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NEWSPAPER READING.

It is not giving away trade secrets to comment on the wonderful increase of newspaper readers in New Brunswick, and, more particularly, in St. John, during the past few years. A decade ago subscribers to local papers were not half as numerous as they are at present. It is estimated that in 1903 the combined circulation of all the St. John dailies was not more than 15,000. Today it varies from 25,000 to 35,000. It is true that in the past five years the newspapers, all of them, have greatly improved, both in style of make-up and in the quality and variety of news contained. Correspondence services have been extended, and real live matter of interest to the average citizen is now given chief attention. In the same time there has been carried on an active campaign by all offices for the securing of new subscribers, but it is, perhaps, hardly fair to believe that even such efforts combined with the better papers can account for the marvelous increase in readers. The question is asked, why there should be such an increase? Is it because people are taking a more active interest in affairs of the world, or is there something lacking in the education of the present generation which makes them turn to the feeding news of a day rather than to literature which will live? It is true that people want to be posted in what is going on, and it may be that there is more activity of general interest in the world now than there ever has been in the past. But whatever the reason the fact remains that New Brunswick, perhaps in common with the rest of the world, is now in the greatest newspaper reading period of its history.

WHARF BUILDING.

In the years 1859 and 1860, while the long wharf, so called, was under construction, four contractors were engaged on the work. Mr. Connolly did the dredging; Mr. Mayes the brick building; Mr. Appleby constructed the warehouse, and Mr. Jamieson the grain elevator. In the building of that wharf the outer end was first attended to, then the southern side and finally the northern. Both sides would have been carried on together had it not been that some very heavy dredging was found which delayed one portion of the work. In 1900 a visitor to that wharf would have seen the dredge working on one portion, gangs of men engaged in building up the crib, another large crew erecting a warehouse and a fourth party building the conveyor. After the job got well under way all four contractors were carried on together and arrangements were such that there was no delay at any one part. Almost 1300 feet of wharf were built and from the time the dredging was commenced, until the whole contract was completed, thirteen months elapsed. At the present time in West St. John work is going on on 1300 feet of wharf but the plan adopted has been such that now, although the cribs are practically finished and all the piling driven, the contractor for the warehouse has not yet been able to commence operations. It would appear that in this last contract the builders have not had much regard for the convenience of each other, but have gone ahead in a manner most suited to themselves and not in the best interests of the city. Mr. D. C. Clark, with a very small crew, has finished the pile driving and is now putting the caps on piles out the outer end of the wharf, working in towards Union street. This is being done because there was some alleged delay on the part of the civic officials in giving certain information. The finishing of the piling on the outer end will cause some inconvenience to the builders of the warehouse, who could carry on their work more easily if enabled to start at the Union street end.

PUT OUT OF BUSINESS.

Among the many new laws which went into effect on the 12th of July in the state of Texas, one of the most drastic is known as the Robertson Insurance Law. By this it is decreed that all insurance companies doing business in the state must invest 75 per cent. of their reserves on Texas policies in securities within the state. As a result of this, which the companies declare is confiscatory, twenty-two old line insurance companies have already retired from the field. All their business has been closed and they have withdrawn their agents. They allege that the already high taxes and the money they oblige themselves to loan on policies makes it impossible for them to comply with the law and they prefer giving up the business. In leaving the state, these companies deprive Texas of 238-

450 which they have been paying annually as taxes. A very valuable enactment, which hits the railways, is one which compels them to keep full crews on all trains, prohibiting the working of employees for more than fourteen hours a day and the working of telegraph operators for more than eight hours a day. All railroads are compelled to use electric headlights on locomotives.

"HEAP COALS OF FIRE UPON HIS HEAD."

Young Tommy Smith came home one day From school so very sad, For Jackey Jones, the wicked boy, Had made him sore and mad. He'd punched his head, he'd knocked him down, And caused his tears to flow, He was a dreadful wicked boy To use poor Tommy so.

Tom swore revenge on Jackey Jones, And threatened vengeance dire, But when at home his mother said, "Dear Tom heap coals of fire, Upon the head of Jackey Jones, And kind he'll be to you." But when he met that awful boy John in a passion flew.

He cruelly said, "Now, Tommy Smith I'm going to lick you more, And on the punch of little Tom He struck full hard and sore."

But Tommy knew what mother told, And handed Jack a pie, Which greedy Jack ate swiftly up, Resolved to do or die.

"Gosh, it was good," Jack calmly said, "Why did you give it me?" "Because you struck me," Tommy said, "That's why I give it thee."

Bad Jackey Jones struck him again, And said, "Go, get more pie." "Heap coals of fire upon his head," Therefore did not reply.

VALUABLE CONCH SHELL.

There are evidently a number of mysterious properties about the conch shell in its relation to Indian religious rites and ceremonies that require investigation. For instance, a conch with its spirals twisting to the right instead of to the left is supposed to be worth its weight in gold. Some years ago a conch of that description was offered for sale in Chilcutta with a reserve price of a few hundred dollars. It was eventually bought in for \$4,000.

The motive of these people, said Bishop Doane, discussing married people who quarrel, is like the motive of a Scot who was found weeping one day.

"Oh, Saunders, mon," said a neighbor, peeping in at the open door, attracted by the sounds of weeping which came from the freestone.

"What's ailing ye?" "Oh, dear-oh, dear!" sobbed Saunders, "Donald Mackintosh's wife is dead."

"Aweel," said the neighbor, "what o' that? She's no relation o' you, ye ken?" "I know she's not, but it just seems as if everybody's gettin' a change but me."

Brown always was particular to appear to be in a better position than he really was; it was a great failing he had. On one occasion he took his eldest son with him for a walk, and permitted him to play with some other boys while he read his paper. Going home later Brown inquired:

"Well, what did you talk about to those boys in the park?" "Oh," replied the lad, "I told them you were our footman! I did it to keep up appearances, you know."

Father—You should learn to keep everything in its place, my son. Arthur—Well, won't you tell me to keep her slipper on her foot?

"Luckiest man I ever knew! Everything succeeds with him. He has only to say what he wanted and he got it. Why, confound it, I was walking with him one day—the very last day of his life—and he said to me, 'When I die I want to die suddenly.' Got run over that very night. Ever see such luck!"

"Nay, madam; the day I married you I gave you the key to my heart." "Yes, and then you went right off and had the lock changed."

Man—Why did you pull that poor boy's ear? Boy—I was only holdin' it—'e was pullin'.

WHEN AND HOW TO HUG.

The Union correspondent of the *Calais Advertiser*, who is a man of wide experience, gives the public the benefit of his advice on a matter of great importance:—

"A young lady of Lansing, Mich., died last week as the result of being hugged by the young man to whom she was to be married. Too much care cannot be exercised in putting arms around young girls of today and we wish to impress this fact upon the minds of the young men who are just coming on the stage of action. Of course, men along in years do not need advice. The boys are more apt to put more force into the right arm than they are aware of, a hundred per cent. more than they would be apt to do in sawing wood, or carrying a scuffle of coal upstairs. They should bear in mind that girls are too valuable to be used in developing the muscle you would at a symposium. You don't have to squeeze a girl till her liver is forced from its normal position and she chokes, to show her that you love her. A gentle squeeze of the arm around her waist when she is not looking, and the least pressure upon her belt is all that the law requires."

A BRILLIANT BABOON.

The mandrill baboon has the most brilliant coloring of any quadruped. It shows blue, red and purple or violet tints.

THE STAR, ST JOHN, N. B. FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1907

MANY PROSTRATIONS FROM THE HEAT YESTERDAY.

PHILADELPHIA, July 18.—The parade of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was marked during its progress by the prostration from heat of an army of persons estimated by the police and hospital authorities at 2,500. Never has there been such a wholesale prostration of people in the city. For six hours the police, ambulance surgeons and the Red Cross nurses were kept on the run looking after persons who collapsed under the scorching rays of the sun and largely because of their excellent service, but one case resulted fatally. James Rowley, aged 44 years, of this city, died in a hospital after being stricken in the street. The other stricken persons are said to be in good condition, with no prospect of fatal results.

The parade ground was on Broad street for a distance of three miles north and the same distance south of the city hall. The paraders counter-marched the last three miles back to the city hall, so that they traversed upwards of nine miles, yet few of those overcome by the heat were in the line of march.

Those who succumbed were among the spectators jammed along the street in a solid mass from one end of the line to the other. The temperature hovered around ninety degrees, and the humidity was excessive. Most of the victims were chiefly from this city and the surrounding territory. The police secured records of more than 1,000 heat cases, which were handled by them or taken to hospitals, but hundreds were cared for in the dispensaries, where the police surgeons and nurses cared for innumerable others.

Every attention was given to the spectators to see that they were protected, but it required four hours for the marchers to pass a given point, and the eager people stood in the hot sun for two hours or more before the parade started. The total number in the

line of march is conservatively estimated at 20,000 men, with about 125 floats. The Grand Lodge installed its newly elected officers tonight, at which time it was announced that at a previous session the state associations of Elks had been given official recognition. This decision on the part of the Grand Lodge settles a fight that has been waged for two years. The state association is restricted in its work and may not take up legislative matters or interfere with legislative affairs in the subordinate lodges. Its principal work will be along charitable and fraternal lines.

BOSTON, July 18.—With the temperature and humidity both exceeding that of yesterday, which was the most oppressive day of the year, Boston experienced great suffering today. Particulars of the heat were reported to the bureau reporting no relief in sight. One death and a dozen recorded prostrations were the record of the day. Charles T. Graustein, aged 30, of Cambridge, died early in the day as a result of prostration yesterday.

NEW YORK, July 18.—The crest of the hot wave that reached town yesterday touched this summer's record mark of 93 at noon today. Then the temperature dropped to 75 this evening, where it stood at midnight. The humidity, however, continued excessive throughout the day, and well into the night, causing much suffering.

Three deaths were reported to the police as having been due directly or indirectly to the heat and humidity, while fifty cases of prostration were treated at the hospitals.

BOSTON, Mass., July 18.—In the suburban towns the heat also claimed victims. Mrs. Mary Gorman dying in East Braintree and T. Murane, in the hospital in Quincy.

motion to inquire whether the late and the present administration entered into any corrupt agreement with any persons to recommend such persons to the king for the purpose of their being created peers, baronets or knights in consideration of money for such honors.

A "JUMBLE BIRD."

In the West Indies is found a bird called the jumble bird, because half an hour before sunset and half an hour before sunrise it utters its peculiar cry of "Jumble jumble!" The natives call it a "jumble bird" (a bird possessed of the devil) and say that to kill it would bring death to its slayer. Another bird found in the same region is the "Soufriere bird," which makes its home near the volcano of Soufriere, and among the natives there is a strong belief that the first individual to see this bird will die, while the man who kills it, torture by evil spirits awaits the man who kills it. —*Minneapolis Journal.*

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DEATHS. HENNING—In this city, on Wednesday, July 17th, Ellen Spurr Hennegar, daughter of the late Henry Hennegar.

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THE DANES AND THE RAVEN. Perhaps the Danes selected the raven for their standard out of feelings of gratitude, for before the invention of the mariner's compass they must have found him extremely useful. The only method of determining whether land was near was to let loose a raven. If the bird saw land he sailed away forever; if he did not, he returned to the ship.—*London Chronicle.*

WRONG SHOES

Artemus Ward once remarked, "There is one thing to be said in favor of tight shoes—they make a man forget all his other troubles."

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Easy, glove-fitting shoes are the greatest comfort your feet can have. These are the only kind of shoes we sell. No matter what kind of foot you have, we'll fit it.

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THE POPE REPLIES TO CATHOLIC AUTHORS

ROME, July 19.—The Syllabus promulgated by the Pope yesterday with regard to the so-called modernism in the faith contains a preamble which sets forth that Roman Catholic authors, under the pretext of examining dogmas explain them in the name of history in such a fashion that the dogmas themselves disappear. To prevent such errors, the preamble says, the Pope has ordered a congregation of inquisition to note and reprove the principal errors, and with his approbation sixty-five propositions are condemned. These include the following: Divine inspiration does not guarantee all and every part of the Holy Scriptures against error. The resurrection of the Saviour is not an historical fact, but is purely supernatural. It can neither be demonstrated nor is it demonstrable. The Roman Catholic Church became the head of all churches not by Divine ordinance, but by purely political circumstances. The church is the enemy of natural and theological sciences. The Christian doctrine was first formulated by Pauline, then Hellenic, then Universal. The principal articles of the Apostles' Creed had not the same significance to the primitive Christians as they have to the Christians of the present time.

MUST PAY TEN CENTS A SPOOL FOR THREAD

Combine Advances Prices Beyond all Reason.

NEW YORK, July 19.—Cotton thread, until a short time ago, the most stable in price of all the staples, selling the country over for five cents a spool, is to be advanced again so that the retail price will be ten cents. On May 29, there was an advance which brought the retail price to six and seven cents. Increased cost of raw material and an advance in wages are the reasons given for the contemplated increase in price. Independent manufacturers declare that neither of these reasons is a good one for when cotton was selling much higher than it is now thread retailed for five cents.

One way is to pay no attention to it; at least, not until it develops into pneumonia, or bronchitis, or pleurisy. Another way is to ask your doctor about Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. If he says, "The best thing for colds," then take it. Do as he says, anyway. We have no secret. We are a good old-fashioned family medicine. Lowell, Mass. Use Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

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