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FIRE IN HALIFAX BUSINESS BLOCK

Halifax, Dec. 26—Fire on Granville street at midnight Christmas night destroyed property valued at $28,000 and imperilled a large section of the business section of the city. The chief sufferers were M. R. Lane's building and stock of furs and the building and music stock of A. L. & W. W. Gates.

The fire broke out on the third floor of the Lane building, which is devoted to a working room and a stock room for hats, and as the fire was low in the furnace there is no idea what started the blaze. The Gates building is the southern half of the Lane structure, though it is divided by a brick wall.

Wood Bros.' dry goods establishment adjoins the Gates property, rising a story above it. The topmost story is of wood and the firemen had much difficulty in saving it from destruction. The night was calm and the supply of water was ample, so that the conflagration, which at one time looked as though it would sweep away the whole block, which includes the new Canadian Bank of Commerce building, was confined to the Gates and Lane buildings.

Kelley & Glassey's wine cellars, which extend under the burned building, and other structures, were filled with water and goods there were considerably damaged.

The loss of $28,000 on buildings and stock is largely covered by insurance. Gates has only $2,000 on his music stock, which he estimates to have been worth $7,000.

In the Gates music store were twenty canaries, which were suffocated. In Lane's a lot of valuable pups perished and a live fox was saved.

M. E. AGAR AND FINE ORCHESTRA AT E. D. CLUB

Last night's blizzard did not prevent a large audience from attending at the Every Day Club to hear the sacred concert by a large orchestra and the address by M. E. Agar. The orchestra, led by Mr. Stokes, played selections from Sanglear, Gounod, Bishop, Mascagni, Barnard and Haydn. There was a flute and clarinet duet by Messrs. Stokes and Wallace and a violin solo by Walker Pheasant, with orchestral accompaniment.

Mr. Agar expressed his great pleasure at being present, and his warm sympathy with the work of the club. He addressed himself particularly to men, dealing with their obligations as men and as citizens. We expect St. John, he said, to become a great city. As the city grows its cares will grow, and there will be the greater need for institutions like the Every Day Club. The speaker pointed out that a man's duty does not relate solely to himself and keeping his own life clean, but he is to have good will to others, and wherever he sees a weak brother yielding to temptation should endeavor to strengthen and encourage him to resist. No young man could afford to enter a saloon. That was a very great danger. There was danger of degradation and ruin. The speaker told of taking the pledge himself in Liverpool when he was fifteen years of age, and he had kept it ever since. At that time Father Nugent was conducting great and successful temperance meetings in Liverpool. Mr. Agar dwelt upon the importance of those who were strong giving sympathy and aid to those who are weak. Passing on he referred to the duty of the citizen and the sacredness of the ballot, and urged every man to exercise his franchise and scorn to sell his vote. At the polls each was a juror giving his verdict, and it should be an honest one. Referring to working men, he pointed out that every man should do honest work and give full value for his wage, and should lay by something from his earnings for the lean years that come. The aim of the young man should be to be sober, honest, industrious, God-fearing, and helpful to his fellows. The speaker said he hoped the Every Day Club would increase in membership and prosper in its work, and he hoped also to have the pleasure of being present on later occasions. He was heartily applauded.

The president on behalf of the club thanked the young men of the orchestra who had come, some of them from the North End in all the storm to assist the club.

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NAVAL QUESTION FACTOR IN OTTAWA BY-ELECTION

(Ottawa Journal).

In the approaching election in Ottawa for the Dominion Parliament, the naval question will be in the lime-light. This will be due to the candidature of J. A. Ellis on the independent ticket. If only straight party candidates were to be in the field, the naval question would not probably be dominant. So far as announced, the straight party policies on that subject are not divergent. Both parties accepted in last session of parliament the principle of a Canadian naval service. Neither party has departed from that, although the supposition is that some on both sides, and particularly on the Conservative side, would like to see as an emergent measure an immediate presentation to England of a ship or ships or money—same thing—in any case. And with that The Journal has no quarrel.

Mr. Ellis takes a different position. He condemns and opposes the idea of a Canadian navy. We think he is wrong—we think that the election of anybody on that basis would be a British misfortune.

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With the initial plea of Mr. Ellis that Canada is not rich enough to undertake a navy of her own we have hardly patience to deal. If Canada is British and desires to remain so, she will desire to contribute fairly now and steadily to the naval defence of the empire; and whatever is fair will not necessarily be one dollar cheaper or one dollar dearer whether we set up a navy or part of a navy of our own, or contribute a navy or part of a navy to England. The only meaning of such a complaint as large cost—provided we admit any duty or responsibility whatever—is that Canada can get off cheaper by not starting a navy. Which strikes us as a shoddy case. Furthermore, the money used on a Canadian navy will after a little be all spent in Canada.

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Admitting that Canada, while continuing in the British empire has a fair, continuous and permanent duty of participation in the naval defence of the empire, including herself, there are two ways in which Canada can co-operate. Giving a Dreadnought and stopping there is neither. The Journal would like to see a Dreadnought—two if you like—given at once, unless Canada is to start at once on the construction of a complete fleet unit such as the imperial authorities suggested. But as a matter of Canada's permanent policy in the continuous naval support of the Union Jack, the question of a Dreadnought or any momentary step is a mere incident. What Canada has to decide upon is what is to be a continuous policy. And but two alternatives exist. One, a Canadian navy. The other, a series of contributions to the navy of England. Let us examine the counter propositions as concisely as possible.

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A Canadian navy means continuous systematic naval finance.

It means the spending of the naval money in our own country.

It means the establishment of shipyards and naval training schools in Canada.

It means the building of ships in this country, the employment of men in Canada, the purchase to a larger degree than otherwise of materials here.

It means the encouragement of other Canadian industries.

It means a stimulus to some Canadian towns and cities.

It means a new development of National self-effort and education.

It means the avoidance of possible causes of friction with England. If mistakes should be alleged in the use of the money appropriated for naval purposes, or criticism aroused, England will not be concerned. The argument will belong to here.

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On the other hand an attempted continuous series of contributions to the navy of England, which is the alternative to a Canadian navy, would mean the following:

1. Canadian taxes spent by England in England, constituting a continual irritation here among some people against imperial connection.

2. Dissatisfaction occasionally or constantly either in England or here, or both at the shape in which we might put our gifts, or the way in which England might put or handle them.

3. No continuity or system in finance. Whenever a Canadian finance minister would find his budget troublesome, he will cut two or three millions off the contribution to England, or excise it altogether. This is the most deadly objection of all. It means constant annual squabbling over the navy question—over the principle of assisting England—over the amounts that Canada should be giving—constant turmoil not merely between the two political parties here, but inside of each party also—constant irritation of many kinds all tending to disgust at the Imperial. It can not be a good principle in the British empire that any large autonomous dominion in it shall create in its own politics an annual question of giving money to England, and how much, and why, and have nothing to say about what may be done with it.

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The Journal holds that the Canadian people are not inferior to any people in history in self-respect, ability and courage. The Journal knows—at least thinks it does, because expert statisticians have stated so and are not contradicted—that Canada is, per head of its people, the richest country in the world. The Journal believes therefore that this country has the character, the brains and the wealth to do its fair share towards the support of the Union Jack the world over, and to do it without having to rely on Great Britain as a wet nurse. We do not believe that Canadians are looking for any mean or cheap way of escaping their British duty—no, more than duty—their British privilege. And we are convinced that the greatest, the safest—the only safe—Imperial future lies in each great dominion of the Empire following the principle of alliance—not tribute, nor financial complications with each other. We are confident that if only causes of friction be minimised, the natural influences of blood, of language, of literature, of laws and institutions will keep the British Empire together to the end of time. Canada in it; that the contention that if Canada should establish a naval force of her own a temptation to separate from the Empire would be provided is the reverse of the truth—that the real danger lies in trying to force the people of Canada and Great Britain into the position of one paying tax to the other.

THE INGLENOOK PHILOSOPHER of Kennebeccasis Bay.

A youth and a young lady lost their lives a few days since in the Kennebeccasis, but the river flows on just as serenely as if nothing unusual or heart-breaking had occurred. One hears its drowsy murmur at Factory Point and Barlow's Bluff, its prattle about the wharves, and it extends an invitation to everybody along its shores to avail of the ice which it has provided, for skating and driving. Don't accept this invitation; beautiful and innocent as it looks in summer, and safe and solid as the ice looks now, don't go; the river is a traitor and a deceiver, and nothing pleases it better as it sweeps along than to leave mourning and desolation behind it. Nature is kind to its children, but man has emancipated himself and does not belong to her family. A moose, a deer, a fox, and many a smaller animal comes down from the woods to the shore of the bay, plunges in and swims to the opposite shore without an effort, but when man attempts the same feat the river laughs and discomfits him, and perhaps destroys him for his temerity. The birds, and even the potato bugs, fly over the bay without effort, and Nature provides them all with raiment, shelter and such food as they require, but man, since his emancipation, has to grub for himself, and he often does so with a backache and a groan. Some of us remember when in season the native strawberry reddened the hills and the native apple, as large and deliciously flavored as any of the cultivated sorts that are grown now. Nature said to herself when these came into vogue, "Have your own way; if you don't like my strawberries and apples, you may grow for yourselves those that suit you better." Nature has been giving man his way, it is surmised, for ages. Once, may-be, he was born with something like a beaver or sealskin jacket on his back. It did not suit him; he wanted something better. Nature said: "Very well! make something better, if you can!" and left him jacketless, to shift for himself. Once, very likely, corn and wheat and barley and rice and all sorts of vegetables sprang up spontaneously on every hand, but man grumbled at his bill of fare. Nature said "Go to. Get busy, and make something better, if you can!" and with aching joints and many a groan he has been trying to make "something better," ever since. But for her obedient children "the inferior animals," so long as they are allowed to remain in their native zones, she provides raiment, food and shelter abundantly. The Eskimo at home is as happy and independent as the Nicarauguan; so is the Polar bear as the elephant or gorilla in Africa.

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NICKEL'S HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS

A Fine Programme for Today—Prizes To Be Awarded Tomorrow

After the most successful season in its entertaining career Nickel Theatre will commence the holiday week this afternoon and tonight with a programme fully sustaining its past successes. A distinct taste of southern life will be given cold weather patrons in the dramatic story by the Kalem Co. entitled The Pine Ridge Feud, a picture replete in exciting situations, sentimental story, intricate plot and scenic wealth. A second picture feature is due to arrive on today's noon train, and for the benefit of afternoon patrons, a third reel of sparkling comedy will be shown on the screen. On the whole, this programme will suffice to please the most exacting Nickel goer, and in the musical department Miss Leavitt will sing quite a pretty little number, Everybody Loves Me But the One I Love, and Master Packer is to have a new contribution as well. The orchestra's bill will be varied and novel.

Great interest now centres in the distribution of prizes in connection with the Nickel's Kris Kringle Jingle Kontest, which opened early in December and closed on the 24th. The judges are now delving into the several large boxes of completed verses and it is a difficult matter for them to state who are really to be the ten prize winners. Tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon the girls prizes will be awarded, including the Eastman kodak, the English doll carriage, the Brownie camera and outfit, the Swiss watch and the nickel skates. The prize matinee commences at 1 o'clock and at 4 o'clock the winners will be announced, their successful verses shown on the screen, and the girls handed their prizes on the stage. Every girl in St. John who has a coupon in this contest should be on hand before 4 o'clock, lest she should be one of the successful ones. On Wednesday afternoon the boy contestants will be given their prizes, namely: the cushioned toboggan, the jig saw, the Brownie outfit, the watch and the rifle.

CREMATION ON THE PACIFIC COAST.

(Vancouver World.)

There were 2,675 bodies cremated at the several crematories on the Pacific coast during the year 1908, an increase over the previous year of 25 per cent. The state of Washington showed a larger gain toward this method of disposing of the dead than any other in the United States.

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FREDERICTON NEWS

Fredericton, Dec. 26—Peleg Smith, an aged gentleman, who lately returned from Rhode Island, suffered a stroke of paralysis at Long's Hotel yesterday. His condition is reported quite serious.

W. Stewart Benson, who has resigned the position as manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia here to go to Prince Rupert, was yesterday waited upon by a number of friends at Dr. Irvine's dental parlors and presented with a traveling bag. A. R. Slipp, M. P. P., made the presentation in a neat speech, in which he referred to Mr. Benson's many excellent qualities as a banker and citizen and assured him that the best wishes of all classes would follow him to his new field of labor.

Mr. Benson returned thanks in a feeling speech and also made acknowledgment of the kindly treatment he had received at the hands of the citizens of Fredericton during his sojourn here. Other speakers included Ald. Hooper, Ald. Kitchen, Ald. Calder, Joseph Walker, Dr. Irvine and R. B. Hanson. Mr. Benson expects to leave for Prince Rupert on the evening of the 28th.

A heavy snow storm accompanied by strong northerly gales has been raging here today.

Teams have been crossing by the ice here for several days.

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