

"PICKING UP" BUSINESS ON "THE DUMPS" IN ST. JOHN.

Many People Have Profit if Not Pleasure in Delving for Finds—City Benefited by Acquisition of New Building Lots.

What becomes of the hundreds of tons of material which is annually thrown in the ash barrel in St. John? It is safe to say very few of our readers know. They may have a vague idea that it is taken to the dumps but in most cases their information extends no further. Where the dumps are, what they are, their origin and extent are matters with which most of us have but a superficial acquaintance.

As much of this is in a desirable residential locality the value of the additional land for building sites can be easily seen. Previous to the time of setting aside the section described as a public dump much material was deposited at the east end of Union street and thereabouts, but that was soon filled and the dump was accordingly extended as stated.

So far as known, the regulations governing the dumps are very simple and "more honored in the breach than the observance." While nothing of a dangerous nature, such as explosives, poisons, drugs, etc., is supposed to be dumped there, and while the dumps are also deluged, yet the teamster hauling is generally left to his own sweet will and can deposit pretty much what he likes.

Consequently a sour of the dumps will reveal some curious things as it is estimated that at least five tons of refuse are deposited there each day. The refuse is piled up in the main streets of the Back Shore and it is no exaggeration to say that many of the streets would soon be filled, but it is just here that the "dump pickers" come on the scene.

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proclaimed a public dump. If this policy at the time appeared unwise its wisdom was proven as the years rolled on for, by the gradual filling in of this space, the city has gained quite a lot of land, much of which is now built upon. In fact the south end of Crown street and the eastern end of Lennox, Princess, Orange and Mecklenburg streets are practically made land and in a few more years it is probable that Crown street will be extended to Queen street at least, and this still more territory will be gained.

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To a resident of any large American city St. John's dump system would appear peculiar as the privilege of dumping refuse is a valuable franchise and an appreciable city asset from which no small sum is annually realized both by the franchise holder and the city.

and size, generally ragged, and of both sexes, make their appearance and will hawk like, all-seeing optics scan the pile. Here's a pair of rubbers, there a discarded coat little the worse for wear, a little further on is laid a barrel of apples partly decayed, but still counted a find. Under that pile of oyster shells and just protruding from it is a length of stove pipe which will be hauled out, cleaned and set up in some neighboring chimney next winter. An expert dump picker told the writer that he had often secured a barrel of coal in a day from this source.

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OTTAWA MINISTER'S VIEW.

Inspiration from Tory Press, and What it Led To.

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WAS DUE TO RATS.

Outbreak of Plague at Glasgow Traced to Rodents—Declared Not Infectious.

Glasgow, Nov. 8.—It is believed now that the outbreak of the bubonic plague was undoubtedly due to rats. Several which were caught in the Central Station Hotel, from which several persons suffering with the disease were recently removed, were found to be suffering from the disease. The medical authorities declare that the plague is not infectious, and is contracted by inoculation, such as by the bite of an insect.

LARGE SALE OF TIMBER LANDS.

New Boston, N. H., firm Secure 5,500 Acres.

New Boston, N. H., Nov. 9.—Read Brothers, of New Boston, well-known lumber dealers, have purchased 5,600 acres of timber land in the towns of Windham and Stratton, in Southern Vermont, which is estimated to contain 50,000,000 feet of spruce and cherry birch. The purchase price was \$22,000.

The tract purchased is situated between the Bennington & Rutland Railroad on the one hand and the Central Vermont on the other, and is down grade about six miles from each.

INTERESTING NEW YORK NEWS LETTER.

City Election Incidents—Weather Affecting Business—An Oil Company's Scheme—Biggest Store in the World—The Jew as He is Found Today—Some Popular Misperceptions Corrected.

(Special Correspondence.)

New York, Nov. 7.—The Tammany Tiger, poor brute, has been unmercifully pounded and for the first time in his career of obscurity, it is held to ever recover from its well-merited castigation.

One of the most satisfactory results of the elections in the complete defeat of Mayor Van Wyck. There were seven candidates for the four supreme court judgeships at \$7,500 a year each, but Van Wyck headed the Tammany nominations.

Unseasonably cold weather has prevailed during the last few weeks, much to the satisfaction of the military, dress and sports stores whose winter stock diminishes very slowly.

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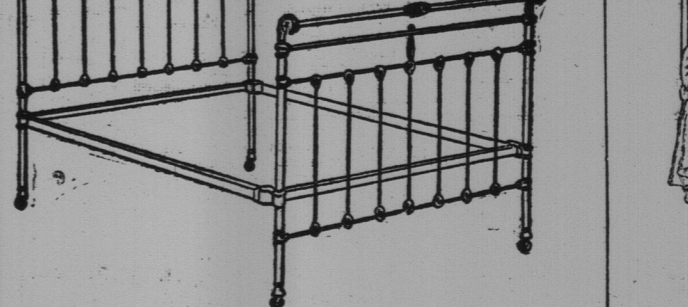
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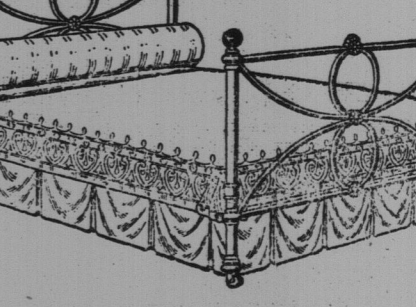
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\$4.50 Brass and Iron Bedsteads, enameled brass vases, of top roll at \$6.75.

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ANOTHER KNIGHTHOOD IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Conferred on King's Birthday—Canada's Observance of the Holiday.

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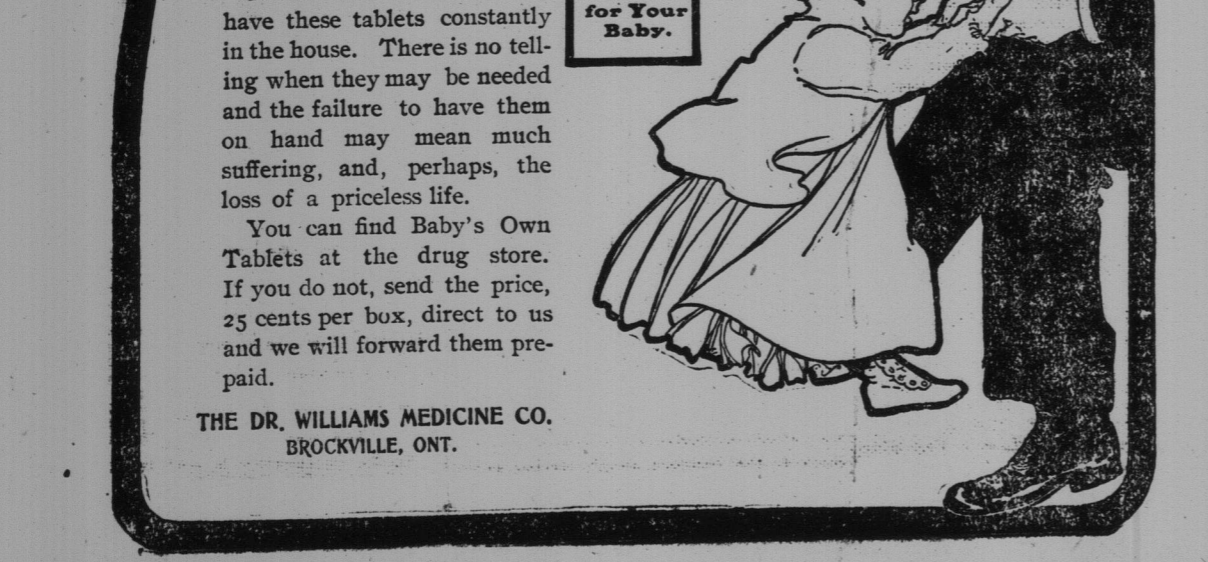
constipation, colic, fever, indigestion, sleeplessness, and, in fact, all the disorders to which children are subject these tablets have absolutely no equal.

They do not have a deadening and stupefying effect, but on the contrary, go right to the seat of the difficulty and by removing it cure the child and prevent a recurrence of the difficulty.

No mother should fail to have these tablets constantly in the house. There is no telling when they may be needed and the failure to have them on hand may mean much suffering, and, perhaps, the loss of a priceless life.

You can find Baby's Own Tablets at the drug store. If you do not, send the price, 25 cents per box, direct to us and we will forward them prepaid.

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TO EXPEL INVADERS FROM CAPE COLONY.

Lord Kitchener and Cape Town Premier Arrange a Plan.

London, Nov. 11.—In a letter dated Oct. 23 the Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "Lord Kitchener and Sir John Gordon Sprigg (the Cape Town premier) have arranged a scheme for the expulsion of the invaders from Cape Colony."

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SCHOONER FLORIDA ABANDONED BY CREW.

Was in Sinking Condition Steamer Hove in Sight.

Portland, Me., Nov. 10.—The steamer Star, which runs between Portland and York, while on her way to that port, was in a sinking condition. Capt. Geo. T. ...

Canadian Life in DORSET.

Ottawa, Nov. 8.—(Special)—The son of the South African ...

THOS. F. WALLACE NOMINATED.

Toronto, Nov. 9.—(Special)—The Conservatives of West York, in convention here today, unanimously nominated Thos. F. Wallace, brother of the late member for this district, in the forthcoming election to fill the vacancy in the dominion house, caused by the death of Hon. N. Clarke Wallace.

Odd Find in Coal Miner.

Christiana, Nov. 8.—Petrified tropical fruits have been found in some Spitzbergen coal.