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TUESDAY	6,990
WEDNESDAY	6,965
THURSDAY	7,008
FRIDAY	7,009
SATURDAY	7,172
TOTAL	42,231
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BRICK OR CONCRETE?

A Montreal paper describes the work of construction on buildings of reinforced concrete, the first in that city. The competition of concrete with brick as a structural material is arousing a good deal of attention in the United States, where there has during the present summer been a sharp decline in the price of bricks, although there has been no falling off in building activity. The New York Globe says that the price was already declining in June, when the statistics of the building trades in twenty-three of the leading cities of the country showed an investment of fifty millions of dollars in new constructions as against forty-eight millions in June of 1905.

Endeavoring to find a reason for the decline the Globe says: "The cause of this decline in price is evidently not in a suspension of building operations throughout the country, and one naturally looks for the cause thereof among competing material in a field heretofore monopolized by brick. As it is reported that concrete is about to be used by builders of some six hundred houses in Brooklyn, Queens and certain New Jersey suburbs, it would seem that concrete in one part of the country at least has much to be responsible for in a curtailed demand for brick."

This falling-off in demand has reduced the price of brick about fifty cents in three months, and this is enough to produce serious modifications in the brick business with ulterior, and very possibly serious, effects in the real-estate business. In the latter there is a lively movement in the purchase and sale of apartment houses, and where prices are largely determined by prospective rentals and the cost of material used in construction, anything like a permanent drop in market prices for brick at a time when the city has been overbuilt in the matter of the cheaper grade of tenements and when rentals are being cut, is pretty sure to affect the market for such real estate very seriously. "From all parts of the country, and especially from the west, continue to come reports of the popularity of concrete as a building material; and there is no doubt that whatever eventuates there will be a very general trial of this material in the construction of the next few years. There is therefore no good reason to anticipate any great appreciation in the price of brick, which was abnormally high when the decline set in according to the building. The question seems to be, Will the increasing demand for concrete tend to such advance in price as would create a brisker demand again for brick and so arrest a further decline in the market?"

On the same subject the New York Sun says editorially: "Concrete is displacing brick all over the country, particularly in the west, being cheaper and possessing, it is said, equal advantages as a structural material. The tendency of concrete to supplant brick has recently become apparent in New York. Local builders are, according to report, about to give it a trial in some 600 houses in Brooklyn, Queens and various New Jersey suburbs."

PEARY AND WELLMAN

Some anxiety is being felt about Commander Peary, who has not been heard from since he sailed north. A Boston paper says: "Anxiety over the whereabouts and condition of the Peary expedition toward the north pole increases as the weeks go by and not the slightest word comes from the intrepid lieutenant and his followers. It was expected that by the end of June news might possibly come from him, and that July would surely bring particulars regarding how far he had succeeded in advancing, whether he found conditions favorable to carrying out his expedition as he planned it, etc., but as August is hastening by and not the slightest word of any sort comes from him anxiety begins to increase."

In the meantime Walter Wellman is about to begin his northward voyage by balloon from Spitzbergen, and, says the Boston writer, "when the great airship rises, swoops away out of sight toward the mysterious land of white silence, will begin a wait of anxiety—one which the world hopes will not end in the fearful certainty that marks the case of Andre."

The wonderful fascination which the mysterious north holds for adventurous men does nothing of its power, though so many tragedies have marked the path of exploration.

IT IS WORLD-WIDE
A condition of prosperity, marked by busy industries, good crops, and prosperous railroads, is noted by commercial papers in the United States and Canada. Bradstreet's tells of a scarcity of labor for railroad construction, harvesting and in the coal and steel producing industries, and some others. "The fact is," says Bradstreet's, "there is a shortage of help—a great shortage. Indeed, it matters not what point of the compass one looks to, the tale is almost identical, and present indications offer no good basis for expecting relief until the late autumn or early winter, when, for obvious reasons, a goodly quantity of outdoor help will have been liberated." The shortage is of course due to prosperity, which is practically world-wide. Testimony to the activity of trade and industry in nearly every country in Europe except Russia, and in India and Australia, is furnished by the London Statist. That journal reports the iron, coal, cotton, woolen, shipbuilding and railway interests of Great Britain all active and prosperous. On the continent, outside of Russia, things look well, as they do also in South America. In Australia the disappearance of the drought has helped the crop situation materially, and India and even South Africa send favorable advices. In closing, the Statist says: "Accompanying this world-wide prosperity is the fact that the production of all kinds of wealth, including gold, has never been equalled, not merely actually, but in proportion to the world's population. And in view of the enormous amount of banking resources available for the finance of trade, there is no reason to anticipate that the world's commerce will receive any check in consequence of over-trading or monetary stringency for a considerable period."

While the maritime provinces are not in the region of greatest expansion in Canada, and do not show as great development in industry and trade, yet conditions are sound, and the absence of business troubles is an evidence that the people are not, at least, suffering from hard times. Indeed merchants anticipate an active and excellent fall trade, while industries in all the towns are well supplied with orders.

An exchange makes this interesting statement concerning the Sunday law in France, which is as far as possible from being a country of puritanical tendencies: "The action of the French parliament in passing a bill with little opposition making Sunday a day of obligatory rest has given very wide satisfaction in that country. A special clause of the law authorizes the ministers interested to suspend 15 times a year a day of rest in establishments under state control, or private establishments where work is going on in the interest of national defense. The bill allows masters and employers in cases of bakeries, hotels, restaurants and such places to so arrange their work that employees who work on Sunday shall rest on some other day of the week."

A London cable makes this startling statement: "Physicians offer various explanations of the admitted increase of indigestion among women. One, who is a well known authority, stated that a potent cause is the freedom with which children are permitted—in many instances encouraged—to acquire a taste for alcoholic beverages. He added that during the last few years a large number of deaths attributed to apoplexy, or heart failure, were due primarily to excessive drinking."

A cheese factory has been erected in British Columbia, and another is under construction. The province already had butter factories, but this is the beginning of the cheese industry.

AN INTERESTING MACHINE

(Toronto Globe).
A machine that will create a furore at the exhibition is the Autophone, invented by the inventor of the turbine. This machine is so exact as to repeat sounds so plainly that if a listener were in the next room he would not hesitate to declare that a brass band was passing by, providing, of course, that that was the kind of music being played. It repeats the voice so perfectly that an acquaintance could tell in an instant who was speaking. It is also very distinct, flexible and natural. It has not been exhibited prior to this anywhere outside Europe, except privately in New York. Those who have had the pleasure of hearing the Autophone do not hesitate to declare that it is the most marvellous instrument invented up to date. It can be attached to a telephone and will repeat the voice from the receiver.

THIS UNDERTAKER WAS A GRAFTER

In the course of a discourse on "Dives and Lazarus," before a large congregation at St. Clement's, North Toronto, Rev. T. W. Powell referred to the great extravagance that characterized modern funerals, particularly in the display of flowers, which represented a waste of money that might be applied to beneficial purposes. As usual with business that depended on extravagance for its profits, that of undertakers seemed to destroy in some of those engaged in it a sense of decency. He declared that he had been offered by an undertaker a consideration if he would bring to him the funerals of those to whom he brought death-bed consolation.

If your religion is not in everything it is in nothing. Too many men measure their horsepower by their exhaust. No great work ever was done before a mirror.

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Stores open till 8 o'clock.

St. John, Aug. 16, 1906.

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BLESSINGS

I do not care for gold.
For poor indeed is he whose Mideus touch Turns beauty into gold.
Translates in terms of lucre every joy And sets a price on love.
I do not care for fame, whose trumpet tone Is blinding, sounding forth With loud acclaim the praises of whose Will pay the price.
For "reputation" comes from printers' ink And he may be called great Who says "space taken."
The potency of brutal force that makes Of men's necessities a rod by which they're ruled.
And made to do or good or ill As "power's" fancy dictates.
I do not care for these Exterior symbols of material worth, For they are but the gift that still may hide That which is spurious and base.
But give me, Lord, from the great bounteous store Of blessings to be won by humankind A heart to love my fellows; mild to see And recognize earth's beauty, and A friend who understands.
An occasional Pay day.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

IN LIGHTER VEIN DOES HE DO IT.

"I like to see men put themselves in to their work."
"So do I. Let's see, you're a builder of jails, aren't you?"

REMUNERATION.

Knicker—How are your boys getting on?
Cocker—One gets a \$5 salary and the other \$10 wages.

SUGGESTIVE.

"No parent wants to be too hard on his children's follies."
"Then, sir, if your daughter marries me, may I hope you will make some allowance for her?"

A QUICK CURE.

"How did Mrs. Getthure contrive to break her husband of smoking?"
"She wouldn't allow any cigars in the house except when she bought herself, and he had to smoke them to avoid hurting her feelings."

HE MUST HAVE BEEN BETTING.
"Great luck for Swift. He won a \$5,000 purse with that new horse of his—won it in straight heats."
"Don't you believe it. It was as crooked a race as I ever saw."

BUT HE MAY LEARN.

"And you have been in this country only one year? Why, you speak our language like a native."
"Thank you, but you flatter me. I have not yet learned your slang."

NOT A QUADRUPED.

"But," the teacher insisted, "you have a dog, therefore you're the owner of a quadruped."
"No, ma'am," little Willie persisted. "Don't be stupid, Willie. I just explained to you that any animal with four legs is a quadruped."

"Yes, but Topsy lost one of his legs in a trolley car."

NEEDED PRESSING.

He—She wouldn't give me an answer, the other night.
She—That's strange.
He—I'm going to see her again to-night, and press her for an answer.
"Gee! Don't you press her the first time? No wonder she wouldn't give you an answer!"

RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION.

"Aw, torment it!" growled the village grocer, "while the use of such!" Of course, it's that damned Pick Smith again—old Dea. Resin Smith's unluckiest cub! It don't make any difference if there is going to be an "Uncle Tom's Cabin" show this evening; that's no excuse for his putting a "Town Hall Tonight!" sign on that ere basket of eggs! Them eggs is fresh—dog-bob him!"

BEWARE THE BRIDAL CAKE

Practice of Blowing King on it Disgusting, Says the Lancet.

LONDON, Aug. 15.—It seems to be part of the function of the Lancet to point out weekly the perils we encounter in daily life. A little while ago we learned that poison lurked in the three-penny postage stamp. This week we are warned of the peril of the joyous bridal cake. Attention is called to the "disgusting" and filthy practice of blowing icing and other sweet stuff on bride cakes and other ornamental pastry by means of tubes applied to the lips of pastry cooks. The writer mentions, dealing with a case recently, where a pastry cook was suffering from a well marked disease of the mouth and throat as a good example of the practice complained of.

VISITATIONS FROM GOD

Hull, Disasters Qualified as Such by a Catholic Priest.

The Rev. Father Dehaut, pastor of the parish of Notre Dame, Hull, when addressing his congregation on Sunday last, referred to the disastrous fire of the previous Friday, and declared that he considered this conflagration as well as the previous calamities as a visitation from God on account of many among them forgetting their duties as Christians. He denounced especially the conduct of those who leave the city on Saturday evening or early on Sunday morning for outings in the country, forgetting Sunday observance and the special commandment of the church, which makes it a strict obligation to attend mass. "People offend God in every shape and form," he said, "and they think that He will nevertheless bless those who declare themselves independent of him."—Montreal Witness.

The lazy man always is proud of his patience.
Long public prayers point to short private practice.

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