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MEDICAL INSPECTION

Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton and Vancouver have found that medical inspection of schools is of much benefit from the standpoint of the health of the children and in preventing the spread of disease.

Last evening an influential delegation from the St. John Medical Society waited on the board of school trustees and urged that St. John follow the example of these other cities. A memorandum prepared by Dr. Melvin was submitted, setting forth very clearly the need of such inspection, the benefits to be derived, the method to be adopted, and an estimate as to the cost per pupil. Drs. MacLaren, Walker, Grey and Christie emphasised the points made, and Dr. Walker suggested that a beginning might be made in St. John at a cost of \$800 to \$850 per year, to be increased as funds permitted.

The matter was referred to a committee of the board, whose members expressed their approval of the general proposition. Their difficulty in the matter is financial, but surely the people of St. John can afford to protect the lives of the children to the extent of a few hundreds, or even a thousand dollars or more per annum, in the manner which medical science and experience have both approved. It is the duty of parents to press for the introduction of medical school inspection in this city at the earliest possible date. Public opinion works wonders when definitely and vigorously expressed.

MONTREAL'S SHAME

Judge Cannon has submitted a report which finds that Montreal has had very corrupt city government for seven years, and names eight aldermen and nine officials or city employees who ought to be prosecuted. The report asserts that 25 per cent of the annual revenue of \$5,000,000 was spent on wine and commissions and for other "evil purposes," and the other three-fourths spent on public works, which had no permanence or stability. Judge Cannon declares that the ward system, and the attendant patronage evil have been largely responsible for the conditions. His report is a scathing condemnation of those who have administered the revenues of the city for these seven years. Of course this is not the end. Action must be taken on the report. If the finding is true, there should be prosecutions. The city is about to make a new experiment in its form of government, and the revelations lately published and now emphasised by this report, should stimulate the stay-at-home electors to take some interest in civic affairs. So long as those who desire clean government stay away from the polls and manifest no interest in the result of civic elections, just so long will the undesirable element control the situation. Montreal is a large and rapidly growing city, and cannot afford to leave its affairs to the tender mercies of such men as Judge Cannon describes many members of the present board of aldermen to be.

OUR NEIGHBORS

A Montreal correspondent of the Boston Herald says signs that Canada is slipping away from the empire. The "gradual evolution of Canadian autonomy" will, in his opinion, result in separation. The talk of a Canadian representative at Washington, of Canadian consuls in other countries, of a naval force that shall be Canadian, impresses this observer as clear evidence that severance from the empire is the goal of Canada. The Herald, editorially, goes a step farther, and sees no reason why separation from the empire should not be followed by union with the United States. It says:—

"Goldwin Smith still indulges in the prophecy of ultimate union of the two great English-speaking nations on this continent, in spite of Judge Riddell's declaration that the Sage of Toronto is the only man in the Dominion who thinks of annexation. But Goldwin Smith does not talk of annexation. He prophesies union. And when you think of it, why should two great nations, touching each other, bound together by a multitude of ties, with common interests, serving each other in almost essential needs, maintain an artificial dividing line, make war with each other by tariff schedules, build navies and arm men to frown at one another, restrict the freedom of intercourse which makes for com-

mon benefits and encourage national jealousies and rivalries? Goldwin Smith may not be right, but his hope is more complimentary to the ultimate good sense of two progressive peoples."

The self-complacency of our neighbors is impregnable. They cannot see any reason why Canada should not yoke herself up with them and their problems. They simply cannot understand the feelings and the aspirations of the Canadian people. They refuse to take us seriously. And yet great numbers of their people are coming into this country to find homes under a more democratic form of government, and to become loyal citizens of an empire that is not drifting apart but is drawing closer the bonds of union. Those self-governing principles which Canada seeks to apply from time to time, and which the imperial government cordially recognises are not evidences of a movement toward separation. The empire is one and indivisible.

A SHOCKING REPORT

The report on steamer conditions on immigrant steamers coming to United States ports, which has just been made public at Washington, reveals a state of affairs so loathsome as to call for the most rigid measures to bring about a change. If one half is true that has been asserted by a woman agent of the immigration commission who came across as a steamer passenger to get information at first hand, there is surely ground for action against steamship owners who would tolerate such conditions on their vessels. If her story be true, not only are the ordinary rules of cleanliness utterly disregarded, but decency is thrown to the winds, and women who are passengers are subject to treatment such as would bring the blush of shame to the cheek of any decent man. It is a relief to know that bills have been introduced in congress which would enforce a change for the better. It is of course impossible in the cramped quarters of the steamer to afford cabin accommodation, but even the humblest passenger is entitled to personal protection.

Ald. Scully, in a letter to the press, effectively disposes of the arguments against the construction of a bridge across the harbor. But Mr. Hazen is still unconvinced.

The feasibility of the Hudson Bay grain route remains to be demonstrated. Mr. Butler regards it as a difficult proposition. The shortness of the season is the chief drawback.

The question of the white plague is before parliament. In Toronto a room has been set apart at city hall as a place in which the Anti-Tuberculosis association can more effectively get into touch with patients. In this city tonight Rev. T. Hunter Boyd will begin at the Every Day Club a series of lectures on the prevention of tuberculosis.

This, from the Ottawa Free Press is not pleasant reading for St. John people:—"At the weekly meeting of the Ottawa Children's Aid Society yesterday, Mr. G. B. Smart, who recently returned from a trip to New Brunswick, stated that in the city of St. John they have neither Children's Aid Society nor Detention Home to take care of the children. He stated that while there he attended the courts, and in one case saw a young boy sentenced to ten days imprisonment for playing truant. He said that New Brunswick was the only province in the Dominion that had no Children's Aid Society."

Of Mr. Crockett and Dr. Pugsley the Ottawa Free Press says:—"Thus on Tuesday night the House had from Mr. Crockett, quite a display of old familiar 'Bennettisms,' and charges of fraud, collusion, corruption, thievery and other elegant things were hurled at the head of the minister of public works with a facility which clearly showed that the diminutive New Brunswick had indeed got it badly. Hon. Mr. Pugsley chose to take Mr. Crockett seriously, which was more than he need have done, since the latter's charges were too contemptible to deserve notice; but deciding that the case was one for disciplinary measures, the minister of public works certainly applied the rod with great effect. It was like whipping a child and putting him to bed."

A PRODIGY IN ASTRONOMY

(Collier's Weekly.) Now comes a youth in his teens, at the little town of Cottage Grove, Wis., who promises to contribute as much to Badger State astronomical interests as the wealth of Washburn and Yerkes combined. John E. Mellish is the youth whose astronomical observations, with a small six-inch telescope of his own manufacture, resulted in the discovery of a new comet which bears his name. He has just completed a high-power telescope with a 16 1/2-inch lens. A similar lens purchased from manufacturers would cost \$2,400, but by skillfully and laboriously grinding his own lenses with his thumb and building the entire structure of the machine himself, young Mellish was put to an expense of but \$50.

With his new telescope he is preparing to study the Halley comet. While it is his ambition to make astronomy his profession, his success as a lens-maker is a strong inducement to take up the manufacture of telescopes commercially. His discovery of the Mellish comet won him medals from astronomical societies of the United States and Mexico.

There is always on weak link in a chain of circumstances.

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Treason has much; but we, Mother, thy sons, have more!
From the wine of a dying man, from the snarl of a wolf-pack freed,
Turn, for the world is thine, Mother, be proud of thy seed!
Count, are we feeble, or few? Hear, is our speech so rude?
Look, are we poor in the land? Judge, are we men of the Blood?

ENGLAND'S ANSWER.

Truly ye come of The Blood; slower to bless than to ban;
Little used to lie down at the bidding of any man,
Flesh of the flesh that I bred, bone of the bone that I had,
Stark as your sons shall be—stern as your fathers were,
Deeper than speech our love, stronger than life our tether,
But we do not fall on the neck, nor kiss when we come together.

Also we will make promise. So long as The Blood endures,
I shall know that your good is mine; ye shall feel my strength is yours,
In the day of Armageddon, at the last great fight of all,
That Our House stand together, and the pillars do not fall.

Go to your work and be strong, halting not in your ways,
Baulking the end half-von for an instant's dole of praise.
Stand to your work and be wise—certain of sword and pen,
Who are neither children nor gods, but men in a world of men.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

MAKING NO PROGRESS.

"She's been going with him a long while now."
"Yes, but he's still giving her hat pins for Christmas gifts."

A HOPE.

Every woman lives in hope that the next Christmas is going to be the one when her husband will be rich enough to surprise her with a diamond ring.

BARELY POSSIBLE.

Oh, the airship they lately roasted,
Has acquired a wider range,
We may see this offer posted:
"Autos taken in exchange."
—Philadelphia Bulletin.

SUCCESSFUL.

"Your husband is a very successful minister, isn't he?"
"Successful? I should say so. We've moved four times in five years, each time to a bigger city and bigger salary."

SUGGESTION.

The only way to prevent begging on the streets would be to abolish the street. The fact that these have been given to the corporations renders applications of the remedy complex. —Philadelphia Leader.

ADVICE TO KNOCKERS.

If you see a fellow winning
In the troubled game of life,
If you chance to find him grinning
At his triumph in the strife,
If a chance defeat assail him
Till his standards reel and rock;
Don't you ever fear to nail him—
Get your hammer out and knock!
—Chicago News.

SHOULD HAVE KEPT A LIST.

"I'm so careless," said the June bride.
"What's the matter?"
"Those six pickle dishes would make lovely Christmas gifts for my friends, if I could only remember just what people sent them to me."

SHAKESPEARE ON BASEBALL.

I will go root—"Richard III."
Now you strike like the blind man—"Much Ado About Nothing."
Out! I say—"Macbeth."
I will be short—"Hamlet."
Thou canst not hit it; hit it! hit it!—"Love's Labor Lost."
He knows the game—"Henry VI."
O, hateful error—"Julius Caesar."
A hit, a hit, a very palpable hit!—"Hamlet."
He will steal, sir—"All's Well That Ends Well."
Whom right and wrong have chosen as umpire—"Love's Labor Lost."
Let the world slide—"Taming of the Shrew."
He has killed a fly—"Titus Andronicus."
The play as I remember pleased not the million—"Hamlet."
What an arm he has—"Coriolanus."
They can not sit at ease on the old bench—"Romeo and Juliet."
Upon such sacrifices the gods themselves threw incense—"King Lear."—Chicago Tribune.

A POSSIBILITY.

I'm going to see the aeroplanes
Plane over field and ridge;
I'm going to see the dirigibles
Rise skyward—and dirig.
I'm going to see balloonists bal.
And fliers skim and fly.
Must I see this sight—
Arise!
Upon my backbone lie?

If so, I want no reserved seat,
No grandstand box. Nuh-no!
I want a humble little cot,
And on it I'll lie low,
Then I can really "take mine ease,"
And eye the distant sky.
Unless a "plane should flop—
And drop
Into my arms—
—Cincinnati Times-Star.

DON'T LET THAT BAD SORE SPOIL YOUR CHRISTMAS

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A Million for a New Stomach

It is said that Mr. Rockefeller, one of the world's richest men, offered one million dollars to any physician who would make his stomach strong enough to digest an ordinary meal. With all his money, the multimillionaire is compelled to live on milk and crackers.

What a warning this is to men and women who are beginning to realize that "they have a stomach!"

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OBITUARY

Miss Blanche Lafferty

The death of Miss Blanche Lafferty, eldest daughter of Charles and Mrs. Lafferty, of Summerside, took place at noon on the 10th inst., after an illness extending over nearly a year. Miss Lafferty was 25 years of age and was a great favorite with her many friends and acquaintances and will be much missed and lamented by them. Although she endured much suffering during her long illness, she never complained and was conscious up till the last moment, when she passed peacefully away. She leaves to mourn her father and mother, one brother, J. E., and two sisters, Pearl and Georgia, all of whom were present at her death bed when she passed away.

Mrs. James Haslett

Mrs. James Haslett died at White Head, Kings county, Monday morning, Dec. 13th. She deceased was 69 years of age. She is survived by six sons, Samuel, residing in Minneapolis; W. G., Captain Ralph, Captain Wortley, Andrew W. and James Alexander, all residing in St. John. One sister, Mrs. Eliza Theal, of St. John, and two brothers, Joseph Parker, of Westfield, and John Parker, of St. John, also survive.

The death occurred in Boston (Mass.), on Sunday of Mrs. Mary Smith, deceased who was a native of St. John, is survived by her husband, who lives in Boston and by her mother, Mrs. Margaret Cotter, of Adelaide street, this city, and two brothers and one sister, Richard and Thomas Cotter, of Douglas avenue, and Mrs. Frederick Powers, of Princess street. The body will be brought to this city for burial.

EASY.

She—Don't you think woman's suffrage would be a fine thing?
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The annual meeting of the Master Painters & Decorators' Association was held last evening. Officers were elected as follows:—President, Joseph Stanford; first vice-president, V. J. Craig; second vice-president, J. H. Tonge; treasurer, H. L. McGowan; secretary, John H. Leah; trustees, R. S. Craig, B. Logan and J. Johnson; board of arbitration and appeals, E. Wood Paul, J. T. McGowan and A. G. Staples.

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DETAILED OUTPUT.