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HARBOR WORK.

Today's developments mark another step in St. John's programme of harbor extension. Common Clerk Wardrop's this forenoon received from the departmental engineer a report to the effect that the site for No. 1 crib of the second section of the new wharf is ready. Soundings taken under the supervision of the engineers, which were completed yesterday afternoon, show that this whole site is down to grade, and that the crib may be sunk at any moment.

More than this, the board of works are informed that No. 2 site is now in need only of a little cleaning up, that by soundings taken some time ago it was found to be practically finished, but that, owing to the work which has gone on since that time, quantities of mud have found their way to it and must be removed. This is a matter of comparatively few hours, barring accidents. At No. 3 crib the aldermen are aware of the fact that one corner remains to be dredged, although the depth of mud in it is not very great, and that the greater part of the site is down to the required level. Work on No. 3 site should not occupy more than a week at the most, if, indeed, it will take that time. On No. 4 site great deal more remains before this can be considered as ready.

Under these conditions it will be observed that the dredging is now ahead of the contractor. The Star understands that two of the cribs are ready to be placed on their sites, the intention being to build them up after they are floated into position while the third crib is well advanced. There has been some criticism of the fact that the dredging company has not paid attention solely to No. 1 site, and thus enabled the wharf contractors to get at least one crib down. The present developments would indicate, however, that the policy pursued will eventually result to the advantage of the contractors in that they will be able to carry on a more extensive scale than if one crib were sunk today and another in six weeks, and so on. Messrs. Clarke and Adams have displayed notable energy in the building of the cribs, and in their preparations for the warehouse on the D. C. Clark wharf. It may be reasonably expected that they will continue the same policy and that this second section of the new wharf will be far advanced before cold weather sets in.

It seems a pity that so much red tape is required in preparing for the sinking of these cribs. The engineer is notified, the common clerk, who will in turn mention the matter to the chairman of the board of works, the latter will speak to the city engineer about it, the latter will notify Messrs. Clarke and Adams, they will take soundings of their own, will report back to the engineer that they are satisfied or otherwise, he will mention it to the chairman of the board of works, who will, no doubt, pass the clerk, whose duty will be to communicate with the departmental engineer. Through the same channels, authority may some time be wanted back to the contractors to sink the cribs. Perhaps Messrs. Clarke and Adams have common sense enough to persuade the aldermen and others that all that rigmarole is unnecessary and to save valuable time.

THE TELEGRAPH STRIKE.

Yesterday the Star referred to the unwise policy displayed by certain Canadian labor unions in affiliating with larger bodies in the United States rather than with similar organizations in Canada. Evidence of this is found at the present moment in various Canadian cities, and even here at our own doors. A number of dissatisfied telegraph operators in the United States have presented to one or two of the larger companies demands for recognition of the union and for increased pay. As these demands have not been granted a general strike has been called. This will fail, indeed it has failed already for the great majority of operators have been dragged into it, are half-hearted in their fight because they realize that the steps taken are far more radical than the nature of the case requires, and because public opinion which as a rule develops sound judgment, is opposed to the action. No one wishes to see the operators or anyone else suffer. All men desire a fair remuneration for their services, and the larger number of the operators believe they are getting it. Some of those who do not so believe have been endeavoring to secure better wages by peaceful methods, a policy which meets with general approbation. But now a large number of these operators who have no grievances,

have been forced by their union premises, to act in conjunction with the central body. Even in St. John operators with absolutely no complaint are sitting idle at their desks refusing to handle any business excepting that which being sent to or received from non-striking companies. These men of course continue to draw their pay, but are going through the farce of sitting idly by and seeing the emergency clerks or apprentices handling copy which should be taken by them. A sympathetic strike, such as this is frequently advisable from the union standpoint, and if it were true that Canadian operators were seeking to better their conditions there could be no reasonable criticism of the men's action, but it is ridiculous that offices in St. John, Halifax and other Canadian cities should be seriously inconvenienced because a group of foreigners believe themselves to be ill-treated. Canadian labor unions ought to be strong enough to stand alone.

BLESS 'EM, ONE AND ALL.

Some are summer girls, Some are summer guys, Some are priceless pearls, Some are simply pies, Some are svelt and dainty, some are otherwise.

Some are summer beauties, Some are summer bugs, Some are tootey wooties, Some are merely nugs, Some are fit for heaven, some are fit for huss.

Some are summer fairies, Some are summer freaks, Some are certain marries, Some are maiden meeks, Some are chatty chummies, some are solely cheeks.

Some are summer seraphs, Some are summer swells, Some are fleeing sheriffs, Some are finding shells, Some are fresh and bonny, some are chestnut belles.

Some are summer dimples, Some are summer dots, Some are partly crimples, Some are purely clogs, Some are sweet and sunny, some are just so-so's.

Some are summer sillies, Some are summer sads, Some are seeking willies, Some are following falls, Some are mamma's darlings, some of course are dad's.

Some are—some are—(quit it, O my summer muse! If we must admit it, In the book of Who's Who in Summer Girldom some are goo-goo-goes!)

SOUNDED OMINOUS.

"Your father said something about my staying so late last night, didn't he?" asked the young man.

"Yes," replied the dear girl, "he did say something, but I don't know just what he meant. He said if you didn't go home earlier hereafter there'd be a kick coming from him."

JUST POSSIBLE.

Mrs. Caller—I notice your domestic always sings at her work. She evidently has a lovely disposition.

Mrs. Homer—Not necessarily. I think she sings all the time because she has a grudge against us.

HER BELIEF.

He—Do you believe in the Darwin theory of evolution?

She—Yes—and after the monkey became a man he was given the power of speech in order that he might again make a monkey of himself.

TOO GREAT A RISK.

Batchy—"You have a burglar alarm, haven't you?"

Muchpop—"Used to have, but I had it taken out."

Batchy—"No good?"

Muchpop—"Oh, I guess it was all right. But I was afraid that it would ever sprung at night it would wake the baby."

RESULT OF PRACTICE.

"He is a sharp one, is young Come-up. It doesn't take him any time to take people's measure."

"But don't you know before they struck off he was in a tailoring establishment?"

EASY TO DO THEM.

Hussle—"There's nothing I hate worse than a lazy man."

Shoude—"You don't say? Why, I wish there were more of them."

Hussle—"You do?"

Shoude—"Sure! The more lazy men there are the less competition we'd have in business."

SATURDAY SERMONETTE

KEEP STRAIGHT.

To be born crooked, or through some accident in childhood, to start in life with a crooked spine is a great misfortune, especially as the unfortunate are apt to grow self-conscious, morbid, and bitter if they accept their affliction gracefully they may make it a stepping stone to rise to a higher place than the unafflicted ever can. They often do, and some of the sweetest souls the world has ever known, have been men and women who were handicapped by some physical burden laid upon them.

A boy born straight, physically, who grows crooked outside, almost always grows crooked inside.

It requires effort to keep straight when one is tired from work or play and it is more easy to get into slouchy ways than to get out of them.

To learn to sit straight and walk straight is as important as to know the multiplication table, perhaps more so.

To overtake a young man on the street and think he is an old man because of his crooked back, until you see his crooked face is not a beautiful sight. Nothing looks worse unless it is a crooked young woman—if God has not made her so—and then you know what God makes is always beautiful—if laziness and lack of physical culture has made her crooked then is she unbecomingly no matter how beautiful her face.

To be born crooked morally is a greater misfortune. It is hard to straighten up then, but not impossible. Now and then men and women have kept themselves straight who had crooked parentage. The man who keeps himself honest whose father was a thief, and the woman who keeps herself pure whose mother was a harlot, win brighter crowns than the men and women who are honest and pure, who had generations of honesty and purity to fight for them.

Keep straight in your business. If you are crooked then you will be found out, and when a man loses his reputation for straight dealings, he loses his capital. The time when a man could be crooked for a long time and not be found out, but that time has gone by, for search lights and Sherlock Holmes have been invented, and no criminal now has a head held up or gray hair out of jail.

Keep straight in your legs. If you take them—or they take you—to the saloon they will get wobbly. Keep your hands straight. Dealing cards in gambling resorts will make them crooked and you will get the reputation of being a "crook."

Keep your tongue straight. "Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord," and an offense to all honest people. Lies are as prolific as microbes, and will breed millions, and a young man or a young woman had better be dead than have the reputation of having a crooked tongue.

Keep straight young man in your engagements with young men. Don't try to lead them on. You would knock me down if I were to hint that your mother or sister were impure. Don't try to make a pure innocent out of what you would not want your sister to be.

Young women don't be crooked in your dealings with young men. Don't try and make twenty or more of them believe that you are in love with each of them, and then when you tire of the amusement, ride away with one and leave the other nineteen to think less of womanhood because of you. While hearts don't easily break, the chances are that one of the twenty will carry his wound with him through old age to the grave.

Thaddius

KEPT HER BUSY.

(Harper's Weekly.)

A prominent physician of Baltimore tells of an amusing experience of the early days of his practice when he was residing in a small town where by far the majority of the workers were coal miners.

"I was greatly distressed by the unsanitary conditions prevailing in their cottages," says the doctor, "and among other things I tried to explain to each household the importance of maintaining a wholesome atmosphere in their sleeping rooms. I laid in a stock of thermometers, which were distributed to the households where they were most needed. I took pains to point out to each family in turn, just how the thermometer would indicate the proper degree of temperature."

"As I was making the rounds one day, I inquired of the women at the head of a crooked establishment, wherein I observed my thermometer proudly displayed at the end of a stink, whether she had followed my instructions."

"Yes, sir," answered she, "I'm very careful about the temperature. I watch the thing all the time as it hangs up there."

"What do you do when the temperature rises above sixty-eight?"

"I take it down, sir, and put it outside till it cools off a bit."

MR. VERVILLE SPOKE LAST EVENING IN MONCTON

Declared Himself Opposed to Strikes—Wants the Support of all Labor Unions.

MONCTON, N. B., Aug. 16.—A. Verville, M.P. of Montreal, president of Canadian Trades and Labor Council, addressed an enthusiastic labor meeting here tonight. The characteristically vigorous address of the well known Quebecer was along the usual lines of organized labor, and his remarks were frequently greeted with applause. Dealing with the I. C. R. pension scheme he advocated that the government should pension not only employees, but all old people over a certain age. His remarks concerning the eight-hour day movement were received with applause. In urging local labor unions to affiliate with the congress he said the next session of parliament would be the last, and a good deal of legislation in labor interests would probably be put forward. This would be much more effective if backed by all labor unions in this province. "I am not an anarchist or socialist, as I have been called," Verville said, "I am not even in favor of strikes, but would prefer to have labor disputes settled by conciliation provided conciliation was conducted along business lines."

A MATTER OF REPAIR.

"The Deems are making a great splurge. I understand there was a big chasm in their financial affairs."

"So there was, but Mrs. Deem has mended that with bridge party."

IN DOUBT.

"Well, old man, how are you?" inquired Ascum.

"My dear friend," replied Jockley, earnestly, "I don't know where my next meal is coming from."

"Oh? Why, what's the matter?"

"Oh, my wife quarreled with the butcher again and she's looking for a new one."

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DEATHS.

SHEWAN—Suddenly, at Middleton, N. S., on the morning of Aug. 16th, Marjorie Evelyn, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Shewan.

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a large staff of artisans. The profit on the coinage of Canadian silver and copper coins in the past year has ranged all the way from \$75,000 to \$100,000 per annum.

Mrs. Younghusband (reading from paper).—"Married—Blanche de Smythe to Walter Wellington Beave." What old memories that old name awakens! Mrs. Y. (blushing)—I never imagined you knew of my engagement to Walter. Mr. Y. (chillingly)—I was alluding to Blanche.

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