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THE ALDERMEN AND CUSHING.

It is pleasant to hear a man once in a while, speak what is really in his mind instead of beating about the bush and with a mass of words endeavoring to hide his true meaning. Ald. Lewis at yesterday's meeting of the board of works put in speech what a good many people have been thinking for some time, that the shoving of Engineer Peters is only a step towards getting rid of Director Cushing. Those aldermen who have such an object in view—and some of them certainly have—might just as well have said so months ago. There are others in the council who are not following exactly the same course. They care nothing about Mr. Peters, but they heartily desire to accept once and for all the resignation of Mr. Cushing. Yet they have been afraid to say so.

This is a nice condition for a city to be in. Here is a man in charge of the most important department of the civic government, a man who may be a very capable engineer and superintendent, but one whose work has not thoroughly pleased the board of aldermen, and who has certainly failed to gain the praise of the public generally. And while this dissatisfaction exists, the aldermen are afraid to move him. There is not one member of the council who would retain in his private employ a person whose work proved unsatisfactory. Two weeks' notice would be the proper thing, and it is ridiculous to think that any other policy should be adopted in the management of public affairs. Let us have an end to this nonsense. If the majority of the aldermen want to dismiss Mr. Cushing and these interminable discussions would indicate that they do, let them say so. The people are getting tired of the squabble in which one man is throwing the whole aldermanic board into a panic. Dismiss the director or come to some definite understanding with him by which he will do as he is told and accept once and for all a fixed salary.

LOTS TO BE LEARNED.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch of the Sons of Temperance in his annual report says:

"We have reached a period of temperance reform in this province where it is important not to slacken our efforts. To hesitate would be to court final and ignominious failure." Along with this may be read the resolution passed by the executive of the Temperance Federation in reply to the request of the government that one man should be named as a member of the commission to study the results obtained in Prince Edward Island. The executive in self-satisfied complacency decided that they knew all about the temperance question and that a further effort to procure information was wholly unnecessary. Yet in order not to be found wanting they condescendingly consented to select a man. Surely this is not the spirit in which to meet any such proposal. Even educated men, as are those who compose the Federation executive, may learn from experience of others, and when the question which affects the rights of all the people is to be dealt with, no man has any authority to say that he knows all there is to know.

Some of New Brunswick's reformers believe that the P. E. Island law has produced wonderful results. It has. But these are not the only things that the temperance people of Charlottetown proclaim for the benefit of outsiders and the Federation's commissioner, if he keeps his eyes open, will find many things which will scarcely tend to confirm his preconceived ideas. The lid is down in Charlottetown taking that city as an example for the province, but there are many leaks in the bucket. There are numerous drug stores in which the sale of liquor is no small part of the business. In former days it was the custom to go into an open bar and have a drink. Now a merchant takes his friends into his own back shop. Liquor is not sold in saloons but in immoral dives, in back yards and in drugstores. There are not so many drunks arrested but everyone who wants a drink can get it, and does get it. The result of the present temperance law, has been to prevent the continued intoxication of thirty or forty old toppers, to make men who use liquor to keep private supplies and to encourage perjury. This is of course in addition to the results more generally understood by New Brunswick temperance workers, the decrease in arrests, etc.

Yes, the delegation from the Federation will find lots of live news by visiting Prince Edward Island.

Unless large subsidies are paid, Sir Wilfrid Laurier's fast service between Britain and Australia via Canada, will prove a financial failure. The sums mentioned to be given the various lines

appear to be sufficiently generous, but in order to make more certain the success of the Atlantic service, might the federal government not bring into effect a little clause stating that the British preference shall apply only to goods brought to Canadian ports in British bottoms?

WEATHER PROPHECY IN CACTUS CENTRE.

We are peaceful here in Cactus, and we do not kick or carp. But we've had a heap of trouble with a science weather sharp. He was sent here by the Gov't, with his charts and wind machines. And a diagram for tellin' when the rain is wet or mean.

We'd depended on Unk Peters to these long and many years. For a prophesying weather—so when this here sharp appears. And some competition enters, we rules thus in the case. The prophet who comes nearest is the one who holds the place.

Well, the first day Uncle Sam's man says 'twas sure to rain a bit. And old Uncle Pete says sunshine—and Pete's guessin' made the hit. But the second day Pete lost out, which made the score a tie. And 'twas science 'gainst the goosene when the third guess time drew nigh.

The weather sharp was anxious, and he figured mighty close. And he didn't sneer at Uncle, nor he didn't laugh nor boast. He guesses fair and warmer, and old Uncle says 'twill blow—And sure enough a norther put us two feet under snow.

So we chased the man of science 'cross the prairie forty mile. His wind machine we're usin' for a gambler's wheel awhile. And our old time weather prophet is the sort that seems to win 'Cause the weather's been delightful now that science don't but in.

SHE GOT HIS NUMBER.

A tired shopping crowd homeward bound filled the trolley car to suffocation. It was the last to get in was an aggressive-looking woman. When the conductor came for her fare she refused it. "I shan't pay," she said, decisively, "because I have no seat. You had no right to let so many people on the car."

"You saw it was jammed. Why did you get in?" retorted the conductor, tartly. "You will have to pay your fare or get off."

"I'll pay when you find me a seat; not before," said the woman, her voice and temper rising. The conductor signalled to the motorman, and the car stopped.

"Now, give me the nickel or get off," he said. By this time the woman was furious. "How dare you talk to me so!" she cried. "I'll report you, sir, what's your number?"

An inspiration seized the passengers. "Twenty-three!" shouted half a dozen of them in chorus.

The burst of laughter that followed affected the complete row of the aggressive woman. Gathering up her parcels she fled to the street, and the car went on its way.

INSTRUMENTS OF FICTION.

Negus (literary editor)—By the way, Boris, where did you get the material for that society novel you're writing? Boris (struggling author)—At a department store. I'm using only the commonest kinds of pens, ink and paper.

NOT AMBROSIA.

She—I see an average man needs 1,600 pounds' weight of food yearly. He—Yes, but he doesn't want it in one batch of biscuits, dear!

A BROKEN SPELL.

His Wife (writing)—Which is proper, "disillusioned" or "disillusioned"? Her Husband—Oh, just say "married" and let it go at that.

STOCK WATERING.

"The chief reforms urged on railroads are merely changing existing ones about." "In what way?" "Watering less stock on their capital and more on the cattle trails."

BROUGHT HOME TO HIM.

Crusht—After all, right doesn't always make might does it? Frankman—I don't know about that. The matrimonial rite seems to have made a mile of you.

HEAR, HEAR!

"Pa." "Well?" "What's women's rights?" "Everything they want. Run away."—Cleveland Leader.

A LEGAL REMEDY.

Hostess—Were you snazick coming across dear? Miss Pert—Oh, no! You see, papa was with us. Hostess—But what has that to do with your not being snazick? Miss Pert—Well, you know papa is a judge, and he overruled the motion—Boston Transcript.

BADLY RUSHED.

Sachs (to friend in restaurant)—Well, and how's business? Friend—Splendid, splendid! Why, I can't even get my meals at the right time. Just see what I'm eating now. It's my breakfast of yesterday.—Floh.

ROUGH ON THE FOOD.

The child had been taught to say grace at the table. Occasionally he varied it. "Oh, Lord, please forgive us for this breakfast they've put on the table," he said one morning.—Houston Post.

BEAUTIES OF EDITORIAL GENTLENESS.

The office boy had led the first page by dropping the form down two flights of stairs. "I wish," murmured the gentle editor, "that you had broken the news more gently."—Washington Star.

HOW TO LIVE LONG AND BE HEALTHY

Alcohol and Nicotine Neither Help Nor Hinder

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PARIS, May 15.—Just when, according to cable despatches from America, we are informed that a doctor told a congress of physicians that it was their duty to kill dying consumptives quickly, an interesting and important book is published in Paris dealing with longevity, encouraging it and holding out the hope that it may be attained by individual desire and care. To be sure, this book preconceives healthy subjects, but all know how many consumptives declared to be dying have taken on new life and survived for years of usefulness and even robustness. Wasn't it like Marvel who celebrated at his American home who was sent to see at an early age as a doctor's hope and who have no difficulty in finding—and causing—lots of trouble. The picture taken with funny situations, Cavalry exercises will appeal to the taste of everybody and especially to the "martial spirited."

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A VISION. I saw Eternity the other night. Like a great ring of pure endless light. All calm, as it were bright—And one of them, I think, in hours, days, years, Driven by the spheres, Like a vast shadow moved; in which the World And all her train were hurld.

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that 150 centenarians die annually in France. Longevity has two factors, the quality of the human machine and individual energy. Would you live long, conserve the ancestral energy, and the initial capital with which you enter the world, augmented through proper alimentation and observe hygiene. Energy is the body's faculty of producing the force to work. Life means incessant organic activity, utilizing the force obtained through foods, which carry the accumulated energy of their substance and liberating it yield the power to live. Mankind now knows many means favoring the production of food and the utilization of individual energy, which is only one of the forms of universal energy. It is necessary to put these means at work and prolong useful lives.

Mid-Week Change

The pictures that have delighted thousands of people during the past three days at the Nickel will be replaced at noon today by an entirely new series. A Trip to Niagara is claimed to be one of the most thrilling and realistic subjects ever recorded in motion pictures. The famous falls are shown from every aspect, and the mighty rushing of water is most awe inspiring. Pay Day is described as a "humorous sketch" and is one of those funny stories that fully carries out the author's intention by keeping the audience in roars of laughter. The scene opens in a typical French town, where the factory hands are being paid off on Saturday. Instead of a good time and they have no difficulty in finding—and causing—lots of trouble. The picture taken with funny situations, Cavalry exercises will appeal to the taste of everybody and especially to the "martial spirited."

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BOARD OF WORKS

The board of works met yesterday afternoon, and as has been the case during the past three meetings, a heated argument took place over the duties of Director Cushing.

City Engineer Hurd Peters had prepared plans for the reconstruction of Union street, West End, and he presented the plans at the meeting. Mr. Peters sent a letter to the board in which he stated that the plans drawn up by him would, to the best of his knowledge, restore the street to its former condition. Two cribs are to be built, one across Rodney slip from crib No. 1 to Rodney wharf, the other from the end of No. 3 crib southerly. These cribs are supported on piles and are to be heavily ballasted. There is to be a double row of piles driven along the street line.

After Engineer Peters' letter had been read Ald. Baxter asked what steps the director had taken in making his plans and specifications. The latter stated that he had written to the engineer stating his views and asked him to draw up the plans accordingly. Ald. Baxter wanted to know what he had done beyond writing to the engineer. The director said that he had done nothing further. Ald. Baxter replied that the director's answer was a wilful insult to the board. He moved that the board recommend the council to amend Rule VII of the regulations for the director of public works, the rule to be amended by saying "Also to perform such engineering services as may be directed from time to time by the board of works."

"Director Cushing will do the work asked, so far as I am a member, or he will vacate his office," said Ald. Baxter. Ald. Spragg seconded Ald. Baxter's motion that the rule be amended. Ald. Lewis, when the discussion was nearing its end, took a strong stand for Director Cushing. He stated at the last meeting that the director was doing good work, and he repeated these words yesterday. He moved that Mr. Peters' plans be accepted and the director carry them out. The amendment was lost.

A request from Harbor Master Parris for one month's leave of absence was granted, and Frank Alward was appointed in his place.

Engineer Peters produced estimates which were not complete regarding filling in Union street.

It was decided to confer with the C. P. R. about the filling in, as they send heavy trains across the street. The meeting then adjourned.

UNION SANCTIONED BY THE EMPEROR

ST. PETERSBURG, May 15.—An imperial order was issued today, creating the Princess Anastasia of Montenegro, who was married May 12 at Yalta to the Grand Duke Nicholas Nicolaevitch, a grand duchess, and announcing the Emperor's sanction of the union. This was the first official reference to the marriage, of which no formal cognate has been taken on account of the attitude of the Orthodox Church towards the remarriage of divorced persons, the grand duchess having been divorced from her first husband, Prince George Romanowski, Duke of Leuchtenberg.

Yesterday they received a deputation of Mohammedan villagers, who presented them with the traditional bread and salt, and assured the grand duke that in future, as in the past, they always will be true to the emperor and his family.

GRADUATING RECITAL

SACKVILLE, May 15.—Beethoven hall was filled to overflowing last evening, the attraction being the graduating recital of Miss Mabel Gertrude Dixon, reader, Sackville. The hall was tastefully decorated with red and white bunting and potted plants. Miss Dixon delighted the audience with three numbers, each of which was beautifully rendered. Her rendition of the "Requies of Lydia" was exceptionally fine. She was assisted by the University quartette, Messrs. Black, Davidson, Outbridge and Westmorland, who rendered two vocal numbers very effectively. Miss Dixon was presented with two handsome bouquets.

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