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TIMELY ADVICE UPON PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FIRE

Readers of the daily press are rarely able to pick up their newspapers without finding in its columns an account of a fire somewhere or other of greater or less magnitude. So long as these fires have not taken place anywhere near home, unless accompanied with considerable fatalities, they make but little impression on the reader. The recent disaster at Campbellton is the biggest affair in the way of a fire that has happened in New Brunswick within the memory of the large majority of the present inhabitants, and has aroused a consequent degree of interest.

How the fire started, does not seem to be very clear, but its origin appears to have been in a lumber mill. A contemporary discussing the causes and origin of the average fire, makes some pertinent suggestions for rendering such disasters as unlikely as possible.

Spontaneous combustion, among other things, is a frequent and unnecessary cause of many fires. When once any discarded machinery or refuse of any nature is put away in a corner, this corner will soon become a dump heap for all sorts of cast-offs. In the course of time, if there is any old clothing, overalls, or similar garments among the refuse, sufficient heat will be generated to cause spontaneous combustion. Fire of this sort usually smolders for some time and is as liable as not to break out in the dead of night when there is no assistance at hand to suppress it. Well ventilated clothes-closets should be provided and anything which is not in use should be properly disposed of.

Many a serious fire has been caused by a parlor match ignited by mice or by the heel of an employee. Workmen should be especially warned to use all due care to prevent fires of this nature. Matches should never be left in the pockets of work-clothes or any other place where they are liable to fall to the floor, or to be visited by rodents.

Watchmen's lamps of inferior make are often responsible for conflagrations. There are so many different kinds of absolutely safe lamps, burning non-explosive oils, that accidents of this sort appear inexcusable.

Carelessness in boiler houses is often responsible for a great deal of trouble. Fuel is frequently piled entirely too close to the boiler front, a sudden back draft emitting sparks which, unless promptly extinguished, might easily start a serious blaze. Firemen are not always careful to see that feed-pipes are removed from fire holes in the boilers the instant they are not, in actual use, or whenever fans are stopped. In this way sparks frequently run back to dust collections. Dust accumulated on boiler tops is very often known to dry out and char to such an extent as to ignite and spread fire to surrounding woodwork.

Frequently fires are caused by friction from overheated bearings. The danger from this source is so evident as to require but little discussion. Proper oiling and examination for frictional irregularities is about the only remedy.

The small fire-fighting apparatus usually found in connection with a saw mill should always be kept in complete repair. Not only should the main parts be kept ready for immediate use, but such small things as hose couplings, wrenches and nozzles should be frequently examined. Rusty iron nipples on hydrants can be put in proper shape with kerosene oil, or, better still, they should be replaced by brass nipples. Hose should always be kept attached to the hydrant, and an extra supply be conveniently near for immediate use.

Scattered or badly piled timber in

yards or sheds is not only unnecessary, but a dangerous proposition. Sparks are always more or less in evidence in the atmosphere around a sawmill, and the more compact the piles the less danger there is of ignition.

As a final suggestion, it may be stated that more time and labor is lost each year in filling empty barrels from which water has been lost by evaporation or by other causes, such as stock drinking or by trash accumulating in the barrel, than would be consumed in providing suitable covers for all.

HELPING HIS PARTY OUT

Ex-President Roosevelt is exerting himself to help his party out of the slough. He is the republican best equipped to handle both regulars and insurgents. The insurgents know he does not like too much conformity, and the regulars know he never was a bolter, even when beset by great temptations. Hence his power over factions.

In conformity with this theory, he announces that he is looking for the best man to run for governor of New York on the republican ticket. His taking the wheel is the first indication that Empire state republicans would be able to present a good front in the fall campaign.

With Roosevelt on the operator's seat the democrats will have to steer cautiously. The republican machine is sure to be in good condition when the ex-President is in charge of it.

TOBACCO CULTURE

It is announced that the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa is about to investigate the possibilities of the Province of Nova Scotia for tobacco culture, and propose to make some practical experiments in that line along the Annapolis Valley next year. This announcement should be of interest to New Brunswick farmers for what is possible in the Annapolis Valley is possible in the St. John Valley also. When the soil and climate are suitable, tobacco is a profitable crop and a comparatively easy one to handle. The matter is worth the consideration at any rate, of Commissioner Landry and Secretary Hubbard.

The symptoms of "Canada's growing time" are not as yet very apparent in connection with the Mayor's fund for the relief of the Campbellton sufferers. Those citizens who had so much to say about the want of promptitude on the part of the city council in sending assistance, should make a note of this and act promptly themselves.

ST. JOHN BOY BADLY INJURED BY EXPLOSION OF GLYCERINE CAP

St. John, July 15.—As the result of the explosion of a dynamite cap this morning about 9.45, at the home of Mr. Manford Ritchie, 14 Acadia St., his grandson, Clifford McLeod, aged 8 years, may lose the sight of both of his eyes. The boy, who lives with his grandparents, was sent to the woodshed shortly before 9 o'clock this morning to get an axe and bring it upstairs. It is supposed that he started to cut some wood and found a length of fuse with a dynamite cap attached. Thinking it was a piece of wire, he placed it on the block and struck it with the axe, causing the explosion. The explosion was heard in the house and the boy was found with blood streaming from cuts in his eyes and chin. A hurry call was sent for the ambulance and he was taken to the hospital, where he is reported to be resting comfortably, though in danger of losing his sight.

Subsequent examination shows that the boy's eyes were punctured by a piece of the cap so that the substance had run out and his right eye was so badly injured, that it is doubtful if the sight can be saved.

ANDY COAKLEY IS SOLD TO MONTREAL

New York, July 15.—Andrew Coakley, a former Chicago National league pitcher, who was with Louisville early in the season and was suspended in the season and was suspended by that club has received word from Pres. Grayson of the Colonels, that he had been sold to Montreal. Coakley says he will refuse to join the Canadian team until he gets a settlement of his claim against the Louisville club for back salary.

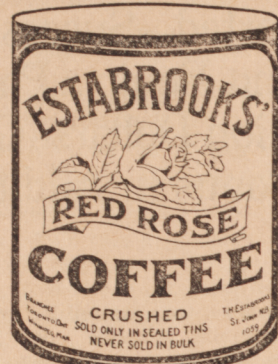
Ex-Ald. John S. Scott returned from St. John last evening and went up river by this morning's train.

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J. M. ROBINSON & SONS WEEKLY STOCK MARKET REVIEW

This week in the Stock Market has been characterized by strength, particularly in the leading stocks which show a remarkably good recovery from the low point reached a fortnight ago.

It is not however, to be supposed that a continued advance will prevail without some declines, in fact, from the present standpoint, with the market becoming very quiet and transactions almost nominal on the advance, it appears probable that there will be some further set backs before the turn actually arrives. So far as general conditions are concerned, they are uniformly favorable. It is true that the wheat crop is likely to be somewhat smaller than was hoped at the beginning of the season. Cotton, however, will be a very fair average crop. Business conditions, though quieter than they were at the beginning of the year, are still good and last, but not least, money, the most powerful factor in determining stock market conditions, is easy. As has been frequently pointed out, the general trend of stocks for almost a full twelve months has been downward and the loss represented by the decline of prices during that time runs into very large figures. It is considered that this has amply discounted the slowing up in general business, which has already taken place and any that is likely to come during the next few weeks.

Mid-summer is proverbially a period of dullness, it is the time when crops are beginning to be harvested and business on that account is generally somewhat slack. It is also the holiday season and on that account is always a dull period in the financial markets. It will not, therefore, be a surprise if an extremely quiet and dull season succeeds the decline of June and July, but it is anticipated that this will be followed by a more active and advancing market in the fall.

MONEY.

Money conditions are generally good the British Bank position is strong, and they are able to ship gold in considerable quantities without feeling the strain.

In the United States money rules easy, with not much demand from the financial interests, the rate which ranged from an average of 3½ to 5½ per cent. during the last four months of 1909 and declined from that point to an average of about 4½ per cent. during the first three months of this year, has since remained particularly steady, though there are indications that this condition will give place to advancing rates during the fall when the demand for moving the crops becomes a factor. In Canada the condition is somewhat anomalous, the banks, while well supplied with money, report a considerable demand and are advancing their rates and restricting their loans with the probable intention of providing for the western demand due in a couple of months.

NEW YORK.

Reviewing the general list of securities in the New York market, it is found that many of the high grade stocks are selling sufficiently low to be attractive to that class of purchasers who buy for investment only. In this class may be mentioned Union Pacific, American Telephone and Telegraph and U. S. Steel, preferred, as leading stocks in their respective classes, though there are, of course,

many others which might be mentioned in the same category.

This investment demand becomes a factor at some time in every declining market and is generally taken to be an indication that the end of the decline is near. A demand of this nature has put in an appearance during the past few weeks, it was apparently initiated by large buying orders from the chief European centres to which we called attention a couple of weeks ago and has since been apparent on this side of the water.

CANADA.

Frequent attention has been called by the leading financial papers to the attractive rates offered by Canadian securities which are certainly selling at very much lower prices than was the case at the beginning of the year. It is, however, a question if the leading Canadian stocks are at a sufficiently low price to make them very attractive to Canadian investors.

The decline in Canadian securities is due to three influences, the chief of which is the sympathetic influence of the New York stock market, the next, refusal by the British investors to take further Canadian issues and the consequent congestion of Canadian securities in England, and thirdly, the general restrictions of loans by Canadian banks and the advance in the rate of interest by those institutions.

All things being considered, however, Canadian stocks have maintained prices remarkably well, the more speculative issues, such as Dominion Iron common, being particularly remarkable in this respect and it appears probable that with a good aggregate yield from the Western wheat fields, and with continued influx of desirable settlers and capital, such as has been noted during the past few years, there will be a much quieter and more marked revival than in the other financial markets.

CROPS.

It is fast becoming apparent that the wheat crop, particularly of the United States, will not be up to the average and that the aggregate will be maintained only through the increased acreage; it is quite possible that these remarks will also apply to Canadian conditions though it is a little more difficult to get reliable reports on conditions in this country.

The probability of the smaller crop than was anticipated has been reflected in the increased price of wheat during the past week and the rapid advance of futures.

At this season of the year, the condition of crops exerts a strong influence in the stock market, and should further unfavorable reports be received it is quite probable that declines in the price of stocks will follow.

COLOURED LADIES CONDEMN PRIZE FIGHT

Louisville, Ky., July 15.—Delegates attending the Convention of the national Assembly of colored women in this city have gone on record as opposed to prize fighting. A resolution introduced by Lucy Thurman of Jackson, Miss., condemning such contests and pledging members of the association to try to discourage and prevent them was unanimously adopted by the convention.

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