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MONDAY	6,627
TUESDAY	7,241
WEDNESDAY	6,912
THURSDAY	6,840
FRIDAY	6,882
SATURDAY	7,278
TOTAL	41,780
Daily Average	6,963
Average Daily Sworn Circulation First Three Months, 1906	6,741

THE PLAYGROUNDS

Before the next issue of this paper appears the supervised playground at the Centennial school will have been formally opened. It is with peculiar satisfaction the Times makes this statement. Over a year ago it took up the question and urged that action be taken. Last spring the subject was again brought to the attention of the public, and a good deal of space devoted to articles and general discussion. Later the Times and Telegraph started the fund that has since grown to such large proportions.

But however much gratification these journals may feel at the signal success of the present movement, the credit belongs primarily to the Women's Council, and especially to Miss Mabel Peters, the chairman of their playgrounds committee. No action toward supervised playgrounds in Canada was taken until the National Women's Council made it part of their aims and purposes. The work was taken up in several cities, notably Montreal and Toronto, and the result was most encouraging. In the meantime Miss Peters had written articles for the press here, beginning over half a dozen years ago, and had persistently kept the question before the public. In the annual reports of the Women's Council there was always a reference to this needed work. The seed was sown, and when these papers took up the question and a fund was started the response showed that the educative influence of those years had not been lost.

The grounds that will be opened on Tuesday, though small in area, will probably be the best equipped of any thus far started in Canada, as the ladies feel that even at a little greater expense at the outset the work should be begun under such conditions as will ensure success.

The next question to be considered is the best use to which the balance of the fund can be applied, and the committee at present feel that they can best serve the interests of the children by co-operating with the city council and the directors of the park, in providing a large free playground at the entrance to Rockwood Park. The matter has been informally discussed, but owing to the pressure of work in securing teachers and equipment for the Centennial grounds it has not been possible to go fully into the subject. Director Oushing has promised to look over the grounds, and the members of the city council are believed to be heartily in sympathy with the movement. It should be possible, without an excessive expenditure, to convert the property at the entrance to the park into a splendid playground of very large size. If necessary, an appeal for funds for this work would doubtless bring a general and hearty response. This question of playgrounds, being now before the citizens, should not be permitted to pass from public attention until the city is equipped on both the east and west sides with ample open spaces for youthful recreation. This is the feeling of the Women's Council, and they will find the citizens responsive to their appeal.

GET AFTER THE DOGS

One of the mysteries of civic economy in St. John is the fact that a city council casting about for new sources of revenue to meet an ever increasing expenditure has not permitted its eager gaze to fall upon the most conspicuous and no doubt profitable source available. The city is over-run with dogs—collared dogs—non-descript dogs—curs of all sorts and conditions. These animals are a menace to women and children, and a scandalous nuisance generally. If people must have them, they should pay roundly for the privilege. Within a circle thirty feet in diameter on Main street yesterday at one time were nine dogs. All over the city are skulking dogs—barking dogs—barking dogs—snarling curs—and all of them filthy and ill-mannered. The aldermen see them and hear them, and if they devoted a moment's thought to the question would perceive in them a profitable source of revenue. Will some forceful citizen set a few dogs on the members of the council and rouse them to a consciousness of their golden opportunity?

THE WAGES OF SIN

The more one reads of the sordid and painful details of the lives of the principals in the New York tragedy, the greater the shock to steady-going people who believe that high position should carry with it a sense of high responsibility. This crime has thrown into sharp relief

one phase of social life in New York, of which the world certainly was not ignorant, and yet which it was content not to discuss so long as the picture was not thrust forcibly into the light. The pity of it is that with exposure comes heart-ache to so many who had no part in the developments leading up to the tragedy.

Were there only the three persons directly concerned in it to be considered, there would still be sorrow over wasted lives and opportunities for helpful service in the world—but these are not all. A writer in the Boston Journal well says: "The consequences of Thaw's crime, like those of most murders, are appalling and far-reaching, and fall heaviest on those who deserve nothing of the kind. He has brought shame, disgrace and suffering upon three entire families; the wife for whose sake he performed the crime is in an infinitely worse position than before, and she man whom he wished to injure has suffered the least. Thaw has a widowed mother who has idolized him, and who never could deny him anything—she is heartbroken. He has a sister who married the Earl of Yarmouth, and one may readily imagine the effect this rash act will have upon her reception among the people with whom her lot is cast. Young Mrs. Thaw has a good mother who is sorrow-stricken. Mrs. White is prostrated, for she has not only lost her husband, but her grief is the more poignant because of the stigma that is cast upon his name."

The possession of great wealth has given too much immunity to men and women whose habits of life lead up to such climaxes and such revelations as are now under discussion. Not alone in the business world of New York is there need of investigation and reform.

A CONTRAST

Three deaths, one serious accident and nearly a dozen heat prostrations were the direct results of the hot wave which struck Boston and New England yesterday. Medford had the sweltering distinction of being the hottest place in the metropolitan district yesterday. Old Sol doing such an exceedingly successful job at disseminating heat in that suburb that it was necessary to close the schools "to save the lives of the children." Immediately after noon the thermometer in the shaded portions of the city registered 92 in the shade, and an inspection of the instruments in some of the school-rooms revealed that many of them registered 100 degrees and over, learning which Superintendent Morse gave orders that the "no school" signal be sounded. — Boston Journal, Thursday.

Occasionally St. John people complain about the weather, and it is worth while at times to institute a comparison. Thursday was regarded as a warm day in this city, but the highest temperature was only 76 degrees. What would we think of it if the mercury went to 100 in the shade?

The expression of relief to be observed on the faces of passengers landing from Boston steamers and trains emphasizes the fact that we have much to be thankful for in the quality of our summer climate.

These are days when it is a joy to be at the shore or on the river, or on the golf links, or anywhere within the call of nature's voices, undisturbed by the noises of the city streets. Today will witness an exodus to such places, and on Monday larger numbers will go afield.

The Times, which will not be issued on Monday, entertains the hope that all its readers may enjoy the respite from labor which this afternoon, tomorrow and Monday will afford them, and that they may find refreshing, whether they go far afield or remain in or near the city.

SEEKERS AFTER TRUTH

The schoolmaster seems to be abroad. That is to say, he is not here, in St. John. But he is greatly needed.

One after another, at City hall, yesterday afternoon, about half a dozen members of the city council stood up and asked for more time to consider the question of applying the compulsory school attendance law.

Early last spring it was known that a compulsory bill would be submitted to the legislature, and that if made operative in St. John it would carry with it certain financial and other responsibilities. There was ample time before and after the bill was introduced and made law for every alderman and every citizen to possess himself of a general knowledge of its provisions, and decide in his own mind whether he favored it or not. It was the particular duty of the members of the city council to do so. Some of them waited till it was presented to them with the bludgeon of public opinion—and then they asked for time—although the subject has been vigorously discussed for half a dozen years.

It was quite natural that Ald. Pickett should express surprise. He and Ald. Bullock and Ald. Hamm favored immediate action, and Ald. Pickett's speech left no reasonable excuse for prolonged delay. Ald. Lockhart, who had at first favored a month's delay, assented to the proposition that it be reduced to a week, and this motion prevailed.

The Times has no doubt that the members who were not well-informed yesterday will now study the act and when they have done so will declare themselves in favor of its application to St. John. To do otherwise would be to bring upon themselves the severe censure of the citizens.

Listening to the discussion yesterday afternoon, and comparing the remarks of Miss Peters with those of some of the aldermen, one could not but feel that the election of a number of ladies as members of the council might make it a more progressive and enlightened body.

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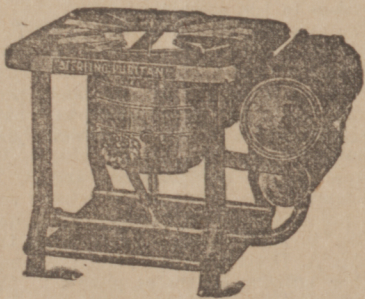
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Leaping from stone to stone,
The wood-dove crying and calling,
Ever alone, alone.

I heard the bells of the heather
Ring in the summer breeze,
Soft stir of fur and feather
And quiet hum of bees.

The piper drew me yearning
Into the dim grey lands,
Where there is no returning
Although I wring my hands.

I saw my dead again,
All in a happy nooning
Of golden sun and rain.

You piper, kind and hoary,
Your pipes upon your knee,
If I could tell my story,
The things you piped for me.

The folk would leave their selling,
And bid their buying go,
If I could but be telling
The things you piped for me.

—Katherine Tynan, In The Spectator.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

THE DOMESTIC BAROMETER.

(From the Baltimore American).

"Do you think it will rain before morning?"
"No, but I think it will storm when I get home."

TOO MUCH SO.

(From the Detroit Free Press).

"Young Scadsky has a very promising career."
"Yes, indeed. He's always promising, but he never pays."

ONE IDEA.

(From the Philadelphia Public Ledger).

"Every woman has one fixed belief about her age, no matter what her age may be."
"And that is?"
"That she doesn't look it."

SOUNDED THAT WAY.

(From the Philadelphia Public Ledger).

"For goodness' sake. What's that noise?"
"The girl next door is having her voice cultivated."

"Hail! Apparently the process of cultivation has reached the harrowing season."

NOT WHAT HE THOUGHT.

(From the Milwaukee Sentinel).

"Senator, I presume your maiden speech was received with acclamations of approval, was it not?"
"I thought so at the time," replied Senator Badger, "but I afterward learned they were exclamations of disgust."

WAKING.

(From the Milwaukee Sentinel).

"What ails young Mrs. Smithkins? She looks so worried lately."
"It's her husband. Before they were married he used to say she was one in a million. After they were married he called her one in a thousand."

"And now?"
"He calls her one in a hundred."

RIVALRY.

(From the Chicago Tribune).

"Traveller (whose train has stopped for coal and water)—Why don't you people here annex that little town we passed through about a mile back?"

Native (on the station platform)—Gosh! That's what we've been waiting to do, but they're trying to annex us now, an' we'll fight 'em till the Panninaw canal's finished 'fore we'll let 'em do that!"

LATER NEWS.

(From the Philadelphia Press).

"Your wife," began the reporter, "and the man with whom she eloped have been located in New York. They were on their way to Europe, but they lost their money."

"Well?" said the man, quite unmoved.
"Well—or—" stammered the reporter, "we thought you might want the news, and—"

"That's not the news. The news is that I've sent them enough money to see them through."

IMMIGRATION TO CANADA

It is now pretty well seen what the total immigration into this country for the present fiscal year will likely be. During the first ten months of the year the total was 117,583 arrivals, compared with 99,209 for the same time last year. This total was made up as follows: During 1906, from continental Europe 23,730, from United States 43,237, and from the United Kingdom 50,619. In 1905 the arrivals from continental Europe totalled 23,637, from the United States 31,696, and from the United Kingdom 43,750. The total arrivals for the period show an increase of 18,176 over those of the same time last year.—Bradstreet.

GROWTH OF ELECTRIC ROADS

Government statistics show that the growth of electric railways in this country during the past five years has not kept pace with the general growth of the country or the expansion in steam roads. In 1901 the total electric mileage was 674 miles and in 1905 it had only increased to 793, or by an average of 24 miles a year.—Bradstreet.

MONTREAL CLEARINGS GAIN

Montreal clearings were fairly large this week, the gain being some \$3,500,000 over last year as follows:

Clearings.
Total for week ending June 28th
1906 \$27,637,170
Corresponding week, 1905 24,159,838
Corresponding week, 1904 19,262,334

AMOUNT TO \$158,049,292

The dividends payable in the states on the first of July will reach a total of \$158,049,292.

Canadian dividends will be over \$3,000,000.

INCOMPETENT.

She—I can't begin to express my contempt for you.
He—Thank heaven there is one subject on which you have nothing to say.
—Brooklyn Life.

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