

THE ADVENTURE OF BLACK PETER

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blown north. There was one man on her—a landsman. The crew had thought she would founder, and had made for the Norwegian coast in the dingy. I guess on board, this man, and he and the skipper had some long talks in the cabin. All the baggage we took off with him was one tin box. So far as I know, the man's name was never mentioned, and on the second night he disappeared as if he had never been. It was given out that he had either thrown himself overboard or fallen overboard in the heavy weather that we were having. Only one man knew what had happened to him, and that was me, for, with my own eyes, I saw the skipper tip up his heels and put him over the rail in the middle watch of a dark night, two days before we sighted the Sibeland Lights.

"Well, I kept my knowledge to myself, and waited to see what would come of it. When we got back to Scotland it was really hushed up, and nobody asked any questions. A stranger died by accident, and it was nobody's business to inquire. Shortly after Peter Carey gave up the sea, and it was long years before I could find where he was. I guessed that he had done the deed for the sake of what was in that tin box, and that he could afford now to pay me well for keeping my mouth shut. "I found out where he was through a sailor man that had met him in London, and down I went to squeeze him. The first night he was reasonable enough, and was willing to give me what would make me free of the sea for life. We were to fix all two nights later. When I came, I found him three parts drunk and in a vile temper. We sat down and we drank and we drank and old times but the more he yanked the less I liked the look on his face. I spotted that harpoon upon the wall, and I thought I might need it before I was through. Then at last he broke out at me, spitting and cursing, with murder in his eyes and a great clasp-knife in his hand. He had no time to get it from the sheath before I had the harpoon through him. Heavens! what a yell he gave! and his face gets between me and his sleep. I stood there with his blood splashing round me, and I waited for a bit, but all was quiet, so I took heart once more. I looked round, and there was the tin box on the shelf. I had as much right to it as Peter Carey, anyhow, so I took it with me and left the hut. Like a fool I left my hasty-pouch upon the table. "Now I'll tell you the queerest part of the whole story. I had hardly got outside the hut when I heard someone coming, and I hid among the bushes. A man came sliding along, went into the hut, gave a cry as if he had seen a ghost, and leaped it so hard as he could run until he was out of sight. Who he was or what he wanted is more than I can tell. For my part, I walked ten miles, got a train at Tunbridge Wells, and so reached London, and no one the wiser. "Well, when I came to examine the box I found there was no money in it, and

(To be continued.)

GOING TO YARMOUTH THE GREAT HEAT WAVE

Many Educationists Will Attend the Summer School of Science There.

Prof. L. W. Bailey, of the U. N. B., H. B. Bailey, of Fredericton, and several others arrived in the city yesterday on their way to Yarmouth to attend the summer school of science. The nineteenth session of the school will open there this evening and should be a well attended and interesting gathering. Not only the teachers of the provinces, to whom it affords a cheap and delightful outing, should it be of interest, but also to all those lovers of nature who delight to roam by the sea, to climb the rocky cliffs, or to hunt for rare plants and insects. To help and direct the student and teacher in the best methods of study, to teach them to go direct to nature as the great book and to inspire them to further and better efforts, this is the work of the instructors at the summer school. J. D. Seaman, of Charlottetown (P. E. I.), for many years the able secretary of the school, has this year been honored with the position of president. Thomas Stothard is vice-president for New Brunswick, W. R. Campbell, of Truro, being secretary. The members of the staff from this province are Dr. G. U. Hay, of this city, who has the chair of botany; Dr. Andrews, of Mount Allison, in chemistry; Dr. L. W. Bailey, of the U. N. B., in geology and zoology; M. A. Oulton, of Moncton, in invertebrate zoology, and Miss Eleanor Robinson, of St. John, in English literature. Kindergarten work and manual work and manual training for teachers are taught as well as physics and physiology. Classes are held in the morning, beginning on Wednesday, and the afternoons are devoted alternately to field and laboratory work. A number of excellent men have been secured to give addresses in the evening. This has always attracted great numbers to the school. Two whole days will be given up to excursions to points of interest, where the members will see the finest scenery the locality affords, or get an opportunity to collect specimens of interest. A good meeting was held in Yarmouth eight years ago and the members have every reason to expect the same for this year. The school has grown from a small beginning to number more than 200 members, enrolled at most of the meetings of the last few years. The session will last for sixteen days. In Edmundston during the past few days the temperature registered 100 degrees in the shade. Reports from the upper St. John districts generally show the crops in excellent condition with every indication of a good year for hay and produce. The quarterly meeting of the St. George's Society will be held here in the C. of T. room this evening. A full attendance is requested as the matter of the Trafalgar centenary celebration will be brought up.

J. S. GIBBON AND THE CITY SCHOOLS

Lively Meeting of the School Board Last Night Hears Discussion Over Coal.

There was quite a wordy debate for about an hour last night at the meeting of the school trustees. J. S. Gibbon felt that the board were discriminating against him in awarding the coal contracts, and he wanted an explanation. There appeared a suspicion in his mind that the mened were prejudiced against the kind of coal he kept, and for an hour the chairman, Hon. A. I. Trueman, labored to undeceive him, but apparently without avail. It was stated that one of the principal objections the board had against Mr. Gibbon was the way in which he filled his contract in the winter of 1903.

The 1905 coal contracts were read and the chairman pointed out that while it was true that Mr. Gibbon's price was lower on a variety of coal than R. P. & W. F. Starr's, it was that of the kind of coal used least of, while there was a difference of fifteen cents a ton in favor of Messrs. Starr on the coal they bought in largest quantity. He said that while the board might have divided the contract that was always an inconvenient way. Mr. Gibbon said he thought the board had not been treating him fairly. He said the coal merchants all make very strenuous efforts to secure such contracts as that for the schools, as it makes a volume of other business and is a matter of good advertising. For a considerable number of years he had tendered for the coal supply and had not secured it. Whenever he had asked for an explanation he was told he had not the kind of coal the board wanted. He had tried to secure that kind, but without avail. He held that being shut out from obtaining the school contracts placed the firm in a bad light before the public. He was going on to say he had no wish to attack the board, when the chairman, interrupting him, said they did not mind that.

Mr. Gibbon said he thought the members of the board were his personal friends. The chairman—"Then they must allow their sense of duty to override personal friendship, which is commendable in any board." The chairman then went over the ground again and assured Mr. Gibbon there was no intention to throw any reflection either on him or his business.

Trustee Russell then asked about the 1903 contract. The chairman said the board had been compelled to cart away to the dump coal supplied by Mr. Gibbon that winter. Trustee Keefe explained he had been at the meeting when this year's contracts had been awarded, and he had advised against granting them to Mr. Gibbon because of the unsatisfactory nature of the contract of 1903.

The chairman said that Mr. Gibbon had been too smart for the board on that occasion, and they had suffered the loss, and he intimated that no more need be said on the subject, as Mr. Gibbon's remarks were not complimentary either to the board or to the chairman. The other business of the meeting was then taken up. Tenders for painting and kalsomining were received and will be handed to the buildings committee. Trustee Coll presented the report of that committee on repairs to schools. Work will be done during vacation on the Aberdeen, St. Peter's (girls), Douglas avenue, Victoria, St. Peter's (boys), Centennial, Leinster, Victoria annex, St. Joseph's, St. Malachi's, Alexandra and Le Tour. Tenders will be asked for new desks for Albert, St. Malachi's, Winter street, Dufferin and Aberdeen. The following communications were read and disposed of: From Catherine Buckley and Flora Estabrooks, tendering resignations, accepted; from Kate R. Bartlett, who resigns to leave St. John to enter on a course of study, accepted; from E. W. Lewis, of Dalhousie, applying for position on High School staff, referred to teachers' committee; from Edna W. Gilmore, of Leinster street, applying for position on High School staff, and from J. A. Edmunds and Mr. Webb, for positions on teaching staff, also referred to that committee.

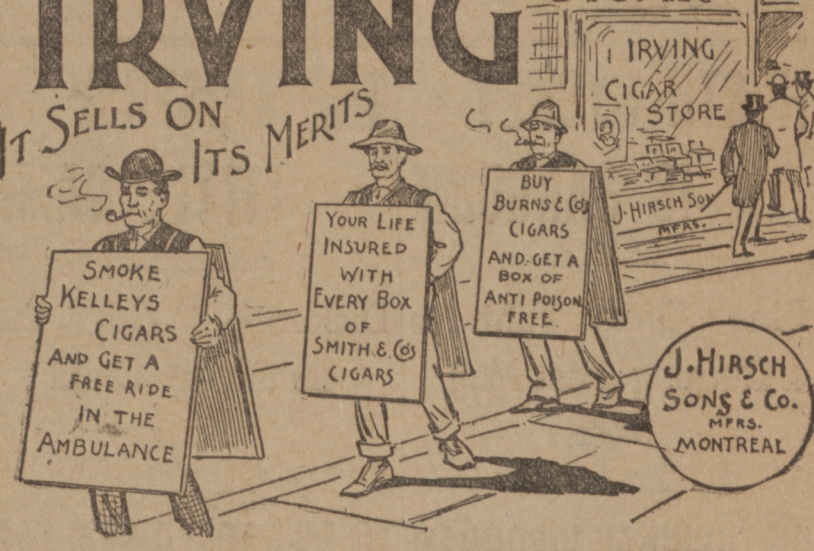
There were present at the meeting last night besides the chairman and Superintendent Bridges, Trustees Russell, Lockhart, Coll, Keefe and Mrs. Dever.

THE G. T. P. ROUTE

It is expected that in about ten days time the route of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway through this province will be definitely known. It is believed also that the engineers have found a feasible route to bring the line through Chipman. Senator King and Geo. McAvity, who have accepted the position of commissioners of the Central Railway, have been calling for tenders for improvements recommended in the report of Gilmour Brown, C. E., who recently went over the road and made a thorough inspection. It is understood, although all of the report has not yet been given out, that the improvements will include bridges at Norton, Coody's, the Washademoak, and also considerable new trestle work. Mr. Brown found that the road bed has been greatly improved, and that the rails are in excellent condition—that the new portion of

the road is quite the equal of the I. C. R. The tenders for the work are called to close on 25th inst. WOMEN'S COUNCIL Mrs. Willoughby Cummings Met Local Members at Mrs. Dever's Tea Yesterday. A number of the members of the local Council of Women met Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, of Toronto, secretary of the National Council of Women of Canada, at an informal reception and tea yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Dever, one of the local vice-presidents. The question of registration of trained nurses, the exercise of more stringent supervision in the canning of foods, the method of procuring a better supply of a desirable class of female servants, and other matters were informally discussed. These subjects will be further dealt with at a regular meeting of the local council Friday afternoon, when the delegates to the recent conference at Charlottetown will submit their reports. Mrs. Cummings will leave this evening for Quebec. The matter of the registration of nurses was taken up at Charlottetown at the instance of the Trained Nurses' Association. While it is desirable that no properly qualified woman should in any way be obstructed in the practice of her profession, it is considered that the public should have some way of knowing she is qualified. There are schools, both American and Canadian, that give courses of instruction by correspondence and grant diplomas to people who have had no practical experience whatever, and the registration is desired to remedy this. The consensus of opinion was in favor of this desire of the trained nurses. Mrs. Cummings is sending letters to the maritime local councils to find out their position on the question. In Ontario, in the Niagara peninsula, where a great deal of canning is done, it has been the custom of the canning men when help is scarce to employ Indians, men, women and children, to handle the fruit, and in many such cases it is claimed little regard is had for cleanliness. In one factory where these Indians worked, the wash basin, it was said, seemed to be unknown. The Ontario factory laws do not cover fruit canning. While the evil does not likely exist in New Brunswick, the province, as a consumer, is exposed to the common danger from such methods. Here, however, a similar evil exists in the frequent exposure of non-washable foods to the dust of the city streets. The subject discussed of most interest

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to the housewife was how to secure an adequate supply of a desirable class of servants. The supply of this class of immigrants falls off in winter. As a result of organized efforts the Toronto ladies have brought out a good many English girls, and the members of the local council are being stirred by a similar ambition.

There were about twenty-five or thirty ladies present at the gathering, and among those who took part in the discussion besides Mrs. Cummings, were Mrs. D. McLellan, Mrs. Manning, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Thos. Walker, Mrs. Dever and Miss Berryman. As the discussion was entirely informal, no action was taken on the various questions considered. An interesting book printed in English has just been received by the local council from the National Council of Women of Norway, giving a history of that country.

A PLEASANT AT HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor Celebrate Their Wedding Anniversary. What was without doubt the most brilliant and interesting social event of the season at Robb's was an at home last evening in the Belle View Hotel in honor of the tenth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Taylor. The floral decorations were extremely beautiful and adorned with exquisite taste and the hotel grounds, which were lighted with Japanese lanterns, presented a scene of great beauty. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were at home to a hundred or more guests, the reception being at eight o'clock. At 11.30 supper was served on the beautifully decorated table in the dining room of the hotel. During the evening many of the guests engaged in dancing in the pavilion on the grounds, others played at cards in the hotel parlor. The dance programmes were of unique design, each having attached to it a little tin bell, symbolic of the occasion. Music was furnished by Harrison's orchestra, of this city. Quite a number of guests went out from the city to attend.

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