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A TIME OF FEAR

That was a disagreeable nightmare. The city will be glad to be relieved of any more such visitations. It is rather remarkable as well as extremely fortunate that everything last night passed so quietly. The fact is clear and eloquent testimony to the orderly and law-abiding spirit of the people of St. John. But we can get along without such tests in the future, even if we are compelled to take something for granted. Possibly something is owing to the fact that the street lights were restored early in the evening. Before that occurred there was a state of affairs practically unknown to the present generation, and certainly not reassuring to the timid pedestrian, whose lively imagination might easily people the gloom of cavernous alleys with footpads and perils of divers kinds. Two little girls with a lantern, and three little boys talking very loudly as they traversed one of the streets, early in the evening, were typical of the state of mind of not a few older folk. And then the electric light was restored, and the nervous dread of the darkness passed. There was still the dread of fire, deepened by the sound of several alarms, but in this respect also fears proved groundless. For those able to appreciate the humor of an unusual situation there was no lack of entertainment, but the laughter rang rather hollow because there was behind it an uncomfortable sense of real danger to the community. There was this morning a universal sense of relief, and none will be at all eager to have the city repeat the experience of last night. If the civic authorities needed any spur to action in this matter of providing a water supply that will not be subject to interruption surely they have their lesson.

It has been suggested that provision should be made by laying a pipe across the suspension bridge to connect with the Spruce Lake supply in case of such an emergency as that of yesterday and today. The Times does not know to what extent this may be practicable, but in view of present conditions precautionary measures of some kind are absolutely necessary. No doubt the normal supply from Loch Lomond will be available again in a comparatively few hours, but there is no guarantee that the old pipe, which should never have been trusted, will not burst again and again, and such an occurrence during a mid-winter blizzard would, as the Times observed yesterday, prove calamitous. Pipes all over the city would freeze and burst and the conditions become infinitely worse than they were yesterday. The members of the council will, of course, have this thought in mind in their discussion of the situation. Were this the spring instead of the winter season, there would be less fear of results; but with the worst season of the year upon us the necessity for a prudent course of action becomes infinitely more urgent and pressing.

SUPERVISED PLAYGROUNDS

The following is the petition presented to the school board by the playgrounds committee of the Local Council of Women, at last night's meeting:—"Whereas the most noticeable movement in educational lines of recent years has been the rapid development of Vacation Schools and Supervised Playgrounds, which are considered the growing point in the educational system of today; and
"Whereas in the many English and American cities having Vacation Schools or Supervised Playgrounds a majority have incorporated the work in the public school system; and
"Whereas the value of the vacation work has been successfully illustrated to your honorable body and to the St. John public by the Playground Committee of the Local Council of Women who conducted free public playgrounds in the school yards for two successive summers; and
"Whereas the work is now in condition to be passed on to the proper civic authorities and so raised to its proper place in your school system;
"Therefore the Playground Committee of the Local Council of Women respectfully petitions your honorable body to maintain and conduct the Vacation School and Playground work during the ensuing summer.
The board decided to instruct the superintendent to collect information on the subject and submit a report, along with an estimate of the probable expense. No

doubt a way will be found to take over the supervised playgrounds, even if on a limited scale as that on which they were conducted by the Women's Council last year. Gradually as the system is perfected the scope can be enlarged at comparatively small additional cost.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

Further evidence of the success of government ownership of railways comes from Victoria, Australia. We quote from the Toronto News:—"Mr. Thomas Tait, Mr. W. Fitzpatrick and Mr. C. Hudson are the commissioners in charge of the government railways of Victoria. It will be remembered that Mr. Tait was formerly a high official of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and that he went to Australia to assume the task of putting the government railways of Victoria on a business footing. The task before him was no easy one. The earnings were not too large and as a result the railways had been allowed to run down. When he and his associate commissioners took charge in 1903 they faced extraordinary liabilities of £795,761. These liabilities consisted of special loans for renewal of way, deficiency in rolling stock, belated repairs and deficiency in stores. Besides this, of course, they had interest charges to meet on a heavy capital. The first year of operation under the commission produced a surplus of £519. In 1904-5 this increased to £640. In 1905-6 the surplus was £108,965. For the operating year 1906-7 the surplus has soared to £279,133. The expenditure for maintenance of way has increased from £131 per mile in 1902-3 to £174 per mile in 1906-7, and there has been a large addition to the rolling stock. On the 30th of June last all the extraordinary liabilities had been wiped out with the exception of some £17,000. The mileage open for traffic is 3,401. The total capital expenditure has been over £42,000,000. Government Ownership of Railways and operation of them by an independent commission is proving successful in Victoria."

The school board dealt with several important questions last evening. The movement in the direction of free text books is one that will appeal very strongly to people who are compelled to pay excessive prices for this necessary equipment. Another step has been taken toward providing the school buildings with flags and the board has also shown its sympathy with the general idea of supervised playgrounds. The question of providing a qualified music teacher is also to be considered. The board is to be commended for its intelligent grasp of important matters.

There was ample time to have notified the whole city of the break in the water mains, so that a supply needful for all household purposes could have been stored. Superintendent Murdoch had the information at eleven o'clock on Sunday night. Information concerning the next break should be conveyed to someone likely to pass it on.

The Montreal Gazette says:—"Mr. Fowler, M. P., says Mr. Pugsley is peckish. This is promising—of an interesting if not edifying discussion when the time comes for the minister of public works to reply. This promises to be a good session of parliament, in the minds of those who like spice rather than solid food."

Mr. George D. Prescott, who has been chosen to succeed Mr. W. B. Jonah on the opposition ticket in Albert county is a successful business man who would make a good working member of the legislature. He is widely as well as favorably known throughout the county.

The present world-wide movement to curtail the liquor traffic is not based on sentimental but economic grounds. When it is decided that a traffic is economically destructive in its nature the forces arrayed against it become far more formidable and effective.

The debate on the address in parliament has thus far failed to develop anything of an exciting nature, but Dr. Pugsley is still to be heard from. The atmosphere will doubtless warm up a little in a day or two.

Says the Toronto News:—"Mr. Fielding intimates that the Liberal platform of 1893 has been carried out. True enough! It was carried out very carefully one dark night and buried in the back yard."

The population of Saskatchewan is now estimated at 325,000. Those new western provinces will soon be able to assume a patronizing air when they address the little fellows in the east.

Two members of parliament have died since the session opened. Is last year's mortality record to be exceeded?

Yesterday's cessation of work was had for workshops and good for the dispensers of liquid refreshments.

Stories about old times in St. John will hereafter have a more vivid interest for the citizens.

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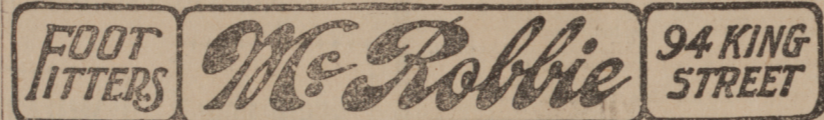
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There were no front lawns to be mowed. When Adam was a boy; No kitchen gardens to be hoed. When Adam was a boy. No ice cream freezers to be turned. No crocks of cream that must be churned. No grammar lessons to be learned. When Adam was a boy.

There was no staying after school. When Adam was a boy; Because someone had to rule. When Adam was a boy. Nobody had to go to bed. Without a sup of broth or bread. Because of something done or said. When Adam was a boy.

Yet life was pretty dull, no doubt. When Adam was a boy; There were no baseball clubs about. When Adam was a boy. No street piano stopped each day in front of where he lived to play; No brass band ever marched his way. When Adam was a boy.

There were no fireworks at all. When Adam was a boy; No one could pitch a drop curve ball. There were no baseball clubs about. But here is why our times are so much better than the long ago— There was no Santa Claus, you know, When Adam was a boy.

—Nixon Waterman, in Woman's Home Companion.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

ABSORBED. The Poet—"Darling, I have sold my sonnet at last." His Wife—"Oh, Algernon! And now I can have that Persian lamb coat, and—" The Poet—"Not yet, dear, I had to spend the money to get a pair of socks." —Cleveland Leader.

A SHIFTY NEUTRAL.

(Youth's Companion.) The wife of the American minister at The Hague recently asked Mr. Nelidoff, the Russian president of the Peace Conference, to write something in her album. His sentiment was touched with feeling. "It is easier," he wrote, "to make peace with one's enemy than forty-seven neutrals." *

PIERPONT MORGAN'S LUCK.

(New York Commercial.) Pierpont Morgan once did a poor man a good turn by buying his share in a lottery. The share won the prize, and Mr. Morgan was so delighted that he told the man he would give him \$1,000 a year for life. Instead of showing his gratitude the man said he would prefer \$2,000 down. "But why?" asked the astonished millionaire. "Because," was the reply, "with your darned luck, Mr. Morgan, I should be dead in six months!" *

NOT A COMPLETE STRANGER.

(The Green Bag.) "Was this man Harrigan an entire stranger to you?" asked the cross-examining counsel of a witness in a case recently tried in an Ohio court. "Wot's that?" asked the witness, a wary Irishman, who had been warned to be cautious and exact in his answers. "The question was again put to him. "Well, no, sor," said the man; "I could hardly say that, sor. In fact, he couldn't be, sor; for he had but the one ar-rm, sor; but he was a partial stranger, sor. I'd never seen him before." *

SPORTSMANLIKE FAIRNESS.

(Leeds Mercury.) At a recent cricket match, married vs. single, the former took first innings, and chiefly by the aid of some blind hits by one of the players, named Jones, made a score of 84. Just as the bachelors were about to commence their innings, news of a local railway accident in which some of the passengers had been killed, reached the field. "I'm in a bit of a quandary," said Jones to the curate, who had organized the match; "my missus was in that train." "Dear me, I'm sorry to hear it," was the reply. "You're anxious to get away, of course?" "Well, no, sir; it ain't that. I was only thinking if anything has happened to my Mary I ought to be playing for the single chaps." *

PEOPLE OF NOTE



Jacob Henry Schiff, the eminent New York banker and for many years an important factor in the prominent banking institution of Kuhn, Loeb & Company, was born at Frankfort-on-the-Main in Germany in 1847. His first education was received at the schools in Frankfort and he came to this country in 1865. Mr. Schiff while a financier has also all his life kept in close touch with literary and artistic centres and while a director in scores of big corporations, railways and banks, his charitable activities have been notable.

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