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PROVIDE PLAYGROUNDS

"The boy without a playground is father to the man without a job."
The boy without a playground is also the boy who is at present giving so much trouble to the police force of St. John.

What do the citizens propose to do about it?
In reply to a request made, Miss Mabel Peters received this week from a local engineer an estimate of the cost of preparing plans for a complete playground at the entrance to Rockwood Park, and of draining and levelling the grounds.

The field would then be ready for the equipment, which would cost as much or as little as the citizens chose to spend.

Of course the city council would not undertake to spend sixteen hundred dollars, but there are other ways of accomplishing the end. The council could at least pay the hundred dollars required for preparing the plans. The fifteen hundred dollars could be raised in other ways. One citizen has already offered to head a subscription with one hundred dollars.

Even if the money could not all or nearly all be raised, there is still another way. When the members of the Every Day Club need work done on their grounds they do it themselves in the evenings.

The State of Massachusetts has adopted a Playground Act, under which the cities and all towns of 10,000 inhabitants were called upon to vote for or against municipal playgrounds.

The first supervised playground in Detroit was opened in 1901, and equipped and supported by private subscription.

In 1903 the board of education granted \$1,200 for the work. This year it asked for \$37,000. In addition to the playgrounds, public baths have been established in that city.

The Playground for April contains a very interesting article by Mrs. Clara B. Arthur, telling of the growth of the playground idea in Detroit from the time in 1899 when she addressed the Twentieth Century Club on the subject until today, when there are nine playgrounds and several baths conducted for the benefit of the children.

In St. John this year, instead of a forward there is to be a backward step in the matter of supervised playgrounds.

to it they are paying less. It is not a creditable condition of affairs.
In the meantime the police arrest boys for playing and making noises on the street, and citizens stand aghast at the evidences of youthful depravity.

WHO PAYS THE TAXES

In a recent discussion in the United States senate, Senators Lodge and Root took the ground that the state and municipal taxes are "largely" and "in the main" paid by property owners, and the Massachusetts senator held that this was demonstrated by the fact that only about 18,000 persons in Boston paid taxes, while the city contained 110,000 voters.

Mr. Root contended that "property now bears a great proportion of the burden of taxation," and he produced statistics, by way of proof, showing that as late as 1902 property to the amount of \$97,810,000 paid ad valorem taxes for state, county and municipal purposes in the United States.

Then Senator Borah of Idaho asked: "Who has to pay this tax eventually, the owner or the renter?" "That is one of the questions of the shifting of taxation," replied Senator Root. "It is placed on the property to be paid by the owner. Who eventually pays it is a different question."

The Springfield Republican points out that what Senator Root thus cheerfully sets aside is the very point in the case. We quote:
"But this is just the point. Who eventually pays the tax is a different question from that of who originally pays it, to be sure, but it is of course a vital question to the controversy, and cannot be ignored without putting one into the position of begging the whole question.

No truth in economics is better established or more generally recognized than that general property taxes can be, and are, largely shifted from those who pay them in the first instance to those who appear not to pay anything. So much of these taxes as fall upon unimproved land are paid first and last by the owner, and so of taxes falling upon real estate wholly consumed, as it were, by the owner—his dwelling place when no part of it is rented. But these properties constitute only a very small proportion in value of the total property subjected to the general property taxes.

Apparently there is a suspicion in Quebec that all liquor dealers are not careful to give a customer what he asks for. The Ottawa Citizen says: "An important amendment to the liquor laws of Quebec, presented by Hon. W. A. Weir, came into force on Saturday. The substance of the amendment is as follows: 1. Bottles which have held liquor must not be refilled with any liquor and sold; 2. No hotel-keeper or saloon-keeper shall use or permit to be used any label on a bottle or other receptacle which does not indicate with precision and clearness the nature of the contents of the bottle or other receptacle. 3. No hotel or saloon-keeper shall mix with any liquor sold by him, any drug or other deleterious ingredient."

The increase in the volume of bank clearings is significant of better times. The Toronto News says: "May bank clearings at Toronto were the largest on record for that month, and Toronto bank clearings for the first five months constitute a new high mark for the longer period. They were \$35,000,000 larger than in 1907, which was the previous high water mark. The returns from Montreal for May and the five months are similarly cheering."

Among the evidences that times are improving is the fact that the number of third class passengers from Montreal to Europe is much smaller than that of last year, when, as a result of the general depression, many foreigners returned to their old homes. There is now a great falling off in this traffic eastward, but an increase in the westward movement. The immigrants arriving are reported to be generally of a desirable class.

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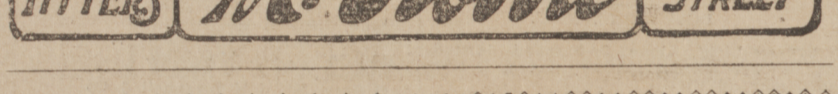
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Says the mistress: "I think before night On the mystery I'm sure I'll throw light; The servant girl, I'm sure, will be found. And I haven't a doubt 'Twas her put the pail out of sight."
So the maid at five-thirty returned. And the fate of the bucket was learned; On the top of her head, With trimmed with poppies of red, Was the much sought for bucket upturned. R. H. BIRD, TIFFLING.
St. John, June 4, 1909.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

BIRDS OF DISTINCTION.
The crow and the bird of paradise were talking about fame.
"Why, why, why are you so homely you are only known to the farmers," sneered the proud bird of paradise. "Now, I am so beautiful I have my feathers on the hats of the society women."
The crow laughed scornfully.
"That may be, my friend," he chuckled, "but I have my feet under their eyes."

OPTIMISTIC.

(Houston Post.)
"My wife is a very optimistic woman."
"Indeed she is."
"Noticed it, have you?"
"Yes, when I was talking with her yesterday she said that if you ever died she would marry again because she felt sure that she could do better next time."

A NEEDED SUBSTITUTE.

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)
"Too often a man shoots the woman who has spurned his love. Isn't there some thing this side of spurning that is effective and safe?"
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(Cleveland Leader.)
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TURNING HER MONEY.

(Kansas City Journal.)
"My wife always kisses me when she wants money."
"Well, she certainly earns all she gets."

ANSWERED.

"What happens when a man's temperature goes down as far as it can go?"
"He has cold feet, ma'am."—Christian Register.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

New Brunswick
The steamer Irthington, which has been loading at Nelson and Douglastown, sailed last week with the largest cargo of registered tonnage ever taken out of the Miramichi. The Irthington's tonnage is 1800, and her cargo consisted of 1611 standards, being almost 87 per cent. of her total displacement. The steamer had a little trouble at the mouth of the river.
A grass fire near the Murchie mills at Milltown, gave the firemen of the upper wards some brisk work during the high wind of Thursday afternoon.
Rev. C. W. Townsend, of St. John, delivered an interesting lecture on Marriage and Giving in Marriage at St. Stephen, Thursday evening, in the vestry of the Baptist church.
Diphtheria is again reported in Milltown, N. B., and the board of health is making strenuous efforts to prevent this dread disease from spreading. A strict quarantine is maintained.
Rev. W. C. Goucher, who returned recently from Clifton Springs, N. Y., will return to the pulpit of the Baptist church in St. Stephen on Sunday, June 6.

Nova Scotia
A telegram received at Digby from North Sydney conveys the sad news of the sudden death by heart failure of Capt. Clarence Peters at the hotel where he stayed at Ingouish, C. B. Capt. Peters belongs to the 10th Regiment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and is engaged in extensive fish and cold storage business at Ingouish.
H. T. Warne was in Tuskent, Yarmouth county this week, arranging to assist in furnishing Messrs. Dickie & McGrath with a mill to do sawing while their new machinery is being set up to replace that lost by the big fire.
A telephone message to Digby announced that the missing boy, Edmond Bain, was at Port Maitland. A letter received later intimates that he intends to remain for the present in that village, where he has probably obtained employment.
It is understood that the government intends making considerable repairs or improvements on the Port Wade pier to accommodate the big shipments of iron ore which are expected to go forward from that port. A number of ladders for the accommodation of the fishermen and others who land there in boats, will be placed on the wharf at once.
The most serious automobile accident that has as yet occurred in Cape Breton, occurred in Sydney on Wednesday. Fortunately no injury to the occupant of the car resulted. Walter Stafford Sharver was leaving the entrance of his yard and passing through the gateway to the street at the slowest possible speed, his car was struck with great force by a train car.
Joseph Hines, who was recently arrested and imprisoned under a conviction obtained in a Nova Scotia liquor license case, at Sydney, but was subsequently released through habeas corpus proceedings and by order of Justice Finlayson, is now entering an action against License Inspector Carmichael for \$2,000 for false arrest and false imprisonment.
From the 3rd to the 12th of May the Inverness Railway and Coal Co. shipped fifteen thousand tons from their pier at Port Hastings. Shipping at the Port Hood Coal Co's Pier is getting quite brisk. Large steamers for Quebec ports have been loaded. The S. S. John Invern is making frequent trips to P. E. I. and Halifax, and several schooners have taken coal.
In the last supplementary estimates brought down in parliament there was an item of \$6,000 to pay H. N. Paint, Esq., for land damages in connection with railway extension at Point Tupper.
At Rockland, Kings Co., last Saturday a cow nose and two calves came into the yard of John Hannifan.
The store of L. D. O'Leary, White Rock, was destroyed by fire Tuesday forenoon.
Fifty men are at work erecting a building for the new steel plant at Londonderry, N. S.
A delegation comprising Rev. A. J. Macdonald, Rev. R. McInnis, Messrs. A. Matheson, N. K. McLeod, J. B. Morrison, J. J. Morley and F. A. McInnes, waited on General Manager Jones at the

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