

Municipal Matters.

The Loveliness of Decay.

Editor Evening Telegram:

Dear Sir,—I have the gratification to announce that the lamp of literature has been lit in the most unlikely place, and that its first pale and feeble beams now dimly illuminate our governing classes. If carefully tended and duly replenished we may hope that in the distant future its radiant light may shine over the whole horizon of our public life. Then shall we see how the human letters can soften the manners even of an Executive Councillor and mitigate the ferocity of an Assembly debate. The Municipal Council has formed itself into a Browning Society and has already made such progress in the misinterpretation of the Master as to sow some seeds of jealousy and envy in the breasts of the members of the parent society. The Council has been reading *Sordello* and, such is the magical effect of poetry, it has been observed that Mr. Mullaly now sneers rhythmically that Mr. Ellis holds forth with measured cadence, while the rest are inclined to squabble about the relative claims of Mr. John Burke and Mr. James Murphy to the Post Laureateship of the city. I should not, perhaps, have considered that this interesting disposition of our rulers towards the severer literary studies was germane to the subject I treat of in these articles if it were not that our Councillors have invented—and seem inclined to act upon—a new reading of their Post which may involve some very pleasant consequences to the city. These are the lines in *Sordello* which have so exercised the critical talents of the Councillors:—


"Mere decay
"Produces richer life; and day by day
"New pollen on the lily-petal grows
"And still more labyrinthine buds the rose."

The verse is pregnant with thought and poetry, and its recital has stirred the hearts of the Council to their depths. Nowhere are such possibilities of beauty ready to the hand of the experimenter as in this town of St. John's. Decay is all around us—heaps of it at every corner, material for it in every drain. Why, then, should we not make the most of these opportunities? Why should not our drains be pure with lily-blossoms and rank with rose-bushes? Why should all this wealth of decaying matter, so rich in possibilities of beauty, be dissipated or swept into the sewer? We will be wiser than our neighbors—while they plant trees beside the pavements, let us make our gutters bloom and scatter sweet odours on the air. But to do this, of course, we must have none of this nonsense about concrete drains. How can you sow a flower seed or plant a rose-bush upon the smooth, hard concrete, and hope to bring it to blushing maturity? Why, even the sturdy germ of disease declines to grow upon a concrete drain. The germs of disease are in this respect like the flowers that bloom in the spring, that they must be sown in the dirt, only they require for their proper nourishment a fouler kind of dirt—such dirt as our cobble-stone drains afford. Let us, then, if we are to cultivate that richer life which is born of decay, adhere to the cobble-

stone drain, especially in the filthy localities of the town. In them every crevice between the stones is a hot-bed, a conservatory, amply provided with just the soil which a growing organism, especially a death-bearing organism, requires for its fullest development. We may not succeed in growing there the lily-bloom or the blushing rose, but we shall make no failure in our cultivation of the germ of disease. All we need do is to take the proper precautions and see that, as the gardener never neglects to use the watering pot, the sanitary man shall use his flushing hose.

What I have written above is nonsense, of course; but is it wholly nonsense? Let us see. The Mayor of this town is reported to have stated gravely at a meeting of the Council that in his opinion the cobble-stone drain is preferable to the concrete drain. And this opinion seems to be unconnected with any question of the relative cost of the two kinds of drains, or with the cleanliness or foulness of the neighborhood where the drain is situated. The concrete drain offers no permanent holding ground for disease germ to strike their roots; it helps to clean itself, and can always be kept clean. The cobble-stone drain is the nursery of the disease germ; it acts as a colander to collect the impurity and discard the water only. It can never, even when in a state of repair, be purified if filth is thrown into it. Indeed its office is to employ the filth to germinate the seeds of consumption, typhoid, scarlet fever, diphtheria and other foul and pestilent diseases. And yet this drain is, in the opinion of the Mayor of St. John's, preferable to the concrete drain which nothing but the foulest neglect can make insanitary. If Mr. Ellis's opinions were founded upon a consideration only of the relative cost of the two kinds of drains I could sympathize with him to a very large extent. If he preferred the cobble-stone drain for cleanly neighborhoods I could go with him heart and soul, but when he expresses a preference for the cobble-stone drain in a locality where drains are used to collect foulness and of all unmentionable corruptions, I must take issue with him at once. I have had an experience this very day which I would that Mr. Ellis could have shared with me. I passed down Colonial Street when the sanitary men were flushing the drain to the northward of Feild College. I saw the black and slimy stream rushing down the drain and into the sewer eddying around the broken and displaced stones as it pursued its obscene way, and I smelt the odours of its impurity. I passed by it again a few hours later and I saw how its stones were still black with the filth which the flood had failed to wash away, and I saw between the stones the collection of mould which the flood deposited and which only need the heat of the sun to germinate with foulness and corruption. I trust that Mr. Ellis will think a little on this subject again and find occasion to modify his views of the subject of the desirability of cobble-stone drains in dirty localities.

Yours truly,
REFORM.
St. John's, August 19th.



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This handsome Blouse, in good quality fine White Lawn, Embroidered front and sleeves, as above, three patterns embroidery, for

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Will start and continue until all is sold.

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P. F. COLLINS,	
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Brilliant Arrived.

The H. M. S. Brilliant arrived from Harbor Grace at 7 o'clock last evening, towing the cruiser Fiona, on board of which were His Excellency the Governor and suite and Lieut. Lyons who has been the guest of His Excellency since he broke his ankle at the Guy Celebration. The Fiona's engines gave out yesterday at Harbor Grace, and it was arranged that the Brilliant take her in tow. All on board both ships are well pleased with the celebration that they took part in, in Conception Bay.

Football at Avondale.

On Aug. 17th a team from Bell Island came to Avondale and played a football match with our boys. The result being a win for Avondale by one goal to nil. The day was very fine, and quite a number of spectators witnessed the match. Among the teams were fine players, especially some of the Avondale team. We hope to soon have the pleasure of meeting them again. The line up was as follows:—

Avondale.—P. Conran, J. Woodford, M. Hennessey, F. Healey, J. Healey, S. Nolan, G. Flynn, G. Flynn, G. Flaherty, P. Power, M. Redmond.

Bell Island.—T. Meaney, W. Meaney, J. Moore, J. Crawley, J. Gunne, E. Hawco, J. Meaney, T. Costello, W. Power, T. Nolan, W. Penny.

Labrador News.

Capt. Winsor, on the Stella Maris, who arrived back to Hopedale yesterday sent the following Marconigram via Domino and Cape Race to Mr. Piccott, Minister of Fisheries, last evening:—

"Fishery a failure from Hopedale to Solomon's Island. From the latter place north to Nanatuk schooners doing fairly well. From Nanatuk to Sagleek Bay very little doing. About 150 schooners gone north of Sagleek to Rama and Ryan's Strand."

McMurdo's Store News

SATURDAY, Aug. 20, '10.

Allen's Antiseptic Corn Plasters have relieved many feet this season, and there is no need for any one to suffer with this very unpleasant trouble. The plaster consists of a ring of soft felt which goes over the corn and acts as a fender. Then over the "eye" of the corn is placed a strip of medicated plaster, which gets at the roots of the corn and destroys its vitality. With Allen's Antiseptic Corn Plasters relief is certain and cure probable. Price 10c. a pkg.

"The Winner" Dog Soap will destroy all fleas and other parasites in dogs. Price 15c. Large cakes, 25c.—adv.

KEEP MINARD'S LINIMENT IN THE HOUSE.

Rosalind Sails 6 P.M.

The S. S. Rosalind, Capt. Smith, will sail for Montreal at 6 o'clock this evening. The following passengers are booked:— Mr. Richardson, Mr. Cofferin, Master W. Rice, A. H. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Breth, Mrs. Armitage, Miss Armitage, Mr. and Mrs. Filken, Mr. Mansell, Mr. Walsh, Miss Hiscock, Mr. De Camp, A. Le Drew, R. C. Williams, Mrs. Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. F. Pike.

Accident at Bell Island

M. Morrissey while working with N. S. S. Co., Bell Island, Thursday, in coupling cars was caught between them and had a narrow escape; small bones of leg broken, otherwise hurt and bruised.

H. Anthony, working with same company, same day cutting timber for loading cars gave his leg a bad gash. Both men will be laid up for a couple of weeks.

Back From Camp.

The C. C. C. and C. L. B. boys returned from camp at 7.30 last evening having walked in from Topsall. They enjoyed the camping out very much, and are all in good condition in spite of the fact that the weather was inclement the past week.

ANNUAL PICNIC.—The C. of E. Sunday School children of Brigus held their annual picnic yesterday. There was a large attendance, and the little ones spent an enjoyable time.

PUFFED RICE FLAKES, 10 cents lb.

PAN YAN PICKLES, 5 cents bottle.

There is no magic about

"STAR" TEA,

But it does contain the most pleasing and satisfying qualities of any beverage on the market.

40c. lb.—Black or Green.
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NEW GRAPES, CODROY BUTTER.

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Sunday Services.

CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.—Holy Communion every Sunday at 8 a.m.; also on the first Sunday of the month at 7 and 8 a.m., and 12 noon. Other services at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Saints' Days. — Holy Communion at 8 a.m.; Matins, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 5.30 p.m. — Other Days. — Matins, 8 a.m. Evensong, 5.30 p.m. (Fridays 7.30, with sermon). Holy Baptism. — At Matins or Evensong on Saints' Day, and at 4.30 p.m. every Sunday.

Public Catechizing.—Every Sunday in the month at 3.30 p.m.

St. MICHAEL'S MISSION CHURCH, CASEY STREET.—Holy Communion at 8 and 12 on the 3rd Sunday of the month, and at 8 on other Sundays. Other Services, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

Catechizing.—Second Sunday of the month, 3.30 p.m.

Cathedral S. S.—At 2.45 p.m.

Mission Church S. S.—At 2.45 p.m.

St. MARY THE VIRGIN.—Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month at 12.15 p.m.; other Sundays at 8 a.m.; Matins at 11 a.m.; Evensong at 6.30 p.m.; Sunday School in the Parish Hall at 2.30 p.m. Men's Bible Class in the Church at 2.15 p.m. Women's Bible Class in the Parish Room at 2.30 p.m.

BROOKFIELD SCHOOL CHAPEL.—Evensong at 3 p.m.; Sunday School at 4 p.m.

St. THOMAS.—Holy Communion, 3rd Sunday in each month at noon; every other Sunday at 8 a.m. Morning Prayer at 11 a.m. Evensong at 3.45 p.m. Bible Classes for women every Sunday at 8 p.m., and every Tuesday at 8 p.m. for men.

CHRIST CHURCH, QUIDI VIDI.—Holy Communion second Sunday in each month at 8 a.m. Evensong at 3rd Sunday in each month at 7 p.m. Every other Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

SCHOOL CHAPEL, VIRGINIA.—Evensong at 3 p.m. every Sunday at 3.30 p.m. Public Catechizing third Sunday in each month.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—At Parish Church at 2.45 p.m.; at Christ Church, Quidi Vidi, at 2.45 p.m.; at Virginia School Chapel, 2.30 p.m.

GOWER STREET.—11 a.m., Rev. Edwin Moore; 6.30 p.m., Rev. H. P. Cowperthwaite, D. D.

GEORGE STREET.—11 a.m., Rev. J. K. Curtis, B.A.; 6.30 p.m., Rev. J. W. Bartlett.

COCHRANE STREET.—11 a.m., Rev. A. V. Westlake; 6.30 p.m., Rev. F. R. Matthews, B.A.

WESLEY CHURCH.—11 a.m., Rev. F. R. Matthews, B.A.; 6.30 p.m., Rev. Edwin Moore.

St. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN.—11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., Rev. Wm. Stacy.

CONGREGATIONAL.—11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m., Rev. J. Thackeray.

ADVENTIST CHURCH, COOKSTOWN ROAD.—Regular Services, 6.30 p.m., Sundays and on Sabbath (Saturday) at 3 p.m.

TEMPERANCE HALL.—2.45 p.m., Evangelistic Service.

SALVATION ARMY.—S. A. Citadel, New Gower St., 7 a.m., 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7 p.m. S. A. Hall, Livingstone St., 7 a.m., 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7 p.m. S. A. Hall, George St., 7 a.m., 11 a.m., 3 p.m., and 7 p.m.

LARACY'S have just received direct from the manufacturers per "Dronning Maud" from Antwerp, Tumblers, Glasses, Decanters, Goblets and Fancy Glassware. Selling at our usual low prices at LARACY'S 345 and 347 Water Street, opposite Post Office, may 14, 11

Obituary.

News was received in town yesterday announcing the death at Brooklyn, New York, of Mrs. Hugh Plunkett, formerly of this town. Deceased was second daughter of the late John Kinsella, blacksmith, and sister of Mr. John W. Kinsella, of the General Post Office, and Mrs. M. A. Devine, and Mrs. P. Costigan, of St. John's.

Here and There.

FOOTBALL.—Brilliant versus Star, on Monday evening at 6.30, at St. George's Field. Admission, 5c.; Grand Stand, 5c. extra; Ladies free—ad. 11

The S. S. Dahome arrived here yesterday, 3 days out from Halifax. She brought 100 tons of cargo. Captain Gorst anchored in the stream to wait till the S. S. Ulunda moved out.

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