout fishes keep the daily papers supplied with personals about themselves and their luck.

The board of public works does not propose to repave the streets with the "slates" that have been smashed in the common council of late. The indications now are that the common council will do the fair thing by the exhibition committee.

Wonder what some of the Loyalists would say if they could wake up tomorrow and give their views on the state of the Old Burial Ground? The wind is said to be tempered to the shorn lamb, and there haven't been any big fires since the alarm has been out of order.

Alexander Murray, a keeper of antiquities in the British museum, is on his way to this country. He is on a collecting tour, Halifax had better have a guard mounted over some of its edifices. If the Frederickton jail were a little larger the closing of the hotels would scarcely affect summer travel.

There is nothing to boast of in the fact that only 75 of the convicts at Dorchester are from New Brunswick, while 80 are from Nova Scotia. If there is any inference it is that there are five two few from this province. Judging from surface indications there ought to be an even 100 from each.

The Englishmen of New York celebrated St. George's day last Sunday, which shows that they are several weeks behind the folks in St. John. Their idea of observing it was by going to church, without the addition of a smoking concert, in which, possibly, they were behind the boys down East.

A Halifax man, while fishing had a sun-stroke, fell into the water and was nearly drowned. The Echo says that "after being brought on shore almost his first words were relative to his rod and basket, the latter of which contained a splendid string of about two dozen fish."

St. Stephen Means Business. Mr. Julius T. Whitlock was in town last Wednesday night, and had a little talk with Mr. Fred A. Jones, of the Dufferin, in regard to the new hotel at St. Stephen.

Progress and Its Patrons. Parker Bros. claim that they give a "long drink" of soda water, and though the season is not specially favorable have already started to convince the public of the fact.

Mr. Hardress Clarke had an eye to business when he started a cash grocery on Sydney street. The location is excellent and the people upon whom he will depend for his patronage are as well able to pay cash as to ask credit, and in the end they will be better satisfied with the new system.

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The active display by Frederickton this week in securing two of the best players in the Massachusetts leaguists, has caused considerable talk among the enthusiasts in this city, and it is thought that if everything is as it looks on the surface, St. John's grip on the pennant may not be so firm after all.

In this connection, I hear a great deal of surprise expressed that all the amateur ball players in the city (and there are surely enough of them) so few ever become able to play fast enough for the big teams. That there are a number who are equal to it, there is no doubt, but they will never develop by being allowed to play in a game where they find themselves so inferior to the experienced men around them.

I hear that Frank White has very pronounced ideas on the amateur base ball question, and intends to use every means in his power to encourage it. It is his intention to have games between the St. Johns and strong amateur teams as often as possible.

The Shamrocks are doing a little bustling just at present. They were pretty badly disappointed in Kimbes, but perhaps it is better that it happened this week than later on in the season.

A number of the Shamrocks would like to see Manny Robinson on the team, and I am told that a good offer was made him for the season; but, although this was some time ago, he has given no answer, and it is quite possible that if he does now, it will not be considered.

The work on the Shamrocks grounds is going along rapidly. The committee saw where trouble lay last year, and besides remedying all this they otherwise greatly improve them.

I think I can positively state that there will be no amateur league this year. Both Messrs. McKinney and Jennings have asked me to place them on record as being "out of it" for good.

It is to be regretted the league did not disband under better circumstances. The amount of its indebtedness is not so very great, as given by Secretary McKinney—\$19 or so—but others say it must be more than that.

The champions feel pretty badly over the way they have been treated by several persons, whom they claim got considerable free advertising by generously offering prizes to be competed for by the league teams.

The Thistles will organize this year, but it is not the intention to go into the game so actively as last year. There are rumors of a club being formed in the West End, which the Algerines think can beat the Thistles; and it is likely that they will be accommodated.

By the way, the excitement in Lower Cove, Saturday, over my remark of last week—that Fitzpatrick played with the Thistles in their series with the Franklins—was entirely unnecessary.

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