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### AN UNPLEASANT INCIDENT.

Ever since certain printers on the Telegraph and Times went out on strike the men who remained in the employ of these papers and those who were given employment have been subjected to more or less annoyance and insult. They have gone quietly about their business, only to be called "scabs" and "rats," or to find their names, with approbrious epithets attached, written in chalk on the sidewalk. Insulting notices have even been pasted on windows. Most of this occurred on Canterbury street near the offices, but employees of these papers have been followed along other streets by strikers, some of them under the influence of liquor, and subjected to insult. On Saturday a member of the mechanical staff of these papers with his wife and child, were walking on the street in company with another man who had been employed here, but had given up his position the day before and was about to leave the city, having already secured transportation and arranged to go away that evening. He was not, therefore, an employee of these papers when he and his companions, including a lady and child, were followed and grossly insulted. Forbearance had ceased to be a virtue when women were insulted, and the case went to be police court this morning. The story will be found on another page. In this community, which loves fair play, it is not necessary to do more than state the facts.

One other statement ought to be made. The story has been circulated that this office locked out the printers in the job department. The truth is that those printers refused to set a line of type for either the Telegraph or Times, when asked to do so. It was their right to refuse, but it was also the right of the employer to secure men who would do the work which required to be done. Work is now and has been progressing satisfactorily in all departments of this establishment. These papers have done no injustice to any employe.

### NOT SO SURE NOW.

Those who were led by the assurances of Hon. Dr. Pugsley to believe that the Grand Trunk Pacific would take over the Central Railway will not find much in the report of the discussion at Ottawa yesterday to justify their faith in the minister of public works. Grand Trunk Pacific construction work is being pushed in this province as well as Quebec. If the railway is to make St. John a terminus something definite should be known about it by this time. But Dr. Pugsley can only say that G. T. P. officials said to him that they thought the Central would afford a satisfactory means of reaching St. John, and that they told him they recognized the importance of having direct connection from the main line to St. John. To this he adds the rather ineffective excuse that perhaps the present provincial government does not desire to part with the Central. When the people recall the florid eloquence of Dr. Pugsley in his discussion of this subject before he retired from the legislature and also before the recent crushing defeat of the Robinson government, his present cautious and indefinite statements stand out in painful contrast. In future, his assurances will be received with scant respect by the people of New Brunswick.

### ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Yesterday was nomination day for the provincial elections, both in Ontario and Quebec. In Ontario the Conservative government carried six seats without a contest, while in Quebec the Liberal government carried four. As the Conservatives in Quebec in the last provincial elections nominated only twenty-four candidates and elected only six, permitting some fifty seats to go by acclamation, it is evident that there has been a great change in public sentiment. Large Conservative gains are assured, and there is no doubt a good fighting chance for some of Mr. Bourassa's supporters, who are also opposed to the government. In Ontario the Whitney government will be returned by a very large majority.

The chief interest centres in Quebec province, because the result will be considered, more than that in Ontario, in relation to the coming federal elections. Quebec is Sir Wilfrid Laurier's stronghold. It is true that the smaller province of Ontario went solidly Liberal in the last federal elections, but everybody knows it will not repeat the experiment. In any case Nova Scotia has not a large enough representation to affect general results as would the province of Quebec. Ontario is known to be overwhelmingly Conservative, and therefore the greatest interest centres in Quebec. Should the Conservatives make very large gains, that party would at once assert that this result was an indication of the weakening hold of Sir Wilfrid Laurier upon the province, and evidence that in the federal elections his party would lose ground where it had formerly been invincible.

### CLEAN STREETS

For the encouragement of Mayor Bullock and those members of the city council who look upon clean streets as something to be desired we quote from the Maritime Merchant: "We are so pleased with the appearance of many of the streets in Halifax this spring that we cannot help returning to the subject again in this issue. The appearance of things in the most frequented parts of the city is certainly a credit to the place and a good advertisement. This distinct improvement was only possible by the outlay of considerable money, but now the people are not only well pleased but the investment is yielding a dividend not figured on before. If now all the citizens would co-operate to the fullest extent with the civic authorities in maintaining the improvements effected it would tend to their permanency."

It must be said to the credit of the street department in St. John that the cleaning of the streets and repairing sidewalks is making considerable progress, but there is much to be done, much more no doubt than there are funds to provide for; and here as in Halifax there is need of co-operation between private citizens and the civic departments.

In allusion to Mrs. Humphrey Ward's recent talk on playgrounds in cities for school children, the Toronto Star says that city to acquire blocks of land in different parts where they are still unimproved. "Anyone who has observed the progress of Toronto," it says, "will remember districts that once afforded ample playing space now covered with blocks of buildings. How easy it would have been, when that building was in progress, to secure a few acres of land here and there and reserve them for playgrounds for all time. Now the land is held at a high price and the work of winning back a little room to play in is more difficult. But the city continues to grow, and there are fresh opportunities for repeating the folly, or for learning by experience to follow the better way."

The assertion made over and over again that in Ontario certain school books were cheap because they were a lot that must be disposed of was effectively replied to last week by Mr. T. W. Crothers, chairman of the school book commission. He answered the argument that the present price of 40 cents was a bargain by saying that the evidence showed the set to cost only 40 cents. He went further, however, and made the following important statement: "I have it on the authority of the premier that the new set of school readers will be given to the people free, not for \$1.45 per set, the price under the first contract, not at \$1.30, the price under the second contract; not at 49 cents, the present price, but absolutely free. And not only are the readers to be free to the people, but every book used in the schools."

A despatch from Colorado Springs says: "Colorado may emphasize the franchise for women in the state by sending two women delegates to the national convention, to be held in Denver in July. Following the movement on foot in Denver to seat Mrs. Ruth Bryan Leavitt, there is a strong undercurrent among the Democrats of El Paso county to tender the honor of delegate to the convention to Mrs. Margaret Hayes, of this city, the only living daughter of Jefferson Davis."

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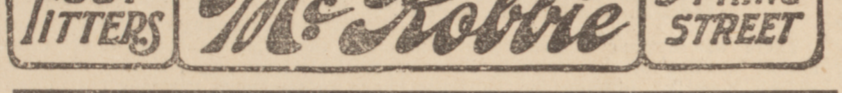
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Muttered Fernando Jones.  
"I've seen it for months like this together!"  
Avers Fernando Jones.  
"I've skated on ice in the month of May. In June I've traveled around in a sleigh. And I froze an ear on a July day."  
Once," said Fernando Jones.

"Remember that year without a summer?"  
Queried Fernando Jones.  
"I guess you don't. Well, that was a hummer."  
Declares Fernando Jones.

"It was Eighteen Sixteen; I mind it yet—Or Seventeen Sixteen—I 'most forget—But I don't forget how it felt, you bet!"  
Attests Fernando Jones.

"You call this a rain? It's only a mist!"  
Exclaims Fernando Jones.  
"I have dodged raindrops—as big as your fist."  
Affirms Fernando Jones.  
"As a weather watcher your name is Mud. I could tell you things that would chill your blood."  
Why, I was with Noah during the flood!"  
Exults Fernando Jones.

### IN LIGHTER VEIN

**SUBURBAN JOYS.**  
(Toronto News.)  
My wisdom's not a laughing matter, but One little fact I know,  
This half past three each morning when My neighbor's roosters crow.

### STRONG MEASURES.

Golfer after several attempts to hole the ball—"What shall I do, caddy?"  
Caddy—"I would get down on my knees and blow it in!"

### CAUSE FOR GLADNESS.

Marion—"I showed papa these verses you wrote me, and he seemed pleased."  
Harry—"He did?"  
Marion—"Yes. He said he was so glad to see that you were not a poet."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

### NOT SO EASY.

"Got any babies around your place?" inquired the candidate.  
"No," answered the farmer. "Babies is all grown up an' married off. How'd you like to put in the forenoon plowin'?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### BELIEVED IN LUCK.

"I hate to have my husband find a horse-shoe."  
"Why?"  
"He always brings it home, nails it up and then waits around for luck to strike him."  
"Well!"  
"And there never was such a man for finding horse-shoes."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### NOT WHAT SHE MEANT.

Mrs. Neddors (proudly)—"Professor Fort called at our house to-day, and my daughter played the piano for him. He just raved over her playing."  
Mrs. Peppery—"How rude! Why couldn't he conceal his feelings the way the rest of us do?"—Philadelphia Press.

### REMARKABLE.

(Toronto News.)  
Now here is a curious thing, I must say, I note it with pain and with sorrow.  
The fellow who goes to the races to-day, Doesn't bother with luncheon to-morrow.

### DANISH WOMEN

### GET THE BALLOT

The New Law Will Come Into Force in March of Next Year

---It's Provisions.

(Correspondence Equal Suffrage.)  
The bill giving Danish women municipal suffrage was passed in the "Folkething" (Lower House) on the 14th April, and it was signed by the king on the 20th of the same month. From March, 1909, when the next elections are to take place for the first time under the new law, we shall, in municipal matters, be citizens on quite the same terms as men.

Municipal suffrage is given by this law to every man and woman of good character who is 25 years old and has, in the year in which the election takes place and the whole preceding year, resided in and paid tax to the municipality. Tax paid by a husband of common property, or on behalf of the wife for her independent property, procures the right to vote for the husband and wife. This gives in reality two votes for one portion of tax to married people. The original bill, introduced by the government, only proposed to give suffrage to woman taxpayers. A socialist and a government member of the lower house raised, however, personally the question of giving women without independent property the right to vote, and it was the latter, the minister of public works, Svend Hogsbro, an old friend of the women's cause, who carried this amendment in his party, which then brought it forward in parliament and carried it in both houses.

The new law is a reform of municipal suffrage in general, but the special measure for woman suffrage (it also gives servants, hitherto excluded the right to vote), and this explains that the Socialist and the Radical parties voted against it together with some of the Extreme-Conservative party—but for different reasons. The deliberations in parliament have shown that no political party, as a body, is against woman suffrage. The bill was carried in the lower house with 64 against 35 votes.

On the 30th April a delegation from the Danish National Suffrage Association was received by the prime minister, J. C. Christensen, and by the minister of interior affairs, Sigurd Berg, in order to present the women's thanks for the municipal suffrage.

On the 3rd May a meeting followed by a banquet was held at the magnificent town hall of Copenhagen. Several thousands of women and men attended the meeting, and 60 (as many as could be admitted) parades of the banquet. The festivity was arranged by "Dansk Kvindesamfund," "Dansk Kvindevalgforening" (Nat. Council of Women), "Danske Kvindeforeningers Valgretsforbund" (N. W. S. A.) and "Kobenhavns Kvindevalgforening." Present were the Ministers Sigurd Berg and Svend Hogsbro, several mayors and aldermen, the Rector Magnificus of the University, the director of police and several other notabilities. During the banquet a telegram was sent to His Majesty the King, who sent a gracious answer with good wishes for the results to come of the reform. Telegraphic greetings were received in great number from Denmark and foreign countries. Many words of joy were spoken for the new right obtained, and the hope was expressed that we should, within a short time, acquire also the political suffrage. The evening passed in the most delightful manner and will for a long time be kept in remembrance by those present.

LOUISE NEERGAARD, Copenhagen, May, 1908.

### A NOTABLE RECORD.

Mr. James Anderson the veteran newspaper man who for many years acted as shipping editor of the Daily Telegraph will see Thomas Jefferson play Rip Van Winkle at the Opera House tonight and will then complete a record which very few men can equal. Away back in the 40's in the days of the old Duke Street Theatre, Mr. Anderson saw Joseph Jefferson the 3rd play Rip. In the 60's at Laneragan's Lyceum he saw Joseph Jefferson the 4th—the great "Joe"—play the same part and with tonight's performance by Thomas Jefferson Mr. Anderson will have seen three generations in the same play.

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