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CITY COUNCIL SHOULD ACT

There are several important matters which should engage the immediate attention of the city council.

Some time ago the board of trade felt it necessary to call a meeting to deal with the question of nationalizing this port. A joint committee of the board and city council, it was then stated, would deal with the question. Ald. Bullock stated that he believed the council's committee had certain necessary data relative to the value of harbor properties nearly ready to submit to the joint committee. This was some time ago, and the joint committee has not yet settled down to work. Why this delay? A statement should be submitted to the parliament which will meet this month.

Another important matter is the second steamship berth on the west side. If another berth is to be constructed at the end of the one Mr. Clark is building, tenders should be called for so that the timber could be got out this winter. This question should be dealt with at once.

There is also the new assessment bill, which should be considered as soon as possible, in order, if it is acceptable, to be made law as soon as possible.

FARM LANDS AND FARMING

The department of agriculture in the United States has discovered that there has been of late a marked advance in the value of farm lands in the middle and western states. The average advance, the whole country over, in six years is estimated to have been 38 per cent. The least advance has been in the eastern North Atlantic states—only 13 per cent—as compared with 36 to 40 per cent in the west and south. Among the causes for the advance, apart from a growing scarcity of free lands, and a growing demand for produce due to a larger population, are mentioned: improved methods and new ideas in land cultivation, resulting in greater productivity per acre; lessened expenses of marketing by reason of elimination of middlemen and reduction of freight charges; and the bettered highways over which farm products must be drawn for shipment—a result to a large extent of the good roads movement. Then, too, farm life has been made less isolated and much more attractive by the telephone, rural free delivery and electric railways, with a resulting demand for farms from those who seek to escape the confinement and nervous strain of town life.

It is to be noted that in the United States as in Canada the east shows less advance than the west. This is not because eastern lands are not profitable when farmed in the right way. The man who takes a comparatively small piece of land near a good market, and applies himself to supply in the most scientific way the produce that market requires, has no cause to envy the farmer of the west. He has a sure means of profit, and the advantages of life within easy reach of a city, with all that this implies in terms of comfort, culture and pleasure.

THE NORMAL SCHOOL

A despatch from Fredericton to the Telegraph says:—

"In view of the desirability of increasing the accommodation at the Normal school it has been suggested that possibly arrangements may be made whereby a thoroughly up-to-date building may be erected for teachers and pupils of the school. In this event accommodation would likely be provided for pursuing nature studies and a course of training in agriculture under the control of the staff of the university. Should an advance move be made in this direction it is not impossible that handsome aid might be given from outside sources."

It has been suggested to the Times, and the suggestion is a good one, that a kindergarten department might be added as part of the enlarged work, to enable student teachers to see the work of an experienced kindergarten, and to receive training themselves in this branch of work. Sooner or later the kindergarten will be made a part of our public school system. We have it now, as Mr. Kidner has observed, "in spots," and an enlargement of the scope of the Normal school work might very well include a kindergarten course.

The important announcement is made that the provincial government will confer with the government of the State of Maine relative to the provision of better facilities for log-driving on St. John

headwaters in the dry season of summer. If the two governments can agree on a plan of water storage that will not be too expensive for the purpose desired it will be a boon to lumber operators on both sides of the border. At all events, cordial feeling between province and state will be welcomed, at a time when boundary questions are much in the public mind.

Mr. W. Richmond Smith, the well-known Canadian journalist and war correspondent, has caused a mild sensation in London by the first of a series of articles in the Standard, in which he describes the "Americanization of Canada" as dangerously likely to lead to the absorption of this country by the United States. Mr. Smith's review of the conditions is superficial. There is no danger of the absorption of Canada by the country to the south. The spirit of Canada is Canadian and British, and there is no danger of a revolution.

The announcement was made at Campbellton on Saturday evening that the object of the campaign inaugurated there by Mr. E. Tennyson Smith, the English orator, who comes to St. John this week, is provincial prohibition. It has been quite a number of years since a general temperance campaign was carried on in New Brunswick, and it will be interesting to note what will now be the effect upon public sentiment generally of an appeal such as that which Mr. Smith makes to the people.

The stranding of the steamer Kensington in the lower St. Lawrence so near the close of navigation on the river is most unfortunate. This accident, however, cannot fairly be charged against the river, since it occurred many miles outside the pilot station, and during a snowstorm.

The impression prevails that the Empress steamers will come direct to St. John. Their doing so would set at rest once for all any doubts expressed in Halifax or elsewhere relative to the adaptability of St. John as a mail port. The test should certainly be made.

The reply of Mr. W. Frank Hatheway to the statements made by the street railway company makes very interesting reading. The questions Mr. Hatheway asks are timely and pertinent. His letter appears in today's Times.

IN THE CHURCHES

Two Pastors Say Farewell—Visitor From Hayti Preaches in St. Phillips Church.

Rev. A. J. Prosser preached his farewell sermon in Waterloo street Baptist church last evening. His text was "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" Rev. Mr. Prosser has accepted a call to Port Maitland, Queens Co., N. S.

Rev. A. D. Holder preached an interesting sermon last night in St. Philip's church. His text was "What think ye of Christ?" The reverend gentleman is superintendent of the English African Methodist work in Hayti, and is touring Canada in the interest of the mission. He stated in the course of his sermon that the world is growing worse. He also referred to the price of bread being seven cents a loaf in this city, while but five cents was asked in Halifax. In St. John, Rev. Mr. Holder said, there was a combine and alleged it to be the work of the devil.

Victoria street Baptist church was crowded last night, when Rev. David Long, the retiring pastor, preached his farewell sermon. He took as his text: "For me to live is Christ." He referred to several features of his pastorate, which covered a period of nine years—during which 130 had been added to the church, a \$1,500 mortgage had been paid off and the building enlarged and repaired. Mr. Long leaves Wednesday for Calgary.

In the afternoon Mrs. Long was presented by the Sunday school with a handsome Bible.

RECENT DEATHS

Thomas Rooney, son of the late John Rooney, of this city, died in a hospital at Campbellton last evening of peritonitis. Deceased was an unmarried man about 45 years of age and lived in Chesley here until about a year ago when he went to Campbellton to work in the mills. He left three brothers, John, Patrick and Frederick, of this city, and two sisters, Mrs. P. Cleary of Chesley street, and Mrs. E. Fitzgerald of Boston. The body will be brought here for burial.

Wm. W. Wetmore died at his home, 40 Exmouth street, on Saturday, aged 69 years. The deceased is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. C. J. Smith, of Jersey City (N. J.), and one son, J. V. Wetmore, at home. He also leaves two brothers and two sisters. The brothers are Richard, of Clifton, and Julian V. of Massachusetts, and the sisters, Mrs. Eliza Merritt, of this city, and Mrs. Agnes Flowering, of Sussex. By trade the late Mr. Wetmore was a cabinet maker and was employed for many years with J. & J. P. Howe and more recently with Sterling Lordly.

Centerville, N. B., Nov. 10—Miss Ethel Perkins, eldest daughter of S. A. Perkins, of Centerville, died at the home of her father on Monday morning last of phthisis at the early age of 23.

Miss Perkins had been ill for some time and during the last four months of her life had been confined to her bed.

A father, mother and three sisters are left to mourn the loss of a kind and affectionate daughter and sister.

Hon. F. J. Sweeney passed through the city Saturday on his way from Fredericton to Moncton.

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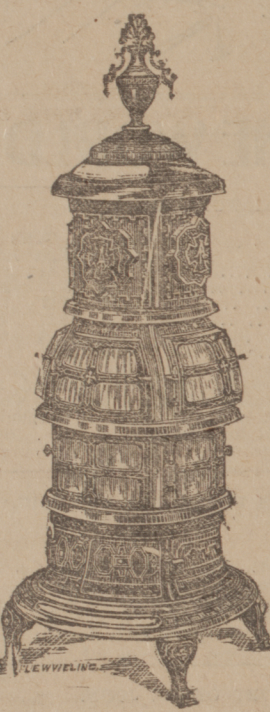
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They'll fret your wide, bewildered eyes;
But 'tis the cat upon the mat
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For, yet awhile, and you shall turn
From Mother Goose to Avon's swan;
From Mary's lamb to grim Khayyam,
And Manicha's mad-wise Don.

You'll write at Jean Valjean's disgrace;
And D'Artagnan and Ivanhoe
Shall steal your sleep; and you shall weep
At Sidney Carton's woe.

You'll find old Chaucer young once more,
Beaumont and Fletcher fierce with fire;
At your demand, John Milton's hand
Shall wake his ivory lyre.

And learning other tongues, you'll learn
All times are one; all men, one race;
Hear Homer speak, as Greek to Greek;
See Dante, face to face.

Arma virumque shall resound;
And Horace wreath his rimed afresh;
You'll bedecor Laura's lover;
Meet Gretchin in the flesh.

Oh, could I find for the first time
The "Churchyard Elegy" again!
Retaste the sweets of now-found Keats;
Read Byron now and then!

Make haste to wander these old roads,
O envied little primer,
For all things trite shall leap alight
And bloom again for you!

—From Appleton's Magazine (November).

IN LIGHTER VEIN

WIENS THEM OVER.

(From the Detroit Free Press.)
"Is Miss Flirt a good conversationalist?"

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THE ONLY WAY.
(From the New York Times.)
"He earned \$10,000 last year with his pen."

"Goodness! What did he expose?"

FOR GRANTED.
(From the Cleveland Leader.)
"Poor old Peck! He has escaped from all his earthly troubles and sorrows now."

"When did his wife die?"

A DUBIOUS RESULT.
(From the Baltimore American.)
"Well, Harpud, did you raise anything by your promises to pay?"

"Oh, yes; I raised a smile."

DETAILS WANTED.
(From Puck.)
The wife—John, I had the worst dream just now! I thought you had died!

The caustic brute—That so? What were your last words, my dear?

POSSIBLY.
(From the Milwaukee Sentinel.)
"Why is it that after a man has been married a while he seldom pays his wife compliments?"

"Don't you think paying her bills amounts to about the same thing?"

SHOCKING.
Miss Passay—"The idea of her pretending that she thought my hair was gray."

Miss Knox—"Yes, so silly of her."

Miss Passay—"Wasn't it, though?"

Miss Knox—"Yes, just as if you'd buy gray hair."—Philadelphia Press.

THE OBJECTION.
"Do you approve of spelling reform?"

"Yes," answered the adaptable citizen. "The only objection is that it consumes more time remembering to spell the new way than it does to put in the extra letters."—Washington Star.

PERFECTLY FRANK.
"Speak of me," quoth the novelist, magnanimously, "as frankly as if I had been dead a hundred years."

"If you had been dead a hundred years, I shouldn't be speaking of you at all," replied the critic, taking prompt advantage of the dispensation.—Puck.

SYMPTOM MISSING.
"Do you experience a feeling of heaviness after meals?"

"No; I don't think anyone does at our boarding house."

HER LATE HUSBAND.
"She is forever talking of her late husband."

"These widows are very tiresome sometimes."

"She is not a widow; her husband is a club man."

CHURCH MUSIC
To the Editor of the Times.

Sir,—One of the principal attractions of our city by the sea is the good music in our churches, notably that of Trinity.

Trinity church possesses the finest organ in the maritime provinces, and is fortunate in having one of the most accomplished organists and musical directors in America in the person of Jas. S. Ford; it also has a very efficient paid quartette, besides having plenty of good material in a voluntary choir; but notwithstanding this it is to be regretted that many of the music-loving people of St. John who frequently attend its services to hear the good music (especially the sweet, sympathetic voice of John A. Kelly in solo work) are very seldom or never favored and go away sadly disappointed.

There are also other members in this quartette who possess splendid voices, but who are not heard in solo work. This church pays well for solo singers and there is no reason why the large congregation should be deprived from hearing the best of the solo artists.

A suggestion might here be offered that the dismal, doleful chants selected Sunday after Sunday be substituted by chants more suitable to the words that are sung to them.

Good music is always an allurement, and many a one who is indifferent to church matters has been enticed into a church by the music and heard words which proved a turning point in life.

As the Christmas season is now approaching, when Trinity will lose its popular pastor, would it not be advisable to suggest that some extra music be selected from the old masters to be rendered on this occasion, in which all the voices could be heard to advantage collectively as well as individually and the full effects of the organ brought out by the master hands of Mr. Ford.

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