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THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

A number of citizens met in the board of trade rooms today to discuss fire departments methods, the meeting arising out of alleged mismanagement of the recent King street fire. One feature was omitted from their discussion, and that is, that some of these who are now complaining are the persons who created the confusion at Macaulay Bros. store. Civic officials and insurance men exhibit too strong a tendency to boss things when they are not required to do so. St. John has a volunteer fire department and paid engineers whose duty it is to direct the efforts of the department upon all occasions. As long as these men are held responsible no one else has a right to interfere, but it is notorious that at every large blaze, scores of advisors pester the firemen with suggestions and by filling spaces inside the ropes, interfere with the proper handling of the apparatus. On Friday last, at least one alderman who had no business inside the ropes and who was airing unsolicited views as to how the fire should be handled, was somewhat unceremoniously requested to get out.

This was only one case and, if the firemen are heard in their own behalf they will tell of the annoyance continually caused by such persons. However the fire underwriters and other citizens who met today have found certain grievances, both in the equipment and the management of the department. One very serious difficulty is with the network of wires, alarm, light, telephone and telegraph, which covers the city and which renders efficient ladder work always difficult and often impossible. We are taking no steps to have these wires put underground, but on the contrary talk of a more easily managed fire truck, as if the simplest system in use anywhere could be effective. Some improvement might be made but as long as the streets are crowded with wire-laden poles, the best work cannot be done.

As regards the other departmental equipment no serious fault can be found. The only large piece of apparatus wanting is a water tower and this will no doubt come when the city can afford it. The supply of salvage covers is very limited and the amount of hose on hand is barely enough for ordinary requirements, and the crowded condition of No. 2 Engine and No. 1 H. and L. houses should receive attention.

Perhaps, if fault finding is the order of the day, a change in the system might be advisable. While the Star has nothing to say against Chief Kerr personally, it is none the less true that the best work is performed by a man, who lives in his department. A lawyer cannot be a fire chief, any more than a doctor can easily act as a civil engineer.

Before actual differences arise it would be well for St. John millowners and their employees to get together and talk over matters. This city does not want another strike such as was experienced last year. There are no new reasons to be put forward by the men as to why they should receive higher pay, nor have the employers any additional arguments against the demands. Conditions are practically the same as in 1906, but at the present time both parties may profit by past experience.

The board of works acted very sensibly yesterday in refusing to be held up by the advance agent of a money-making cold storage scheme. The rental asked for the west side lots is reasonable and a company which can afford to squabble over fifty dollars may be left to get along without any concessions from the city. The west side lands are valuable and will no doubt be put to some good use in the very near future.

Now has the season returned when church congregations grow smaller; when the festive maid of all work under escort of her steady, hies on Sunday afternoon to Rockwood Park to look at the bears; and when the parcel-laden suburbanite flits in his summer cottage on the river. St. John is fortunate in the possession of so many nearby beauty spots, but unfortunately in the fact that proper methods of reaching these places are not provided.

The Brockville Recorder remarks "all that now remains for the colonial premier to do in order that their round of festivities may be completed in true autocratic fashion is to undergo an operation for appendicitis." Perhaps on seeing their table of contents the imperial doctors will find that an appendix is unnecessary.

It now remains to be seen whether Director Cushing's conversion is the real thing or not.

"Just the moment the water supply is obtained from Loch Leonard, all will be well," says Mrs. M. M. Sarvia. But when this is to happen is a most serious question.

OUR PUZZLED VISITORS.

A little group of tourists Who were strolling here and there, Were attracted to a vacant lot A stone-throw from the square.

They stepped inside to view the place And carefully look around To see what use was ever made Of that unsightly ground.

Says one it's been a churchyard, Gone to ruin, overgrown, See, there's some old pedestals On each have stood a stone.

Said a lady, see that fountain, Full of worn-out boots, Rags, sticks and paper, Old cans and iron hoops.

As they strolled along at leisure, I heard a stout man say, It's likely been a potters' field, In the city's early days.

Then they sought for information From a merchant passing near, We are strangers in your city, Tell us who are buried here.

But the merchant got embarrassed, He began to rack his brain For some quick evasive answer, That would hide the city's shame.

A hundred thoughts went through his mind To form a good excuse, But conscience would not let him, So he found it was no use.

To my shame I must acknowledge, Said the merchant with a sigh, Beneath those shattered tombstones Our Loyalist Fathers lie.

Here I lost the conversation, As I could no longer wait, I had business to attend to, And the hour was drawing late.

RUBEN TIPLING, St. John, May 18, 1907.

An old actor who was not much given to the cheering glass, says The Bill-board, one evening went to dine at the club with a friend, met several more, with the result that soon after midnight he was "pretty mellow." He left his friends and started home and said to himself:

"My boy, you're drunk! What are you going to do about it? I know I'll go home and read—who ever heard about a drunken man reading?"

Well, home he went in a cab—went to the library and commenced to read. Mrs. Actor later appeared on the scene.

"What on earth are you doing?" she questioned.

"Why—can't you see what I'm doing, my dear? I'm reading."

"Reading?" said his wife, scornfully; "what are you reading?"

He looked at the book but couldn't see the words, so said: "That book's been in the house for the last twenty years, so if you don't know I'm not going to tell you."

To this his wife replied wrathfully: "You old fool, shut up that valve and come to bed."

In the pine-clad hills of California the country folk had gathered at a neighbor's house to spend the evening in social dances.

The male contingent of the gathering was composed of farmers, millmen and logging hands; the fairer sex, the wives, sisters and sweethearts of the men and the district school teacher, who was the centre of attraction of the young men and women.

During the evening an awkward, bashful and roughly-dressed logging hand was introduced to the school teacher and asked if he might have a dance with her.

The school teacher drew herself up haughtily and said: "No, sir-ee; I am particular with whom I dance." Whereupon the logging hand replied, with an air of indifference: "I am not a mite, or I would never have asked you."—Judge's Library.

"The meanest fiend I ever knew," said a member of the Century Club recently, "was a fellow who used to belong to this club. He used to bore us for hours telling of the smart sayings of his children. It was something fierce. Finally he left town, and we discovered that he had no children—he was an old bachelor. He'd been springing that line of stuff for years, just to watch us writhle!"—Cleveland Leader.

"Does your wife always talk back to you?"

"Never."

"How do you manage to control her so?"

"I don't. She always talks first."—Baltimore American.

"You promised to love, honor and obey," said the husband.

"Well, I don't love, I can't honor and I won't obey," was the response.

"You go at once and buy that new hat," he rejoined, thus at one stroke demolishing all her theories.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Doctor—What your wife needs is more physical exercise. Homer—But, doctor, I can't induce her to go outside the house.

The Doctor—Oh, yes, you can. Mark all the bargain advertisements in the paper and give her \$50.—Chicago News.

"Mr. Spriggins is the most diplomatic man I ever knew."

"I have never noticed it."

"Why he can give an order for a meal and arrange it so that the waiter will have to pronounce the French name of every dish on the bill of fare."—Chicago Record-Herald.

'FRISCO TO EXPERIMENT WITH MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

Takes Over a Street Railway Whose Franchise Was Lost by the Recent Strike.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20.—San Francisco is to make an experiment in municipal ownership of public utilities. The city will take over the Geary Street Railway according to the decision reached today by District Attorney Langdon after a conference with Chairman Gallagher of the board of supervisors. That body will at once appropriate \$400,000 and this sum will be added in June budget to the \$350,000 already appropriated for the assumption of the railway. The board will employ a competent engineer to draw up plans for the conversion of the road from a cable system to an electric conduit system.

The Geary Street line lost its franchise through a refusal to operate carefully as a result of the strike. The strike situation is unchanged and no serious trouble was reported.

BNEDICTINE PRIESTS WILL REVISE THE VULGATE

Important Work Given to This Order by Command of the Pope.

LONDON, May 21.—In a despatch from Rome, the correspondent of the Times says he learns that the pope has issued a decree entrusting the entire revision of the Vulgate to the Benedictine Order. This is the most important decision yet announced, the correspondent continues, as an outcome of the Biblical commission appointed toward the end of the pontificate of Leo XIII.

In an editorial article the Times says it is difficult to over-estimate the importance of this step. "No book," the paper declares, "has exerted a wider and more powerful influence in moulding the faith, morals, thought and tradition of the literature of the European world than the Latin version of the Scriptures, which we know as the Vulgate. For 1500 years it has been the basis of the religious life of the whole of western Christendom."

The paper adds the step is a bold one, but it will be hailed with satisfaction by many within as well as without the church of Rome.

DEAF WOMAN WAS STRUCK BY AN AUTOMOBILE

LEWISTON, Me., May 20.—While crossing one of the streets in the residential part of the city this evening Mrs. Charles Webster was struck by an automobile driven by Dr. C. O. Holt. Three ribs were broken and she suffered a severe scalp wound. Other injuries have been reported.

The woman is deaf accounts for the accident.

The weather continues fine and the selling continues brisk at the J. N. Harvey Trade Extension Sale of clothing and furnishings in the four up-to-date stores of The Opera House Block. Hundreds of people have already shared in the bargains being handed out over the counters and before Saturday night at eleven o'clock, twice as many more are doubtless following suit.

Mr. Harvey is particularly gratified with the success of his sale because so many people from outside of the city have written for some of the goods and called in person, which is evidence of their faith in the Harvey way of doing business.

With the holiday coming on Friday, the furnishings department should be particularly well patronized tomorrow and Thursday. Stores open evenings until eight o'clock.

Again today the ladies advised themselves of Manchester's Costume and Coat Sale and the forenoon was greatly enlivened with business in this section of the big establishment. The Coat Jackets, Suits, Reifers, Tourist Coats etc., are all in perfect accord with the modes of the hour, but are being sacrificed to effect a ready clearance because of the continued chilliness of the weather. While the goods and weather conditions coincide, the fact of having lost a month's trade is the firm's reason for selling so cheaply. Prices in tonight's advt.

One of the most popular outings of the holiday, is the excursion of the Portland Y. M. A. to Belle Isle by steamer Champlain, leaving the wharf at Indiantown at 8.30 a. m. Besides stopping at Brown's Flats and other places as announced at the request of a large number a stop will be made at Glenwood. The excursion will return to the city about 9 p. m. Tickets for round trip 35 cents.

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Funeral from his late residence, tomorrow (Wednesday), the 22nd inst., at 2 o'clock. Coaches leave Haymarket Square at 1.15.

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CUSHING SUBMITS TO THE COUNCIL'S ORDERS

Cold Storage Proposition Not Accepted by the Council—Will Get a Site Elsewhere.

At a meeting of the board of works held yesterday afternoon, Director Cushing agreed to carry out such engineering work as the board may direct. The director's decision to conform to the orders of the board came as a big surprise to most of the members, as a hot fight was looked forward to. The chairman in opening the meeting said that some understanding would have to be reached at once as to the plans to be adopted for the reconstruction of the Union street, West End. He said that Director Cushing was in charge of this work and his plans would have to be presented. The director stated that he had decided to conform to the orders of the council since that body had revised the regulations governing him.

After some discussion the director explained the work to be done on Union street and he recommended that it be done by the day. The matter was dropped until the next meeting of the board to be held next Tuesday.

R. J. Graham, the manager of the Cold Storage Company, was present at the meeting. He stated that he had been authorized to close his deal with the city by paying \$250 for rentals on three lots of land between Wellington and Nelson slaps. The city's rental was fixed at \$300, however, and the extra \$50 was the means of a lengthy discussion.

Ald. Bullock said that the board had decided that \$300 be the rental and he did not see how the board could go back on its decision.

Mr. Graham then stated that he had no other proposition to make and he withdrew.

The director reported that he had appointed Frank Walsh as caretaker of the Sand Point warehouses. He also reported that the I. C. R. had commenced work on the wall street bridge.

It was decided to authorize the ferry committee to remove the ferry when work commences on the new wharf. The meeting then adjourned.

Mr. Graham stated later that his company had decided to amalgamate with the N. B. Cold Storage Co., having a site off Main street near Lively's timber pond. The company will there be free from taxation.

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All persons having parcels for the Free Kindergarten rummage sale, now being conducted in the Everyday Club rooms, are requested to telephone 1400 and the goods will be called for. The committee in charge particularly desire children's clothing and shoes. At the sale yesterday only the parents of those children attending the schools were admitted. Many of these attended and were delighted in securing quantities of clothing and other necessities at remarkably low prices. In spite of the ridiculously small amounts charged for articles, the receipts amounted to a tidy sum which will of course be added to the general fund. The sale will be continued this afternoon and tomorrow and will be open to all.

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THE ITALIAN TERRORISTS.

MISSINA, Sicily, May 21.—The Stromboli and Etna volcanoes are again active, especially Stromboli. Deafening explosions are of constant occurrence and the population of Stromboli Island have been thrown a second time into a condition of terror.

BOOKBINDING. Three-fourths of the inventions used in bookbinding are due to the ingenuity of American binders.

THE BOSTON HORSE SHOW

BOSTON, May 21.—Nearly all the leading show horse stables were represented today when the second outdoor horse show of the Country Club opened at Clyde Park to continue three days, with more than eighty classes to be judged.

It is expected that the keenest competitions will be in the harness classes and there will be many other prominent contenders for ribbons including E. H. Harriman, Reginald Vanderbilt, Peter Bradley and the Montreal Hunt Club. The Montreal Huntmen sent to Brooklyn this year in addition to a fine lot of jumpers, a pack of hounds to compete with the Middlesex and Norfolk hunts.

THE HOT BLAST FURNACE. The invention of the hot blast furnace as at present used is credited to Neilson, a Scotch engineer, who patented his invention in 1828.

QUEEN'S ROLLAWAY. Also final of big race tonight. This is ladies' night at the Queen's Rollaway. The final of the big race will be skated at the end of the 10th hand, between Olive, Gibson, Hunter and Gleason.