

## THE EVENING TIMES.

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## CIRCULATION STATEMENTS

The St. John Star said on Saturday:—  
Now every day in every newspaper office there are some papers spoiled in the press and some more left over unsold and undistributed. As these do not go outside the office and meet the eyes of nobody save the employes whose duty it is to handle them, it is plain that they should not be counted as part of the day's "circulation"—which should mean the papers actually circulated among the reading public, and should not even be considered when a journal refers to "its issue last evening." "Issue" should mean the number of papers sent out of the office, but the ordinary journal uses that word to denote the total number of papers printed. And some—even in the city—are not above the trick of printing daily several hundred more papers than they know they will sell, simply to be able to claim their "issue of yesterday" was a certain figure, or that their "average circulation" is this and so.

The "some papers" to which the Star refers is, of course, the Times. In reply it may be said that the Times does not count spoiled papers, and does not find it necessary to print more papers than it knows it can sell. The statement made by the Times on Friday, and which the Star inculcates is not true, but that for the three preceding days the average circulation of this paper was 6,336 copies. This statement did not include spoiled papers nor papers the Times could not sell. The Star, with a fine show of candor further observes:—

The Star is the only paper in this city that has published statements of its actual circulation, deducting all spoiled or unsold papers and counting only those which have actually been placed before readers.

From this the public would of course infer that the Star would be above such "tricks" as might be resorted to by unscrupulous newspapers to deceive a trusting public.

For example, there is a paper in this city which every Saturday publishes articles which are headed "Special Cable to the Star."

Of course these are not special cables. They are not even received by wire in St. John. They come here by mail. But they tell the date of the day on which they are published, as if they were taken from the wires, and as if the operators in London, Madrid, Budapest, Paris, Berlin, St. Petersburg and other centres had received instructions to refuse all business "special" cable service.

The Times was offered a "special cable service" (via New York by mail), but declined the favor because it could produce a better one with some New York or London papers and a pair of scissors. Moreover, to describe as "Special cables to the Times" matter that was nothing of the sort would be to place this paper in the St. John Star's class. And that would never do.

The Times invites comparison any day in the week with other evening papers in this city, and is content to abide by the popular verdict. And once more it is observed that there is no quarrel with the Star unless the Star makes the quarrel, as it persists in doing.

## THE NEW BERTH

The announcement is made that Mr. G. S. Mayes has procured a dredge, which will no doubt be in this harbor ready to work some time before the date set as a limit. In this matter the contractor is proceeding with a promptness which it is only fair to say has characterized his former work in the harbor. Until the tenders for the new berth have been received and examined it is unnecessary to discuss at length the question whether or not the work can be profitably proceeded with at once. There is much to be said in favor of having the dredging and the wharf building carried on concurrently, and it is obvious that additional facilities will be greatly needed if the predictions regarding next winter's increase in business are verified. But whether there is a timber shortage at a reasonable price and time enough, are questions we can answer more satisfactorily when tenders have been submitted and considered. When it was stated that Mr. Mayes had got the contract for dredging, the Times asked a gentleman who knows a good deal about the matter whether it was possible in his opinion to construct one berth. He replied that he was positive it could be done. Others have since expressed grave doubt. With the assurance that the dredging will be begun in good time the council will be justified in giving their most earnest attention to the question of proceeding with work on the new wharf.

## FAVORS MANUAL TRAINING

One of the speakers at the opening of the Normal School in Toronto last week was Dr. Goggin, late Superintendent of Education in the Northwest. In the course of a very interesting address he dwelt upon the importance of greater attention to industrial training. This portion of his speech, which includes manual training as part of what he considers a proper modern course, is thus reported:—  
"Thirty years ago Canada was agricultural. Today the manufacturing products were double those of the farm. Seventy-seven per cent. of the boys do not pass the third book, 66 per cent. do not pass the fourth. They must be taught what they are to learn between the ages of six and thirteen or fifteen. There was no use in teaching a boy a section of a course that spread over several years farther on the way to college if he were not going there. To provide night, trade or technical schools must be a first step. The farmer wanted a boy taught what would interest him in the farm. Girls should be

trained for a home life. A manufacturer would pay half as much more to a boy who could use his fingers. When they came to talk of practical things it depended on the direction in which they were looking. He advised a school course in elementary agriculture, the school garden, and the work bench."

## SHOULD LOOK INTO IT

The almshouse commissioners are censured for their high-handed action with regard to the unfortunate Greek, who has, with gross inhumanity, been incarcerated for weeks in a cell in the police station. He has been refused admission to the almshouse, in defiance of the law. This is not the first time the almshouse commissioners have acted in a high-handed manner. The Times not long since told the story of a child at the hospital, which had no home, and for whom a home was sought at the almshouse, in order that the child could be placed in the almshouse for other sick children. The almshouse commissioners practically said to the hospital commissioners that if they would put the child out on the street, the former would then consider whether they would pick it up or not.

As the Greek was sent to the almshouse after consultation with the attorney general, the government may now deem it expedient to look into almshouse affairs a little and enquire why the commissioners act in this unjustifiable manner.

## MAYOR DUNNE CONFIDENT

Mayor Dunne, of Chicago, is not discouraged by the outlook for municipal ownership. In an address this week he said:—

"No vital feature of the plan has been successfully attacked. It has been subjected to abuse but not criticism, to vilification but not analysis. It will stand the test of honest inspection and investigation. The fact that the friends of municipal ownership have inaugurated will go on. Every possible obstacle will be thrown in its way by the vested interests behind the present traction companies. Every trick and artifice that they can employ and well-paid agents of the traction companies can conceive of or bring forward will be brought to bear against it. But the onward march towards municipal ownership both in this city and throughout the civilized world, will be simply retarded but never defeated."

Mayor Dunne, says the report of his speech, then discussed the progress made towards municipal ownership in Chicago since the spring election of 1900, saying that he had no doubt that the plan which he had submitted to the city council would, if adopted, bring about municipal ownership of the street railways at a very early date.

## IN THE CAUCASUS

An exchange gives the following statement regarding the present state of trouble in the Caucasus, where Russia seems almost powerless to restore order:

"The Baku oil field, one of the richest in the world, is probably Russia's best revenue producer, and the most valuable area of the Nobel concession is not over 7,000 acres in extent. Yet within this area damage to the extent of millions of dollars has been done, and hundreds of people killed. A glance at the map will show the sort of gunpowder there is in the region. Armenians, Persians, Tartars and Turks proper are all to be found in considerable numbers around Baku. The Turkish authorities are credited with stirring up their Mussulman kindred, the Tartars, to rise and slay, so preventing Russia from meddling in the Baku oil field."

The following in the Montreal Witness might well be written regarding St. John:—"Those who have ever had the melancholy duty of attending an inquest at the Montreal morgue, or to identify the dead there, will never forget the insanitary and dilapidated structure. It is indeed an exaggeration to describe it as everything it should not be. It adds extreme repulsiveness and danger to health to what is necessarily painful and horrible. A self-respecting city would have replaced it with a respectable building many years ago. The periodical discussion about the necessity of a new morgue will probably end, as usual, with nothing being done. Yet, if only the addition could be made to the morgue, besides being everything else that is undesirable, as one of the active menace to the health of the city, something surely would be done."

Months ago the New York World asserted that the big life insurance companies had special agents at Albany to influence legislation in their behalf. It now appears that large contributions are made by the companies to campaign funds. This is interesting news for the policy holders. The more the enquiry proceeds the more evident it becomes that reform is needed in the control of the affairs of these great companies.

In August the city of Toronto got more than a thousand dollars per day as its percentage of the earnings of the street railway company. The amount received for the month was \$38,333.33. Of course the exhibition traffic increased the receipts. But this is a very nice sum to receive in a single month from a source which in cities like St. John yields nothing more than taxes to the city revenue.

Contrary to the hopes of many Maine people, "Elijah" Sanford has returned to Shiloh, after what is said to have been a successful European trip. He will therefore appear before the court this week at Auburn as his friends predicted.

The members of the St. John water board are still troubled over the Robertson Lake grubbing proposition. Robertson they may decide to turn on the water and hire a dredge.

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MONCTON, Sept. 18.—(Special).—The annual election for district officers of the I. C. R. Employees' Relief and Insurance Association is to be held in the paint shop on the 27th inst. The nominations for officers are as follows:  
District secretary, J. B. McLaren (present secretary), Robert Ferguson and Hector Comens.  
Executors: A. P. Tait, Miles Wilson, Frank Dixon, J. A. Bayne, A. W. Belyes, Eusebia Comens, and A. Weldon.  
Delegates to general meeting: Thomas Sands, Thomas Molins and F. X. Comens.  
Mrs. Hooper, who has been spending a week here with her son, Rev. E. B. Hooper, has returned to Newark, N. J., where she makes her home with her son.  
The funeral of Mr. Sackville, who has been ill for some months, and who was brought to Moncton for treatment, recently, is slowly improving, but it will be some time before he will be able to be around at work.  
Horse L. Brittain, son of Dr. Brittain, of Fredericton, who was operated on recently for an abscess on the neck, is still in a precarious condition, though he has been improving. Mr. Brittain had intended returning to Clark's University at Worcester, Mass., and taking another year's study, having won another scholarship last year. His illness, however, prevents him carrying out this arrangement. His scholarship will be kept open for him until November.

## KINGS CO., N. S.

KINGS CO., N. S., Sept. 18.—Last week marked the beginning of the annual evolution of the peaceful town of Kentville into a military centre, and now, about a mile from its borders, lies encamped an army of about 2,000 men and two hundred and thirty-five horses. The natural scenery of Camp Aldenhol is beautiful, and the addition of the white camp and brilliant uniforms makes a striking picture which is daily viewed by hundreds of visitors.

The regiment represented in the field are: 17th Field Battery; 14th King's Hussars; 8th C. A. S. Co.; 68th Batt. King; 68th Batt. Annapolis; 75th Batt. Lunenburg; 83rd Batt. Cumberland; 78th Battalion; 84th Batt. Cape Breton and the Field Hospital corps of 22 men and six officers. The men say they are having a good time, with good food and plenty of it. They seem a jolly lot of fellows, and in their visits to the town at night, they are the guests of friends, and several "girls" have been given their letters.

On Friday evening last the Tennis club gave a grand entertainment in the open house. The talent was entirely local, and the programme was carried out in the usual good style which characterizes any effort of this kind in Kentville. The first part of the programme was a comedy in one act, entitled "Our Uncle's Will," and the characters were admirably represented by D. J. Murphy and Miss Beattie Martin as the injured nephew and his wife, and H. J. Simpson as the man to whom the property would go, if the other two refused to marry. The second part of the programme, a farce entitled "Thirty Minutes for Refreshments," had been presented to a Kentville audience before, but was none the less well received. Some changes had been made in the cast, but Mr. Pitkin, Miss Smith and Miss Young played the same parts as before, and, as usual, were much applauded. Mr. Simpson and Mr. Rocco were decided successes in the parts taken by them, and the dress and acting of Miss Chipman was most striking. The characters were John Downey, Capt. B. W. Ross; George Fitts, Mr. Pitkin; John Foxton, F. R. Beckwith; Major Pepper, H. J. Simpson; Isabelle Pepper, Miss K. Chipman; Mrs. Foxton, Miss M. K. Smith; Polly, Miss F. Young. During the intermission Mr. Menard delighted the audience with a vocal solo, The Old Green Isle, and for an encore sang very sweetly Ring me to Sleep.

This afternoon the ladies of the Tennis club will be at home to their friends on the club grounds and afternoon tea will be served. A number of officers have been invited, and the affair is expected to be one of the most important.

On Friday the Kings County S. S. Association held their annual session in St. James' Presbyterian church. About one hundred delegates were present, representing Sunday school workers from all over the province. One of the best programmes ever given at an association of the kind was carried out, and many practical and helpful thoughts and suggestions were carried home by the large number of teachers present. A feature of the afternoon session was the presentation of the diplomas to those who had completed the examination of the normal workers. A class of about fifteen had finished the work, among them two lads of fifteen years, who, it is claimed, are the youngest graduates in the province.  
Mrs. (Dr.) Foster, Halifax, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. L. Wickwire.  
Mrs. Freze and daughter, of Boston, have been guests of Mrs. Herbert Stairs this week.  
Miss Sarah Taylor, Boston, is the guest of Mrs. B. H. Dodge.  
Rev. C. H. Day, D. D., is spending a short time in Boston.  
The marriage of Ralph F. Newcomb and Miss Lucy Alice Welton took place at Port Williams on Wednesday, Sept. 6th. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. E. Hatt, of Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Newcomb will reside at Port Williams.

## LEWIS MORRISON

Success and Lewis Morrison's elaborate production of "Faust" have always traveled hand in hand. It has been arranged to produce this popular play this year on a grand scale than ever before. Handsome and delightfully arranged settings replace those which have been used in the past, and the bright and artistic colorings are decidedly pleasant to contemplate. A corps of master electricians have invented innumerable new effects for the famous broken scene, that are really remarkable and everything points to a decidedly worthy production of this well-known play.  
J. Bond Gray has been appointed cashier for the Yarmouth office of the Provident Savings Life of New York. A. A. Belliveau, of Belliveau's Cove, has been appointed special agent for the Western Counties and will have his headquarters in the office of A. H. Trevelyan, provincial manager, Grantham's block. — Yarmouth Telegram.

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