

GREEN CAPS

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Abroad one grows accustomed to all sorts of services from many sorts of servants: sweepers who precede you with a broom as you cross the street and are "pleased as Punch" with a penny; men to call at regular intervals to wind all the clocks in the house; men to polish door knobs and knockers; girls to scrub the steps; charwomen; and chimney sweeps, and what not; but personal service to people rushing through railway stations to catch trains, to recover children who have strayed through the wrong gate; to telephone back home for lost papers which must be sent on the next train following; and other services, all different, hundreds of them, is in evidence, as yet only in the great railway terminals, in Yankee land.

The GREEN CAPS are the men who perform the myriad services for the forgetful, the nervous and the bewildered. They are part of a great corporation's effort to serve. They are of recent appearance, and already function, famously. Their wits are nimble and ever on the alert. They have patience sufficient for prime minister, and capacity for meeting emergencies that require inventiveness, prompt decision, and tact to the Nth degree. Altogether, the absolutely essential qualifications for the Green Cap Squad are somewhat more rigorous than those necessary for an ambassador to a first class power.

They are a sign of the times, these

general and speedy utility men. They are a good sign. Indeed they are one of the significant indications that even corporations may have souls. Ever since corporations came into existence, the public has looked at them askance. The public disliked them as organizations that were never neighborly and never human—cold-blooded as fish, with neither bodies to be kicked nor souls to be damned. There was no way in which an individual could reach a corporation except through the stock market, and an individual was seldom big enough to do that.

But the Green Cap is testimony to the effect that the processes of evolution affect even such gross organism as the hitherto altogether detested corporation. A soul is developing within it. The soul is beginning to show. The name of the soul is SERVICE. Service is the keynote of the Sermon on the Mount. As the service sense develops and expands within the corporation, this heretofore abominated body will develop into an ethical organization. Many corporations will go through this process. Those that do not, will fall by the wayside. Only the fit will survive.

Therefore, there is much for the traveler as he sees the Green Caps in the great railway termini of metropolitan cities. He is a traveler not by rail only, or by steamer, but is speeding on with the perplexity adventure of life, whither he does not know, and often hopelessly, it would seem. But let him take notice. Let him be of good cheer, for the Green Caps bear witness that the journey is growing pleasanter. The wayfarer need worry

less. As he waits for the raucous announcement "All aboard for ALBANY, BUFFALO, CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE, PUMPKINCORNERS, MINNEAPOLIS, SAINT PAUL AND ALL POINTS WEST" he is lost child lose its bewilderment and fright and choke down its sob because a Green Cap has found a way to soothe it. He sees a distracted mother rushing up, with tearful thanks for the rescue of her precious offspring.

He hears a nervous woman whose boy has come to the station to see her off—explaining that "While he has two weeks yet before vacation comes and is so likely to oversleep and be late to school." Wondering what it can possibly have to do with the function of a Green Cap, the traveler redoubles his wonder when he hears this service man say—

"I know how it is with boys, ma'am. Was one myself once you know. Don't worry about William. Just give me your telephone number. I'll call him at 6:45 and again at 7: every school day. He'll not be late."—and the traveler hardly believing he could have heard right sees an immensely relieved mother kiss her son and joyously pass through the gate.

Another traveler has left a friend in bed in the hotel over the way. The friend is ill and needs certain medicines which the traveler has been so late in getting that he will miss his train if he returns to the hotel.

"I'll take it over, sir," says the Green Cap. "I'll see he has a dose every three hours—four shots a day." (Continued from first page)

Don't worry about it, sir. Your address please. Thank you. I'll let you know how he is." And so it goes until the waiting traveler is so absorbed in listening to these evidences of service and watching its efficiency, that he does not hear "All aboard for ALBANY, BUFFALO, CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE, PUMPKINCORNERS, MINNEAPOLIS, SAINT PAUL AND ALL POINTS WEST"—and would have missed a most important engagement in the windy city had not a Green Cap mind reader touched him on the arm saying "Beg pardon, sir, were you going west? The train's made up, sir."

Edmundston Locals

Don't forget the bazaar to be held on Dec. 1.

G. Reid of Escourt was in town on Wednesday.

Mrs. Ella Blenis is the guest of R. W. Hammond.

Mrs. Aaron Lawson has been on the sick list this week.

J. R. Gilliland, Superintendent of the C. P. R. was here on Wednesday. Fred Lane of the Imperial Oil Co., St. John, was in Edmundston on Wednesday.

Miss Helen Plummer of Presque Isle, Me., is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Brebner.

E. S. Murchie was called to St. Stephen this week on account of the death of his stepmother.

Mr. and Mrs. David Evans were in Edmundston over the week-end. They will reside in Glendyne for the winter.

Rev. Mr. Beauchamp of Richmond, Quebec, was in Edmundston on Wednesday, going from here to Cabano on Thursday.

Rev. N. Franchetti returned this week from Woodstock, where the former attended the Deacons of Woodstock, held this time in connection with the Sunday School Teachers' Association.

The Ladies' Circle of St. Paul's church held a sale of cooked food in a vacant store on Victoria street on Saturday afternoon. The sale opened at four o'clock and within an hour everything was sold, realising a goodly sum which the ladies are donating to the expenses in connection with the Christmas tree of the Sunday School.

Mrs. Lundberg entertained at a bridge of four tables on Monday evening of this week, the prizes being won by Mrs. T. J. Scott, Mrs. J. M. Stevens and Mrs. F. S. Murchie. Among those present were Mrs. Matheson, Mrs. Burpee, Miss Brebner, Mrs. Brebner, Mrs. Sherwood, Mrs. Reith, Mrs. Seeley, Mrs. Murchie, Mrs. Rideout, Mrs. J. M. Stevens, Mrs. T. J. Scott, Mrs. J. W. Hall, Miss M. Hall, Mrs. J. McKenzie, Mrs. D. H. Vanwart and Mrs. McCabe. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

Mrs. L. Sherwood gave a very enjoyable bridge party on Thursday evening of last week. Those present were Mrs. R. B. Owens, Miss Wheeler, Mrs. McCabe, Mrs. Merritt, Mrs. Lockhart, Miss Brebner, Miss Brebner, Mrs. James Dunbar, Mrs. D. H. Vanwart, Mrs. J. C. Stevens, Mrs. J. M. Stevens, Mrs. T. J. Scott, Mrs. McKenzie, Mrs. Matheson, Mrs. Sargent, Mrs. Burpee, Mrs. A. Pickard, Mrs. L. Seeley, Mrs. A. Amos, Mrs. Aaron Lawson, Mrs. F. S. Murchie, Mrs. C. M. Rideout, Mrs. J. Reith and Mrs. John Hardwick. The prizes were won by Mrs. McCabe and Mrs. J. M. Stevens.

and the consolation by Mrs. D. H. Vanwart.

A. C. Grant of Perth was in town this week.

W. H. Wilson of Toronto is visiting friends in town.

Thos. Matheson of Escourt was in Edmundston last week.

Rex Sargent has been confined to the house this week with sickness.

J. Reith went to St. John on the Transcontinental on Wednesday morning.

Major Wood and F. Armstrong of St. John were visitors to Edmundston last week.

Miss Kathleen Hayes, B. A., has returned from Jacques River where she spent a few days recently.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. White's little baby daughter has been quite sick during the past week or two.

Miss Rita Inch of Fredericton, Supervisor of Schools, is in Edmundston for a few days, registered at the Madawaska Inn.

Mrs. A. W. Brebner, Mrs. Wm. Matheson, Miss L. Brebner, Walter Brebner, Isobel Matheson and Harry Duthie motored to Cabano this week.

On Friday evening last a very enjoyable bridge party was given by Mrs. F. S. Murchie, Burpee street. Among those present were Miss Brebner, Mrs. Rideout, Miss A. Rideout, Mrs. J. Reith, Mrs. L. Sherwood, Mrs. L. Seeley, Mrs. A. Pickard, Mrs. S. Burpee, Mrs. R. S. White, Miss E. Babin, Miss A. Hobert, Mrs. J. Sullivan, Mrs. T. J. Scott, Mrs. J. M. Stevens, Mrs. C. Lundberg, Mrs. McCabe, Miss Wheeler, Mrs. Merritt, Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Vavasour, Mrs. J. W. Hall, Miss M. Hall, Mrs. D. H. Vanwart, and Mrs. McKenzie. The prize winners were Mr. Merritt, Mrs. McKenzie and Miss A. Rideout.

The Town Council is to be sincerely congratulated on the recent by-law that has been passed making it obligatory upon all persons offering wood for sale to have with them a certificate signed by an official of the town telling the exact amount of wood on the load, and the quality of the same. For a long time householders have suffered from the wood sellers, all kinds of wood, and all sizes of loads, and yet it was always according to the seller the best quality, and always there was an exact cord, or a half a cord. Now when we buy a load of wood we shall know how much we are buying, whether it is dry, and whether it is of good quality. The certificates, the proof of which the Editor has seen, is a water tight document, and Mr. Guerette, the Town Clerk, who drew it up, is to be congratulated for the manner in which he has worded and arranged it. The Town has appointed the following to be surveyors, within the town limits: Jos. E. Verret, St. Francis street, Pitt Verret, St. Francis street, Leonard Martin, Canada road, Malcolm Amos, Canada road, and Elbear Ouellette, Victoria street.

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