

## The Vacant Senatorship

Who Will Succeed the Late Hon. Thomas McKay.

Who will succeed our good old friend and fellow citizen, Hon. Thomas McKay, as Senator.

LUNN'S WEEKLY proposes Mr. William A. Patterson, of Tatamagouche, for the position. Mr. Patterson is a veteran in Tory politics in Colchester, has won both the Provincial and Dominion Contests for his party, and to-day he is the poorer for having done so. Indeed it is no reflection on him to say he is a poor man, and it is safe to say if he had served himself as faithfully as he served his party, he would in these days of his old age, be, to use a homely phrase "well fixed."

How we wrote a piece of poetry to the effect that we "Strew flowers on the old men's graves." Why not strew a few bouquets in their way before they reach the graveyard.

And, by the way, we hear rumours of a change of post master for Truro. For our part we are perfectly satisfied with the present incumbent. He has always treated us with the utmost courtesy; but if by reason of politics there is to be a change, we say give the position to Mr. W. B. Alley, Ex-Editor and proprietor of the COLCHESTER SUN, who spent the best days of his life fighting for his party and did not pile up a fortune in doing so.

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## SHORT STORIES.

### JESSIE AND THE M. D.

The gist of the matter was that Jessie McLaren was laboring under a delusion. Because Donald Dana had only started in on his career as a practising physician she refused to marry him until he was better established.

It was not from any selfish motive that Jessie formed her resolution, but rather from a mistaken sense of duty towards her fiancée. She honestly felt that marriage for him at this time would be a serious handicap and despite all arguments he could advance to the contrary, she remained firm in her decision.

On the other hand, Donald felt that just now was the time that he could best appreciate Jessie.

He felt instinctively that her bright and cheery face to welcome him at the close of an arduous day would be to him the summit of happiness. But a doctor must have patience, he tried to enjoin himself. Even though it was hard to bear with what he termed Jessie's obstinacy at the same time it was good practice for him in the art of self-control.

He worked harder than ever, putting his whole heart and soul into every minor detail until, before very long, he had established an enviable reputation among his townfolk. His practice grew and his services were in demand to such an extent that he was obliged to seek an assistant—a fellow student—who had not been quite so fortunate. The multiplicity of his duties also called for the services of a trained nurse and when the school sent one that was not only efficient but also decidedly good-looking, complication began to arise for the doctor.

Some gossiping busybody had informed Jessie of Miss Morse's presence in the office, and when Jessie hinted at it, she noted that Donald blushed, as she thought, quizzily, and immediately Cupid's rival, Jealousy, got busy. When Donald tried to explain that it was only through an oversight, and not intentionally, that he had neglected to tell about Miss Morse, he only bungled affairs more. Jessie became indignant. At his determined declaration that he would not wait for her much longer, she drew herself up haughtily, and in an icy tone informed him:

"Well, Donald Dana, you need not wait. I can do without you."

"I think I will let you try, Jess," was his calm rejoinder, as he left the room and hurried from the house.

Once in the street he realized what a desperate move he had made, and his first impulse was to return and beg for forgiveness, but another and stronger emotion urged him on.

Two weeks of silence passed; weeks of melancholy and anguish for Donald; and weeks of mingled despair and hope for Jessie. She was at her wits' end to know what to do, because she did not think at the time that he had meant what he said. It was during that two weeks that she realized with a vivid force that he meant life and happiness to her, and that it would be folly to deny it. Unable to withstand the strain longer, she telephoned to his office and learned that he was expected there in a half hour.

When the doctor inquired if any patients had called during his

absence, Miss Morse informed him that there was one young lady awaiting him, who appeared much agitated.

"Show her in, please."

"The doctor will see you now." Miss Morse's voice sounded distant and harsh to Jessie's ears, and she could hardly rise, she trembled so; but somehow she managed to enter the office and close the door behind her.

She saw Donald seated at his desk, trying to appear calm, but in reality more agitated than she, and too happy for words.

When Miss Morse opened the door to inquire if there was anything she could do, she was surprised at the look and tone of the doctor, as he replied with a significant accent, that sounded like music to Jessie's aching heart:

"No, I thank you. It is only a mild case, and I can attend to it nicely."—BOSTON POST.

### Marvelous Growth of Railways in Canada

Growth and development of Canadian railways and generally speaking, their prosperity are indicated in a very complete and well prepared report by John Lambert Payne, comptroller of railway statistics. The total track mileage is 25,400, an increase of 669 miles.

At the end of June last the period covered by the report, 7,000 miles of road were under construction. Of this 1,578 miles were in actual operation at that date, though not formally declared to be so by the Railway Commission. In the year 1918, 391,514 was added to capital liability of railways, of which \$61,650,300 was in stock and \$56,741,214 in funded debt. The capital liability is \$1,328,689,401 or \$55,821 per mile. The dividends paid this year were \$30,577,740 or 4.08 per cent. Cash aid to the railways in the year amounted to \$1,426,192.

Passengers carried totalled 37,097,718, an increase of 1,203,143; while freight totalled 79,884,282 tons an increase of 5,401,416. From all sources gross earnings were \$188,733,494, an increase of \$14,777,277 over 1910. Operating expenses aggregated \$137,034,785, making the net earnings \$57,608,709 as against \$53,557,776 in 1910. A total of 4,219 locomotives, 4573 passenger cars and 127,158 freight cars were in service in the year.

Total accidents numbered 493, while 3,329 persons were injured, a decrease of 120 in fatal, and 1,190 in other accidents. Of the total of those killed 202 were employees, while of the total injured, 4,314 were so engaged. In wages \$75,613,318 was paid out, an increase of \$7,495,945.

On electric railways mileage total was 1,224, earnings \$20,356,952 and operating expenses were \$12,096,134. Passengers numbered 426,194,762, as against 360,964,876 in 1910. Electric railways killed 102 and injured 2,670 persons. The increase in fatalities therefore is seven and in injuries 132.

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### A SAD STORY.

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When I got married I left a good home for him and a dear, good mother. He has had two or three chances of having a first rate good home, but as he didn't do right has let them slip by, on account of his love for drink, and at the present time I have only bare necessities to do with, besides having to put up with his more than cross, hateful disposition. I have stayed with him this long because I can't bear to separate my three little ones. I want them with me and by leaving I don't know what will be come of them. Now, Miss Champagne, before I met my husband there was another who always came first with me, but we drifted apart for no reason at all, and finally he married and I married, but neither one for love. My husband has used me so mean, even in striking me three times. I dread the time when he comes home from work. My thoughts are all with the first, and his life isn't happy either, as his thoughts are with me, and now, dear Miss Champagne please tell me, do you think it right for us both to go on this way all our lives? My husband's ideas are not like mine, and the other man's wife's ways are not his. Do you think it would be right for us both to seek release through divorce and be happy together, or go on in this dissatisfied way for the rest of our lives? My husband has no trade and small pay. The other has a good trade and no children, as his wife doesn't care for them and he does. If I had him my children would not be separated and there would be happiness for both, and the way his wife is toward him and my husband toward me I don't think there would be any tears shed by either. My husband has let both me and the children go hungry more than once through neglect.

Yours sincerely,  
M. R.

Are you sure that the thought of the other man isn't blinding you to your sense of duty at home and making you more dissatisfied than perhaps there is any cause for being? When people have children they owe them a certain duty and must consider them first. Marriage once contracted is too serious a matter to change your mind about when you think you have made a mistake, or to change partners when you see another man whom you like better. Don't you think that if you made a good brave effort to do so you could bear with your husband, if for no other reason than that he is the father of your three children? He is their lawful protector and has a better right to them than that other man even though he is only half so good. Think of separation only if you fail in all your best efforts to make him a good man. Of course if he persists in drinking and ill-treating you and failing to provide you with the necessities of life he is blighting your home more than helping it, in which case you would only be benefiting yourself and your children by leaving him.—BOSTON POST.

# LUNN'S WEEKLY

## ANNOUNCEMENT

It is the intention of the LUNN PUBLISHING COMPANY to continue publication of LUNN'S WEEKLY as an up-to-date medium for the distribution of News of interest to the Town of Truro, its vicinity and the districts of Cumberland, Pictou and Hants contiguous to Truro, which lie within easy reaching distance.

The main object of LUNN'S WEEKLY will be to benefit our People at large by offering the best opinions, the brightest ideas and latest comment which may happen to be current in the circles of local or general human interest.

The average newspaper fails, in our opinion, to reach the hearts of the masses of the people. The depths of their souls remain to be touched in very great part. In religion, in morals, in business, and in the sanctity of individual retirement, there are without a doubt many elements in all of us which may yet be awakened for good by the secular press.

The survival of evil or degenerating elements occurs almost automatically. Laws and rules and regulations and sermons and bonds and barriers are provided on all sides to prevent these automatic outcroppings of human weakness and almost unpreventable recurrences of the operations of the worse traits.

We do not plan to decry the laws of the land or to encourage their violation. No one would seek such an object; but the fact that the law is not the whole thing, and that men can be made and kept good not only as citizens but as fellow servants and agents of the best that goes on, without ever coming in contact with the law or law enforcers, is sufficient as an incentive to promote the good of the people and to expect reasonably fair treatment by men of their fellows.

At the same time we want to keep them informed of what is going on around and about them, and to create in those who take but little interest in the news of the day, a livelier desire to know how the town and country is getting along; and to enlist the general run of the people in the effort to uplift and promote the welfare of all but