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## THE POTATO SITUATION

In commenting on the potato situation throughout the United States the Boston Traveller makes the following editorial comment, which is applicable to conditions in New Brunswick:

Potatoes have been selling recently in Michigan as low as 13 cents a bushel. This phenomenal price, we read, is due to the simultaneous dumping of thousands of bushels the farmers had been holding since last fall in the hope of higher prices.

At such news as this the consumer is likely to exclaim: "What luck! And besides, it serves those farmers right for trying to profiteer!"

The trouble is, however, that what seems to be luck, and undoubtedly is luck for the moment to those fortunate enough to buy the low-priced potatoes is not luck in the long run for them or any one else. Moreover, the element of retribution against the growers who failed in their speculation is fraught with too great possibilities of mischief to the consumers to warrant any loud rejoicing.

Whenever a product of any kind, but more especially an agricultural product, is sold below the cost of production, the producers are thereby discouraged, some of them are driven out of business and the general result is a reaction toward under-production. Farmers as a class have enough of discouragements at all times without needing to have the bottom drop out of the market so that their commodities must be practically given away. That sort of experience makes the farmer ask himself what is the use of all his hard work. He hears again the call of the city with its opportunities for enjoyment of life and the acquisition of wealth. And so the city population scores another gain, and the cost of food for the city dweller goes a little higher because there are fewer men on the farms to raise potatoes and other articles of diet and because those who have remained on the farms figure it isn't worth while to grow as much as they could grow, considering last year's crop was a heavy loss.

Conditions will be improved for all of us when commodity prices approximate more nearly the cost of production—provided that cost is an honest cost. The consuming public suffers when prices are excessively high and it suffers eventually from prices that have chanced to fall too low. Something is lacking in a system of distribution that conduces to these opposite extremes.

## A CURE FOR LEPROSY

The news from Hawaii indicates that science has at last found the sure and systematic way to cure off this world's most appalling disease. Of the 142 former lepers who have been paroled from the Kalihi Hospital in the last two years none has been sent back.

It is peculiar that the plague which has troubled the world at least six centuries, and probably much longer should eventually be controlled by one of the oldest remedies ever used for it. To modern science is due the discovery of the bacillus of leprosy, but its cure is accomplished with refined chaulmoogra oil, the essence of an Indian plum, which has been used by lepers in the East for centuries. Science has improved on native practice not only in the oil but in its application.

To a world which has 3,000,000 lepers the success of the doctors at Kalihi is heartening. China when better days come, can set about the cure of her 2,000,000 stricken. India has 200,000 lepers, Japan 20,000. And the United States has had a big leper problem which the developments in Hawaii should soon solve. While the cases of leprosy in the continental United States are few—perhaps not 300—we have thousands of lepers in our island possessions, particularly the Philippines. Now that the way is clear our medical service can go ahead there as it has proceeded in Hawaii.

Sir Sam Hughes will have the sympathy of a great many Canadians in his serious illness and there will be widespread hope that he will recover. Sir Sam Hughes as the Sydney Record points out, has his imperfections like a few other people in this world; he has made his mistakes. But, after all, he has been a bluff, frank-spoken man of kindly heart. His mistakes have been due to errors of the mind, not of the heart, and in his own way he has done the Dominion some good service.

Halifax Chronicle: Boston's Health Commissioner is going to play the role of family doctor for the people of that city to the extent of diagnosing "by return mail" their ailments all and sundry. Whether this will include the issue of "prescriptions" to the ailments is not stated. That would make Boston a Paradise here below for her thirsty souls.

Next week has been set apart as Public Health Week and it will be generally observed throughout the province. A vigorous campaign of education is to be carried on at all important centres.

There is a merry fight going on at present among some of the soap manufacturers. The result is that the leading brands of laundry soap dropped two dollars a box last week.

## THROUGH OUR SIEVE

This has been one of the coldest Winters we have had in any Spring of recent years.

There are two kinds of housewives—those who fill the ragbag and those who fill the attic.

To hear some people tell it the world avoided disaster when they were born.

Nowadays, instead of beating their wives, husbands beat the rugs for them.

This is a land of opportunity, but the government no longer sanctions the ambition of the fellow who aims to fill a drunkard's grave.

Some men and women work to achieve fame and others organize clubs to elect them officers and achieve fame for them.

If a sensible girl doesn't want the hem of her skirt to flap around her kneecaps she's often criticized by the fool slaves of Fashion's fancy.

About the most exciting thing that happens in some men's lives is the furore that results after spilling a dish of tomatoes on the tablecloth.

If you earn your bread by the sweat of your brow, and have reason to believe your ancestors labored with open pores for what they got—that is all the genealogy it is necessary for you to know.

## TWO YEARS IN PENITENTIARY FOR STOREY

Unfortunate Man Asked for a Suspended Sentence to See His Mother—A Victim of Drug Habit.

Harry Storey, formerly a barber in this city, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary at noon today by Police Magistrate Limerick. The charge to which he pleaded guilty some days ago was obtaining money under false pretence, he having canvassed the city for a directory which he claimed he intended publishing.

Storey asked for leave to make a statement. That being granted he asked His Honor Magistrate Limerick to suspend sentence to give him an opportunity of reaching Toronto where his mother is living. His Honor made no answer to the request.

This unfortunate man is addicted to the use of morphine using upwards of forty-five grains a day. It is believed that at the penitentiary he will receive medical treatment which will do much good as far as this habit is concerned.

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VICTORIA PUBLIC HOSPITAL DRIVE COMMITTEE.  
 JOHN D. PALMER, Chairman.  
 R. L. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

## MATINEE RACES MAY BE HELD MAY 24

Park Association Directors in Session Last Night—Track Improved—Outside Stables Coming.

The directors of the Fredericton Park Association at a meeting last night instructed the management to have the local track ready for training stables to take up their quarters there next week and it is expected that by May 1st a dozen or more horses will be in training here while later the number will be greatly added to. Already some of the local trainers have been doing some of their jogging over the track which has been considerably improved for early work by the stretches having been treated to a generous amount of cinders on the outside of the track, thus causing it to dry up earlier after rains.

Plans were also considered last night for opening the local racing season with matinee races on Victoria Day, May 24, and the suggestion was made that a combined programme of racing and baseball might be staged on the holiday with the idea of having it serve as a benefit for the Victoria Hospital. A committee was appointed to consider the matter. A communication was read at the meeting asking for the use of the infield of the trotting park for baseball purposes this season by the Y. M. C. A. and the secretary was authorized to make an arrangement for the use under certain restrictions.

Action by President P. S. Watson who was a delegate to the Maritime & Maine Circuit meeting recently held at Moncton when dissolution of that circuit was determined upon, was confirmed.

## ATTRACTIONS AT THEATRES

The week-end play at the Opera House is Little Miss Rebellion with Dorothy Gish in the leading role.

Dorothy Gish as a princess of a mythical country whose going to bed is a ceremony, and whose riding of a horse develops into a parade, casts aside all the arts and artifices of her life in the royal castle, and learns how to play baseball, to chew gum and to like it, and finally marries a doughboy. Dorothy Gish is thoroughly enjoyable in her new role. Spontaneous gaiety and real charm are two of her strongest assets, and her fine sense of comedy make her performance altogether delightful.

The play at the Gaiety is Are All Men Alike featuring May Allison.

"Are All Men Alike?" is a light comedy, mostly picturing the exploits of the star, who is seen as a young girl who wants to be free, free. So she goes to Greenwich Village, where all bad little girls go when they are stung by ambition. Ambition stings her hard and so do a group of parasites such as were never seen in any village, Greenwich or otherwise. So the lady is rescued by a nice lawyer, who is a friend of her family. The comedy is pretty consistently entertaining and it has several honest-to-goodness laughs. Miss Allison plays with plenty of vivacity and so does Ruth Stonehouse, who is important in the cast. There is also another episode in the serial, The Veiled Mystery.

Roads Open About May 1st.  
 B. M. Hill, Chief Highway Engineer expects that the trunk roads in the vicinity of Fredericton will be declared open for motor-traffic by May 1st. Recently the road from this city to Woodstock was inspected and numerous frost-holes were found in it.

There is no telling, in this season of hope, what the weather is going to be between one forecast and the next.

## Anticipating Every Need For SPRING SEWING

Spring Sewing Week has as its aim, inspiration to women who have sewing done in the home.

The Store looks forward each year to assembling fabrics, trimmings and every other essential to Spring sewing along with timely style suggestions for creating all sorts of lovely things right in the home. The season of tubables is practically in sight. Blouses, lingerie, children's school clothes, new spring suits and frocks will soon be urgently needed. With this store's many available resources at hand every woman has a storehouse of ideas at her command. Moderate prices in all fabrics do much to revive interest in the making of pretty things.

### SILKS

Printed silks and plain crepes are here in gay colorful array, simply waiting to be chosen for blouses, frocks and linings.

### WOOLENS

Pique twill, twill cord and piquette are much in demand for suits, while peruvia, velours, duvetyn, and orlando make smart wraps.

### COTTONS

A glimpse of the new tubables and you will want to start making new frocks of gingham, organdie, and Swiss immediately.

### PATTERNS

With one of this Store's reliable patterns as your trusty guide, nothing becomes too great a task in the field of sewing.

### TRIMMINGS

Upholstery braid is one of fashion's latest whims for trimming new cloth frocks—but just one—there are others just as delightful.

### NOTIONS

Half the battle is won if one attacks Spring sewing well supplied with needles, pins, snappers, buttons, thread and all the rest.

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JUDGEMENTS DELIVERED

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man. Oral judgment was delivered, Justices Crockett and Grimmer allowing appeal and Chief Justice McKeown dissenting. Judgement of court, appeal allowed. This was on habeas corpus proceedings. Offman being held for failure to comply with immigration regulations.

## GAIETY TODAY and SATURDAY

BIG WEEK-END SHOW

MAY ALLISON

— IN —

## Are All Men Alike?

A METRO SPECIAL

ALSO EPISODE 'THE VEILED MYSTERY' TEN

4 Shows Daily—at 2.30, 3.45, 7.15 and 8.40.

MONDAY

MARY MILES MINTER in - "EYES OF THE SOUL"  
 BUSTER KEATON in - - - - "ONE WEEK"

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