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## Circulation of The Times.

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| MONDAY | 6,965 |
| TUESDAY | 6,957 |
| WEDNESDAY | 6,972 |
| THURSDAY | 6,976 |
| FRIDAY | 6,970 |
| SATURDAY | 7,460 |
| TOTAL | 42,300 |
| Daily Average | 7,050 |

**Average Daily Sworn Circulation First Six Months, 1906, . . . . . 6,791**

### A DISCREDITED JOURNAL

The Times on Monday published Hon. Mr. Blair's challenge and denial of slanderous charges made against himself and Senator Thompson, in articles appearing in the Fredericton Gleaner and Moncton Times. The charge made against these gentlemen was, in effect, that they had secretly bought up large blocks of stock of the Central Telephone Co. at or below par value, at a time when they were also asserting there would be no amalgamation of the two companies; and that as a result they had reaped large profits when the merger was accomplished.

In a word, Hon. Mr. Blair and Senator Thompson were charged with shameless duplicity, and with enriching themselves at the expense of the New Brunswick Telephone Company, whose interests they were by every consideration of honor bound to uphold.

Senator Thompson went to England two or three weeks before the merger was effected, and at a time when both he and Mr. Blair regarded a merger as impossible. Therefore, even if he were the sort of man described in the articles referred to in the Fredericton Gleaner and Moncton Times, he was not in a position to betray the interests of those who reposed confidence in his integrity. Mr. Blair says on this point:

"Moreover, he and I never, at any time, exchanged a word on the subject of buying any stock, and I am absolutely convinced and know that he personally did not become interested any more than I did in the stock of the Central Telephone Company."

Speaking for himself, Mr. Blair denied the charges made, with all the emphasis of which language is capable. Thus:

"Speaking for myself, I give these charges the most emphatic denial and positively state that at no time, either before or during the negotiations for the merger or since the completion of it, did I purchase either directly or indirectly one single share of Central Telephone Company's stock, neither did I authorize any person or persons to purchase any on my behalf, and deny that I had any interest of any kind whatever in a single share of this stock."

This, one would think, would silence at once the voice of calumny, so far as the scandalous charges referred to are concerned. But Mr. Blair went further. He called for the name of a single Central shareholder who had been asked to sell or did sell stock to him or Senator Thompson, or anyone acting for them; and he requested the Central Telephone Company's officials to open the transfer books for the inspection of anyone who believed that any such transfer had been made.

Possibly some who read Mr. Blair's letter may have thought his language in denouncing the newspapers in question was unduly vigorous, but so far as the Fredericton Gleaner is concerned he was evidently well-advised, since that shameless journal devoted practically all of its editorial space on Tuesday to a reply which, while it does not directly challenge one of Mr. Blair's statements, yet seeks to discredit them by nasty insinuation. Having lowered itself by becoming the medium of a base attack, it had not the grace to apologise when exposed. It does, however, at the end of the article make this reluctant acknowledgement:—

"If it will be any relief to Mr. Blair we may say that the publication of the stock buying rumor in these columns was not in any way influenced by a desire to persecute him. In fact his conduct in the matter was not even criticized by this journal."

Editorially, perhaps, the Gleaner did not at first criticise Mr. Blair, but it published the slander. When the lie was exposed, a journal of good intentions would at once make such reparation as lay in its power. The Gleaner has not done so, and therefore stands discredited in the eyes of the whole public.

### VERMONT REPUBLICAN

Republicans in the United States will extract considerable satisfaction from the news from Vermont. While it may not indicate the general trend of the November elections the country over, it shows that Vermont at least is solidly republican. Fletcher D. Proctor, son of Senator Proctor, has been elected governor and the Republicans will have an overwhelming majority in the house and senate of the state. Mr. Proctor was opposed by Percival W. Clements, an independent Democrat. There was a fusion of the Democrats with a few dissatisfied independents, but the result has not been satisfactory. The New York Evening Post, on the eve of the election thus discussed the situation:-

In Vermont the Independent-Democratic, or the Clement-Democratic, fusion movement is declared by its friends to be a revolt against machine rule—the quarry entrenched machine of the Proctors, father and son. In the nomination of Fletcher Proctor for governor, the fusionists see the awful prospect of Vermont's becoming as much a heritage of the Proctors as Pennsylvania ever was of the Camerons.

The really good showing made by Percival W. Clement in the three-cornered campaign of four years ago pointed to his candidacy as the welcome straw at which Vermont Democrats are always ready to catch. A 'fusion' that appears to be rather a case of adoption started a campaign which from the first has been largely one of personalities. The Republicans 'stood pat' on everything, on the record of every state and county official, on every law ever enacted by a succession of wise Republican legislatures, and on the public life and characters of the two Proctors. Mr. Clement's choice of issues seems to have been controlled by a perverse fate, for every specific charge he has launched against the Republican regime has been so satisfactorily answered as to cover the author with ridicule, and win for him the name of 'flimflammer' and 'arch defamer of our good state.' His graft charges resulted in his own investigator, who inspected the books of the state auditor, declaring, 'I find no evidence of dishonesty or extravagance,' while at the eleventh hour his charges that the state was selling diseased beef were found to rest upon affidavits lacking both definiteness and probability.

Finally in answer to Mr. Clement's charge that Vermont has been standing still for the past fifty years, comes a bit of 'Federal interference' in the shape of a bulletin of the Census Bureau, which shows that during the past five years Vermont has led all the New England states in percentage of increase of capital invested in manufactures, and in percentage of increase in the number of wage-earners employed. Not all the ill-luck has attended Mr. Clement's charges, however, for the story of his sale of the Rutland Railway to Dr. W. Seward Webb at a fictitious price was proved to be so entirely groundless that it was publicly retracted by Republican press and speakers alike. Indeed the despotism of the Proctors has been of such a benevolent stamp, and the distressed patriotism of Mr. Clement of such futile sort, that we can scarcely expect the lesson of tomorrow in Vermont to teach us a great deal as to the fate in store for other self-satisfied stand-pat communities next November.

Interest in the result in Maine next week will be increased by the Republican victory in Vermont yesterday.

### IN RUSSIA

The conditions in Russia since the dissolution of the Douma have proved that without a parliament of some kind the country cannot be pacified. The situation appears to be very well summed up by a New York paper as follows:

"The scheme for the distribution of the appanage lands would presumably have been welcomed two years ago; today it appears to make little impression. Similarly, before the closing of the universities and higher schools had scattered the natural leaders of revolt throughout the empire, to proceed against agrarian agitators through the police might have been an effective policy; today wholesale arrests in the provinces will do about as much to avert revolution as a popgun to frighten wolves on the steppes. For a manly attitude towards a desperate undertaking Premier Stolypin deserves all credit. But it becomes week by week more evident that without the Duma nothing can be done. From hated hands favors may indeed be received, but never contentment; and Russia is apparently in the position of hating the forces that move the hands of the Czar. But no remedy except that provided by the national assembly is likely even to have a trial. The time has passed when concession can satisfy or recession terrify. It is not even certain that a travailing nation would obey its own parliament; yet that still appears to offer a chance for an orderly solution. Every other way anarchy seems to lie."

One of the most attractive, as it is one of the most interesting in every way of the features of the exhibition is the department under the care of the Women's Council. The ladies have made the section beautiful, and the varied display and the care exercised for the comfort of visitors is worthy of the highest commendation.

Another great and happy crowd spent the day and evening at the exhibition grounds yesterday. The glorious weather of today makes a visit to the fair even more pleasing, and will doubtless encourage thousands of citizens to attend.

St. John people should not fail to see the manual training exhibit at the exhibition. It tells what may be done to make school life more attractive and of greater practical value to the pupil.

With a population in excess of 250,000 Toronto shows a very large increase in a year. The cities of the far west have eastern rivals in the march of progress.

Although it is so early in the season there are some fine exhibits of fruits and root crops at the fair.

The city council must ensure the coming of the big steamships to this port next winter.

H. B. and E. W. Estabrooks, Miss M. Brittain, Miss A. Smith, Mrs. Dunckler and her daughter, Mrs. Jones, all from Boston, arrived in St. John yesterday to spend a few weeks at their native home.


Stores open till 8 o'clock. St. John, Sept. 5, 1906.

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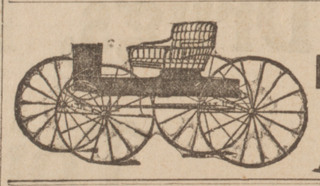
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### BE CHEERFUL

Sing a merry song as you go along;
It is better to laugh than cry.
When a frowning fate knocks at the gate,
If you smile he may pass you by.

The burden too heavy, may lighter seem,
If we stop to admire the road:
The feet so weary, new strength may glean,
If we try to forget our load.

Let our minds go straying in fancy's grooves,
Let our lips hum an old-time tune;
Let our hearts beat steadily, love, love, love,
And the gloaming will turn to moon.

The sun will shine on a new-born earth,
And our pulses will leap and thrill;
The weight and the care will be lost somewhere,
When Mind has been wed to Will.
—Laura Kelsey Clendening, in Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

### IN LIGHTER VEIN

THE TWO SONS.

Two wee robins in a nest;
One flew east and one flew west,
Both grew tired and longed for rest
Back there in the old home nest.
Two wee pets at mother's knee;
One chose the rail and one the sea.
Many's the time they longed to be
Back again at mother's knee.

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She—They say that sailing on lakes is considered far more dangerous than on the sea.

He—I guess that's right. I've heard of more engagements made in a canoe than on a steamship.

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Mrs. Anxious (mother of two marriageable daughters)—Really, I don't know whether to send Grace and Ethel to the seashore or the mountains this summer. What would you advise?

Mrs. Knowing—Well, I would advise Sulphur Springs for a change. Sulphur, you know, is one of the principal requisites in matchmaking.—Brooklyn Eagle.

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"It's strange," said the piano teacher "that you can't learn to run the scales correctly."

"That is probably one of the traits I inherited from father," replied the young lady pupil. "He made money in the grocery business, you know."—Chicago News.

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The late Russell Sage hated lawsuits and always tried to avoid them. One day he went to his lawyer and laid the details of a case before him. When Mr. Sage was through the lawyer said he would be delighted to take the case. Mr. Sage had a sure case, one, the lawyer said, he couldn't possibly lose.

"I can't lose?" asked Mr. Sage.

"You can't lose," positively replied the lawyer.

"I guess I won't bring suit, then," said Mr. Sage.

"But why not?" asked the lawyer, in amazement.

"Because," replied Mr. Sage, as he took up his hat, "it wasn't my side of the case, but my opponent's side, that I laid before you."

### DAMAGE DONE AT LAST NIGHT'S FIRE

The house and bakery situated in the rear of Adelaide street, near the corner of Metcalf and owned by Sinclair McKiel, were destroyed by fire last night. A tenement and coach house owned by Samuel Corbett, were also gutted. A rough estimate fixes the loss at about $3,000.

The fire originated in the hay loft over the stable, but how it started is unknown. The flames spread rapidly, and soon Mrs. McKiel and her five children were hemmed in. After a desperate attempt all were gotten out, but not before Mrs. McKiel and one of the children were somewhat burned. Mr. McKiel's horse was burned to death in the barn, and $100 in cash was burned in the bakery.

Mr. Corbett was compelled to bring his horses from the barn through his house in order to bring them to safe quarters. He states that he has lost to the extent of $1,000, and has but $100 insurance.

A tenement owned by Mrs. Tilley M. Phipps is also damaged to the extent of $400.

The fire, which began at 11.20 o'clock, had gotten under headway when the firemen arrived, but the men through their indefatigable efforts did excellent work.

### "OVERSEAS" LIMITED AT VANCOUVER

(C. P. R. Press).

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 4—Punctual to the very minute the "overseas" mail steamed into the Vancouver depot this morning precisely when due, 3,070 miles from Quebec by the route it traversed and an hour later the steamer Empress of China flying the red and white house flag of the C. P. R. fleet cast off and with favoring breeze started out on the voyage across the broad Pacific.

While a little less than half of the entire distance between both countries and the little British possession at the southern part of the China Sea, it is true, has only been covered, there is small room for doubt that the great feat before this Empress of Pacific will be accomplished. From Liverpool to Quebec via Belle Isle is 2,633 knots approximately, or 3,009 land miles. As the Empress of Ireland is the first Canadian Pacific ship to use this route on the new mail schedule no comparisons can be drawn as all the best previous passages have been made between Liverpool or Moville and Rimouski. It is 4,283 knots from Vancouver to Yokohama or in land language 4,895 miles and from Yokohama to Hong Kong via the ports of Kotseaa, Nagasaki and Shanghai at which the C. P. R. steamers call 1,988 knots or say 2,275 miles. The Empress of China has therefore to cover the distance between Vancouver and Hong Kong, 6,271 knots or 7,160 miles, in eighteen and a half days.

Inland revenue receipts for the month of August:

| | 1905. | 1906. |
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| Spirits | $14,025.66 | $13,783.74 |
| Tobacco | 9,283.00 | 7,593.25 |
| Cigars | 1,524.00 | 1,669.35 |
| Raw leaf | 294.47 | 356.14 |
| Bonded m'frs. | 220.81 | 389.71 |
| Other receipts | 724.07 | 1,355.44 |
| | $26,072.01 | $25,147.63 |

Capt. Alfred S. Vaughan arrived in the city yesterday from Liverpool (Eng.) Capt. Vaughan will go to St. Martins today to visit his mother, Mrs. E. M. Vaughan, whom he has not seen for thirteen years.


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