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MONDAY	6,798
TUESDAY	6,776
WEDNESDAY	6,770
THURSDAY	6,848
FRIDAY	6,872
SATURDAY	7,315
TOTAL	41,379
Daily Average	6,896

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WHAT NEXT?

The first intimation that there were departures from the specifications in the construction of the new wharf on the West Side appeared in this newspaper. It is now established that there were departures, and that the board of works was not notified by its officials. They apparently contend that they had discretionary power, but such a contention is not borne out by the terms of the contract. Even if it were a foregone conclusion that the board would permit the changes, it was their duty to see that the board was fully informed. If leniency is to be exercised it should be exercised by the board. Despite the fact that some of the aldermen assert that the work thus far done is a good job, there have been departures from the specifications which could not make for strength. These include butting timbers instead of lapping them, and the use of smaller timber for ballasting than the contract called for. Of course, if these changes had been authorized by the board there would be no responsibility on the officials, but they were not for the board knew nothing about them till the information came through the Times or other outside channels.

Several of the aldermen appear to regard this whole affair as trivial. In that they agree with some of the officials and the contractor, but they are wrong. The question at issue is not whether the wharf as constructed is as good as the specifications had been absolutely adhered to, but it is whether the city can afford to have any departures from the terms of a contract without the knowledge of the council. And the council would certainly have been in ignorance in this case, but for rumors published in the press. The principle at stake is of sufficient importance to command the attention of the aldermen when they meet on Monday next.

WHEAT VIA VANCOUVER

Mr. F. W. Peters, assistant freight traffic manager of the C. P. R. western lines, and who by the way is a native of St. John, made some interesting statements a few days ago to the Victoria Colonist, relative to Canada's wheat trade with the Orient.

"We are doing all in our power to make Vancouver the gateway for the export of Alberta wheat, and the amount shipped from this port to the Orient will steadily increase," said Mr. Peters. He added that twice as much wheat as last year's crop would be grown in Alberta this year. Many farmers held much grain for seed. Mr. Peters also intimated that Alberta wheat would eventually go via Vancouver to the United Kingdom. He said: "Of course, some of the Alberta grain may be shipped to the United Kingdom, and as shipping conditions are at present on this coast, it is likely that grain marketed there would be shipped via the lakes. When the shipping of Vancouver grows so that it would be possible to handle grain for the United Kingdom through this port better than can be done at present, all the grain would be routed this way."

The demand for Canadian wheat in the far east is steadily increasing. Referring to Japan and Manchuria Mr. Peters said: "Will wheat ever be shipped to Japan in bulk? Well, at present all goes in the form of flour, and will continue as such unless the Japanese should erect mills in Japan. At present they have no mills that grind Alberta wheat. Some wheat is raised in Manchuria, but as that country has not reached a settled condition since the Russo-Japanese war, I do not think the production there is large. Manchuria is much more suited to the raising of wheat than Japan."

Referring to the growth of the new provinces, Mr. Peters added this rousing comment:—

"We are looking to an enormous immigration into Alberta and Saskatchewan this year. Already many settlers are arriving on the ground, and others are looking over the country on the advice of friends who have preceded them. Thousands of Americans will cross the border this year. The trend of settlement this year will be in Southern Alberta and in Northwestern Saskatchewan, although a large number of settlers will take up land in Northern Alberta."

LIFE'S TRAGEDIES

In the course of a sermon at Harvard last Sunday evening Dr. Lyman Abbott discussed, with forceful eloquence, modern methods of doing business and the mad pursuit of wealth. He said in part: "In the life of the baby, the child and the young man, we see that things are made for them; but when the young man

leaves college and goes into business this whole order is reversed and our American people accept it as a truth that man was made for things, and the measure of a man is the amount of money he can make. What a curious phenomenon this is; but that it is true of many of our people none of you can doubt. But if, as a people, we are to accept it as true, let us change the stars in our flag to dollar marks, and our motto from 'In God we trust' to 'Be successful, honestly if you can, but be successful.' The desire for money as a badge of character is often a moving force in this overwhelming desire for money."

"Temperance orators have said that the saddest tragedy of life was that afforded by a bright young man going forth into the world and blasting his hopes by drunkenness. But it seems to me that the picture of a young man leaving college with high ideals of manhood, entering business, and there learning to conform to 'business standards,' losing his conscience and moral discernment, is a far sadder tragedy, and one frequently seen, if not more frequently, than the other."

LOCAL OPTION IN VERMONT

There has been some discussion in the press on the question of local option in Vermont, and some have argued that the law is not satisfactory or well observed. Ex-Gov. Woodbury, of that state, does not share this view. In an interview in Washington this week he said:—

"On the first of next month the towns and cities of our state will vote, not only for local officers, but on the question of licensing saloons for another twelve months. Last year on the license issue 311 towns voted for prohibition and thirty-four in favor of saloons. The coming elections will not result in any greater number of towns recording themselves in favor of the sale of intoxicants."

"The present local option law has now had a three-years trial and though I was originally against it my belief is that on the whole it has answered as well as the prohibition law. It may not be an ideal mode of treating the liquor problem; but it has the merit of giving each community the right to admit or exclude saloons, and where they are rejected public sentiment is always strong enough to cause a rigid enforcement of the law. Our people are apparently well satisfied with its workings and there is no agitation for the law's repeal."

An Ottawa despatch confirms the report of the Canadian agent at Leeds that Canadian bacon is steadily growing in favor in England. It says: "United States exports of bacon to Great Britain, according to British returns for the fiscal year ended Dec. 31 last, decreased from £7,370,000 in 1903 and £6,299,000 in 1904 to £5,828,000 in 1905. During the same period the imports from Canada into Great Britain increased from £1,690,000 in 1903 and £1,835,000 in 1904 to £2,750,000 in 1905. These two countries and Denmark form Great Britain's chief sources of supply, but Denmark also shows a decrease from £4,532,000 in 1904 to £3,970,000 in 1905."

The public is tolerably familiar with the policy of the merchant who asserts that an article he offers is "just as good" as another that is asked for. He wants to sell his own. In some cases it may be a contractor who offers something "just as good," and he is the more likely to be believed if he can produce testimonials from well-known citizens.

The provincial government has decided to adopt a measure of advanced temperance legislation. The measure appears to give much satisfaction to temperance people. The government is to be congratulated on at least two important measures promised for this session—the one just referred to and that relating to its lumber policy.

Hon. Mr. Emmeson says that the question of the nationalization of ports is soon to be settled by the government. St. John should take action in the matter without delay. There is urgent need for provision for more dredging in the interests of Canadian trade through this port.

Yesterday's storm came as a disagreeable break in the continuity of a delightful period of mild weather. But the lumber operators will welcome the snow, and it will greatly expedite the movement of heavy goods in various directions.

Director Cushing has dismissed Inspector Mayes, and says he has authority to do so. The aldermen think otherwise. The dispute grows more and more interesting. Monday's meeting of the council is likely to be a warm session.

Supt. Murdoch says that one of Engineer Barbour's propositions is "ridiculous, extravagant and unscientific." He puts it deliberately down in writing, in a report to the board. Evidently there is some work ahead for the water board.

There appears to be considerable log-rolling at Fredericton at present. It is, moreover, being done by experts.

There has been no work done on the new wharf since Jan. 16th. This is the first of March.

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St. John music lovers accorded Madame Albani and her supporting artists a cordial welcome at the Opera House last evening, when the talented Canadian singer said farewell to her hearers. Genuine regret was expressed that Madame Albani would not be heard here again, as her appearance last night was her last before a St. John audience.

Though the great singer is now well advanced in years, she has not lost the charm or the faculty of interpretation of difficult compositions that have endeared her to the music loving public. She sang three numbers and was compelled to respond to encores on each occasion.

As a pianist Miss Adele Verne's equal has never been heard in St. John, and she was accorded the hearty reception that her playing deserved.

Miss Eva Gauthier has a voice of much sweetness, and her several numbers were much enjoyed.

Albert Archibald gave a good interpretation of several songs, and his rich baritone voice was heard with much pleasure.

Haydn Wood showed himself a master of the violin, and his selections were among the most pleasing numbers of the evening.

MEANS MUCH

The Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto Globe gives the history of the experiments which prove that Canadian magnetite ores can be smelted by electricity, a discovery of enormous significance to the Dominion. We quote:—

"The movement which has resulted in such complete success at Sault Ste. Marie began about three years ago, when Hon. Clifford Sifton sent a commission to Europe, headed by Dr. Haanel, to investigate the system of smelting iron ores and making steel by electricity. The system was found to be in successful operation at Gyssing, in Sweden, and at Livet and La Praz, in France. Samples of the steel produced were submitted to Professor Harbord, a noted metallurgist, in England, and after being tested at Woolwich reported on favorably. The electric process was thus shown to be a sound and commercial one, but apparently the cost of manufacture was not brought down below that of production by the blast furnace. The ore employed in France was hematite, and it still remained to be seen whether the Canadian magnetite ore could be successfully treated, and at a lower cost than when coke was used. Dr. Heroult of La Praz, France, the inventor of a system of electric smelting, thought he could demonstrate the commercial feasibility of smelting magnetite by electricity, and Dr. Haanel recommended that he be given a chance. Hon. Mr. Oliver approved of the experiment, and it was decided that they should take place at Sault Ste. Marie, where the Algoma Steel Company offered a site and a supply of electricity free of charge for six months."

"Last fall Dr. Heroult arrived in Canada and immediately went to work at Sault Ste. Marie. Electric furnaces of special design were constructed and electrical appliances of the finest kind obtained from the Westinghouse Company and from Sweden. The apparatus was a long time in coming, and all sorts of unexpected delays occurred. The greatest possible care had to be taken in installing and adjusting the electrical machinery, for nothing could be left to chance. The preliminary experiments took place in a small furnace, and resulted in the successful production of pig iron from hematite ore, and of nickel pig from nickeliferous pyrrhotite. A larger furnace, the fittings of which were invented by the scientists employed in the experiment, were afterwards erected. It is in this furnace that pig iron, steel and nickel pig have been produced on a large scale. "It is impossible to overstate the important consequences to Canada bound to follow from these successful experiments. With vast deposits of iron ore existing throughout Ontario and Quebec, and contiguous to large water powers for the cheap production of electrical energy it does not need much thinking to see that iron and steel industries free from the smoke nuisance will speedily be established. The successful production of nickel pig is also a wonderful achievement. In the Sudbury district the supply of ore is almost inexhaustible, and for the finished product there is an immense and ever-growing demand. Further particulars of the scientific triumphs at the Soo will be eagerly awaited, but enough has been learned to prove that Canada will be one of the great iron, steel and nickel producing countries in the world."

A SATURDAY NIGHT THOUGHT

The unfinished tasks at the end of a week often disturb and oppress us. We dislike to leave so many threads untied. We wish there had been ten days instead of six in which to labor and do all our work. This disquieting feeling may be good for us, if we have idled away golden working hours, or if we have blocked out more work for ourselves than we were meant to do. From another point of view the sensation may be a token that we are growing. No one who really wants to contribute to the world more than he personally gets out of it can come to the end of any period of time assured that every avenue of usefulness has been thoroughly explored. It is no necessary to do this single week everything that we want to do even in behalf of others. The Master of all good workers himself finished only the work that was given him to do. And responsibility in no case goes further than fulfillment of the divine commission. To do that one must keep himself sensitive to the higher power. For all who on Saturday night look back on many things undone or only half-done, there is immense relief and comfort in Thomas a Kempis's words, "God weigheth more in what spirit a man worketh than how much he doeth. He doeth much who loveth much. He doeth much who doeth a thing well."

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