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TUESDAY	6,788
WEDNESDAY	6,908
THURSDAY	6,774
FRIDAY	6,723
SATURDAY	7,077
TOTAL	41,074
Daily Average	6,845
Average Daily Sworn Circulation Last 3 Months of 1905,	6,553

MANUAL TRAINING

In July and August last year the Times set itself to the task of proving not only that it was desirable to have manual training introduced in St. John schools, but that public sentiment would approve of such action by the school board.

This paper made enquiries with reference to manual training in other places, interviewed persons connected with the work, notably Mr. T. B. Kidner and some others who had practical and expert knowledge; printed reports of work in other cities, got an expression of the views of business men, professional men, labor men, and of civic officials and members of the school board itself. The result of the enquiry showed that public opinion would welcome the introduction of manual training in this city.

The school board at the recent session of the legislature asked authority to increase the assessment, in order that they might add a course in manual training, and also to provide for commercial and domestic science courses. The authority was given.

Last evening the board met and placed in the estimates $2,500 for manual training and commercial courses. Doubtless this will be approved by the city council.

The Times does not know to what extent $2,500, with the additional grant given by the government of the province, will go toward providing equipment and teachers. It may be possible by a slight readjustment and with scarcely any additional expense, to provide as much of a commercial course as is at present desirable. This view has been expressed by one who is in touch with the work of the high school, and if it be correct there can be no reasonable objection.

But it would be most undesirable and unwise to starve two courses at the beginning, merely for the sake of getting them on the list. The one that is most needed, and will be of the greatest practical and general value is manual training. Nothing should be permitted to stand in the way of its introduction under the most favorable conditions. It rather than a commercial course should be the first consideration, for it is what public opinion has strongly endorsed and what is most needed. However, if the board can introduce both, and give manual training the kind of introduction it should receive, it will be doing a splendid work in the interests of education in this city.

PRESERVE THE FORESTS

New Brunswick has just endorsed legislation which will be of great value in conserving its forest wealth. At Ottawa yesterday a bill was introduced to establish forest reserves in the Northwest. In the Ontario legislature a bill quite different from any introduced elsewhere is up for consideration. The Toronto News says of it:—

"An encouraging sign of the progress of popular education in the vital importance of forestry appears in the legislature. There has been under discussion a bill to exempt from taxation all kinds of wood lots maintained by farmers in the province. A tax exemption is an argument that few citizens, rural or urban, can resist, and if the reasons for such exemption are made plain, the cause of forestry will have advanced very appreciably a year after the legislation goes into force. Most farmers do not realize that trees can be of any value except for lumber or cordwood. If they knew that the freshets which cause so much damage every spring were the direct result of the destruction of the trees on the watersheds, they would think seriously before cutting down ten acres of forest to get another wheat field."

DEMAND FOR PULP

The mild winter has had a serious effect on the pulp industry of the United States. So serious, indeed, that it is said there will be a larger demand than usual upon foreign sources of supply. This should be of much benefit to New Brunswick pulp mills. The New York Commercial thus sums up the situation:-

It is probably a fact that no industry has suffered worse from the mild winter this year than the paper pulp industry of the United States. The effect is not yet felt to any considerable extent, but it has already forced the price of cordwood up $1 per cord and this has compelled makers of newspaper to advance prices at least 10 cents per 100 pounds over quotations prevailing but a short time ago.

How serious the situation is can be understood when it is known that there are 100,000,000 cords of pulpwood in the Maine forests already cut which will not be taken out this season. There is no snow in the forests to move the lumber on and there is no snow to make high water this spring to float it down to the mills. The wood must lie there until next winter when lumbermen expect to see more snow.

The effect upon that portion of the paper industry dependent upon the supply of wood pulp for its raw material can only be conjectured. There is already fear expressed that the shortage will be very serious. How serious no one can tell yet since it is not known how large the stock of ground wood pulp on hand is. That will not be known until it is seen how long it lasts. Meanwhile holders of wood pulp are not offering their stocks for sale under quotations as they have been doing and there is a disposition to ask more for what is sold from day to day. As practically all the newspaper now used in America, and much of that used abroad is made from ground wood pulp the effect will be little short of disastrous if the supply runs short.

The shortage will in part be overcome by the addition of several mills which will be constructed in Norway this season. Some of them are under way but whether the output of these new mills will be sufficient to overcome the shortage here due to the unfavorable weather is a question which will have to be decided later. No one can safely make a prediction now.

Foreign pulp is used quite extensively in this country now, but it is chiefly sulphite pulp, not ground wood. Moreover, the price is high. It is impossible to land a ton of sulphite pulp, made abroad, in this country under $25, and that is practically prohibitive. But so firm is the foreign market that it is impossible for dealers here to sell at less. Moreover, the output of the present mills is sold for two and three years ahead. They would not take any more orders if they could get them. The increase in the supply must depend wholly upon new mills now in process of construction or planned.

Domestic ground pulp sells at $14 per ton, and that is the price of Canadian ground wood f. o. b. the mill. The cost depends upon freight to destination. The duty is one-twentieth of a cent per pound for unbleached and one-sixth of a cent per pound for bleached.

It seems highly probable that American manufacturers of paper will have to go to foreign producers for their pulp this year. At present there is nothing in sight to warrant the belief that the probable shortage can be made good in any other way.

It is worthy of note that the director of public works states that the Allan line turbiners may come along now and find all the water they need at Sand Point. The city dredge has done the necessary dredging, without any difficulty. The hue and cry that was raised some time ago does not appear to have been warranted by the actual conditions.

If the men's club which meets weekly, in the basement of the Brussels street church can devise some means of turning into useful channels the activities of the boys of the street, who drift in to enjoy the entertainment, it will help to solve a problem that crops up later in the police court.

The safety board is worried again about fire protection at Sand Point. It is time this question was removed from the realm of discussion. There should be no question whatever about the efficiency of the service at that place.

It is worth considering whhether the city should accept a 1200 candle power light at $70 rather than 2000 candle power at $75. Perhaps the latter would in the end be the greater economy.

The city council and board of trade of Montreal are both bitterly opposed to the proposed new Sunday law. Other portions of Quebec province will probably be not less hostile to the measure.

There seems to be an indication of weakening in the position of the coal miners with regard to the threatened striks.

With men and guns enough the Filipinos will be pacified. Who said that the Boer war was long drawn out?

Civic politics and temperance matters are now much in evidence in this city.

EVERYBODY HAPPY

(Toronto News.)

The Wiarton Canadian announces with grave serenity that at the annual meeting of the North Bruce Conservative Association at Tara "the Conservatives of this riding did themselves honor in being true to their traditions, in that no officer of the government should hold office in the association, or take a prominent part in politics generally. Since the last meeting of the Conservative Association over a year ago, nearly every officer and member of the executive committee has secured a public office or offices. There is no howl about that fact. Every one of them appear entitled to what they secured, and are capable of filling the positions they were appointed to. At the meeting each man of these resigned, and uninterested persons were elected in their places. It is customary for the officers to hold their positions for two years, and in this particular it was hard. R. E. Moore, who was one of the most efficient officers the Association has ever had, gave up the presidency cheerfully, though in office only one year, and his presence, his advice and his ability will prove a distinct loss to the Association. But a principle is a principle, and he willingly bowed to a principle he has fought for for years. The other officers follower Mr. Moore's course promptly. Such actions cannot but strengthen the party, as it shows the members of it in North Bruce are anxious to be honest with themselves and with their leaders in the great cause of Conservatism." This reveals a singularly happy and disinterested temper among North Bruce Conservatives. The accession of the party to power seems to have resulted in a perfect shower of blessings in the peninsula. In the first place, the officers of the association are advanced to public offices, and the vacancies in the association filled by other good Conservatives who thus also receive a special mark of distinction, and have only to advance one step further in order to get on the provincial pay roll. Nothing could be more satisfactory, and nothing more eloquent of the certain reward which awaits the disinterested patriot.

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A LAW ON STORKS

Bangor Needs a Close Time Season on the Famous Bird Nearing Race Suicide.

(Bangor Commercial.)

From all indications, computations and guesses, together with observations of careful men Bangor and Penobscot county need the benefit of a close time on storks for a period of ten years, the same as moose, deer and game birds are protected by Chairman Carleton's digest of the game laws of Maine. In fact in a few generations the bird will become as rare as the caribou, which have become practically extinct in Maine, except for a stray herd seen around Mt. Katahdin within the past two years. Perhaps after President Roosevelt gets through his labors with congress on the rate bill he will turn his attention to Bangor and the race suicide which has struck in Bangor.

Seriously, while the population of Bangor is on the increase the school population has been going down hill for the past five years or standing still without moving one way or the other. The figures show that the number of polls in Bangor is on the increase and has been for several years and the only deduction is that the number of children growing out of or beyond the school age limit is larger than the number of children being born which is a sure indication that the race is deteriorating in the present decade.

Recently, Maj. C. J. House, clerk in the office of the commissioner of labor at the State House, figured out that the population of the state was on the increase, but if Bangor is a fair example of the situation in the state the population is being increased by people moving into the state for the number of children being born is certainly smaller if the reports of the assistant assessors are correct, as they are presumed to be.

In 1900 the number of polls in Bangor was 6,061; 1901, 6,180; 1902, 5,892; 1903, 5,995; 1904, 5,934; 1905, 6,080. For some reason the number of polls dropped off suddenly after 1901 and has since been on the increase until now they are back to where they were in 1900. In that year there were more children than polls, but, according to the last school census the balance has shifted so that there are more polls than children. The corresponding table of children of school age is: 6,181 in 1900; 6,128, 1901; 6,056, 1902; 6,015, 1903; 5,734, 1904; 5,704, 1905, according to the report of the assistant assessors.

MONCTON NEWS

MONCTON, March, 26—Landry & Belliveau, who have the contract for handling the mails between the post office and station appeared out to day with an up-to-date mail wagon. The new conveyance is properly equipped for conveying the mails without fear of the matter being lost and is something Moncton has needed for many years.

Matthew Lodge, secretary of the N. B. Petroleum Co. left today for Ottawa. At a recent meeting of the oil company it was decided to send Mr. Lodge, or some other representative of the company to England to see what can be done towards interesting English capital in the Memramcook oil industry. At present work at the wells is at a standstill.

Con. Al. Welling of the I. C. R. has been laid up at his home here for some weeks with an injured leg.

D. I. Welch, secretary of the Maritime Horsemen's Association when teked today respecting the report that the association was on the verge of breaking up, confirmed the rumor. He says that some of the tracks are not satisfied with dates arranged at the meeting in Fredericton and the appearance now is that the association will soon be a thing of the past. It is possible matters may be patched up and the association continued.

The Riverside hotel was convicted of Scott Act violation this morning and fined $50 and costs.

A very successful parlor concert was held at the residence of G. O. Spencer tonight. The concert was in aid of the fund to purchase a new pipe organ for the First Baptist church.

J. E. Martin, of Salisbury, was arrested here this morning at the instance of Game Warden M. S. Keith, for offering a mink skin for sale out of season. He was fined $5 before Police Magistrate Kay.

SUSSEX NEWS

SUSSEX, March 25—Engine No. 55, on the Sussex train, met with a mishap here last evening, while shunting the train. The engine was running backwards very slowly, when the side rod broke at both ends, stripping the slide rails and breaking the cylinder. The engine was completely disabled. No. 1 train was detained one hour on account of the accident. The engine had to be towed to Moncton for repairs. Had this accident happened while the train was running at full speed it is likely the whole train would have been ditched.

The Dairy School closed yesterday. The attendance was good, especially in the course for making cheese. Instructors Tilly and Daigle returned to their respective homes.

Rev. J. W. Manning, of St. John, spoke in the United Baptist church, Church ave. this evening on foreign missions.

Rev. J. B. Gough, pastor of the Methodist church, gave a stirring address on temperance this evening.

Rev. B. H. Nobles, of the United Baptist church, Main street, administered Baptism to a number of candidates this evening.

Wm. Turner, of St. John, spent Saturday in Sussex. Harry Morton, of Penobsquis, spent Sunday in Sussex. Miss Julia Keith, of Petitcodiac, spent Friday and Saturday in Sussex.

The temperance lodge paid Penobsquis lodge a visit Friday evening, returning by early morning train.

Humphrey and Allison Davidson, of Anagance, were in Sussex yesterday. Ora P. King, M. P. P., returned from Fredericton last evening. Mrs. G. B. Fenwick, who has been spending the winter in Colorado, for her health, returned home Saturday.

There can be no finality to truth that comes to fallible men.

WALL PAPERS

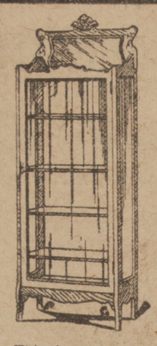
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