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TIME TO GET BUSY

There is a feeling that the dredging on the west side of the harbor is not progressing satisfactorily, if the work on the 600-foot berth is to be forwarded this season. If crabs that are being constructed are not sunk in their place, what will happen? Will there be a repetition of the trouble Mr. D. C. Clark had with his crabs? This matter is of sufficient importance to call for prompt action. Does anybody know what course would be the wiser? The harbor committee believe that the Beaver should be sent back to the site of the 600-foot berth, and their delegation will as soon as possible lay the matter before the premier. But aside from this the whole question of dredging, wharf and warehouse construction, track extension and the rebuilding of Union street calls for the most intelligent consideration and the employment of a thoroughly competent director of public works. The Times does not need to offer any other plea than public interest for persistently directing the attention of St. John business men to the unsatisfactory condition of affairs in the public works department.

A SERIOUS THING

Three well-dressed little girls accosted a stranger on the street yesterday and asked him to take them to one of the five-cent shows, or give them fifteen cents that they might go themselves.

This case is typical. It is one of the results of the advent of these very cheap entertainments that children are tempted to beg or get by some other questionable method the price of admission.

There is, of course, another way of viewing the cheap show. The claim is made that it reduces the temptation to drunkenness, by affording a pleasant means of entertainment. Doubtless this is true to some extent. At all events, the five-cent show appears to have come to stay, and the duty of parents is clear. They should warn their little children against begging, or resorting to any questionable means of getting money. They might do more. They might take an interest in supervised playgrounds, and provide the children with a means of healthful pleasure, such as would fill their minds with other thoughts than those engendered amid the idle association of the street. A city cannot afford to neglect its children, or subject them heedlessly to the temptations that lurk in street and alley, in the idleness that breeds mischief.

CROPS AND RAILROADS

The latest crop reports from the west are not so cheering. In some places it is said there is not more than half a crop of wheat, and there is fear that frost should come before the grain has ripened. As a result of this anxiety the banks have tightened up the purse strings, and there is less doing in real estate in the cities and towns. However, the harvesters who go out will get work. If there is less harvesting there will be more railroading. On this point the Toronto World says:

"Railway construction will be pushed forward because labor will be cheaper and thousands of farmers if they should be disappointed in their crops will turn in with their teams and work on the railways. The railways will spend millions if they can get men and material. The west may have a let-up year, the net effect of which will be to give the country an opportunity to pull itself together again for another phenomenal advance."

Canada, a London weekly, publishes an interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, from which the following is an extract:—"Being asked what he thought of the possible absorption of the Dominion by the United States, Sir Wilfrid replied that he entertained no fears on that subject. Nor could such an apprehension find a place in the mind of anyone who fully understands the gravity of the situation in that country where serious problems are at this moment awaiting a solution; while new difficulties, due to the feverish haste of the general onward movement are constantly springing up. The onward movement in Canada, though quieter and apparently slower, is more sound and normal; the Canadian population is less mixed, and the different elements of which it is composed have already commenced to unite together to form one race; and in this connection we are more advanced than are our neighbors, who are still in a chaotic state. This is well understood by the public men of the republic, who are making an effort to restrain immigration to that country."

The Canadian immigration department is determined to put a stop to the slandering of Canada by disgruntled immigrants and other persons who send false statements to the British and United States press. The Ottawa Journal tells that one Hoagland of Tabor, Alberta, has been fined \$200 for having printed in the United States circulars and fraudulent advertisements warning Americans that laborers were not wanted in Canada. The matter was taken up by Immigration Commissioner J. O. Smith, of Winnipeg, and the Lethbridge board of trade, and a prosecution was begun by the attorney-general of Alberta. The matter will be further looked into by the minister of justice, the Journal says, and legislation may be introduced at the next session of parliament to impose a substantial penalty on anyone who wilfully and publicly slanders Canada.

Collier's Weekly makes short work of the "southern chivalry" which makes the unwritten law a justification for murder. Of the case of Judge Loving of Virginia it says:—"One Virginia gentleman, buggy-riding with a bottle in his hip-pocket, gave a drink of whisky to a Virginia lady whose appetite for it was inherited from her father, a second Virginia gentleman with a record for delirium tremens. The murder which followed was cowardly, and the trial which followed the murder was a cause of shame to the state."

A curious phase of the immigration movement is set forth in the following paragraph from a Toronto paper:—"To induce Canadians to go to Virginia and engage in farming there is the object of the visit of Dr. Henry Smith, of Norfolk, Va., to this country. Dr. Smith, who is the representative of the State Board of Agriculture, is in Toronto, and visited the immigration offices on his search for farm help. He stated that he could secure all the men he required here."

Thursday's Montreal Witness gives the following statement of attendance at the five supervised playgrounds in that city for the preceding two weeks:—Royal Arthur, 894; Montcalm, 1,094; Berthelot, 1,875; The Dykes, 2,284; Charlebois, 3,884. The Witness invites the citizens to provide balls, lacrosse sticks, croquet sets and one or two tents for the grounds. The supervised playground has come to stay.

The Douks are at it again. The following picturesque despatch from Makin, Manitoba, tells the story:—"Clothed in sanctity, straw hats and nightdresses, thirty Doukhobors passed through here this afternoon on their long pilgrimage to Winnipeg and the warm country where they expect to find Utopia."

Says the Toronto Globe:—"A farm has been bought near Montreal to be used in connection with a reform school for boys. This is in accordance with the best modern ideas in dealing with those who have failed to conform to society's many necessary restraints."

There appears to be a dispute between the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis as to which has the most dogs. Now when it comes to dogs the west must abandon the field. St. John has all the dogs except a few that escaped some years ago on an emigrant train.

The latest news from Rome is a further illustration of the weakening hold of dogmatic religion upon the minds of men. The process is not revolutionary, but of slow development through centuries of time, having its effect upon all churches.

St. John bankers are not very communicative when approached by the reporters, but it is quite clear from their remarks that the money market here, as elsewhere, feels the effects of the passing stringency.

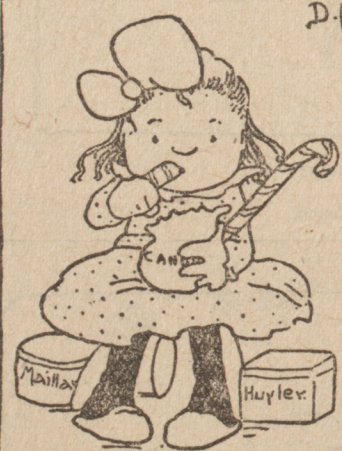
Seldom even in the climate of St. John do the citizens enjoy such a glorious summer evening as that of yesterday, which tempted abroad all who were able to be out of doors.

It would be interesting if Frederickton should secure that ten thousand dollar monument to Queen Victoria before the Champlain monument is erected in St. John.

Sun-browned and healthy, the yachtsmen will hold their annual service tomorrow, and return home the better for the outing on lake and river.

TO PROMOTE TRUTH

St. John is perturbed because poachers persist in catching trout in Lily Lake. The park management ought to permit angling there, and charge the anglers so much a pound—say \$1—for their catch. The charge by the pound would work a great moral reform among anglers by effectually putting a stop to their lying about the weight of their fish.



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ON THE LEVEL

(J. W. Foley in New York Times)

Mebbe his name wasn't Jones when he shed it.
We ain't inquirin' what his kind o' sin, Feller out west here has power to edit. Outen his name he doesn't want in. Mebbe he knifed some durn greaser in Texas. Ain't no idee, an' more, I don't care. We don't let barbeens upset us or vex us. All that we ask of a man is to be square.

Back of them hills that you see over yonder. (That's where the beef trail comes up from the plains).
We ain't much given to worry or wonder. What a man's been an git trouble for pains Feller don't gain much out west here by reasonin'.

Lookin' for knowledge that isn't just clear. We don't care what he was down in Wyoming. We're goin' to judge him by what he is here.

We had three Joneses last year with our wagon.
Tom, Jim, an' Bill—three good hands as you'll find.
Mebbe their pedigree wasn't to brag on. I don't know what names the three left behind.

But as told you we don't keep no cases back of them hills where the beef trail comes in.
Don't keep a poor devil out in the wet. What if he's left some bad record behind him.
Help him an' give him a chance to forget.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

A TRUE FRIEND.

Friend—"Can't you give me a tip on stocks?"
Broker—"Yes, but in consideration of our long friendship, I won't."—Town and Country.

A TRUTHFUL SPORT.

"I say, Jones, is there any fishing where you spent your vacation?"
"I guess there is. I didn't catch enough to hurt it any."—Detroit Free Press.

THIS A NEW ONE.

"I thought your son was going in a lawyer's office to study?"
"No; he has decided to practice the Unwritten Law; it is the least expensive course."—Baltimore American.

KNEW HIS BUSINESS

"Gracious!" exclaimed the kind old lady to the beggar, "are they the best shoes you've got?"
"Why, lady," replied the candid beggar, "could you imagine better ones fur dis business? Every one o' dem holes means nickels an' dimes ter me."—Philadelphia Press.

HE LOVED HER STILL.

Three months after facing the parson together they were seated at the tea table.
"Do you love me still?" queried the young wife, after the manner of her kind.
"Of course I love you still," he answered. "Now keep quiet while I read the paper."—Chicago Daily News.

WHAT CAUSED THE LYNCHING

Out at Stafford, Kansas, the other day a group of farmers met a train, and when a tall, sunburned man stepped off the car they all grabbed him and shook his hand warmly. The man looked them over calmly and then said:

"Gentlemen, I am sorry to disappoint you, I know you think I am a harvest hand, but you are mistaken. I am a lightning-rod agent."

IN THE TWISTER.

(Chicago Chronicle).

There was a young fellow called Pfister In Kansas who met with a twister, And up in the whirl He met a sweet girl, And then Pfister Pfister just pfister.

THE LADY OF GLOUCESTER.

(Philadelphia Press.)

A prim maiden lady of Gloucester Met a bull which ran after and toucester; Though she landed all right, She was near dead with fright. And the shock to her feelings it coucester.

SIX AND A HALF YEARS FOR EDMUNDSTON BURGLAR

Edmundston, N. B., July 19.—The trial of S. R. Forsyth, a Nova Scotian, charged with breaking into J. W. Hall's store here on June 1 last and stealing money and goods, and breaking into the Temiscouche railway station on Clair on the following day and stealing about \$21 there, and for attempting to break jail, was held before Judge Carleton during the present week. The prisoner pleaded guilty to the jail breaking charge and not guilty to the others. The jury found him guilty in both cases. The accused defended himself and showed himself to be a bright young man, whose energies would make him a useful citizen if applied in the right direction, but he failed to convince the jury of his innocence. Judge Carleton this morning sentenced him to six years and six months.

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