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THE DREDGING.

If these various committees which are in different ways interested in harbor work would stop bickering among themselves and settle down to definite work, things would go along very satisfactorily. In the past, officials and committees have been at odds; influences have been pulling in all directions, and the natural result has been more or less confusion, delay, and dissatisfaction. When the work on the new wharf was first begun, a definite plan was proposed by the engineers, and judging from developments, their suggestions have been endorsed by the department. The chief engineer, Mr. LaPlante, at the meeting held yesterday, gave as the result of his inspection an opinion as to the required work, which has in every way coincided with the views frequently expressed by the Star. There will no doubt be some definite announcement within a very few hours as to the policy to be pursued in the dredging, and on deliberation there seems to be no reason why peace might not be restored with satisfaction to all, and for the benefit of the port. On the west side three sections of dredging remain to be done. The site for the Clarke and Adams wharf is to be completed; Sand Point basin is to be cleared out; and the site for the third or outer section of the new pier is to be made ready. The first named work is in the hands of the Ottawa Dredging Co., the second is being done by Mr. Mayes, the contract for the third is still to be awarded. The Ottawa Co.'s dredge is working at all stages of the tide; the Beaver is busy only at low water. It is unfortunate that with so much to be done the Beaver is lying idle for even a portion of the working day. The Star has maintained and as yet sees no reason to change its opinion, that this delay is not entirely necessary; that by practical calculation based on the contractor's own statements, the Beaver could be at work for the greater part of the time instead of for only a few hours each day. However, differences of opinion exist as to this, and perhaps some means of overcoming the difficulty might be discovered. Roughly speaking there remains proportionately as much to be done by the Ottawa Company on the Clarke and Adams wharf site as there is for the Beaver in Sand Point basin. In addition to this, the third section of dredging extending to the harbor line, is to be given out. Why not divide it between the two dredges? Let each continue to work on its present contract, and when they satisfactorily complete that work, shift to the section still to be begun. There is no particular reason why tenders should be called when two dredges are here willing to do the extra work at the prices now paid. The prospect of an additional job would no doubt induce both the Dominion and the Beaver to work as rapidly as possible, for whichever gets the start on the new section will make the more money.

It would scarcely be fair to send the Dominion—which came here to do a certain piece of work at ninety cents—to Sand Point basin for hard dredging at fifty-five cents. It would be equally unfair to take away from the Dominion, unless compensation in the form of additional work were given, any of that dredging which was first agreed upon. Nor does it seem just the thing that a dredge owned by a St. John citizen should have to stand idle—if it has to do so—and scrape for four or five hours each day on hard pan at fifty-five cents, while an outside concern reaps a much higher price for all-day all-time work.

Surely the hope of reward might be an incentive to increased effort. If an arrangement were made whereby the Beaver would be given a portion of the outer section of the wharf to dredge, this to be started on completion of the present contract, work might go along at a more lively rate.

The cleaning up of Sand Point basin is another job which must be promptly undertaken. The city is responsible for this.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley's position towards this city has changed during the past few days. Last week he was a member of the harbor committee asking from the federal government assistance for his fellow citizens in their efforts to improve the harbor. Today he is a minister of the crown. He has lost nothing of his interest in the welfare of the city, but rather has been placed in a position in which he can do much more than in the past. Yet as minister of public works his first duty is to the nation, and from a national standpoint he must view all projects placed before him. Dr. Pugsley as a citizen and as St. John's representative has already exhibited an eagerness to advance the aims of the port and has generously offered his best assistance. As minister, however, he must see that the required work is done in the most business like manner and in accordance with the policy of the department over which he is the head.

"LITTLE ORPHANT ANNIE."

Little orphan Annie's come to our house to stay,
An' wash the cups an' saucers up, an' brush the crumbs away,
An' shoo the chickens off the porch, an' dust the hearth, an' sweep,
An' make the fire, an' bake the bread,
An' earn her board, an' keep,
All us other children, when the supper things is done,
We set around the kitchen fire an' has the mostest fun,<
A-list'nin' to the witch tales 'at Annie tells about,
An' the gobbie-uns 'at gits you

Er you
Don't
Watch
Out!
One't they was a little boy wouldn't say his pray'rs—
An' when he went to bed at night, away upstairs,
His mammy heard him holler, and his daddy heard him howl,
An' when they turn't the keyers down, he wasn't there at all!
An' they seeked him in the puffer-room, an' cubby hole an' press,
An' seeked him up the chimney-fue, an' ever'where, I guess,
But all they ever found was that his pants an' roundabout!
An' the gobbie-uns 'I git you
Er you
Don't
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An' one time a little boy 'ud allus laugh an' grin,
An' make fun of ever' one, an' all her blood an' kin,
An' one't when they was 'company,' an' ole folks was there,
She mocked 'em and shocked 'em, an' said she didn't care!
An' thist as she kicked her heels, an' turn't to run an' hide,
They was two great big Black Things a-standin' by her side,
They snatched her through the cellar 'fore she know'd what she's about!
An' the gobbie-uns 'I git you
Er you
Don't
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An' little orphan Annie says, when the bife is blue,
An' the lampwick sputters, an' the wind goes woo-oo!
An' you hear the crickets quit, an' the moon is gray,
An' the lightning' bugs in dew is all squenched away,
You better mind your parents, an' yer Mammy's fond an' dear,
An' churish them 't loves you, an' dry the orphan's tear,
An' he's the pore an' needy ones 'at clusters all about,
Er the gobbie-uns 'I git you
Er you
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Mark Twain was talking of war and of the hardships and privations of sleep.
"A Frenchman," he said, "called one day on a woman who had two dogs. They were ugly little brutes, and when they came near him the man pushed them out of the way with his foot. 'I perceive, sir,' said the woman, 'that you are not very fond of dogs.'"
"The man started in surprise.
"I not fond of dogs?" he exclaimed. "Why, madam, I ate more than twenty of them during the siege of Paris!"

"What are you looking so gloomy about?"
"Oh, I'm just home from the race track."
"Why, you told me before you went down there that you had picked a sure winner."
"Yes, but—I—er—guess I picked him before he was ripe."

Little Elsie—Mamma, how much do people pay for a pound for babies?
Mamma—Babies are not sold by the pound, my dear.

Little Elsie—Then why do they always weigh them as soon as they are born?
"What do you think of this theory of living out of doors?"
"It all depends on whether you leave the house voluntarily or are put out."

GAVE UP HIS JOB AFTER HE HAD BEEN KICKED OUT

PARIS, Sept. 5.—A dispatch received here from the governor general of Indo-China, declares that Thanh Thai, the deposed King of Annam has abdicated in favor of his eight-year-old son, who now rules Annam with the aid of the regency, consisting of the Council of Ministers.

Thanh Thai was deposed by the French resident of Annam and interned in his palace at Huu, July 30, last. This step on the part of the French authorities was taken only after a long series of atrocities committed by the king, which made it impossible for him longer to remain on the throne.

GOLF AT WINDSOR.

WINDSOR, N. S., Sept. 5.—The Ladies' Golf Association continued their championships yesterday. Miss Unlache won the driving competition with 322 yards; Miss Smith was second, and Miss Bullock third. The approaching and putting contest will be pulled off today, and the third round of the championship will also be played in the afternoon. The final round of the consolation will also take place. The second round of the championship play resulted as follows: Miss Stearns vs. Miss Schofield, 6 up and 5 to play. Mrs. Handsomebody vs. Miss Bullock, 2 up. Miss Unlache vs. Mrs. Chandler, 6 up and 5 to play. Miss Thomson vs. Miss Barker, 8 up and 6 to play. The second round of the consolation play: Mrs. Dreen vs. Mrs. Murphy, 7 up and 5 to play. Mrs. Morris vs. Miss Eakins, 5 up and 2 to play.

KING EDWARD AS A YACHTSMAN; LIFE ON "VICTORIA AND ALBERT"

King Edward has in a supreme degree the knack of looking well in whatever dress he happens to be wearing at the moment. Whether he is in his robes of state in Parliament or in rough shooting clothes in the Sandringham stables, he always shows himself to be a "great gentleman," a term which may be used as corresponding to "great lady." Yet of all the numerous costumes which he wears, whether by custom or by choice, most people, if they had to choose the most becoming would vote for that which the many-sided monarch wears when yachting. Perhaps Britons have an instinctive sympathy with all that belongs to sailormen; certain it is that in his yachting cap and admirably-fitting pecker jacket King Edward looks the best ideal of the gracious monarch combined with the genial sailor.

THE "VICTORIA AND ALBERT"

Even on board the "Victoria and Albert" at Cowes His Majesty cannot escape altogether from the cares of state. The furnishing of the vessel is carried out in what is known as the Old Colonial style, reminiscent of the eighteenth century with its classic moldings and Renaissance touches, and one of the most delightful rooms is the King's writing-room, where he deals with important dispatches from his Ministers in London. Against the white enameled walls, the dark, substantial, and yet graceful furniture upholstered in blue leather stands out in charming contrast. The King's private suite is paneled in Spanish mahogany painted white, and the windows are draped with hand-woven figured silk curtains. The ceiling is covered with tapestry and the settee-wood furniture is upholstered with green rosebud-pattern silk. There are of course bath-room and dressing-room commensurate with the suites of Queen Alexandra and Princess Victoria are similar, except that pretty chintzes are more freely used. The Royal deck is on the upper deck right astern, and has the beautifully carved binnacle and steering-wheel in front of it. The most agreeable lounge for the King and his guests. By the way, it is quite incorrect, although it is sometimes done even in the "Court Circular," and other official publications, to speak of the "Royal" Yacht; the King on his private yacht is His Majesty's Yacht, the "Victoria and Albert" is His Majesty's Yacht.

THE "ALEXANDRA"

Already the "Victoria and Albert," modern and magnificently appointed as she is, has been made more or less out of date by the invention of turbine engines. Some time ago the King ordered a new turbine yacht to be built for him at Messrs. Inglis's yard on the Clyde, and this interesting vessel, which is to bear the name of Queen Alexandra, will probably be greatly used for short cruises and for entering those harbors, very common on the lovely coast line which stretches between Marcellus and the Italian Riviera, where the draught of water is limited. A delightful feature of this new Royal Yacht is the Queen's boudoir, which is on the upper deck, and this room will be furnished with some of the old yachting furniture belonging to the "Osborne," which is full of pleasing associations for Her Majesty.

THE QUEEN AS YACHTSWOMAN.

One of the strongest links between Queen Victoria and the wife of her eldest son was a mutual love of the sea. As a young matron the then Princess of Wales spent a great deal of time on the "Osborne," and when on board she and the young Princesses set an admirable example to other yachtwomen by the simplicity not only of their clothes, but also of their daily life. When entertaining her own and the Prince's private friends no effort was made to emulate the luxury which might even then be found on some of the sea-going palaces belonging to the cosmopolitan millionaires who delight to outvie each other in the matter of costly display.

Wright—Haven't sold those crazy verses yet, I suppose?
Penman—Yes, I have.
"You don't mean it?"
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"That accounts for it," the editor said, "seeing double the day he bought 'em."

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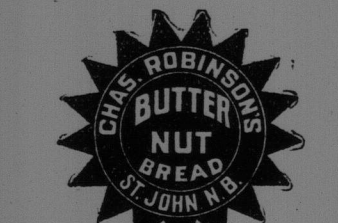
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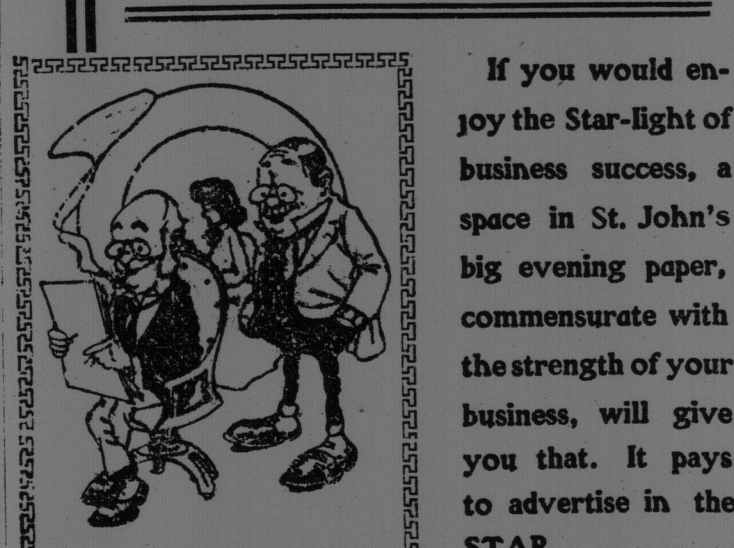
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Last night Mrs. McDonald remained in her room on the second floor, while a close watch was maintained on her by Ricker. A negro maid is the only medium of communication between the two hostile camps.

Russell Phillips, grandson of E. D. R. Phillips of Bath, was conveyed to the hospital at St. John on Friday last to undergo an operation for swelling on his knee caused by a nail entering the bottom of his foot some days ago. The wound at the time was not considered very serious. — Woodstock Despatch.