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DANGEROUS MATCHES

Most people are familiar with the ordinary "snapping" match and are aware of how prolific a source of disaster this stamp of light producer may become. The news now comes from New York that a day or two ago one of a party of little girls who were dancing on a house roof, stepped on a snapping match. In an instant her clothing was afire and she was terribly, if not fatally, burned.

The snapping match is a nuisance and a danger that ought to be abolished by law. Human lives are sacrificed to it every year, while the losses it causes to property are enormous. There is but one guarantee of safety, and that is in the match that will ignite only on some specially prepared surface. It costs a little more, of course, but as compared with the havoc wrought by the snapping match, it is cheap indeed.

The parents of a child burned to death, or the owner of a house destroyed by the common match, would regard the plea of the expense of safety matches as feeble enough.

CANADA'S MINERAL WEALTH

Sir Ernest Shackleton is one among many millions who believe that the immediate future of Canada will be vast in its results in a number of ways. Plans that seem big, even chimerical, today, may be quite inadequate tomorrow. But it is upon the present unknown mineral areas in Canada that Sir Ernest himself is cogitating most, and to them he intends to give personal attention. He says the mineral future of Canada is pretty sure to be surprising to those who have not given that phase of our country's richness special attention. Even of the known mineral despoils, mountains of iron ore, and what not, little use has so far been made; but the time seems to be approaching, more or less good, when the production of minerals useful in manufactures and the arts will vie in money value even with the production of agriculture. This is only one of the many big things coming upon us which we must face with wisdom if we would avoid being overwhelmed and share among us more evil than good.

PARCEL DELIVERY

A correspondent to a contemporary who feels somewhat aggrieved at the rate charged by express companies for the carriage of small parcels, has been comparing conditions in this country with those that obtain in England. He finds on enquiry amongst other things, that from Liverpool to Manchester, the distance is about 30 miles, and between the two cities are hourly express trains upon which small parcels of merchandise are forwarded with celerity and cheapness. Parcels collected in either city before 10.15 in the morning are delivered in the other city within an hour and a quarter. From the central office and then from warehouses, large stores and agencies in both cities regular collections are made, varying from two to eight daily. Parcels collected in Liverpool up to noon are delivered the same day at all places within a radius of 150 miles.

For a package weighing two pounds or less there is a uniform rate of eight cents to all places in England and Wales and to Irish points; three-pound packages pay 10 cents, four-pound 12 cents, and greater weights up to 25 pounds preserve the same rate of 12 cents for the first 30 miles, increasing after that with the weight and distance.

Comparing these rates with those which obtain in this country, the correspondent considers that there is room for considerable improvement over here.

GROCERIES BY MEASURE

An American journal announces that in the city of Cleveland some 400 of the leading grocers and marketmen have agreed upon the plan of

selling vegetables and all kinds of groceries by weight, and it is believed that in a short time dry measure purchase of foods will be done away with.

This is described as "a real move for reform for the reason that both sides to the trade ought to benefit by it. The buyer will pay for what he actually obtains, while the seller will not have to bother himself with the customers' natural desire to pick out the biggest of eggs and vegetables as under the old system. It is a plan that should spread to every city, for it is founded on justice and the square deal."

The sale of groceries by weight has so long been the rule in this country that the conditions described by the American paper sound very peculiar as even in the case of these goods which are sold by measure, the latter must be of a certain prescribed weight. There is certainly something to be said in favor of selling eggs by weight for as every housewife knows, an egg is an egg when a dozen is ordered, irrespective of size or weight.

AMERICA'S BEST FRIEND

If a country's best customer is a country's best friend, then must the United States be really at heart a great lover of Britain and the British Empire, however successfully in the past she has at times been able to conceal it. But as the Witness observed it is fair to say that of late good-will has been predominant. From a trade point of view, at least our cousins must wish us increasing size and material prosperity, since we purchase more than a third of all their exported manufactured products and nearly a half of their unmanufactured products. Canada and Newfoundland alone last year took \$97,000,000 of the United States manufactures; the Mother Country \$132,000,000 while British Asia took \$13,000,000 and British Africa \$7,000,000. The grand total of British purchases of both manufactured and unmanufactured goods from the United States amounts to many millions and that total would without doubt be much greater if the United States tariff was not framed to exclude as far as possible an exchange of products. This aspect of the case is beginning to be seen by an increasing number of Americans.

A citizen of Fort Frances, Ont., writes to The Toronto Globe:

"This is a sample of paper manufactured at International Falls, Minnesota, from Canadian pulpwood, by Canadian power and American labor. A workman in the mill where this paper is manufactured is not even allowed to reside on the Canadian side. How is that for Conservation of Canadian Resources? We get \$3.50 per cord for the pulpwood f. o. b. car here."

Here is a point for the Governments, both Federal and Provincial. What will they do with it?

Ottawa Free Press:—The Liberals of Manitoba led by The Winnipeg Free Press are making compulsory education one of the chief planks in their platform against Mr. Roblin; and with reason. Manitoba is filling up rapidly with foreigners, and unless their children are given a proper education they will make but sorry Canadian citizens.

The administration of criminal justice under the Hazen government is little short of a scandal. Within the short space of one week, three courts met in different counties of the province and in each instance criminal cases had to be postponed or dismissed because of neglect and incapacity shown by the crown officers. In one case the absence of the attorney general was given as an excuse; in another the clerk of the court was not on hand to perform his duties, and in the third it was found that the crown had neglected to subpoena witnesses.

The local Tory organ is constantly howling about increased expenditure under Liberal rule. Of course the expenditure has been increased. Canada is now a nation doing business on the front street. If proof of the fact that the people are enjoying prosperity were wanting it would only be necessary to point out that Tory editors are now able to ride about in automobiles.

The Toronto News continues its coarse and unwarranted attacks on the Minister of Public Works, which are reproduced with great glee in the columns of the rabid Tory press

WILL HOLD CONFERENCE CONCERNING HOSPITAL

Trustees Appoint Special Committee to Make Necessary Arrangements--Need of Funds is Recognized and Must be Met--Monthly Meeting of Board Yesterday.

The trustees of Victoria Public Hospital met in monthly session yesterday at the institution. Mr. M. Tennant, the president, presided, and the other gentlemen in attendance were Mr. Sterling, Coun. Rogers, Dr. Weaver, and the secretary-treasurer. The absence through continued illness of Mr. Whitehead, was very much regretted, and Mr. A. H. Fitz Randolph has not yet returned from his continental trip, so that the board is not full at present.

From the treasurer's monthly statement it was shown that it required four figures to record the expenditure for May, but this included among other extraordinary expenditures, the sum paid for the year's supply of coal. The report of the matron showed that thirty-three patients were treated in May, eight of these were surgical cases. One death occurred. The contagious wing is now closed, the first time for several months, and the number of patients under treatment today is less than for some time past. It is to be hoped that with June weather the health of the community will be good. Upon the recommendation of Dr. Van Wart and the matron, Miss Nellie Ross, who has completed her probation was accepted on the nursing staff and can now wear the cap. A number of donations were received the past month, and among these was a bountiful supply of orange marmalade in glass, from Mrs. Martha Harvey. Mr. Geo. Perkins supplied fruit to the patients all the month. Mr. Peter McDonald sent some excellent reading matter, and a kind friend who does not allow his left hand know what his right hand doeth, has presented the hospital with a valuable piano. In response to advertisement tenders were received from the local bakers to supply the hospital with bread for one year from 1st July. It seems there was scarcely any variation in the tenders and in view of the weakening of flour prices the offers were not considered satisfactory.

At the meeting a letter was read from Dr. C. Patrick Holden, accepting the appointment as pathologist to the hospital. This very important office has for several years been held by Dr. R. H. McGrath, but this gentleman recently resigned after highly satisfactory service. Dr. Wainwright, who recently removed to

this city from Stanley has made application for position on the medical staff, in event of a vacancy. The staff at present is full.

A letter from the local Board of Health, asking for a conference with the Trustees respecting devising some plan for the erection of an epidemic hospital, so much needed at the present time. After consideration, the following committee was appointed to meet the Board of Health: His Worship the Mayor, President Tennant, Judge Barry, and Dr. Weaver. A question of the amount of fees charged for patients from the Toronto R. R. Construction Company, sent by Dr. Chapman, was referred to the President and Dr. Weaver.

The closing part of the session was devoted to the consideration of plans best adapted to the present needs of enlarged accommodation for patients at the hospital. Mrs. A. F. Randolph has devoted much time and thought, in order that some definite proposition may be given to the general public to secure public approbation and practical support for this institution in which our people are so much interested. Associated with Mrs. Randolph are a number of ladies just waiting for "marching orders." This is a matter in which the interest extends far beyond the City of Fredericton and County of York, and appeals for prompt aid, so that afflicted people in this section of Canada may never be refused admittance for lack of room. In a recent conference with the medical staff the Trustees came to the conclusion that at the present time, some twenty thousand dollars were needed to erect a permanent building for treatment of surgical cases. It was thought that the present Dow Wing could then be utilized for obstetric cases. Much time was given to the subject and it has been decided to invite a conference of friends of the hospital to discuss the whole situation. The President, the Mayor and Mr. Sterling were appointed a committee to arrange for a conference with the public.

It was decided to ask the pastors of the various churches in the city and vicinity to observe Sunday, the 19th inst., as hospital Sunday. Secretary Sampson will supply envelopes to any churches outside the city where they can be used.

HARVEY STATION

Harvey Station, June 4.—The funeral of the late John Ross took place at his home at Acton yesterday afternoon and was very largely attended. Rev. M. J. Macpherson conducting the services. Mr. Ross died quite suddenly on Wednesday of blood poisoning, over a fortnight ago while working with a chisel, he cut his leg a little above the ankle, the wound being so small he did not pay much attention to it. It did not heal however and in a few days became much swollen and painful. The doctor had the swelling reduced and the wound apparently doing well when blood poisoning developed and quickly proved fatal. Deceased was a son of the late Donald Ross and was well and favorably known. He was about 30 years of age and unmarried.

The engagement is announced of Miss Ada W. Robison, third daughter of Mr. Thomas Robison, M. P. P., to Mr. John H. Patterson, of Elliott, B. C., formerly of Sackville, N. B. The wedding will take place at Grand Forks, B. C., about the last of June. Miss Robison was one of our most popular young ladies. She went to Grand Forks about two years ago to reside with her uncle, who is in the lumbering business there.

Mrs. R. A. McDonald and child of the Manse, Richmond, are spending a few days visiting at the residence of Mrs. W. E. Smith.

A thorough preparation of the soil before planting lessens the labor of cultivation, and is one of the factors which produce yields above the average.

of New Brunswick. If we mistake not it was Mr. F. D. Monk, M. P., one of the leaders of the Tory party who so aptly described the News as "that lying sheet."

Hon. George E. Foster having been relegated to a back seat, it is pretty generally understood that ex-Judge Doherty of Montreal will accompany Mr. R. L. Borden on his tour of Ontario.

CHATHAM WORLD

AND MR. HANSON

World Now Admits that it Had no Actual Knowledge of the Matters in Dispute Which it Undertook to Criticise.

(Chatham World.)

Mr. A. E. Hanson writes to say that our paragraph in reference to his assault on the Crockets and the Gleaner's reply by the publication of extracts from official reports concerning his survey, does him an injustice. He says:

"The outfit was mine until returned to the department. In 1908 the survey did not cease, and the same outfit was used in 1909."

There was no attempt on my part to take any canoe out. On the other hand, as my books and accounts will show that immediately the department was credited with \$4.00 sale of canoe."

Mr. Hanson is still after the Crockets, in prose and poetry, heedless of our advice to him to stop writing. We have no knowledge of the merits of the dispute that appears to exist between Mr. Hanson and the authors of the reports from which the Gleaner has quoted.

NEW GREAT SEAL FOR ENGLAND

The new reign renders the adoption of a new great seal of England imperative. Upon the accession of a new Sovereign or upon a change of the royal arms or style, or upon the mechanical parts of the great seal becoming worn out and the fillings and ornaments becoming defaced, an order is made by the Sovereign in Council for the adoption of a new seal; the old seal is publicly broken and the fragments become the fee of the Lord Chancellor.

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