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THE PROVERBIAL HERRING.

We are told that holders of first and second preferred stock of the New Brunswick Power Company fear that they stand to lose if the proposed amendments to the Charter bill are adopted. In reality their investment will be made more safe. Under the proposed amendments there could be no more issues of stock without consent of the public directors or the Public Utilities Commission. A holder of first preferred stock told the citizens' committee on Thursday evening that the power company should never have issued that \$2,000,000 of common stock. Neither should it have issued so large an amount of first and second preferred stock. But, as Mr. M. E. Agar has pointed out, people would buy any other security. It would be unfortunate if their expectations were not fully realized, but what of the users of gas, electric light and car service? Must they pay more whenever a company chooses to issue more stock? Are their rights to be overlooked? This fearful story of helpless widows whose investment must be protected is as old as the stock-watering business, and is used, very cunningly, for effect upon the legislators who are asked to do justice to the people of St. John. As a matter of fact the bill proposed by the city is in the interest of investors, not only in this enterprise but any other of similar character. No artful device should be permitted for one moment to distract attention from the real purpose of the power company, which is to get large returns on watered stock. What the city asks is in the public interest, and merits the hearty support of the people's representatives.

STARTLING FACTS.

For years the Times-Star has been advocating medical inspection in the schools. Many people described it as "another fad," but a careful reading of the report of Dr. Mabel Hanington, medical inspector for this city, of what she found in one grade of two schools is a complete answer to all objections. Indeed it is a startling report, and should shake the people out of their self-complacency.

Dr. Hanington made a complete physical examination of Grade II. scholars in two schools. In one she examined 62 pupils and found only eight of them normal. In the other she examined 62 and found only four of them normal. In the first group eighteen were normal except for their teeth, and in the other sixteen. The defects included anemia, enlarged tonsils, adenoids, defective vision, strabismus, defect of extremities, defective hearing, and defective teeth.

It is gratifying to learn from the report that 22 patients were present at one school and 30 at the other when the examination was made, and that most mothers are sympathetic and grateful to have the defects in the children pointed out; but the facts as presented ought to rouse the people to a much deeper and more general interest in child-welfare. A complete examination of all the pupils in all grades would undoubtedly show that there has been great neglect, and that great numbers of pupils have been handicapped by defects which should have been removed. With regard to defective teeth, Dr. Hanington hopes to see free dental treatment for the poorer children. St. John should have a dental clinic connected with its public schools.

Another interesting part of Dr. Hanington's report is that which shows that at the beginning of the last term 64 unvaccinated pupils had to be sent home, along with 17 suffering from the revolting skin disease impetigo, and a few for other causes. Every citizen is interested in this valuable report of health conditions in the schools.

A BITTER PILL.

Hon. Mr. Baxter handed one to the Standard yesterday. Hon. Mr. Foster had remarked to the house that shortly after his election to office as prime minister, he had seen it heralded abroad in the columns of a certain section of the press that he had been placed in that position by the will of the French speaking section of the province, which had reduced the English speaking people to a condition of servitude. The official report adds:—

"Mr. Baxter said that he did not desire to be dependent on any creed or racial cry for his position in public life. He thought the premier in making the remarks he had might have in mind a certain newspaper organ (the Standard) in St. John with which he (Baxter) was connected. He could assure him and the house that as soon as he could get in touch with that newspaper he had put a stop to the tactics which it was pursuing, for he did not believe in it. He could say that the directorate of that paper was not aware of the line which it chose to follow at that time and he certainly could say that the views expressed in it did not voice the sentiments of the party which it represented."

Is this also a bump for Mr. Potts? The resumption of work at the pulp mill next week will be a welcome addition to the active industries at a time when many men are looking for employment.

Quebec has voted by a large majority for light wines and beers.

FINE BILL OF FARE.

A provincial opposition convention is announced for May 7, in this city. It will be a most interesting and entertaining conference. There will be addresses by Rev. J. B. Daggett, Mr. W. B. Tennant, Mr. George B. Jones, Hon. J. A. Murray, Hon. B. Frank Smith and Hon. J. R. M. Baxter. The inside story of the Valley Railway and patriotic potato affairs will be told in thrilling accents. Mr. F. L. Potts will be heard on the question of leadership. Mr. Pinder, King of the Nackawick, will tell what he knows about railroads. Hon. B. Frank Smith will speak on wireless development at Haslemere. The national anthem will be frequently sung and the flag saluted every ten minutes. A memorial service may also be a feature of the day, as a tribute to those that are dead and dreams that are no more. The people of the province will await this memorable conference of ex-statesmen, near-statesmen and would-be statesmen with eager interest. Much hangs on the result. The fate of empire is a small matter in contrast to the weighty problems to be discussed and settled—including the fate of the horrid Foster government. The English language will be used—and also abused. The St. John Standard will issue bulletins, and if there are any contractors in the neighborhood their contributions to the cause of liberty will not exceed \$100,000. Films depicting the expression on the features of the patriots as they wrestle with the evil one (Peter Veniot) will be taken and preserved as an inspiration to coming generations of political uplifters. Taken altogether, this convention will have the "Boost New Brunswick" affair of a month later beaten to a frazzle.

The Standard seeks to persuade its readers to believe there is dissension in the Foster cabinet and that the premier and some of the members are at odds all the time. There is nothing in it. The members of the government do not have to be whipped into line. They are neither slavish followers nor unreasonable adherents. They form a strong working team, where every man freely expresses his views and all are united in a desire to give the province an honest administration.

EXPECT ONLY LOWER GRADE CLOTHING TO BE CHEAPER.

Chicago, April 11.—No decrease in the prices of medium and better grade clothing and possibly a moderate reduction in lower grades containing re-worked wool (chordy) and cotton; that is the prospect for the fall and winter of 1919.

This statement was given out here as representing the opinion of members of the National Association of Retail Clothiers and the National Association of Clothing Manufacturers, who met here to consider the situation.

The basis of the situation lies in continued high prices for raw material and labor, it was said by the delegates through their spokesman, L. C. King of Chicago.

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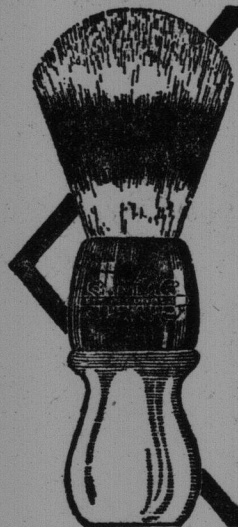
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The fly killers or traps are to be placed at every point where a fly is apt to make his appearance. The traps are made in three sizes, each suitable for certain uses. The large type of traps is 21 by 21 inches; the medium size, 14 by 14 inches, while the smallest type is in the form of a small balloon or is cone shaped, six inches in diameter. The larger traps are to be placed in stables and garbage transfer stations, the medium size will be used in kitchens and mess halls, bakeries and exchanges, and the smaller size will be placed in hospitals. The average allotment for each camp or cantonment is 300 traps.

MEMORIAL TO PRIEST KILLED IN ACTION ON LAST DAY OF WAR.

Worcester, April 11.—Plans for the erection of a permanent memorial by the Catholics of Worcester for Rev. William F. Davitt, a former Worcester priest who was killed in action in France on the last day of the war while serving as chaplain of the 188th Infantry, were started at a mass meeting in the K. of C. building. Every Catholic society of Worcester was represented.

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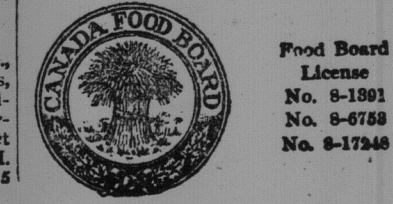
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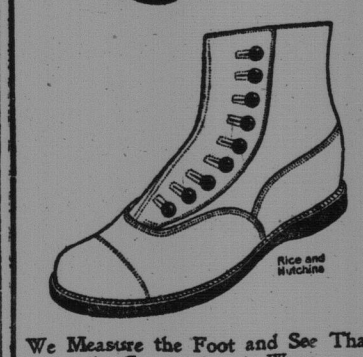
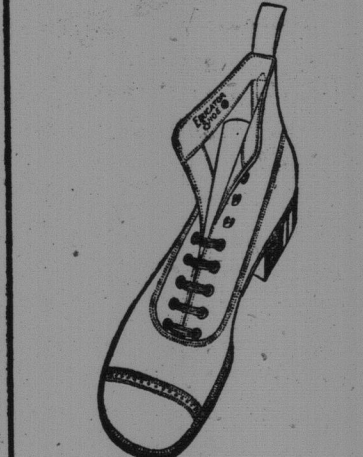
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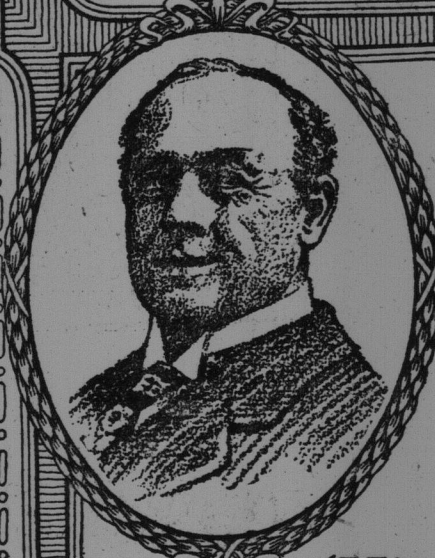
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