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THE MEDUCTIC BOOST

The speech of Mr. W. S. Tompkins, delivered at a complimentary banquet tendered him by the Meductic Board of Trade a few nights ago, reads like the annual report of the president of a bank which has completed a prosperous year and is about to increase the disbursements to its stockholders. Mr. Tompkins is decidedly optimistic in regard to the future of Meductic; indeed, to read the report of his speech, which was no doubt prepared with care, one would almost think that capitalists and others with money to invest were actually falling over one another in their intense eagerness to get a foothold in the historic village. Mr. Tompkins is known to be a most energetic spirit and there may be a tendency in some quarters to discount some of his statements. It is just as easy to criticize and find fault as it is to build castles in the air and people should hesitate before throwing cold water upon any scheme which has for its object the transformation of a scattered village into a flourishing manufacturing town with modern improvements.

All great reformers in the past have met with discouragements and drawbacks, but they have gone steadily forward until the goal was attained. Bearing this in mind, Mr. Tompkins should not retrace his footsteps because some people are unkind enough to insinuate that his present activity is prompted by a burning desire for political honors—a desire to represent the County of York in the legislature of the province. The Mail is loath to believe that Mr. Tompkins is prompted by any such ulterior motive. It is true that a petition, urging him to accept political honors, has been in circulation in the up-river parishes for some weeks and was even in evidence at the "Flemming plum pudding and brandy sauce banquet" at Meductic a few weeks ago, but we have every reason to believe that it was the work of zealous friends of Mr. Tompkins and was done without his personal sanction. Mr. Tompkins knows that as a legislator he would be a great and shining light in comparison with the men who now represent York, but he is not the kind of man to chase rainbows or political honors. True, he might accept a seat in the legislature, but it would have to come as the heartfelt tribute of a grateful people for glorious achievement. We have it on the very best authority that Mr. Tompkins will accept a nomination only on these conditions. He believes and rightly so, that with his extensive knowledge of public affairs, acquired by affiliation in the past with both political parties, that he will be in a position to render the state some service, and his views are shared by a good many people who ought to know, including at least one Tory M.P. Mr. Tompkins is a booster of the highest order; he is likewise an optimist, an enthusiastic, an agriculturist and a whole lot of other "isms," and if he can transform the Village of Meductic into a wide awake town in the course of a few months the County of York and Province of New Brunswick will, no doubt, find a way to get rid of the useless political timber with which they are at present encumbered and avail themselves of his services.

The influence of the English press of Montreal was thrown strongly into the civic fight against the malversationists and yet the latter won out.

WANTS CHANGES IN
VALLEY RY. ROUTE

To the Editor of the Mail:

Dear Sir:—As a subscriber of your paper I wish you to find space for a few facts I have to say concerning the Valley Railway route. As I suppose the surveyors are looking for a shorter and easier way for the railway to go, it would be easier for them to try what is called the Wilkinson line which starts from Fredericton and comes through Mazerall Settlement and out to the river again at Long's Creek. Then if they did not wish to keep along the river there is an easy way to Pokioik by going through Newmarket to Lake George, and then the Valley of the Pokioik stream and out to the river again at Pokioik. And on this route from Long's Creek to Pokioik it would not be any more than three miles from the river anywhere. This would save the building of many bridges and be at least five miles shorter. This route would serve the people just as well, and save half a million of dollars, for every man cannot have a station at his door. Unless he had the station handy to him he would be as well to not have the railway going across his farm as there would not be any more than three or four stations from Fredericton to Pokioik anyway.

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CANDLEMAS DAY

This is Ground-Hog Day; This is Candlemas Day; and On Candlemas Day, if the sun appear There'll be two winters in one year.

Candlemas Day, in popular parlance, is nothing more or less than "ground-hog day." "ground-hog day" from the ranges of Hudson Bay to the pines of Carolina and from New England to California. According to the popular fable, if Br'er Arc-tomys Monax, the ground-hog, creeps out of his hole between sunrise and high noon this day and sees its shadow outlined by the sunshine, the little animal promptly scampers back into its aperture and there remains for six weeks more. But if he fails to see his shadow, according to popular tradition, it is a sure sign that winter is practically over and there will be an early spring.

There is some dispute as to the origin of Candlemas Day, but most authorities are agreed that this ecclesiastical festival was instituted by Pope Gelasius in the year of 492 in commemoration of the presentation of Christ in the temple and of the purification of the Virgin Mary. February denotes purification and in this month the Romans performed the ceremony of purification of the people. When the church changed this feast of Prosperine, as it was called by the Romans, it retained the procession feature and associated the occasion with the purification of the Virgin.

The festival is celebrated throughout the Christian world annually on February 2 and derives its name from the fact that in the Roman Catholic churches candles are blessed on this day and carried in procession in commemoration of the words of Simeon spoken of the infant Christ, "A Light to lighten the Gentiles."

There is a row on among Northumberland County Tories over the Mail service between Chatham and Tracadie. Mr. Donald Morrison, who has the patronage of the county has made some recommendations to the department, which are not in the interests of Caatham. The ire of that good Tory Commodore Stewart has been aroused and he expatiates as follows on the subject in the last issue of the paper: "If the Government should be foolish enough to listen to Mr. Morrison, and deprive Chatham of the privileges it enjoys as the distributing point and terminus of the Tracadie mail service, no Conservative candidate in the next election would get more than five votes in this town, and ours wouldn't be among the five."

The Fredericton friends of Mr. George Black will be pleased to hear of his appointment to the responsible position of Commissioner of the Yukon. Mr. Black studied law in this city and went to the Yukon with a party of gold seekers in 1898. He practised law in Dawson for a number of years and served as a member of the Yukon Council. He was active in politics and in 1898 was an unsuccessful candidate for the Yukon in the Conservative interest.

HEAVY TRADING IN STOCK
OF STEEL CORPORATION

New York, Feb. 2—The market showed an increase of strength after the opening but with Reading running far ahead of the general list. It was said a large short interest had been formed in Reading in the past few days. One of the bull arguments on Reading was that in the event of a miners' strike the price of coal would be advanced and that the Company had a large supply of prepared sizes on hand. The tip was whispered around that Reading was to be put on a 8 per cent. basis at the forthcoming dividend meeting. By the end of first hour the general list was reactionary.

quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers, St. John, N. B., members of Montreal Stock Exchange

Copper.....	61½	61½
Atchafalca.....	104½	104½
Smelters.....	70	69½
Brooklyn.....	78	78
C. P. R.....	229	228½
Great Northern.....	128½	128½
Reading.....	157½	157½
Southern Pacific.....	107½	107
Lehigh Valley.....	169½	169½
Penn.....	124½	124½
Union Pacific.....	162½	162½
U. S. Steel.....	60½	60½

TRACK TEAM OFFICIALS

The following officials of the U.N. B. track team were elected at a general meeting of students this morning: Captain, Paul Kubring '13; Manager Robt. Eastman '12.

BOUGHT HORSES HERE

Messrs. Thos. Hayes and D. Watson of St. John returned home last night after making a purchase of three horses in this city and vicinity. Rapidity was purchased from Mr. John T. Gibson of Marysville and Master Walnut was purchased from Mr. J. E. Sullivan of the Queen Hotel. A third horse was bought from J. T. G. Hott of Marysville being one which he bought in St. John about a year ago. Rapidity was formerly owned by Mr. J. E. Sullivan and raced on the maritime circuit during the season of 1911. Master Walnut was bought at the "Old Glory" sale in New York a short time ago.

GOVERNOR OF YUKON

An Ottawa despatch says,—George Black of Vancouver has been appointed governor of the Yukon, the former governor, Alex. Henderson having resigned. The new governor is a native of Richibucto, N. B. He was for years a resident of the Yukon and is thoroughly familiar with the country. He has latterly practised law in Vancouver. Mr. Black resided in this city for some years and revisited Fredericton a few weeks ago.

PROPERTY PURCHASE

The dwelling at the corner of Queen and Northumberland street has been sold by Mr. Herbert Gunter to Mr. Charles Gunter who is removing from Queensbury to this city.

Dorothy Russell, daughter of Lillian is appearing in a playlet called "Ambition" which demands emotional work and dramatic ability.

MONTREAL MORNING SALES

Merchants Bank—8 @ 197.
Royal Bank—10 @ 230; 30 @ 232½;
50 @ 233½; 10 @ 232½; 100 @ 232.
Royal (new)—2 @ 129.
Bank of Montreal—1 @ 246.
Steel Corporation—736 @ 60½; 1060 @ 60½; 3240 @ 60½; 485 @ 60½; 1475 @ 60½; 725 @ 60½.
R. & O.—100 @ 120½; 25 @ 120½.
Power—25 @ 190; 25 @ 188½; 210 @ 189½; 25 @ 188½.
Cement Com—70 @ 28½; 125 @ 28½.
Detroit—50 @ 59, 50 @ 58½; 25 @ 58½.
Illinois Pfd—15 @ 90; 5 @ 89½.
Steel of Canada—400 @ 34.
Winnipeg Street—50 @ 260; 25 @ 264.
75 @ 265.
Toronto Street—185 @ 131½.
Rio—110 @ 112½; 25 @ 113, 10 @ 112½.
Cement Pfd—5 @ 88; 150 @ 87½.
Bell Telephone (new)—10 @ 140; 10 @ 136.
C.P.R. rights—3 @ 8; 500 @ 7½ @ 7½.
Paint Pfd—15 @ 94; 85 @ 94½.
Steel of Canada—25 @ 89½.
Crown Reserve—300 @ 296; 50 @ 296; 100 @ 295.
Iron Pfd—50 @ 104½.
C.P.R.—50 @ 229; 100 @ 80.
Coal Pfd—10 @ 111½; 6 @ 112.
N. S. Steel and Coal—35 @ 93; 14 @ 93½.

QUEBEC LANDMARK

WILL DISAPPEAR

(Canadian Press.)
Quebec, Que., Feb. 2—The invasion of the G.T.P. will shortly mark the disappearance of one of the ancient capital's most quaint and historic sections. With the advent of the railway all the houses on the river side of Champlain street, known as the "Cove," will disappear. Much of the property will have to be expropriated.

VIOLET EDMANDS

HAS NERVOUS TROUBLE

Portsmouth, N. H., Feb. 2—Violet Edmands, former fiancée of Rev. Clarence, V. T. Richeson, who will go to the electric chair, at Charlestown, Mass., for killing Avis Linell, is a patient at a private hospital here conducted by Dr. Boris Sidis, the eminent Harvard University Alienist. The hospital is a retreat for nervous invalids.

TRAVELLER'S DEATH

Mr. H.H.S. Parkins a popular commercial traveller of Montreal died suddenly in his room at the Royal Hotel, St. John, last night. He was about fifty-five years of age.

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