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ANOTHER POINT GAINED

The city has gained another point in its long struggle with the federal government for a reasonable recognition of the claims of this national port. It is announced that the government has agreed to the proposition of the city and will take over the work of extending South Rodney wharf to the harbor line, making two steamship berths in addition to the Clark and Clark and Adams wharves.

DREAMS AND REALITIES

Premier Robinson has a fine opportunity offered him to meet and overcome an enemy—if he be able for the task. The premier has declared some of Mr. Fleming's statements concerning provincial finances to be grossly incorrect, unparalled misrepresentation, and an insult to intelligent people. Mr. Fleming reaffirms his statements, declares that they are true, and challenges the premier to meet him on the public platform in St. John and debate the matter at issue.

The premier cannot afford to ignore this challenge. The public, which was more or less mystified by the recent financial statement of the government, is more than ever at sea since Mr. Fleming criticized it and the premier in turn denounced Mr. Fleming. The premier should name a date and have it out with the opposition critic. The holiday season is over, the public would appreciate a little political excitement and it is worth while to have the people fully enlightened.

"Let us dream," said the premier in his article in the Sun yesterday, "of large pulp and paper mills on the Restigouche, Miramichi and St. John rivers; iron and steel industries on the Nepisiquit and elsewhere; car works at Moncton and St. John; modern dry dock and the up-building of great national ports at St. John and L'Etang; the utilization of the mighty waste forces of Grand Falls and even our Fundy tides. Our dreams may become realities."

Has the premier been dreaming that the province is out of debt? Or that the government has not been grossly extravagant? And does he hope the dreams may become realities? Dreams are pleasant, if not always profitable. What the people most desire now is that the premier return from dreamland to the coldly critical atmosphere of January, 1908, and settle this little matter with the financial critic of the opposition. We have all had our dreams these many years, about dry docks, tidal power, car works, valley railways, and the like. After each dream we awake to grapple again with the complex problems of a life uncheered by any of these and the like. After each dream we awake now. Let not the premier seek to lull us into slumber in the hope that dreams may come again, but let him don his armor, enter the lists with Mr. Fleming, and give the people a taste of his fighting mettle. He may put Mr. Fleming to sleep—perchance to dream. Who knows? Ah! There's the rub, as Shakespeare would observe. For Mr. Fleming might put the premier to sleep, and leave him but his dreams.

WHAT MONOPOLY DOES

Reference was made yesterday to the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company, and its methods of dealing with the public. The Shareholder quotes one or two interesting illustrations. Here is one:—

"A man went into the office of the Light, Heat & Power Company to ask them to put a metre in his flat, as he intended to 'cook with gas.' A paper was placed before him purporting to be a contract. As he started to read it the clerk said with some impatience, 'It's no use wasting my time and yours reading that contract; unless you sign it you won't get any gas.' The man signed at once. It was a condition and not a theory which

confronted him. As he was leaving the clerk said, 'Don't you want electric light also?' and then the worm turned. Facing the clerk the man said: 'Yes, I do want electric light, but not from you; my flat is in Westmount and I shall take the municipal light.' The clerk said: 'But we can quote you a cheaper rate.' The man said: 'Yes, till you have crushed out competition in the town, and then you will hold me up as you did a moment ago with that gas contract.'

Here is another instance:—"A certain small manufacturer was paying \$700 a year to the Light, Heat & Power Company for the supply of power to run his factory; he considered this charge excessive and exorbitant, so decided to manufacture his own power, which he successfully did for a year at a cost of some \$350. Then the Power people came to him and he is now getting the same quantity of power from them at the price he learned to make it for himself."

In Toronto yesterday the power by-law, which was fully explained in the Times yesterday, was adopted by an overwhelming majority. It places the city of Toronto in a position to bring the existing electric company to terms, or provide cheaper power for itself. The company would not submit terms that were satisfactory to the city, and as a result it may be forced out of business.

Public ownership is gaining ground in Canada. The people grow weary of the arrogance of corporations and demand better and cheaper services. Manitoba furnishes another instance of the trend of public sentiment. There the provincial government has brought the big telephone company to terms, and will provide the people with cheaper service. In the new western provinces the principle of public ownership is widely applied.

Such developments as those in Manitoba and Toronto will have a notable influence in other provinces and cities. People no longer fear to trust themselves. They have trusted the corporations too long, and the latter have come to regard themselves as above criticism and not at all responsible to the people who grant the privileges and pay the bills.

CHEERING STATEMENTS

The New York World prints the following statements of leading financiers in the United States relative to business affairs and the outlook for 1908:—

Jacob H. Schiff—With the period of quietness through which we are likely to pass for some time we shall emerge before long stronger and better equipped than ever before.

James J. Hill—I look for a steady improvement all along the line.

Charles R. Flint—Business is becoming normal and is bound to continue to improve.

Otto T. Bannard, president of the New York Trust Company—I predict that in six months money will be so plentiful that, instead of commanding a premium, we will not know what to do with it all.

William H. Truesdale, president of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad—The law of supply and demand will operate, and prices will have to come down.

James Smith, jr., former United States senator, president of the Federal Trust Company of Newark—While the improvement will doubtless be a gradual one, still it will insure permanency.

Peter Campbell, president of the Board of Trade of Newark—I believe that 1908 will be a generally prosperous year.

John Eames, vice-president of the H. B. Claffin Company—Our spring trade which we are now handling is healthy and normal. The outlook is good.

Harry S. Black, expert in real estate—Money that has been hoarded is returning to the normal channels of circulation. Confidence in the future is becoming restored rapidly.

Henry L. Doherty, banker—It is now simply a question of speed of recovery.

Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, who seemed to have a good chance of becoming mayor of Toronto, was third in the race. There seems little doubt that charges made against Dr. Nesbitt, reflecting upon his personal conduct and habits, weighed in the scale against him. The Canadian people are becoming more sensitive in regard to such matters.

"Same to you," wired Sir Wilfrid to the mayor of St. John, who wished him happy realizations in 1908. Then the mayor is said to have spent some time gazing pensively through the window of his office in city hall at the post-office over the way.

With the completion of its forward fund, Acadia University is in a greatly improved condition to carry on its splendid work. Acadia owes much to the generosity of leading men in the Baptist denomination in these provinces.

That government ticket in St. John is still waiting to be discovered. Its hiding place is unknown, and there is much worry about it in government circles.

EARL GREY'S LEVEE

Ottawa, Jan. 1.—The New Year was inaugurated without unusual incident. The function of the day was the governor general's levee at the vice-regal offices in the east block. There some 600 citizens of Ottawa met Earl Grey and wished him a happy New Year. The attendance was unusually large.

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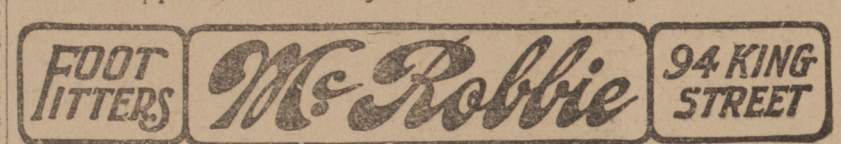
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A CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY

The freight flickers soft and low
Where hangs the sprig of mistletoe.
And linger here a man and maid
Of microbes not a whit afraid.
Past twelve. The clock has struck—no
doubt
Its grievance that 'tis all worn out
With seconding a loving pair
Who grant no respite, I declare.

The mistletoe swings to and fro
And wishes that the youth would go—
The youth who starts, but ever turns
And for "another, darling," years!
And Cupid yawns; but pricks his ears
As, ah, a stealthy tread he hears!
It's down the stairs—it's in the hall—
A rush—a cry—a sudden fall!

A door swift flung, and fatter then
A clatter on the steps again.
For weal or woe, and to and fro,
There swings in glee the mistletoe.
—Edwin L. Sabin, in the Bohemian.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

THE DAY AFTER.
THIS IS THE DAY we love so much,
Naught in our purse is found,
And we are forced to make a touch
Till pay-day comes around.

THE OLD TIN PAN.
The Old Tin Pan my subject is!
The Old Tin Pan all hail!
It does not "point a moral," but
It oft "adorns a tail!"

NOT NECESSARY.
Nell (excitedly)—"I'm going to hang up
mistletoe in the decorations this year. Are
you?"
Belle (calmly)—"I don't have to."
Baltimore American.

THE RESPONSE RAPID.
"You never use any sweet terms in
talking to me," said his wife, sadly.
"Oh, fudge!" he growled.
"Dear old boy!" she murmured. "How
quickly you respond to a suggestion!"
—Detroit News Tribune.

THE EASIER PART.
"Well," said the defeated candidate,
"I'm glad I wasn't elected."
"That's the old, old story," replied the
scourge.

"But I mean what I say. Now I shall
not have to keep any of the promises I
made during the campaign."—Chicago Record-
Herald.

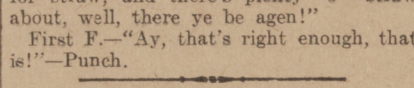
THE DIFFERENCE
Lawyer (examining juror)—"Do you un-
derstand the difference between character
and reputation?"
Juror—"Reputation is the name your
neighbors give you; character is the one
they take from you."—Judge.

AS IT WAS.
First Farmer—"And wot de 'ee give
you pigs?"
Second F.—"Oh, I gies 'em plenty o'
straw."

First F.—"Ah, but 'ow do 'ee goo on
when it's a bad year for straw?"
Second F.—"Well, when it's a bad year
for straw, and there ain't much straw
about, well, there ye ye!"

First F.—"Ay, that's right enough."
Second F.—"But when it's a good year
for straw, and there's plenty o' straw
about, well, there ye ye agen!"
First F.—"Ay, that's right enough, that
is!"—Punch.

The Snowball Battle.



Fierce and long the conflict raged;
Strong foes were in the fight.
Each warrior bold, with steady aim,
Did battle with his might.

Stern breastworks stood of beaten snow,
With ammunition near;
And as the battle fiercer grew
Wild shouts did rend the air.



At length one side was beaten back—
They fled in sorry plight.
The conflict was about to end
When the school bell stopped the fight.
MARY GRAHAM.

Spanish Superstitions.

You must not count the stars lest you
come to have as many wrinkles of face
as the number of stars in the firmament.
If one rocks an empty cradle the next
babe that lies in it will die before it
learns to talk.

Just as often as you mention the devil
in life just so often will he appear to you
at the hour of death.

It will bring evil to one to dance alone,
casting one's shadow on the wall, for
by so doing one is dancing with the devil.
If you would not be haunted by your
dead, kiss the shoes they are to wear at
burial.

Do not slam the door, nor shut a win-
dow roughly, nor kick a stone out of your
path, for in the door, in the window and
in the stone may be a suffering soul do-
ing penance.

Tommy (aged 6)—So you're going to
marry sister?
Mr. Johnson—Yes, What does your pa-
pa say about it?
Tommy—Oh, he said it was better than
nothing at all.

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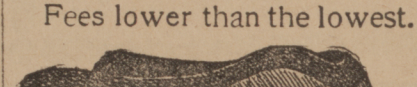
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