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GET ON WITH THE WORK.

The proposals made by Mr. Sanderson yesterday afternoon make it clear that he has no offer to make which the city can accept. The city will not consent to give the New Brunswick Power Company the distribution of the Musquash current, therefore it is useless to discuss the question of rates. His other offer, that the city buy the common stock, is not new. That stock has long been in the market, but the city does not want it for two reasons. One is that it does not represent a real investment, and the other is that such a deal would make the city responsible for the interest and dividends on the other \$8,100,000, to say nothing of other obligations involved. The city has gone the limit. The company does not want to sell its whole plant or a part of it. This being so the course of the City Council is plain. It must get on with the civic distribution system in accordance with the mandate of the people. If anybody doubted the reality of that mandate the demonstration of yesterday should be conclusive. In addition to the morning delegation to City Hall the committee room and ante-room were crowded in the afternoon by citizens of whom very few had any sympathy with the proposals of Mr. Sanderson. They want civic distribution of hydro.

A FIELD FOR SPORTS.

The Rotary Club has put itself squarely behind the movement to get a running track, a shelter and a football field on the Allison Playground at the entrance to Rockwood Park. Commissioner Frink, who is Commissioner of Parks and Playgrounds, has been bringing a portion of this into consideration for play. Baseball and football were played there last year, but it is not at all suited to the surface game because it is without a layer of green turf. Neither has the running track, though laid out, been completed. Engineer Hatfield suggests that a baseball be allowed on the field this summer, thus enabling the grass to grow and provide a football and general sports field by early fall, the running track being put in shape as soon as practicable. To provide a football field in addition to the area now used for baseball and general play would cost a good deal of money, and it is gradually being graded up through the slumping process. It will be for the City Council, the playgrounds association and the Rotary Club to get carefully over the situation, decide what expenditure is necessary, and devise ways and means of carrying out such a policy as will meet present requirements, without interfering with the general plan of development of the whole field. The immediate needs are the completion of the running track and the erection of a shelter.

The most hopeful feature of the case is the interest taken by the city fathers and the manner in which they have proceeded to arouse public interest. The Boys' Council of the Y. M. C. A., representing five hundred boys, sent their mayor and another member of the council to appeal to the Rotary Club, having previously called several older citizens into conference to discuss the matter. Mayor McLaughlin and Commissioner Donahue of the Boys' Council made so strong an impression by their clear and fluent presentation of the case to the Rotary Club that the latter was deeply impressed and pledged its most hearty support.

The necessity of action is due to the fact that the playgrounds association is without sufficient funds this year to carry on fully its usual work, and Commissioner Frink is without funds, unless more are provided by the City Council, to do any extensive work on the Rockwood area this year. The appeal of the boys is irresistible. They must get what they ask, because that which they ask makes for a healthier and more efficient citizenship. Mayor McLaughlin of the Boys' Council reminded the Rotary Club of what St. John is able to do in skating, rowing, baseball, basketball and other sports, always excepting field sports, and fall are in the latter is entirely due to lack of a proper field for training purposes. That must be provided this year. The work already done at the Rockwood field make the task relatively easy and Commissioner Frink will be found to be sympathetic so far as his department may be able to assist.

Half a dozen cities or more in Ontario have two distribution systems and their advice to St. John is to "go to it." In no case has a city been the loser by fighting for cheaper light and power, even to the point of competition.

The Marriage Game

The Snappiest of Pastimes As Played to a Decision Every Day

By Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hutton

SINCERITY.

His Play—You have to hand it to the immortal Bard—Shakespeare, you know, for there was one theme he injected into every single one of his plays. That was woman's insincerity to her own kind. It certainly is one of the most puzzling of mysteries to poor ignorant man why a woman is so seldom sincere in her dealings with other women. Take modern society, for example. Everything that passes between the fair creatures is a contest of wits, a contest of guile, a contest of cunning. Women gush and cry over each other while in the back of their minds they are wondering where Ann Elizabeth got that perfect right of a hat or that flowing gown, and how she happened to notice it, are different that way.

VILLAINAGE.

(Austin Dobson.)

O Sinner of the field and fold,
Theorist! Pan's pipe was thine—
Thine was the happier Age of Gold.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Struck by an Idea.

Just after the apple hit him on the head, Sir Isaac Newton became suddenly serious.

Up to Date.

"Hey! What are you fellows doing there?" shouted the cemetery guard.

ONE WAY OUT.

Marie, seven years old, was being washed, and was uttering her customary protests.

PUBLIC HEALTH CONGRESS.

The annual Canadian Public Health Congress is to be held at Edmonton, Alberta, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 12, 13 and 14.

TWO CENT LETTER RATE.

(Regina Leader.)

The chances are that two-cent postage would result in increasing rather than decreasing postal revenues.

THE COAL PROBLEM.

(La Presse.)

"It may be found that in certain parts of Canada coal from Alberta will probably replace anthracite from the United States, but it can hardly be expected to compete favorably with American fuel in the eastern provinces."

LABORATORIES WILL IDENTIFY WOOD.

If the average man were asked to identify half a dozen common metals and the same number of common woods, he would probably give correct answers as to the former and make mistakes with the woods.

HAUSERISM IN GERMANY.

(Boston Herald.)

Southey's saying that "man is a leopards animal" finds its latest illustration in the extraordinary delusion which has just run its course in the land of "Kultur."

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MANY READY TO GIVE UP CHILDREN TO GET HOME.

Offer From Canada Meets With Big Response From Foreign Parents.

London, March 3.—(By Mail).—Following his announcement that a rich Canadian woman doctor offered a good home, with unlimited wealth, to a blue-eyed boy of about four, Commissioner Lamb was bombarded with applications by post and telephone from the Salvation Army Headquarters, "The London Daily News" reports.

BURGLAR IN PARIS CALLED "RAFFLES OF FRANCE" ON ARREST.

Tools of Trade Laid Out Like Told Articles in Roomy Wardrobe Large

London, March 23.—(By Mail).—A clever burglar, named Borden, who is suspected of being the author of the extensive fur robberies in Paris has been arrested. Although by trade a café waiter, he claimed to be "Raffles of France," and he has some pretensions to the title, writes the Paris correspondent of "The London Times."

PREACHING RACIAL UNITY.

La Presse. "According to Dr. L. Hughes, there can be no more patriotic enterprise than that of promoting harmony between the two races of Canada. Justice is one of the principal characteristics of the British, and Dr. Hughes has confidence that when the people of Ontario are better informed on the actual merits of the Ontario school question, the spirit of justice will so influence them that if the Dominion is to attain its high destiny. Nothing could be put more to the point than these words of Dr. Hughes, and it is to be hoped that the doctor will be a prophet in his own country. The number of people in all classes in the neighboring province who are beginning to see more clearly and justly on this school question is increasing day by day. This is a good augury for the future."

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