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NONE NEED BE IDLE

It was stated in this paper yesterday that work on the west side wharves and on the rebuilding of Union street west is retarded by scarcity of men. Both contracting firms and the city itself need many more men than can be secured. An employer told the Times on Saturday that he has been unable all through the season to get as many steady laborers as he needed In a window on Prince William street one sees an advertisement for two hundred men for railway construction work. Presently we shall learn from the farming community that there is a scarcity of men for haying, and harvesting generally. Skilled labor is also well-employed in the city and throughout the province. This is a very healthy state of affairs, and is reflected in the general activity in mercantile circles.

At the same time, a stroll about town impresses one with the fact that there are many idle men. A certain percentage of the men who are able to work are not willing to work, or at least are not anxious to engage in work that calls for muscular exertion. Some of these same persons, or their families, may later in the year find themselves in need, when they will not be able to secure work as easily as at present. The lack of thrift in summer is responsible for much of the poverty that appeals in winter to benevolent persons and associations. This ought to be so good a summer in St. John that there should be less than the usual call for relief next winter. When a healthy man is seen loafing about the corners day after day, between drinks, it is quite clear that he does not want work, and for himself would be deserving of no sympathy, now or later. The unfortunate part of it is that those who suffer most are the women and children dependent on such human failures.

IS IT NOT PITIFUL?

In a corner of one of the supervised playgrounds on Saturday a little girl was observed crying in a disconsolate way, and when approached by a sympathetic lady she said in answer to enquiry:

"They say I'm too dirty to play with them in the sand pile."

The child's dress was certainly not clean but when she explained the reason there were tears very close to the eyes of the lady who listened:—

"Mamma was going to wash it last night, but she works in the factory and my father was so sick she had to wait on him."

The father ill, the mother working in the factory to support the home, and the little girl repulsed by playmates because her dress was not as clean as theirs. Here is a little story of heart interest, the pathos of which should not be lost upon men and women whose children are denied nothing that love and care and ample means should provide for them.

Some people have said there is no need of playgrounds, now that Rockwood Park is open with all its attractions. Of what value is Rockwood Park to this little girl and hundreds of others too small to go there and too poor to pay for the pleasures offered? If well-to-do citizens would visit the more congested districts in the town and look about them, taking note of the little children in the streets and gutters and back-yards, or peering furtively out of alleys and doorways, they would never again question the desirability of an effort to introduce a little more sunshine into these young lives.

NORWAY LIQUOR SYSTEM

The Chicago Tribune says that what is called the Sondag system of controlling the liquor traffic in Norway has proved a great improvement over the old system. There has been much dispute on this point. The aims and principles of the Sondag system are these: The elimination of private profit and securing the monopoly value for the public; insuring highest quality of liquors sold; the reduction of the number of licenses; the easy enforcement of the law; the destruction of the power of the spirit trade, and the furtherance of all progressive measures of reform. Such a system is of course uncomprisingly opposed by those who hold that the state should accept no share of the revenue from the liquor traffic. It is interesting, however, to note what the Chicago Journal says of the system. We quote:—

"New Norwegian liquor laws are successful. The Sondag system gives power to municipalities to grant all the retail spirit licenses which they deem necessary to a company which would bind itself to carry on the traffic in the interests of the community, with a fixed annual return of not more than 5 per cent. on its paid up capital. In establishing the system the question of compensation does not appear to have presented much difficulty. The allotments of the profits are as follows: To the state, 65 per cent.; to the municipality, in lieu of larger license duties, now abolished, 15 per cent., and to objects of public utility operating as counter attractions to the public houses in towns, 10 per cent., and in the surrounding districts, 10 per cent. The profits of the trade under these restrictions have contributed $7,000,000 for objects of public interest since the founding of the system. During the last eight years the proportion accruing to the state has been increased and set apart till 1910 to form the nucleus of an old age pension fund, which now amounts to $2,300,000. The most remarkable fact is that the consumption of alcohol per inhabitant has decreased about 45 per cent., in the last fifty years. The decrease has been most marked since the establishment of the Sondag system."

SPECULATION AND PROSPERITY

On its commercial page today the Times quotes interesting comment from Toronto papers on the general financial situation in Canada. The view that stagnation and decline in the speculative markets is usually followed by a slowing down of general business is combated b ythe Mail and Empire, so far as it relates to present conditions in Canada. Its remarks are worth quoting, supplementary to the statements made on another page:

"So far from being a symptom of failing commercial health, the check in the flow of money to speculative uses of all kinds is altogether a consequence of prosperity. From year to year more of the country's money is needed for the actual operations of industry and commerce, and we have now reached the time when the demand on account of these operations is so great that the retiremcnt of money from speculative and semi-speculative uses to supply this demand is showing marked effects in the form of lessening activity and lower prices on the stock exchanges. When we turn our eyes from the price quotations of bonds and shares to the showing of Canada's industry and trade the contrast is striking. Never was business in this country more flourishing than it is today. Rightly, our bankers feel it to be their first duty to minister to the financial needs of every business that is adding to the wealth and commerce of the country and to the amount distributed in wages to consumers. If the directors of our monetary institutions adhere to this policy, the shrinkage in prices may be confined entirely to the classes of property in whose dealings speculation plays the greater part. Restraint of speculation is noted at all times when the solid prosperity of the country affords employment for the reproductive use of all our liquid capital."

The members of the fire department must necessarily depend upon the aid of merchants and citizens generally for much of the success of the tournament, which will be the event of the season in St. John. Their appeal should meet with a generous response. The tournament will crowd the city with visitors from all parts of the province, and doubtless attract many from Maine and Massachusetts. The firemen themselves may be relied on to do all in their power to make this event eclipse all former ones of a similar character in this city.

For pugilism as a profession few persons have any real respect, but there is something to be said in favor of the ability of a man to know when and where to plant an effective blow. An illustration of that ability was given at McAdam yesterday, when Mr. Power, of St. John, landed on the chin of a would-be wife murderer. It was a fine exhibition of applied science.

The opera house should be crowded tomorrow evening at the benefit performance for the playground fund. The opportunity is given all to contribute something, and at the same time to enjoy an exceptionally fine performance by local amateur talent, thus devoted to a worthy cause.

The temperance federation will invite political candidates to declare themselves. Rev. Mr. Marshall declared last evening that from an exhaustive correspondence and interviews he believed the temperance people were never more hopeful than now of the early accomplishment of prohibition in this province.

Major Barker of the 3rd Regt. Canadian Artillery is to be congratulated on the offer made him of command of the Canadian team of Petewawa. It is a tribute to efficiency that speaks well for his ability and training.

Ex-Mayor Schmitz, the San Francisco grafter, has been sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. His effort to browbeat the judge was a complete failure. There is a judge of whom the United States should be proud.

There are few acts of charity more moving than the spectacle of a wife forgiving the husband who has left her and turned thief for the sake of another woman, coarse, vulgar and vicious. Mrs. Runyan of New York was far too good for the man she married.

A Japanese admiral is alleged to have said the American naval officers were more effective at tea parties than in war. He probably said nothing of the sort. Japanese officers, if they had no other merit, know how to hold their tongues. Japan has its yellow press.

Congratulations to Major Wetmore whose score at Bisley yesterday was deemed worthy of a special cable to Canada.

Despite the war-talk, Japanese generals, princes, admirals and statesmen continue to pay fraternal visits to Uncle Sam.

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I leap for my life. With a hoarse, angry squeal,
Disappointed, on whizzes the automobile.

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A despot it is, and none living may dare
Dispute with the king of the broad thoroughfare.
Get out of the street every humble cart-wheel—
Make way for the swaggering automobile!

O, humble pedestrian, stay close at home,
Or camp on the top of the City Hall dome,
Or get a balloon and go search for a zone
Unhonked, and where gasoline never was known—
Else stay in your den and ne'er out of it steal;
For the streets—they belong to the automobile!

—Lowell Otus Reese, in Leslie's Weekly.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

THE PIANO JOKE.

"Do you favor any particular school of music?" asked the lady.

"Yes, indeed," replied the young man who lives in a flat. "I favor the pianissimo school."

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SORRY HE SAILED.

Saltman—Kind of sad, isn't it, to lose sight of the land of your birth?

Squeamish—I wouldn't mind that! it's losing sight of everything you have ever eaten since your birth that's worrying me!

A GOOD GOLFER.

"Jones is the most prominent member of our golf club."

"Why, he can't play golf."

"No, but he always pays his dues."

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THE DOCTOR DIDN'T KNOW.

An old, white-haired darky living on a plantation, not feeling well, had the doctor pay him a visit. The doctor told him, as he was geting old, he must eat plenty of chicken and stay out of damp night air.

"But, sah," said the old darkey, "how you 'spect me to stay in de house at night and still get my chickens?"

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WOES OF MATRIMONY.

"Poor fellow!" said a benevolent lady, kindly, "what has brought you to this destitute condition?"

"My Wife, mum."

"Your wife! How is that?"

"Well, you see, mum, I've found her three good jobs, and blessed if she ain't lost every one of 'em!"

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TOO YOUNG FOR THAT

"Brace up! What ails you?" asked the old hound.

"I just heard the master say he's have to put me through the mill," replied the pup.

"Yes, he's going to train you for the hunting field——"

"Oh! Is that it? I thought he meant the sausage mill."

MARIA SOLVES A MYSTERY.



Maria Ann sat by the fire,
And watched the blaze leap higher, higher!
Then wide she opened her mouth and spoke:
"I guess the blaze does chase the smoke
Clean up the chimbly to the sky,
Where it makes clouds to sail on high."

WHY MONCTON REJOICES

(Moncton Times)

An examination of the assessment book shows that there are 1252 individual or corporate owners of real estate within the city at the present time. Of these 1151 are residents and 101 are classed as non-residents. Putting the population at twelve thousand and the average family at five persons, this means that practically one-half the heads of families in Moncton own their own homes or other real estate. This is a very creditable showing and probably there are few towns in the country that can equal it.

(Moncton Transcript)

The Transcript has frequently directed attention to a marked characteristic of the city of Moncton in the large number of owners of small properties. Visitors also have frequently commented upon the fact. It is said that this year there are 1,252 individual or corporate owners of real estate taxed in Moncton and of these only 101 are non-residents. Taking the average family of five, means that practically one-half the heads of families in Moncton own their homes. It is doubtful whether any other small city in the Dominion of Canada from the standpoint of wage-earners owning their residences makes a better showing than the city of Moncton. During the last ten years there has been a great increase in the number of individual property owners in this city.

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