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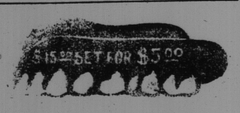


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# ST. JOHN STAR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., MAY 26, 1904.

## MERCY AND GOOD SENSE.

There was never a murderer so brutal but some could be found to circulate and sign a petition for mercy in his behalf, and, unfortunately for popular respect for the law, the Irish heart of Minister of Justice Fitzpatrick is just a little too tender. There is room for doubt if all the pardons and commutations he has authorized are in the interest of justice.

Some very strong arguments may be advanced in favor of the abolition of capital punishment but that matter is not at present open for discussion. As the law reads now, death is the prescribed penalty for deliberate, wilful murder and while the law so stands it is not in the public interest that its observance should be interfered with by mere sentimentality.

Those Carleton county people who are working to save George Gee from the gallows are calling attention, as apology for his crime, to the practically uncivilized conditions under which he was reared. That those conditions are in a measure extenuating as as true as that they are a foul blot on the good name of Carleton county. But the sentences of the law are not for punishment alone. Imprisonment is intended to be reformatory as well as punishing and the death penalty is not so much for vengeance as for example.

If those good hearted people who are circulating petitions for mercy would take George Gee's life and death as a text and preach the gospel of education and good living to the hundreds of heathen at their doors they might do a great deal of good with little more effort than they are now making to convince those heathen that their present condition is an excuse for crime.

## MODERATE PROSPERITY.

A New Brunswick correspondent of a government organ in Charlottetown predicts that the Laurier government will carry all before it in the next election in this province. The reason he gives is that the people are enjoying unexampled prosperity and will vote for the government which has brought about these conditions. If the fate of the Laurier government in this province depends upon the support of those New Brunswickers who are enjoying unprecedented prosperity, success is not so certain as this correspondent represents. The fact is that the industrial and business conditions of the province are not so good as many would like to have them. Lumber is the chief article of export from New Brunswick, and the price of lumber is low. A majority of the people are farmers, and most farm products have been falling in price, so that the condition and prospects of the agricultural people are not so satisfactory as they have been. Much local capital is invested in ships and freights are not high. The state of affairs in the province generally has been and could be much worse. But it has been and might be much better.

Mr. Emmerson's official chief admirer, the Moncton Transcript, praises him continually as a friend, oh! so warm and tender, to the ill-used-by-all-others, laboring man.

In parliament yesterday a question was asked on behalf of the Trades and Labor Council of Moncton, who wanted to know the reasons of one of their co-laborers, F. B. Wood, who had been fired from the I. C. R. employ without a word of warning or explanation.

Mr. Emmerson graciously replied that the man had been discharged because, in his opinion, "it was not in the interest of the railway to retain him."

There is a proverb often quoted that says something about "a friend in need."

Though the provincial government has not mustered up courage to call on the elections in St. John city or St. John county, the opposition electors in the county are preparing for action. They recognize that when the writs are issued they will not be allowed much time. Delegates to the county convention will be chosen next week, and the nominating convention will probably be held the week following. No action has yet been taken toward the choice of the city candidate, as it is not yet known whether there will be one vacancy or two.—Sun.

If the Conservatives in parliament had done nothing more this session than accomplish their feat of yesterday—the forcing of a promise from the government that legislation would be introduced to stop the employment of Americans to the exclusion of Canadians on the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific—they would well have justified their election as guardians of this country's interests.—Sun.

The Moncton Transcript partly remarks that the St. John man who found $100 and returned the money to its owner is certainly one out of a hundred.

Mr. Emmerson's action in bluntly refusing to give any explanation of the summary dismissals that have been made under his rule, is fully in accord with his policy of making the I. C. R. one big political machine. Mr. Blair tried to make the road pay, and nearly succeeded; but Mr. Emmerson, being a politician, scorns this trivial ambition of a mere railroad man, and is content to see the I. C. R. keep on piling up monumental deficits so long as the great patronage its control puts in his hands enables him to keep the machine submissive.

## DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

OTTAWA, May 25.—Cardinal Gibbons occupied a seat on the floor of the commons chamber this afternoon to the right of the speaker's chair, while several high dignitaries of the church in full robes had front seats in the speaker's gallery. It was a strange coincidence that Cardinal Gibbons, whose work for laboring men of the United States has made him world famed, on the occasion of his first visit to the Canadian commons was compelled to listen to a debate on the labor question precipitated by Clare of South Waterloo, who moved an amendment to the Grand Trunk Pacific bill restricting the employment of engineers, etc., on the location surveys to Canadians and other British subjects.

The time of the house after dinner was devoted to private bills. At nine o'clock Clarke of West Toronto resumed debate on Clare's Grand Trunk Pacific labor amendment. Clarke made a most vigorous speech, one of the best of the entire session. He had the floor at 11 o'clock, St. John and Halifax time.

Fitzpatrick lost his head for about the first time this session, and yelled across the floor at the top of his voice in reply to Clarke's incisive interrogations. Fitzpatrick's plea was that the government would later this session introduce a bill to amend the alien labor law to meet the Grand Trunk Pacific case, but would not consent to any amendment in this line to the Grand Trunk Pacific contract itself. Finally Fitzpatrick promised that this legislation would be introduced by the government before the G. T. R. Pacific bill became law.

### NOTES.

As predicted days ago, a vote on the Grand Trunk Pacific bill will not be reached before Friday. Emmerson was not in the house tonight for a long time. He had a short conference with Laurier and Fitzpatrick and then left the chamber.

## HAS LOST BOX OF CRACKERS.

The Bangor & Aroostook freight officials are laughing over a letter that was received a few days ago and out of which the officials are trying to make head and tail. From the epistle it would appear that something had been lost en route and the owner thereof was very indignant.

This is the letter:

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"Dear Sir:

"I wrote you once again for lost i case crackers lost for long ago last winter i think i wait long enough the station here—ast me time long enough for find it i give time long enough and you i wrote you long ago i never received nothing yet i give you five days to find it this time and you dond pay me the lost i go look for some other way i lost somethings before on this raleroad pail candy open lots of it and bag pinut open case orange open some time barrel corn meal open i never take pail call for it now i tired of it you go pay for this case crackers sure this time my name——"

—Bangor Commercial.

## CARRY NATION AGAIN.

Those who failed to hear Carry A. Nation, the noted woman temperance lecturer of hatchet fame, will have another opportunity on Sunday next, when she delivers two addresses in the Victoria Rink, one in the afternoon at four o'clock, the other in the evening at 8.30. Since here last visit here Cary has been in a dime museum in Chicago and has probably learned a lot more new expressions to apply to the rumsellers.

## NEW CHURCH OPENED.

Rev. Dr. Gates returned yesterday from St. George, where he had been opening the new Baptist church. The old church was destroyed by fire in June last.

## WANT A MAN FROM IRELAND.

HALIFAX, May 25.—St. Andrew's Presbyterian congregation, Halifax, tonight unanimously decided to extend a call to Rev. Robert Johnston, of Castile Dawson, Ireland.

## GOD'S WAY AND OURS.

God gives us light!
Yet in dark mills men toil for scanty bread,
Or pale-browed women spin out life's thread,
Sunless, uncheered, from dawn till weary night.

God gives us air!
Yet foul dens, reeking with disease and death,
Rob helpless little ones of struggling breath,
While mothers kneel in stony-eyed despair.

God sends us Love!
Yet cold eyes slay, and cold hands thrust Love forth;
And sad hearts, exiled in life's frozen north,
Sow seeds of grief and reap vain tears thereof.

—Stephen Power Otis.

St. Louis will in all probability this coming year be the great battle ground for a mighty and desperate struggle between the hosts of Heaven and the powers of darkness.—The Liberator.

Did you offend some Shakespearian student?

No. It was a Chicago pork packer. He frigidly remarked that he didn't care to talk shop.

## DEATHS.

CARLSON—In St. John (West), on the 25th instant, Edith May Carlson, aged four years and four months, daughter of John and Annie Carlson.
Funeral on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock from 14 Guilford street.

# LOCAL NEWS.

Premier Tweedie and Geo. McAvity started out yesterday over the line between Norton and Minto to ascertain the condition of the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Co. They will return to Norton today.

Between ten and eleven o'clock yesterday forenoon the Carleton fire department turned out for a blaze on the roof of a house on Protection street owned by Louis Green. A few buckets of water put out the fire.

Netherwood—The following pupils obtained honors in school work for the months of April and May: Misses L. Murray, G. McDonald, O. Murray, P. Straton, V. Hilyard, N. Knight, E. Fraser, A. Richardson, R. Newton and E. Dexter.

Mrs. Margaret Terry, widow of Thomas Terry, died Tuesday morning at the residence of her son-in-law, Jas. Fitzgerald, 60 Water street, Carleton. She was seventy-nine years of age, and leaves two sons and two daughters. Paralysis was the cause of death.

Fishermen who have been trying their luck along the streams and lakes within a short distance of the city report the trout fishing excellent. Yesterday morning Oscar Peterson, John B. Belding, Fred Eddleson and Arthur Powers left on the New Brunswick Southern for Pocologan. They fished for an hour and a half and had rare sport. They returned on the evening train with one hundred fish.

## SUGGESTS RADIUM HEATS THE EARTH.

Young British Scientist Startles and Interests His Elders With a New Theory — Upsets All Calculations.

Is the heat of the earth due not to the fact that it is a molten mass, which has been slowly cooling for millions of years, but to the presence in it of that mysteriously fascinating element radium?

Prof. Ernest Rutherford, a young but already distinguished pupil of Prof. J. J. Thomson, of Cambridge, who first measured the mass and velocity of radium electrons, threw out the latter suggestion in a lecture before the Royal Institution.

Lord Kelvin had caluculated that, assuming the earth to be a molten mass when it first started its own career, it would take one hundred million of years to cool down to its present temperature, but, added the lecturer, inclining his head toward the grey headed scientist, who was present, Lord Kelvin had shown a prophetic insight when he added, "Provided a new source of heat is not discovered."

Mr. Rutherford thought that radium was proved to be in sufficient quantities in the earth to supply a new theory as to the source of the earth's heat, so that we should not require the many millions of years which geologists and biologists had reasoned out as the time taken in the cooling process before life on the globe was possible.

This startling new theory, ventured modestly, was not discussed after the lecture, but the scientists went away greatly interested in a proposition which in its effect means a reconstruction of hitherto accepted facts.

The Daily Mail points out that Mr. Rutherford's calculation leads to the conclusion that the earth may have been habitable for many millions of years, and that it further upsets all accepted theories as to the duration of life, since a millionth portion of radium only exhausts itself after 50 million of years.

## FROM FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON, May 25.—Oliver G. Anderson, capitalist, Marshall St. G. Anderson, manufacturer; Aitken McK. Anderson, manufacturer of Newcastle; F. W. Gale, London, Eng., manufacturer, and James A. Wilson, Glasgow, Scotland, are seeking incorporation as The Anderson Furniture Co., Ltd., with head office at Newcastle and capital $150,000. The company propose to manufacture furniture and carry on a general lumber business. The promoters are English capitalists, who recently looked over this city as site for the proposed factory. Receiving exemption from taxation and bonus of $20,000 from Newcastle, they decided to locate there.

Smallpox has made appearance in Madawaska Co., several cases having appeared in the parish of Baker Lake, in consequence of which the whole parish is placed in quarantine.

## ALMOST DROWNED.

Richard Nelson and Harold McKie, of Amherst, with two young ladies of that town, had a narrow escape from drowning on Tuesday. They were boating on Blair's lake, when the boat upset and the occupants were thrown into the water. They managed to cling to the boat and it finally drifted ashore, with the four people safe, but exhausted. The water was rough and there was a strong wind at the time of the accident.

## MARK GUY PEARSE'S LECTURE.

Rev. Mark Guy Pearse, the great London preacher, spoke last evening in Centenary church on Christian Socialism. He graphically described the slum conditions in London and of the ways and means taken to relieve the distress and misery.

Tonight Mr. Pearse will lecture in Portland Methodist church on Some Old Folks at Home.

## WITH ADVERTISERS.

Special sale of five hundred pairs of "Comfort" girdle corsets at F. W. Daniel & Company's on Friday and Saturday. This is one of the neatest summer shirt-waist girdles of the season and comes in white, pink or blue. See advertisement on page three for special price.

## NOVA SCOTIA TRAGEDY.

HALIFAX, May 26.—A tragedy is believed to have been perpetrated near Berwick. Two nights ago a house occupied by Mrs. Robinson and family was destroyed by fire and Mrs. Robinson's charred body was found in the ruins. She quarreled with her husband a few days ago and some fear foul play.

Teacher—Does heat always expand and cold contract?

Bright Pupil—No, ma'am. Sometimes cold expands and heat contracts.

Teacher—Indeed! Pray explain?

Bright Pupil—Cold expands coal bills and heat contracts ice bills.

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Half Price sale of Pins, Elastics, Ladies' Hosiery.

## VALUE OF GOLD.

The old economists—as far back as Aristotle—defined money as "a ticket," "a token," "a counter," "an evidence of debt," etc. And, there is no better reason why we should make our money out of the precious metals than our theatre, railway tickets, or postage stamps.

The assertion that money and gold are synonymous terms (only because of legislation, which gives gold the sole right to freedom of coinage) will surely not be disputed in face of history. Upon whatever substance a nation confers the right of coinage or legal tender, that substance or instrument must hold an importance which it could not hold otherwise. What would be the price of gold if all the nations of the world were suddenly to close their mints against it, and open them to some other metal? It has been urged that the value of gold arises chiefly from its importance in the arts. This is contradicted, however, by the fact that the amount of gold coined and held for coinage purposes is sufficient to supply the demand for all purposes outside of money for the next fifty years without the production of another ounce. Under these circumstances it is certain that gold maintains its high position and value by virtue of legislation, and by legislation only. In countries where paper money has been the only legal tender, it has commanded a similarly high position.—Arthur Kitson, in "London Opinion."

## HARD TO SAY.

Gus de Jay—"Y-a-a-s; I had a hahd time, you known, with the fevah. It was thought for a time that I might lose my mind."

Young Woman (greatly interested)—"An' did you, Mr. de Jay?"

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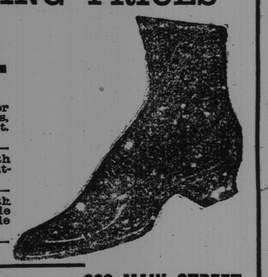

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## METHODIST CLERGY SCARCE.

The Methodist conference of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island will probably have some difficulty in supplying circuits this year. Rev. C. W. Hamilton of the Carmarthen street church is expected to ask for a year's leave of absence. Another minister has had a stroke of paralysis, which will make it impossible for him to take up work for next year. Another has an affection of the throat, which compels him to go west. Still another who came from England is obliged to return thither on account of his wife's health. One died within the last few weeks. It is not certain whether Mr. Deinstadt will remain on his present circuit in Maine another year or return to this province. Rev. W. W. Brewer is said to be asking for another year's leave. There are no transfers from other conferences, and the number of young men entering the ministry is not sufficient to take the place of those who are permanently or for the time being falling out.

## ALIEN LABOR.

A large gang of Italians were brought from Montreal yesterday by the C. P. R. to work on the roadbed between Fairville and Welsford. A kick comes from Fairville that the importation of Italian labor was quite unnecessary as the C. P. R. could obtain all the labor needed right in Fairville. There are dozens of Fairville men to whom employment would be very acceptable at the present time and whose services could have been readily secured by advertising.