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IN THE WAY OF PROMOTION.

It was possible for an organized gang of personators in Montreal to procure the services of an employee of the public works department of Canada, and the improper use of the stamping machine at the Montreal post office, to assist in carrying out a system of fraud. The head of the criminal gang wanted to make it appear that certain letters which he was preparing in connection with his ballot stuffing operations had gone through the post office. There were a great number of these bogus letters to receive a bogus post-mark and the affair was easily managed. Officials of Mr. Sutherland's department have access to the machinery of Sir William Mulock's department, and the officers in question fraudulently used the post office stamp on the fraudulent letters. The matter was brought out in the courts, and was reported by the Montreal postmaster some weeks ago to the department at Ottawa. Nothing was then done about it. The officer at Montreal is still drawing his pay and until Mr. Ames brought up the matter in the house there was nothing to show that the ministers proposed to do anything about it.

Why should the Montreal officers have feared punishment from their superiors? Not long ago a Montreal customs official got leave of absence, went to a distant election district, and there appeared under an assumed name as the agent of the Liberal candidate. He signed the bogus name to the return, and carried out the part with great freedom and assurance. The circumstances were brought to the attention of the premier in parliament. They were admitted to be as stated here, as Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself said in the house. There was encouragement to the recent offenders in the reward of this officer. For the offender was rapidly promoted, receiving large increases of salary and a much better position in the service. Officers who did not use false names were left far behind in the competition. Should the latest exploit be referred to Solicitor General Lemieux for action he may find the precedent of some use to him, for he is quite well acquainted with the episode of the election agent.

THE APPLE SWINDLE. The Nova Scotia fruit-growers have been discussing the reason why the St. John people purchase so many apples from Ontario when they could get them much nearer. It was pointed out by one of themselves that the Ontario fruit is more honestly packed. This witness was true. Perhaps the fruit inspection has been and is more effective in Ontario, so that the fruit-growers have found it unsafe to cheat. Perhaps the conscience of a large percentage of Nova Scotia growers falls more in this direction. It is certainly true that the purchaser of Nova Scotia apples finds much to exasperate him. Unless he knows the packer whose fruit he buys he has not the feeling of security that he would like to enjoy when he opens the apple barrel. Some of these gold-brick operators are said to be highly respectable men who would not steal an article of value if it were placed within their reach. Yet in the matter of apples these persons are unmitigated thieves. Of course, this is not true of all, or of nearly all the apple shippers of the Cornwallis and Annapolis Valleys. It is doubtless an exception. But it is true of a large percentage as to be one cause of the large and increasing use of Ontario apples in this community.

ANNEXATION WILL HAPPEN. On reflection President Roosevelt has concluded that his San Domingo protectorate agreement is of the nature of a treaty subject to ratification by the senate. That will delay proceedings but will not stop them. The United States senate will enforce the annexation. One can see no reason why it should be otherwise. The policy is sound. It would be altogether to the advantage of the United States if all the West India islands belonged to the republic. It would be greatly to the disadvantage of Great Britain and of Canada and Newfoundland. But that is not the look-out of the United States.

There is an agitation in Newfoundland for a local university. The question is asked in the press of the colony why their young men should have to go abroad to study medicine or law or engineering. If Newfoundland proposes to provide universities with faculties in arts, law, medicine, science and engineering, it is undertaking a heavy contract for a community much smaller than New Brunswick.

So far as one can judge by the appearance of the St. John streets, all the Union and non-union teams can find employment for several days to come.

Hopefield, Prince Edward Island, is one of the many places where ROYAL HOUSEHOLD FLOUR is appreciated. Mrs. S. K. MacDonald of that place, on December 16th, wrote to us as follows:

"I have used the ROYAL HOUSEHOLD FLOUR and think it is the best flour I have ever used. I appreciate the efforts you have undertaken to make such a grand flour, and to introduce it to Canadian Homes."

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THE OGILVIE FLOUR MILLS CO., LIMITED, Montreal.

The new C. P. R. hotel at Winnipeg will be the largest in Canada. It has 75 rooms, chambers than the Frontenac of Quebec and 65 more than the King Edward of Toronto.

What about the "January thaw"? It must be nearly due.

The Montreal Gazette says: "In St. John the carters engaged by the city to remove snow from the streets went out on strike because the authorities refused to discharge a non-union man. As they have not yet requested the city to refund the non-union man's taxes and compel him to leave St. John, there is yet hope that they may be brought to realize that the non-union man is a citizen and entitled to a chance of earning an honest living by serving the city he helps support."

Mr. Emmerson explains his failure to carry St. John, Kings, Charlotte and Sunbury-Queens in the federal election by saying that the Blair-Russell conspiracy did it all. But Mr. Emmerson is not asking for any investigation, and is not discussing the matter in parliament. He says these things in a Montreal meeting where there is no opposition.—Sun.

Liberal Journals throughout Canada are now finding many reasons why the Ross government should have been beaten, and are pointing out that the liberals themselves did the business. There is no doubt that the electoral ineptitudes were sufficient cause for turning out the Ross government. But Sir Wilfrid Laurier found the government good enough for him.—Sun.

FUNERALS SUNDAY.

The funeral of Mrs. Alexander Marten took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 from her residence, 309 German street, to the new Catholic cemetery. Relatives of deceased acted as pall-bearers.

The funeral of Thomas J. Connolly took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 from the residence of his father, Rev. J. J. O'Donovan, at St. Peter's church, where Rev. Father Scully read the burial service. Many citizens honored the memory of two worthy citizens of Carleton yesterday by attending the funeral of Patrick Donohoe and Michael Matthews. Both were escorted to St. Patrick's Hall, the temporary church home of the West End Catholic congregation, and the Rev. J. J. O'Donovan conducted services. On the way to the hall the funerals united and a very lengthy line was formed. After the service the funerals proceeded to the new Catholic cemetery, where interment was made.

Because of the condition of the road to Sand Cove Mr. Donohoe's body had to be taken to the cemetery in a low sled for the roads in places were hardly more than broken.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT GLACE BAY.

SYDNEY, N. S., Jan. 28.—James McDonald was instantly killed and Ralph and Richard Bramwell, brothers, were badly injured by a fall of stone in Dominion No. 2 colliery at Glace Bay, yesterday afternoon. The stone was started from the roof by a box car jumping the track and striking against the pit prop. Mr. McDonald was broken and Richard Bramwell had his teeth knocked out and his arm broken. The dockyard authorities at Halifax have chartered the Dominion Coal Co. steamer Dominion to carry a cargo of naval stores from Halifax to Gibraltar.

TO UNITE LEINSTER STREET AND BRUSSELS STREET CHURCHES.

There is a movement on foot to unite the congregations of Leinster and Brussels street Baptist churches. On Wednesday night of this week the congregation of the Brussels street church will meet to take action and should union be favored, the Leinster street church at a subsequent date will hold a similar meeting. The Leinster street church was organized about forty years ago by members of the Brussels street edifice. It is in all probability would be chosen as the meeting place of both congregations.

N. B. AS APPLE GROWING DISTRICT.

Alexander McNeill chief of the fruit division of the department of agriculture, who is at present in the city, thinks that New Brunswick offers good possibilities for apple-growing. There are now 400,000 apple-bearing trees in the province, which, he says, is a small number when it is known that in one county of Nova Scotia there are two-thirds as many. Mr. McNeill, who came to the city to attend a meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association, leaves tonight for Ottawa.

ACCUSED OF FORGERY.

AMHERST, N. S., Jan. 29.—About eleven o'clock Saturday night a telephone message from Oxford instructed Chief of Police Arthur to apprehend a young man by the name of Frank S. Vickery, New York, is a young man of prepossessing appearance and has been backward and forward between Amherst and Oxford for the past week. He took his arrest very coolly, but made no statement.

This afternoon Officers Arthur and McDonald found the accused at the Terrace Hotel and took him into custody, notifying the authorities at Oxford who instructed them to hold him until tomorrow and send him there for examination. The amount of the alleged forgery is stated to be \$40 and is on the Bank of Nova Scotia, Oxford. The accused, who registered at the hotel as Frank S. Vickery, New York, is a young man of prepossessing appearance and has been backward and forward between Amherst and Oxford for the past week. He took his arrest very coolly, but made no statement.

CHARLES L.'S GOLD TOOTHPICK. (London Standard.)

Yesterday Messrs. Robinson and Fisher offered for sale two interesting relics of Charles I. The first of the mementoes was the gold case and toothpick given by the king to Col. Tomlinson, who had charge of him from Dec. 23 till he delivered him up to Col. Hacker, the bearer of the death warrant. Attached is the original paper which tells that it was all the king had left to requite the Roundhead officer for his civilities. Secondly, there was the blue ribbon worn by Charles at the time of his going to his execution, the only authenticated royal blue ribbon extant, as the seller holds. Both relics had remained till now in the possession of the direct descendants of Col. Tomlinson.

The two offered together, Messrs. Crichon made a start at £210, a recent mayor of Windsor went up to about £100, and above £150 it became a duel between Messrs. Partridge and Messrs. Beaton, dealers. The latter were the purchasers at no less than £250. This demonstrates what authentic relics of the 'martyr king' are worth nowadays.

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BIRTHS.

KINNEAR—At Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, on Saturday, January 28, of the wife of Charles A. Kinnear, a daughter, Jane, 30.

DEATHS.

RYAN—At Valdosta, Georgia, on Jan. 24th, Mary Eleanor, only and beloved daughter of George M. and Martha Ryan of St. John, aged 23 years.

O'BRIEN—At the Mater Misericordiae Home, on the 28th inst., Mrs. Mary O'Brien, aged 93 years.

HAY—In this city, on Jan. 27th inst., Daisy E. Hay, daughter of George and Rebecca Hay, aged 1 year.

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NOT WORTH WHILE TO GET ANGRY.

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MONEY IN "WANG."

De Wolf Hopper, in the Brady production of "Wang," is making more money with the opera this season than the piece made when it was first produced. Reference to the books of the music firm that controlled the opera in the old days shows that the largest piece in the Broadway Theatre, New York, amounted to between \$3,000 and \$10,000. The only time that the opera played to more than \$10,000 was in Philadelphia, where it ran for two weeks just after its New York engagement. This season the average business of the company has been more than the largest week's receipts when the "Wang" was in the hey-day of its popularity.

WORLD'S LARGEST UNIVERSITY.

The year book of the German university, just published, makes it clear that Berlin University is the most numerous attended seat of learning in the world. It contains 774 matriculated and 1,330 non-matriculated students. The philosophical faculty, embracing philology and natural sciences, numbers 3,572 students—medicine, 1,111; law, 2,756, and theology, despite the eminence of its professors, only 336. America sends 133 students, Africa 8, Australia 8 and Asia 37.

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LOCAL NEWS.

The steamer Canoxia, Capt. Starratt, arrived at New Orleans yesterday from Terrebonne. She will load grain there for a continental port.

D. M. Sweeney lectured Sunday afternoon in St. Peter's Y. M. C. A. on the life of Father Tom Burke. The lecturer told how he fought for Ireland's rights in early years in a very capable manner. The attendance was large and attentive, and the lecture was very interesting.

The Shore Line railway seems to have been affected more by the recent storm than the other branch lines. It will not be opened up before the last of the week.

The steamer Pandosa, Capt. Crossley, passed Cape Henry on Saturday night at 10 o'clock. She is on her way to Baltimore from Rio Janeiro, with orders.

The temperance meeting which was to have been held yesterday afternoon in Union Hall had to be postponed owing to the fact that keys to the main entrance could not be found.

The death occurred on Saturday of Mrs. Mary O'Brien, an inmate of the Mater Misericordiae Home. Mrs. O'Brien was a former resident of Hibernia, was 93 years of age, and had been in the home for sixteen years.

PEOPLE EAT TOO MUCH and rest too little. They eat the first thing in the morning and the last thing before retiring. The stomach doesn't get anything but abuse in these busy days of modern times. That is why the stomach hurts, bloats, the breath bad and the skin yellow. If the same with the rich man as with the poor man. You have got to do something for your stomach or it will keep right on painting and hurting you. It don't stop at that; you develop some frightful disease. If you want sweet sleep, good health and a sound constitution, eat two or three Hutch before you retire, then one after each meal. In mighty short order you will be well.

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WHO IS CHAMPION MIDDLE-WEIGHT?

Fitzsimmons Says: "I Notice Ryan Took to the Woods When I Called His Bluff."

"Who is the middleweight champion and what is the middleweight limit?" Fight fans have again started to argue these questions since the outlook is promising for a battle between Bob Fitzsimmons and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien or between Tommy Ryan and O'Brien.

Up to 1901 Jack Dempsey of Brooklyn was the undisputed middle-weight champion. On Jan. 14, 1901, Fitzsimmons defeated Dempsey in thirteen rounds and became middle-weight champion. Since that time Fitz has never admitted that he cannot fight as a middle-weight. Two years ago, in January, 1903, he made the following offer to Tommy Ryan:

"When I get through with this theatrical engagement Ryan can have a match for the middle-weight championship of the world, any amount on the side, and winner, take all. He is kidding himself that I can't do the weight. I never fought in my life above the middle-weight limit."

Three months later Fitzsimmons issued the following, addressed to Jack O'Brien and Ryan:

"I have sent articles of agreement to Al Smith at the Gilesey House, New York, for O'Brien to sign. He challenged me and everything was satisfactory to him, and he must go by these articles or shut up. As for Tommy Ryan, the same articles so by him. I will fight him at 155 pounds, Marquis of Queensbury rules, or I will fight him with bare-knuckles at 154 pounds. Tell them to put up or shut up. They challenged me and stated the terms that I have put into the articles of agreement."

It is a matter of ring history that Ryan has never placed his tender

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stomach within the reach of Fitzsimmons' freckled fists. In Fitz's own words, "I notice that, although Tommy Ryan has claimed the middle-weight championship for two years, he made a dash for the woods as soon as I called his bluff."

Many competent authorities on boxing have for many years placed the middle-weight limit at "158 pounds or under." Ryan who has annexed the middle-weight championship, in spite of Fitzsimmons' defies, places the limit at 154 pounds, weigh at the ringside. He says, "I will not concede O'Brien a single ounce."

Some years ago Ryan held the title of welter-weight championship. He held on as long as he could, in the mean time refusing to fight Joe Walcott about once a month. For declining to box the Barbados Demon, Tommy the Fakir gave a similar explanation to that he now makes for refusing to fight O'Brien at 154 pounds, weigh at three o'clock. It is "not that I am afraid of him, but"

Said a well known follower of boxing "Ryan doesn't want any part of O'Brien's game. As for Fitzsimmons—that would be a job for the coroner."

In the cathedral yesterday it was announced that the accounts of the high tea, recently held, were all settled and the net results of the tea were the nice sum of \$2,800.

ANNUAL MEETING!

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of Jas. Pender & Co., Ltd., will be held at the office of the company, Charlotte street (extension), in the City of Saint John, N. E., on Wednesday, first day of February, 1905, at three o'clock, p. m., for the election of Directors, and such other business as may legally come before such meeting.

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