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#### MR. CARLETON'S LETTER

The Times-Star publishes today a letter from ex-inspector James Carleton which makes imperative an enquiry into the Main street paving affair. Mr. Carleton points out that the first of the foundation laid was according to specification, except that it was not all six inches in thickness, and that gravel was used instead of broken stone. But it was very far superior to that adopted later, which Mr. Carleton declares costs fifty per cent less than that called for in the specifications. Who gets the benefit of the difference?  
Mr. Carleton very properly points out that since a sample of the cheap material was taken to city hall there should also have been a sample of that which was first laid, and which was nearly up to specification. Why wasn't this done?  
Why did the contractor begin by keeping nearly close to the specifications and then suddenly change to a cheaper material? Why was he permitted to do it? Who gets the benefit?

The more this matter is looked into the more clear it becomes that Mayor Frink should stop the work and have an investigation. The suggestion that some one should "make a charge" is merely playing with the question. Mr. Carleton's letter today is sufficient to make perfectly clear the need of a full enquiry. The mayor must act.

#### CAMPBELLTON

The question, Will Campbellton be rebuilt? was answered yesterday when Hon. Dr. Pugsley stated that the place would remain an I. C. R. divisional point and the shops and other buildings would be rebuilt. The minister had carried his personal interest to ensure this result, and thus did the people good service, for there was a feeling among members of the I. C. R. board of management that a divisional point in another location might serve the interests of the railway. Dr. Pugsley pointed out how unjust this would be to the stricken people of Campbellton, and was able to bring them the assurance that no change would be made. The fact ensures the rebuilding of the town. The minister also stated that a substantial post office and customs building would be erected.

Touching the matter of a federal grant, Dr. Pugsley was not able to speak definitely. Federal grants had been refused to Fernie, Three Rivers, and Burke's Falls. All he could say on this point was that he would personally favor a grant, and that he had brought the matter before his colleagues and suggested to them that Campbellton was an important town on the government railway the principle established in the case of the other towns might be varied and federal assistance granted. The matter will be further considered by the cabinet. For the present, the assurance given by Dr. Pugsley regarding railway and public buildings reverts to the case of Campbellton. It had been stated that \$100,000 or more was needed, but the purpose to which it was to be devoted was not clearly indicated. Judge McLatchy informed Dr. Pugsley that \$125,000 was required for purely public purposes, including electric light, water, fire apparatus, civic buildings and expenses, schools, streets and other matters.

That is to say, the town of Campbellton requires \$125,000. Not one dollar of this amount could be devoted to relief of the people individually. The rebuilding would provide them with work, and they would benefit from the various civic services as these are restored; but this \$125,000 is for the town itself.

What of the people? There must be another fund for them, and unless it is raised soon the cold weather will find them shivering in tents. Let it not be forgotten that there was a loss, above all in-

urance, estimated at \$1,000,000. The money thus far subscribed is as nothing when contrasted with the needs of the people. It is stated that many people who fled to friends elsewhere for shelter after the fire are returning to the town, hoping to be able to rebuild their homes. They add to the number of those seeking relief, and relief should be forthcoming without delay. The announcement that the \$125,000 called for by the committee does not include one dollar for the people makes doubly clear the urgent need of prompt measures of relief for the homeless and penniless families.

The Standard this morning hopes that Dr. Pugsley will recommend a substantial federal grant. What about Mr. Hazen and a provincial grant? It may be hoped that the premier will break silence today, and that the question of the extent of government aid may be settled, and an appeal made by the lieutenant-governor to the whole country for funds for the homeless people. The provincial government would be heartily endorsed by public sentiment if it made a very substantial grant, but however large a sum it might name there would still be need of generous public subscriptions, and these should not be withheld.

#### POLLUTED FOUNTAINS

The city engineer has adorned the public fountain on King Square with large samples of the foundation for the Main street pavement. What good purpose he thought this would serve is not apparent. To be of service for purposes of illustration the samples should bear some such inscription as the following:—"These are samples of the cheap material for which St. John taxpayers are paying the price of costly material. The difference (50 p. c.) between what this material costs and what real concrete would cost is the price the taxpayers pay for having a city council that refuses to lit the lid."  
It is of course possible that this exhibition is an expression of defiance of public opinion, or another move in the game of bluff. But it does not alter the fact that the taxpayers are paying for one thing and getting another that is far cheaper; and that they are not getting the benefit of the difference in cost.  
It will be noted also that there is no sample of the first concrete laid down. Why not?  
As to King Square fountain, it does not present any more hideous an appearance now than on the too frequent occasions when the water has been turned off. But even if the fountain of civic virtue be polluted, why extend it to the fountain on the square?

Hassam still has 'em.  
Those aldermen who have been standing pat cannot afford to ignore the letter of Mr. Carleton.

The Chatham board of trade has named a committee to take up the question of attracting tourists to the beautiful Miramichi valley.

Why was the first section of pavement foundation on Main street laid according to specification, or nearly so, and then a change made to the cheaper material?  
Halifax is somewhat agitated over the question of an enlarged dry dock and a ship-building plant. It wants both and will offer inducements.

If the telephone company can prevent it, there will be no enquiry into the question of its rates by the Public Utilities Commission. The board of trade meeting this afternoon will doubtless be lively.

The province of Ontario continues to send much of its best blood to build up the west. The Toronto Telegram of Tuesday, says:—"Nine hundred citizens of Western Ontario left Toronto today to seek new homes in the Northwest. The first C. P. R. train pulled out of the Union station with 900, and at 10.15 p.m. the second train will leave the Union station. The party consisted of men, women and children. This evening a special train with settlers' effects will be sent out."

On the subject of immigration, the Ottawa Free Press tells this story:—"Some of the English critics of our immigration laws might be asked what they would do, in their own country, if they were called upon to have the experience of an employer in Chatham, Ont., who the other day started out in search of some men to work at his factory. He met three English immigrants, who were loafing around the street, and offered them jobs at \$1.25 a day. All he received was a sneer, accompanied by the remark that they would not work for such "small" wages. Yet these same men would probably have been glad to earn half that daily wage in the Old Country, and it is safe betting that they will be looking for charity this coming winter."

Rhode Island not only is the smallest state in the union, but it has the smallest county, Bristol, which contains but 23 square miles. Eight hundred Bristol counties could be placed within either Custer county, Mont., or San Bernardino county, Cal. Nearly eight counties the size of Bristol could be placed within the confines of the city of Chicago.

After marrying for money many a man wishes he had brought up to work for a living.

#### THE GRAY ANGEL

Thy wings are close, O Sorrow,  
When other loves brush by,  
For they would laughter borrow,  
But you are soberer than they.

The lighter loves remind me  
That joy is dead and dim;  
Then in the dark behind me  
You stir again.

And when bright youth and laughter  
Sing songs and blow them high,  
Like some scurvier rafter  
Where echoes lie.

You chant the consumption  
Of suffering's ancient worth:  
The high gold full libation  
To gray-winged birth.

Till, groping for tomorrow,  
Amid the joys of life  
On thy dark wings, O Sorrow,  
I reach the sky.

—Katharine Hale,  
The Canadian Magazine for August

#### IN LIGHTER VEIN

FOR OLDER FOLK, TOO.  
"Remember, darling, this is Sunday and you must not play in the front yard," admonished a little girl's mother.

"Well, mama," she asked thoughtfully, "isn't it Sunday in the back yard, too?"

THE NEW INVENTION.  
"This alarm clock," explains the clerk, "is especially designed to waken sleepy souls."

"How in the world does it work?" asked the patron.  
"Instead of the usual bell ringing it has an attachment that jingles like a pair of ice tongs."—Denver Post.

THE WRONG IMPRESSION.  
The youth—"Yes, I'm in business for myself, but I don't seem to be able to meet with any success."  
The sage—"Nobody ever meets with success, young man. He must overtake it."—Tit-Bits.

MODERN ADVANTAGES.  
Little Evelyn had received many pretty birthday gifts. "I think you are a fortunate little girl," said her aunt. "When I was a little girl I was thankful to get even one birthday present."

"Oh, dear," replied Evelyn with a shudder, "I'm glad I didn't live in Bible times."—Delimitator.

HELP FROM THE PRODIGAL.  
The prodigal son, repentant, or at any rate weary of the diet of hanks forced upon him by a vigilant police system, had experienced a change of heart and joined the church. The good sisters were discussing his desirability.

"But," expostulated Mrs. Straightness, "with a fine and virtuous display of righteousness, 'he was a common gambler.'"  
"Isn't it lovely?" exclaimed Mrs. Uplifted. "What a help he can be in getting up our church bazaars!"

THE GIRLS.  
"That handsome Mr. Rogues danced with me three times."  
"Well, it's a Charity Ball, you know."—Cleveland Leader.

A FINANCIER.  
Jack—"Why did you give up your bachelor quarters?"  
Tom—"Because I'm going to marry dollars."—Chicago News.

IN PARADISE.  
When Eve had set her woman's heart  
On nice, new sleeves,  
I wonder if I was Adam's part  
To pick the leaves.

Was it the task to scratch his face  
And bruise his feet,  
While wrestling from his swinging place  
A gown complete?

And when old Adam tore his frocks  
And to Eve came,  
Did she get out her mending box  
And patch the same?

Did she pick each garment wreck  
And look it over,  
So that he need not risk his neck  
In getting more?

If these things did not chance to be  
I'm sure 'twas nice,  
And—man or woman—you'll agree,  
'Twas paradise.

#### An Historical Celebration

(Ottawa Free Press)  
Halifax will have a celebration in September which will focus the attention of the members of the Church of England in the world over upon Canada, and that year upon that city in particular. It will be a commemoration of the two hundred anniversary of the foundation of the church in America.

In 1710 there were no Anglicans in the regions now comprising Ontario and Quebec. But Acadia was ceded to Great Britain in that year. The British had taken possession more than once before but had given the country back to France. The cession of 1710 was final so far as Nova Scotia proper was concerned, and that year regular services of the Church of England began at Port Royal, now Annapolis.

Roman Catholic worship had been conducted at Port Royal for a century before that time. Thus it happens that two memorial festivals will take place in Eastern Canada almost simultaneously, one celebrating the completion of the second century of Anglican worship and one the completion of the third century since the first Catholic baptism.

More than seventy years passed after the beginning of Protestant worship before the first diocese in what is now Canada was established and the first bishop consecrated. This was after the American revolution and was one of the results of that separation. That first bishop, nearly all his clergy and the great part of their congregation were Loyalists.

The diocese of Nova Scotia is the oldest colonial diocese in the British Empire. The whole of British America, as far west as Lake Superior, appears to have been under the jurisdiction of Bishop Inglis.

A feature of the celebration will be the dedication of the new cathedral of All Saints at Halifax, while another interesting item on the programme will be an excursion to Annapolis Royal, the site of the first Anglican church in America. Bishops and other distinguished ecclesiastics will come from all parts of the English-speaking world, so that with this celebration and the meeting of the Episcopate Congress of the Roman Catholic church in Montreal, September will be a notable month in our religious annals.

Bathurst Iron Mines  
John J. Drummond, a member of the executive of the Canadian Iron Corporation, which is developing the iron deposits at Bathurst, has arrived in the city and is at the Royal. He said last night that the corporation have just finished the railway from the mines at Bathurst to the I. C. R. The road is to be known as the New Brunswick and Seaboard Railway, and is expected that the first ore train will be running by August 10, and the first ore will be shipped from Newcastle on the I. C. R. The contracts for the Bathurst ore, he said, were mostly for the United States though some cargoes have been ordered for the old country.

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### THE PEAT BOGS

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Plant at Alfred Demonstrates Itself a Commercial Success

(Ottawa Free Press)  
The simplicity of the Dominion government demonstrating peat plant was the feature that most impressed the hundred old veterans to Alfred yesterday afternoon. All the delegates to the American Peat Society Convention attended as well as a number of Ottawa people and men interested in peat bogs in Ontario and Quebec.

From a trench twenty feet broad and varying from three to twelve feet in depth the peat is dug by hand and placed on a chain conveyor which elevates it to the pulverizer.

Here the peat is macerated by a series of knives, and then delivered on a belt to the field presser.

The cans run on tiny tracks laid in a belt on the bog. They cling to a cable operated by the same engine that runs the pulverizer.

The field press is a simple arrangement of weighted rollers which smoothes out the dumped loads of the cans and presses them into a black ribbon of peat about 3 feet wide and six inches thick. "The Man with the Hoe," follows cutting the ribbon into

leaves much in the way our mothers made loaves "across."

That is all. The winds and sun do the rest, for after the peat has dried out for four or five weeks it is ready for delivery. Sixteen hundred tons have been manufactured, and are awaiting delivery at the bog. The greater part of the product will be sold locally in the fall, but a portion will be brought to Ottawa for domestic use and as fuel in the governmentage producer plant.

**Commercial Proposition**  
Dr. Haanel is enthusiastic over the success of the plant.  
"This is not an experimental station," said he. "It is a demonstrating plant, and it has shown that these bogs have a commercial value."  
"If you were the owner of this bog and plant, would you continue to run it for what there is in it," the doctor was asked.  
"Assuredly I would!" asserted Dr. Haanel. "This peat can be produced at a cost which would leave a good profit as a commercial venture."  
J. B. Lincoln, who is the secretary and manager of the Peat Engineering Company for the United States and Canada Limited, with a factory in operation at Ste. Beuve, near Farnham, Quebec, considers that in some respects his plant beats the government plant at Alfred.

Two great evils of the day (says the Bishop of Kensington) are drink and dullness, and the former is often the outcome of the latter.

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