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SELECT THE PEOPLE

"We respectfully request that steps be taken immediately to prevent the embarkation for Canada of any immigrants afflicted with pulmonary or contagious diseases of any kind and the enforcement of such a rigid system of inspection of all immigrants entering Canada as will insure the immediate return upon the transportation lines by which they arrive of all persons who are found diseased or from any cause physically or mentally unfit to become useful and thrifty citizens."

This is the request of the Toronto Board of Trade, forwarded to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, along with some startling evidence to show that the situation has really become acute, because of "the laxity of immigrant inspection on this side and something worse on the other side." The letter to Sir Wilfrid says:

"The evidence would seem to show that this country is simply being made a dumping ground for those afflicted with tuberculosis and other diseases. There is reason to believe that many hospitals throughout the country can tell of newly-arrived immigrants who are residents within their walls because afflicted, if not with consumption (because no other hospitals outside of these above named will receive consumptive cases), with some other contagious disease."

The evidence referred to, says the Toronto Globe, was furnished by the Executive of the National Sanitarium Association and the trustees of the Toronto Free Hospital for Consumptives. Of the 243 patients treated in the Muskoka Free Hospital in the past year 83, or one-third, were of foreign birth. An analysis of individual cases showed that a goodly percentage of these left their homes knowing that they were afflicted with consumption, and yet were allowed to pass inspection at immigrant headquarters at Quebec. Instances are cited in the communication to the Premier to show that a number of the consumptive foreign immigrants were ill when they started for Canada and came to this country because they were advised that the bracing climate of Canada was good for consumptives. At the Toronto Free Hospital for Consumptives, near Weston, 134 patients were cared for during the year. Only fifty per cent. of this number were born in Canada. Thirty-five per cent. came from Great Britain and Ireland, 2.9 per cent. from other British possessions, and 11.2 per cent. from foreign countries.

In the face of these facts it is not surprising that the physician-in-chief at the hospital states: "This but emphasizes the necessity for a very rigid scrutiny of all immigrants before they are allowed to land. They bring with them not only abject poverty, but also well-developed disease."

Canada must protect herself. There must be an increasingly rigid inspection of immigrants, and such action should be taken as would fairly and fully warn diseased persons before they leave the other side of the ocean that they would not be allowed to enter Canada. It is a great hardship after coming across to be sent back again, and this would be largely avoided by giving them due warning before they leave the other side. This, with the aid of the steamship companies, could easily be done, and, a medical inspection made. The eyes of the world are turned upon Canada as a desirable place for the home seekers. There will hereafter be an increasing volume of immigration. There will be less need of great effort to secure immigrants, and attention should now be directed to the task of selecting the people who are to enjoy the great opportunities that abound in this new country. In the interests of the Canada of the future, the Canada of today should choose its people with increasing care.

WEST AND EAST

A heavier snowfall than for many years is reported from Manitoba and farther west. A recent snowstorm cost the C. P. R. a quarter of a million, and with increasing quantities of snow the troubles of the railways will become greater. The severe winter will doubtless bear hardly upon some of the newly arrived immigrants, although the conditions will also be such that there should be no scarcity of work. The hardships of a stormy winter in a sparsely settled prairie country are greater than, for example, in New Brunswick. In time this fact will impress itself upon the minds of intending immigrants, and these lower provinces will grow in favor with old world homeseekers. Premier Tweedie stated again yesterday that the government of this province is very desirous to secure settlers of a desirable class. The activity of the Salvation Army bureau, and the presence in the province of the representative of the Central Emigration Board, of London, are hopeful signs. While progress may be slow, it should be an accelerating movement, resulting within the next ten years in a very substantial increase in population.

SOMEWHAT DOUBTFUL

"Wanted—A strong donkey to do the work of a country clergyman."

This somewhat vague advertisement appears in an Irish newspaper. At first reading it appears to suggest that the people of the parish desire to exchange their clergyman for a strong donkey, and that this interesting animal would be, in their opinion, quite competent to perform the duties usually devolving upon the clergyman.

there can be little doubt that the average country clergyman is expected to be as uncomplaining and as long-suffering as a donkey, and possessed of as great powers of endurance. Doubtless many a country clergyman would be glad if he were as certain of an occasional rest and regular meals as is the donkey. He might draw the line at the ears, since with ordinary human ears he is able to hear quite as much about himself as is good for his peace of mind. It is equally apparent that no well balanced donkey would be willing to exchange places with a country clergyman, and accept the salary and privations the latter must accept without a kick. The donkey would kick.

All this, however, does not explain the meaning of the advertisement, which is herewith passed up to those who are skilled in scriptural and other interpretation.

The Times recently observed that to sell liquor to certain men in this city is to strike a blow at their wives and children. Painful evidence of the truth of this statement frequently comes to this office. Such cases are difficult to deal with, but society owes to itself the obligation of looking after the interests of its weakest members with more care than is at present displayed. There should be some means devised to protect children from those who should be their protectors, but who because of alcoholism become a disgrace and a menace. There are men in St. John today who because of failure to care for their children should be turned away from the door of every saloon, and told that the money of a man who disregards the cry of his children is not wanted.

Lumber shipments from St. John to transatlantic ports last year showed a large increase over the figures for the previous year. The like is true of the trade with the United States. It is said this winter's log cut will be quite as large as that of last year. The British markets at present, however, are reported to have considerable stocks on hand.

The press of the United States has been aroused by the frequency of fatal railway accidents of late, and is clamoring for such reform in the methods of railway operation as will safeguard the lives of passengers. The list of recent casualties is an appalling one.

There was an error yesterday in copying the statement of exports to the United States. Instead of over a million dollars increase, it is less than a quarter of a million. The correct statement is given in today's Times.

The St. John Opera House, which has encountered financial difficulties in times past, reports a very successful year. This is another evidence of a generally prosperous year in the city.

In the interests of the institution those connected with the general public hospital should not be as reticent as some of them sometimes are, when approached by the representative of a newspaper.

The leader of the government and the leader of the opposition have both declared themselves eminently satisfied with the result of the by-election in Restigouche. This harmony is delightful.

The task of keeping Moncton liquor dealers in jail appears to be too great for those charged with the administration of the law. Is it the law, or its administration that is a farce?

Halifax is to have a suburban electric railway system. St. John should have had a similar system ere now. Will the existing company rise to the occasion?

OTTAWA REPORTS BUSINESS GOOD

Merchants Say They Had An Excellent Christmas Trade

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 3.—(Special).—Subscription lists for a tender to the Ontario government for the mining rights of Kerr Lake, in the Cobalt district, are now being circulated in Ottawa. The minimum is \$500, of which ten per cent. must be paid by Monday next, when the list closes, and the balance within 15 days thereafter. Tenders will be opened by the government on Jan. 9.

The merchants of Ottawa report on the whole an excellent Christmas trade, and in many instances the month of December was much better than the corresponding period of 1905.

No doubt the splendid winter weather that prevailed throughout the holiday season was a big factor in the increased trade but the more prominent merchants report that money was more plentiful this year and that as a rule a better class of goods was in demand.

The annual meeting of the board of trade will be held on Jan. 15. The only elections will be for positions on the council, as the other positions were filled by acclamation.

ELEANORA DUSE ILL
GENOA, Jan. 4.—Eleanora Duse, the actress, is ill of pneumonia.

Winds of passion do not blow to harbor of high purposes.

CLEARING SALE OF

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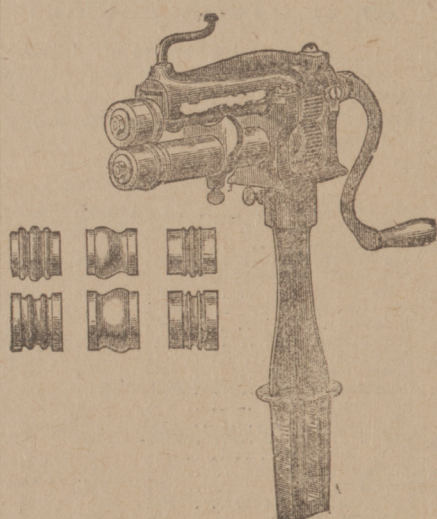
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Who Said Spring Was Coming?

Blankets and Comfortables wanted now.
Warm Underwear, Gloves and Mitts.
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St. John, Jan. 4th, 1907.

MONTREAL

"Reign on, majestic Ville-Marie! Spread wide thy ample robes of state; The heralds cry that thou art great. And proud are thy young sons of thee, Mistress of half a continent. Thou rearest from thy girlhood's nest. We see thee, conscious, leave thy breast. And feel thy rank and th' ydescent Spring of the saint and chivalier. And with the sacred tunic we'd, Mount Royal's crown upon thy head, And past thy footstool, broad and clear, St. Lawrence sweeping to the sea; Reign on, majestic Ville-Marie!"

IN LIGHTER VEIN

ESPECIALLY WELCOME THEN.
Edith—I do so admire a man who says the right thing at the right time.
Harold—So do I—especially when I'm thirsty.—Ally Sloper.

UNFAMILIAR NAME.

"What's yer name?"
"David O'Hagan?"
"Ow d'yer spell it?"
"D-a-v-i-d, David, O-apostrophe H-a-n."
"Ere, art a minute, 'ow d'yer spell apostrophe?"—Ally Sloper.

"THE SPIRIT IS WILLING—"
Governess—"You're a naughty little girl, Christabel, to kick your cousin like that!"
Christabel—"I didn't kick her."
Governess—"Oh, hush dear, I saw you kick her several times."
Christabel—"I didn't. I missed her every time."—Punch.

WOULD SHOW HIM.

The very indispensed passenger, groping his way towards the captain's bridge, was stopped by a polite steward.
"You can't be ill here, sir," said the steward.

"Oh, can't I?" was the faint reply.—St. James Gazette.

THE COURTEOUS CONVICT.

"Yes," said the warden, "he was the coolest and most thoughtful convict who ever broke jail."

"You don't say so?" exclaimed the visitor.

"Yes; he left behind him a note to the governor of the state beginning: 'I hope you will pardon me for the liberty I'm taking.'"

WHY HE REJOICED.

Father Ryan, who has charge of a parish in Armagh, Ireland, while on a visit to this country, unexpectedly ran across a former parishioner, who had recently emigrated, on Broadway, New York.

"Well, Pat," said Father Ryan, "how are you getting on?"
"Oh, I have a fine job, your reverence," was Pat's reply.

"What are you doing, Pat?" queried the priest.

"Oh! it's a fine job," was the answer.
"Yes, but what is it?"
"I am tearing down a Protestant church, and the best of it is they are paying me for doing it," joyfully exclaimed Pat.

HOODOOED THE HOUSEHOLD.

Sundowner Villas—How many men are you in family? What?
Lavender Mansions—Thirteen, including the wife's mother; three without her.

THE EVIDENCE SUBMITTED.
"Do you believe in the transmigration of souls?" asked the sweet young thing.
"Sometimes," replied the Senator, "I am inclined to think there is a good deal in that theory."

"Father is a believer, too. I heard him say last night that he thought you must in some former existence have been a jelly-fish."—Chicago Record Herald.

THE OPERA HOUSE
HAD A GOOD YEAR

Shareholders Decide Not to
Lease the House But to
Continue Present Policy.

That the St. John Opera House has just closed one of the most successful years in its history was the purport of the financial report presented to the Opera House Company shareholders at the annual meeting last night.

The details of the report were not given out for publication, but it is understood that the company is in better shape now than ever before.

The proposition to lease the Opera House to some permanent manager was brought up, but before applications for the lease were read, the directors decided not to lease the house, but continue to administer it as in the past.

A resolution expressing regret at the death of the former manager, John F. Dockrill, was passed, and it was moved that the resolution be sent to relatives of deceased.

The election of directors resulted in the choice of A. O. Skinner, John Mitchell, Dr. G. A. B. Addy, J. M. Johnson, W. A. McGinley, David Connell, W. G. Salmon, Enoch Paul and C. N. Skinner.

A. O. Skinner was re-elected as president, John Mitchell was chosen first vice-president to succeed the late John F. Dockrill and Dr. G. A. B. Addy was elected second vice.

The directors will meet this afternoon to appoint a manager to succeed the late Mr. Dockrill and a secretary to the company.

It is a practical certainty that Acting Manager H. J. Anderson will be appointed permanently.

PREMIER TWEEDIE TALKS

Premier Tweedie was in the city yesterday, and he stated that although the opposition have done all in their power to antagonize the people against the Highway Act, yet he was sure that it met with the approval of all serious thinking people. The premier expressed the belief that the opposition leader's statement that the government would not win a single seat along the North Shore was far-fetched, and that the result of the general elections would be even better for the government.

The premier states that the legislature will likely assemble again on February 7 or 14. The premier said that Attorney General Pugsley would prosecute Collins for the murder of Miss McAulay, if able to attend. If not Solicitor General Jones might.

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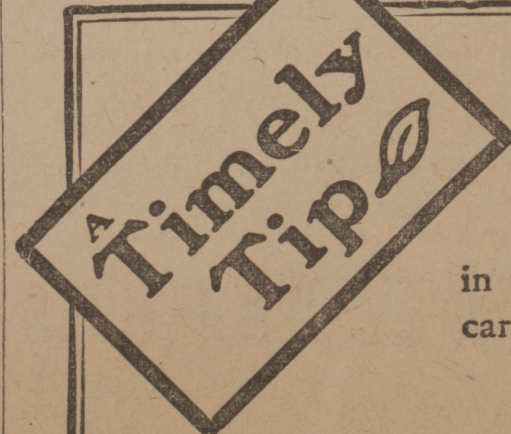
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