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## NEW YORK PLAYGROUNDS

There are sixty-three afternoon playgrounds in Greater New York during the holiday season this summer, all but three of them on the east side of the city. Of course these are not large, open spaces, for the simple reason that such cannot be found; but they are in most cases school rooms, sometimes small, dark and none too well ventilated, and yet a haven of delight to crowds of children. The working force consists of about five hundred teachers, kindergartners, pianists and supervisors. Last year a million and a quarter of children attended these vacation playgrounds, and this year there was such a crush at the opening that last year's record is likely to be eclipsed. Here is a description of one of the poorest of these play places, written by a reporter for the New York Evening Post:

"This is a playground for girls, and the rooms used are on the street floor, small rooms, divided by partitions that do not reach the ceiling, which made it impossible to shut off the noise of the various classes and games. There were three hundred little girls from three years of age up to ten years. The kindergarten teacher was struggling with a crowd of seventy little ones, who could not be diverted from listening to the piano in the next room, and preferring to try comical little dances of their own invention rather than the games and marches of the teacher. The out-of-doors playground consisted of a court about ten feet square, which boasted a swing and a sand heap, and needed the constant attention of an attendant to separate belligerent four-year-olds, each bent on having her neighbor's sand bucket or shovel.

"In the larger room eighty girls were engaged in gymnastic games and folk dances with an interested crowd of smaller children surrounding the space where the games were going on. A large proportion of the girls engaged in the game were little mothers, and as they danced up and down and across the room an anxious eye was kept on their babies; some of these were peacefully sleeping in their go-carts, but the greater number formed the fringe of on-lookers.

"Every few minutes one of the babies would make a dash for his own particular little mother, and 'teacher' would capture him and herd him in the centre until a figure or evolution was completed. All the babies seemed to be little boys, and very dependent ones, in spite of being grown up enough to have trousers that came up to their arm-pits, held in place by real suspenders. From time to time a little mother would leave the ranks, still keeping the dance step, and proceed to administer a spanking to an obstreperous youngster who had started a fight with some neighbor, or one that had found the drinking fountain afforded a fine chance to take a shower bath. 'Despite such constant and disturbing interruptions, amid the shouts of hundreds of children, in the hat room that only boasted four windows, these girls danced and marched with an eager attention to the music and commands of the teacher that was pathetic to see. No one of them smiled or laughed, but all seemed happy in the deep absorption of the play, unconscious of each other, but always a concerned watchfulness over their small charges in the background.

"And how that teacher worked! A slip of a girl, fresh from a training school, her first class, her first responsibility, this mob of little girls and babies to direct, inspire, instruct, and keep in order for four hours and a half each hot afternoon for the next eight weeks. In one of the brief pauses she confessed to her dismay: 'I have been in a training school nearly two years preparing for this work, and had practice classes of nice, obedient little girls. I have been sustained by the thought of the need of the instruction that I was trying to fit myself to give, but I never dreamed it was beset by such conditions as these. I have had to invent a complicated sign language to tell the children what I wish them to do, and to communicate with the pianist. The most upsetting thing of all is the solemn way these girls play; my face becomes set in a strained grin, trying to suggest the smiles that should accompany some of the folk dances, and I nearly have hysterics over the concerned gaze the children give my efforts to make them smile. They try so hard to learn the figures, and the older girls help all they can, they are used to helping, but think what it would mean, if they could be out of doors, on the grass. I am sure they would smile then.'

## CIVIC WASTE

How much money does the city of St. John lose every year through incompetence in the heads of departments, and through their failure to get value out of the men and materials employed?

It is said that civic work always costs much more than it should, and more than such work would cost if it were being done for a private concern. It is said by men who have some knowledge of affairs that the lack of competent direction is causing a waste of money in the work now being done on the west side. It is claimed that men working about town for the corporation frequently cease work earlier than they should, or fail to go to work promptly on time in the morning.

Of course it is easy to find fault, but on the other hand it is easy to close one's eyes. Are the eyes of the officials always open, their brain clear, and their knowledge adequate? It has been said over and over again, and aldermen will not deny it, that a shaking up of the department is sorely needed. At the present

time there is urgent need of a strong, active, clever head of the public works department, and when he is secured he should be given a free hand to wake up the slumberers, bring order out of chaos, and give the taxpayers the assurance that their interests in this great spending department are fully regarded.

The Halifax Herald offers five hundred dollars reward for evidence that will land the first briber in jail, in connection with this week's by-election in Hants county. In making the announcement the Herald says: "Not so much for the man—the poor devil, as he is sometimes called who wants a dollar or two for his vote. But the oily-tongued, smooth faced, black-hearted scoundrel, who stalks about with a whitened sepulchre air, seeking to buy men as he would buy cattle. That is the villain the Herald is especially after. He will be abroad in Hants county. He may be there now. There are more than one of him. The Herald does not care whether he is Conservative or Liberal. It is after him whoever he may be or for which ever party he is buying votes. We will follow him till he is exposed, and, if possible, landed in jail—the only fit place for him."

Mr. Bourassa is an outspoken gentleman. Whether right or wrong he says what he thinks in plain language. For example, at Montigny yesterday he said: "I do not oppose immigration, but I do oppose paying large salaries to innumerable political hacks, as immigration agents to bring over here paupers and jailbirds to out-vote native Canadians in order to make dividends for Mr. Sifton and other politicians with a taste for speculation." In the same speech he declared to his French-Canadian audience that Ontario people were not the narrow-minded bigots depicted by politicians, and he had this to say of England: "England ruled the world because she respected everywhere the views of the nation which became subject to her rule. English spirit was not the spirit that prompted persecution, it respected all views, if honestly held and expressed."

The Halifax Herald quotes from the Times the story of the little girl who was repulsed by other children on the playgrounds because her dress was not clean, and says: "If there is in Halifax an individual so benighted as to question the necessity for supervised playgrounds, he or she would do well to have a walk around our 'by-ways' and then have another 'round' the supervised playgrounds—Bloomfield street school grounds in the north end and St. Mary's school grounds and a particularly pleasant corner of Crafoon Park in the south end." The Herald acknowledges \$93 in subscriptions for the Halifax playgrounds fund.

Prince Edward Islanders are coming to the front in the new western provinces. In Alberta two young ladies from the island have received certificates as teachers. In Saskatchewan, two young men from the island have been sent to jail to await trial on a charge of burglary. Now if the young men, who are homesteaders, had married the young women and stayed on the island, all might have been well.

It is decidedly discreditable to Carleton county that a judge on the bench should be compelled to say that politics had been introduced into a case involving a criminal charge. The Times on Saturday referred to the rumors of dissatisfaction in regard to the administration of justice in Albert county. It would be nothing short of calamitous if British principles of justice should come to be disregarded in New Brunswick.

The Moncton Times points out that political parties in Hants county, where a by-election takes place this week, are very evenly divided. In the last general election the vote was Drysdale, Liberal, 1934; Wilcox, Conservative, 1850; O'Brien, Conservative, 1800; McHaffey, Liberal, 1792.

The Moncton Times claims that the provincial opposition is strongly organized in the St. John river counties, and is now organizing in the north shore counties, and adds that Mr. Hazen, it is understood, will shortly visit Westmorland.

The attempt to assassinate the president of France happily failed, and there does not seem to have been any plot behind it. The would-be murderer is believed to have been deranged. Socialism is said to be making converts in the French army, but the French people have no sympathy for the assassin.

While full information is difficult to obtain, it is evident that the fire at Hartland has dealt a very severe blow to one of the most progressive communities in that part of the province.

Marquis Ito and Henry Claws express the sentiments of the saner people of the United States and Japan.

Mrs. Purdie, aged 98, who is living in the Mater Misericordiae Home, Sydney street, visited the "Nickel" Saturday with Mrs. Edward Kelly. Mrs. Purdie was never inside a theatre until Saturday.

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The window, as it used to be  
In that home of long ago;

To play the door is here;  
The street is crisscross there;  
And then to wake as I used to wait  
For the step upon the stair;

To count as the footsteps pass,  
Now near, now faint and far—  
How personal they sound at night,  
What company they are!

Some brisk and some sedate,  
I wonder where they go!  
And I drowse a little, till suddenly  
The dear, dear step I know.

The start of joy, the flush,  
The tender, happy thrill,  
And then, oh God! I am homeless and old,  
And his grave is on the hill!

—Gardner Huntington McGiffert in the July Century.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN

HE WAS THE FOOLISH THING.

"She did a very foolish thing when she married."

"Why, he was rich wasn't he?"

"Yes—he was—the foolish thing."

## THE LIMIT ALREADY.

"Percy, papa says you mustn't come to see me any more."

"Why, Aggie, how could I? I'm already coming seven times a week!"

## MUCH DEPENDED.

The poet, to the magazine editor—"I wonder if you would like a few verses I wrote after dinner yesterday?"

The editor suspiciously—"What sort of dinner was it?"

## EXTINGUISHED.

Tommy—"Pop, a man's wife is his better half, isn't she?"

Tommy's Pop—"So we are told, my son."

"Tommy—'Then if a man marries twice there isn't anything left of him, is there?"

## THE GAME OF POLITICS.

"Of course," said the serene statesman, "I am the logical candidate."

"Perhaps," answered Senator Sorghum, "But you want to remember that when it comes to tallying up votes it's mathematics and not logic that counts."

## USUALLY THE CASE.

Friend—"I suppose, Mrs. Comeup, your daughter who is abroad understands French."

Mrs. C.—"Yes, but she writes that what puzzles her is the people she meets in Paris don't seem to."

## A WISE PRECAUTION.

"Johnny, where have you been? Your hair is suspiciously wet. School was out two hours ago."

"I fell in the creek."

"But your clothes are not wet."

"Well, you see, mamma, while I was standin' on the bridge I thought maybe I'd fall in, so I took off my clothes, an' I did."

## A BUSINESS LETTER.

An example of rather refined Babu English is contained in the following letter received by an East Indian firm in London from a Hindu correspondent:

Dear sirs:—We are duly in receipt of your favor. By this mail we have nothing specially profound to say. With deep regret, however, which renders our aggrieved hearts, we beg to announce that a deep misty cloud recently hovered over us for eight days. It did not clear away until it successfully washed off our hands our most steady, energetic, and pious junior manager. Breathing his last on the night of the 28th ultimo and leaving us to look after his path with wistful and fearful eyes, he leapt up to his everlasting green celestial palace in the heaven above. Awaiting further instructions, we are, &c."

A REWARD FOR  
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To be in the employ of one firm for a quarter of a century and during all that time to hold the esteem and confidence of both employer and public is the record of R. J. Walsh, head salesman for Waterbury & Rising, the boot and shoe people. The twenty-fifth anniversary of Mr. Walsh's connection with the firm, fell on Saturday, when, just before midday, he was called into the private office and, in the presence of the staff, congratulated by George H. Waterbury on his long association with the firm. He said it was a particularly pleasing occasion for himself, as it was he who in 1882, a short time after the firm had secured the King street business, had engaged Mr. Walsh, at a time when the business gave evidence of expansion, and the acquisition of a junior clerk was necessary.

Mr. Rising and himself had decided that the occasion should not pass unrecognized, and so anxious was he to present that, he just before midday, he was fishing on the South Branch of the Oromocto.

Mr. Rising handed Mr. Walsh a case containing a handsome gold watch, with chain and locket, as a testimonial of the occasion.

Mr. Walsh, who was much affected, found it difficult to express his thanks. He was glad, he said, that the gift was one he could carry around with him, and he would always cherish it fondly.

The next few minutes were spent in receiving the hearty hand shake and congratulations of his shop mates.

The watch is a very handsome one and on the outside cover contains Mr. Walsh's monogram. On the inside cover is the following inscription:

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The chain is of beautiful pattern and the locket is also adorned with the monogram.

## A CREDIT TO MONCTON

Last week's issue of the Maritime Merchant is a book of 134 pages, of which 35 are devoted to the city of Moncton, which is described from all points of view, with a series of fine illustrations. The Merchant man explains the excellent and exhaustive nature of the write-up when he explains that the data for the various articles were collected by J. T. Hawke of the Transcript, J. S. Boyd of the Times, J. S. Magee, city clerk; D. I. Welch, secretary of the board of trade, W. L. Croton, of the C. C. R., W. H. Edgett, J. H. Harris, E. Hickson, A. E. Williams and John McKenzie.

The work was prepared under the auspices of the board of trade, whose energetic president, Mr. Hawke, was very largely responsible for the interest aroused. The various subjects treated are The Pioneer Days of Moncton, Moncton as an

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These various topics are treated so fully that the reader cannot fail to be impressed with the past growth, the present prosperity and future promise of Moncton. This publication, sent abroad, cannot fail to produce a most favorable impression, beneficial to Moncton and the province. The Merchant announces that it hopes to treat other provincial towns in like manner in later issues. The Moncton illustrations and press work are highly creditable to the Merchant.

## A NAVY ENTHUSIAST

(M. A. P.)

Robert Armstrong Yerburgh, president of the British Navy League, is one of the most popular men in society. His interests are many and varied, and, as he is very well off, he has been able to give his inclinations full play. He was born in 1853, was educated at Harrow and Oxford, and became a barrister in 1880. Politics, however, appealed to him more than the law and he was elected Conservative member for Chester in 1886, which seat he held until last year. His success was generally admitted to be remarkable, for, previous to his election, Chester had been a stronghold of Liberalism. Mr. Yerburgh has written a good deal on agricultural matters, and is president of the Agricultural Organization Society. A thorough, all-round sportsman, he finds his chief recreation in hunting, and during his parliamentary days he was considered one of the best-dressed men in the lower house.

E. W. Pond, the Fort Kent lumberman, was registered at the Victoria Saturday.

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