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ST. PIERRE FLOURISHING.

George Nestler Tricoche writing in the Halifax Chronicle gives a most interesting description of St. Pierre, the tiny French archipelago, located on the northern shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The little colony is described as consisting of 83 square miles, is 4½ days from Boston by boat and 44 hours from Halifax. The fisheries used to be the mainstay of St. Pierre but since the Volstead Act was adopted in the United States and prohibition in some of the Canadian provinces, the people are so busy making money that they have little time to fish. In short as Mr. Tricoche says, "the fishing is practically reduced to the important shore fishery", and St. Pierre has become the greatest smuggling centre in the world.

The following extract from Mr. Tricoche's article will give a fair idea as to what prohibition is doing for the little bit of France which remains in North America:

"The new-comer, in St. Pierre, is at once impressed by the fact that there is a great deal of public works going on. Dredging, pile driving, pier building, pipe laying, a swell as the erection of new wharves or plants are striking evidences of an activity hitherto unknown in the little colony. Should a traveller ask for the reason of this new order of things, he is told that St. Pierre is getting rich, "vraiment riche, Monsieur!" The local treasury has a reserve of twenty millions of francs; this city, 80,000 francs. "Before 1919," adds your interlocutor, "we were a burden to the metropolis." "Parbleu!" chimes in another native, "1919 was a turning point in our economic history!" And if you do not understand, and inquire: Why 1919? they lift their eyebrows, with a shrug: "Because it was the year of the prohibition." The Volstead Act; such is the world of the enigma—and the chief cause of St. Pierre's prosperity. The French archipelago has become the greatest smuggling centre in the world; and, of course, the local authorities are wise enough to close their eyes. They simply placed a heavy duty on all liquors, and especially whiskey, brought to the colony's warehouses. For a while, said duties were as high as 30 francs per case of 12 bottles; out of this, about 10 p. c. went to the city treasury. But, later, Cuba and some West Indies places making better terms to Messieurs les Negociants alias; the booze people), it became imperative to lower the tariff, in order to keep the precious trade. Therefore, now, only 7 to 8 francs are levied per case, 60 centimes being the city's part. Even at that reduced rate, returns are exceedingly satisfactory. No wonder any attempt to interfere with the present state of affairs is strenuously opposed by the population. Not long ago—so we were told—a British consul had to be recalled, because his activity against the smugglers had roused the ire of the populace. And a Newfoundland Special Agent was compelled to flee, for the same reason; he barely escaped a ducking! An overzealous French official, who had kept his eyes too wide open, was burned in effigy and obliged to take shelter on a steamer, with the police's help. The Saint Pierrais do not joke when the liquor question is at stake. It may be added that the prosperous situation of the colony is partly due to the Canadian double duty bond, on account of which the rum runners were forced to leave the port of Halifax. Be it as it may, prosperity is there, apparently to stay. A Halifax business man, who visited the archipelago last fall, is quoted as stating, very aptly: "If I were to give advice, I would not say: Go West, young man, but, go to St. Pierre, where fortunes are being accumulated."

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Band Concert Enjoyed  
The band concert put on last evening at the Wilnot Park by the York Regiment band was very much enjoyed by a large crowd that attended. Cars were lined up around the park listening to the music. The band made a very stirring sight, resplendent in their new uniforms and the music rendered by the band under the leadership of Band Master Ernest Beatty was of the finest. Several beautiful overtures were among the selections played.

The Halifax City Council at a recent meeting went on record as favor-

ing the repeal of the Nova Scotia Temperance Act and the substitution therefore of a system of government control. Of the seventeen aldermen present only two dissented and the resolution was adopted with very little discussion. The alderman who moved the resolution said that after twelve years of trial prohibition had proved a failure and that conditions were better when 170 rum shops flourished in the city than is the case today. Another alderman declared that "there were more crimes perpetrated in the name of temperance than in any other cause extant".

A critic of the York-Sunbury Conservative executive points out that the Hon. Mr. Bennett's meeting at the Arctic Rink on Saturday night was not as large as one addressed by Hon. Arthur Meighen in the same building in 1921. It is true that there was some difference in the size of the two meetings, but this is no reflection on either Hon. Mr. Bennett or on the Conservative executive. Hon. Mr. Meighen visited Fredericton in the midst of a Federal by-election when the political pot was at the boiling point; the weather was fine and the meeting was not held on a Saturday night. The fact remains just the same that Hon. Mr. Bennett's meeting was one of the finest of a political nature ever held in Fredericton.

The Royal Bank of Canada August circular has this to say: "If the theory advanced by Cassel and a number of other modern economists is correct, that an increase of construction constitutes the best indication of those periods when a country is making rapid economic progress, an analysis of Canadian building statistics for the past four years would indicate that the country is in the midst of an unparalleled era of growth and development."

A Frederictonian who motored from here to Woodstock on Friday last is satisfied that this city is getting a fair share of American tourists on the way up river he met 68 cars in all, 51 of which bore American license plates, 14 New Brunswick license plates, two were from Nova Scotia and one from Ontario. He is satisfied that every car he met on the road came on to this city.

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\* THROUGH OUR SIEVE \*  
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Television may eventually mean the broadcasting of comic strips.

If she looks good eating corn off the cob she'll pass all other tests.

Gardeners apparently have found it impossible to cross the watermelon with the pumpkin.

Ho, hum! Another prophet got his dates mixed. The world didn't come to an end yesterday.

Lima Beane says the man isn't exactly a fool because his opinions are out of plumb with yours.

Without further designation, there is the kind of man who would ask a barber how to dispose of used razor blades.

Radio listeners stand by when requested. It is never necessary for the announcer to fire a shot across the loud speaker.

Middle age is that period in life when a man would rather look at a spectacular sunset than at young people petting in the park.

If the pedestrian must be run down at the intersection it doesn't matter much whether the car committing the assault is making a right or a left turn

Unique announcement of engagement as presented by the Atchison. Globe: "An Atchison girl who has money in her own name will go into the hands of a receiver in the fall."

MANY GUESTS  
AT THE WINDSOR

The following guests are registered at the Windsor today: J. Roy Cass, Moncton; Glen Cunningham, St. John; R. S. Miller, Yarmouth; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McKinney, Mrs. Parker, St. Andrews; Mrs. Hooker, Wellesley, Mass; G. E. Church, Toronto; W. H. McGraham, New York City; Mrs. P. Knubley, Montreal; Grace M. Russell, Boston; M. J. Buckley, St. John; F. E. Hildebrand, Chatham; Mr. and Mrs. Wm H. Hotchkiss, Mauravoneck, N. Y.; J. A. Tucker, Miss A. G. Waring, New Glasgow; C. Bell, St. John; Arthur Donnelly, Lake George, N. B.; H. S. Estabrook, St. John; W. D. Steele, Braeside, Ont.; J. F. Doucett, Worcester, Mass; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wandless, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Tingley, Lynn, Mass; Miss F. G. Ely, New York, N. Y.; A. F. Logan, Kitchener Ont; Ray Eisman and wife, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Ed. M. Leger, Montreal; P. M. McMahon, Moncton; James R. Kelly, John M. Herban, Boston, Mass; R. M. McKinnon, Mrs. McKinnon, Misses McKinnon, Miss Walker, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Wilkes, Pittsburgh, Pa.; C. S. Wiscott and wife, R. C. Wiscott, Madison, Me.; H. C. Hill, Mrs. I. A. Beaton, A. J. McEachern, Mrs. Bella Brown, Boston; Ellis A. King, Lakeville; Gladys Breever Milleville, N. B.; J. Caouette, St. John; Frank Hayes, Nash Creek, N. B.; Miss R. A. Moran, Worcester, Mass.

Late Mrs. William A. Hay.  
The funeral of the late Mrs. Cara Bertha Hay wife of William Hay of this city, who passed away on Sunday afternoon at her home in Charlotte street, took place this afternoon from the late home and was largely attended. Service was conducted by Rev. G. C. Warren at two o'clock, after which interment was made at the Mouth of Keswick cemetery. A profusion of floral tributes were paid to the deceased who was well known and highly respected by all who knew her.

Free Vaccination

I have been instructed to announce that Dr. W. S. Loggie, Medical School Inspector will be at the High School, George St., Wednesday Aug. 22nd from 2 to 5 p. m. and on Friday, Aug. 24th from 10 to 12 a. m. and from 2 to 4 p. m. to vaccinate children intending to enter the Fredericton schools.  
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