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ST. JOHN, N. B., MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 1913.

A HEALTHY AND ORDERLY CITY.

St. John would seem to have well earned the reputation of being both a healthy and quiet city to live in. It is inhabited by people who are not only constitutionally strong but also law abiding. The chief medical officer of the Board of Health has issued a statement in which he gives the death rate for 1912 as 16.72 against 18.10 for 1911. This is a good record and a comparatively low death rate.

The total number of deaths in St. John in 1912 was 714, against 770 in 1911. The number of infectious diseases reported in 1912 was 245 against 360 in 1911. Tuberculosis reports numbered 99 in 1912 and 112 in 1911. There was a reduction in the number of deaths from typhoid cases, the figures for 1912 being 38 against 66. The number of deaths from typhoid in 1912 was 5 against 8 in 1911. Scarlet fever furnished 69 cases, only one of which was fatal. There were 75 cases of the previous year, none of them fatal. The number of cases of diphtheria reported in 1912 was only 27 against 27 for 1911. Three died in 1911 and four in 1912.

Everyone will regard the health record of St. John for 1912 as highly satisfactory. Nature has done much to make St. John a city of health, and with a proper observance of the usual medical rules, and a good plan of general sanitation it should become the healthiest of all Canadian cities. While during the winter season we have quick and extreme changes of temperature the range in St. John is below the average of Canada. This city may reasonably lay claim to as healthful a climate as can be found on the American continent. During the summer season it is about the coolest place to be found on the Atlantic coast, and the minimum winter temperature is about five degrees higher than at any other recording point in the Province. Climatic extremes of either heat or cold are never experienced.

No city anywhere has a better or more abundant water supply. So pure is the water that filtration of any kind is unnecessary. The sewerage system, so far as mains are concerned, is well conceived, but we have too many undrained lots which breed flies and insects which spread disease. There is a law for lot owners to enter the sewers laid in front of their properties, but it has not been very vigorously enforced. There is also a demand in the interest of health for improved sanitation in tenement houses.

What has been done in the way of sanitation can be easily extended. There never was a time when St. John could be proud of her back yards. If a man has a vacant lot fronting on a street he keeps it fenced and it does not become a receptacle for ashes, garbage and broken furniture. It is not so with the same man's back yard. Even the annual inspection of the Board of Health does not bring about a general clean up. Fixing a date during the month of May when "a clean up" must take place would, perhaps, be beneficial, but it would have to apply to the whole city and the penalties struck against offenders collected.

The scarcity of dumps for waste material suggests that within a comparatively short time the city will have to deal with the erection of an incineration plant for the disposal of ashes, garbage and waste material. There is no legislation for this on the statutes. The reason it has not been put in force has been the cost of the service. Unfortunately it is a service that cannot be brought into operation gradually. The plant must be built to provide the remedy. While waiting for the final step it would be an advantage to have the vacant lots drained and useless outhouses removed. More energetic means to obtain a purer milk supply might easily be employed. A recent instance could be cited where a man was fined for violating the law and the regulations of the Board. He was doing business at the old stand next day without any improvement in the conditions. Clearly the law should be enforced.

The evidence that St. John is orderly is furnished by the police returns. The city is increasing in numbers and also has a floating population of one or two thousand sailormen all the year around, yet there is no increase in the number of arrests. For 1912 there were fewer arrests than in 1911. The total was 1649 and of this number 1008 for indictable offences and is always has been very small and the amount of unpunished crime is no greater here than elsewhere. The records show that everything considered St. John is a desirable place of residence for those who wish to enjoy good health and live peaceably with the community.

THE U. S. STEEL CORPORATION IN CANADA.

The announcement is made that the United States Steel Corporation is to erect a \$20,000,000 plant at Sarnia, Ontario, and commence the manufacture of steel rails, wire and structural materials. It has already purchased 1,500 acres of land at Sandwich and has a mile and a half of water front on the Detroit River, which at this front will accommodate vessels drawing as much as 25 feet. The Steel Corporation already does a large business in Canada and is represented in many leading centres of trade. In extending its business to the Dominion it is following the course of other large producers who have gained a footing in the Canadian market. They see the advantage of manufacturing their products in this country and thus saving the duty.

Discussing this phase of the trade question the Toronto Mail and Empire takes the view, which will be generally endorsed, that the decision of the United States Steel Corporation to establish a great plant in Canada instead of continuing to supply this market from its huge plants located at or near the Great Lakes, vindicates the wisdom that was shown by the Canadian people in defeating Reciprocity. The Mail says:

"The immense Gary works on Lake Michigan are convenient to the Canadian West, and the works at Lorain, on Lake Erie, are convenient to the Ontario market. The corporation would doubtless keep on serving this market from these and other bases if it saw any prospect of lower Canadian duties on pig iron, crude steel, steel rails, bars, structural forms, etc. The decision of the Canadian people in our last general elections closed the door to the hopes entertained on the other side of the border that Canada would become an adjunct of the United States. Had the Taft Reciprocity Pact been approved at the polls the Laurier Government would have felt warranted in going further to meet the views of the ruling politicians at Washington, and the steel interests of the United States might not have had

long to wait in order to obtain a free market in this country. But the Steel Corporation perceives that this, or any material reduction in the duties on steel, is not now to be looked for.

"Of course, apart from the question of the tariff, the value of the market would be considered. If Canada's consumption of steel were not large and steadily increasing, the corporation might find it more to its advantage to keep on working up trade here from its works in the United States. But Canada is growing at an extremely rapid rate, and the capacity of its demand for steel is enormous. There is every probability that the market for steel in this country will keep on developing as that of the United States developed, and will become no less voracious. Big as this projected Sandwich plant appears at present, it will not seem strikingly so ten years hence, when the country may have added a dozen of equal magnitude.

"As the works of the United States Steel Corporation produce not more than 50 per cent. of the steel manufactured across the line, it has competitors to reckon with from its own country in the Canadian field. By establishing a plant on this side of the line it will gain an advantage over them. It evidently calculates to save most of the very large sum it pays annually in duties on its exports to Canada, and also to place its American rivals under a handicap here. This is a strong tribute to the efficiency of the Canadian tariff as a fosterer of the steel industry."

It is also of interest to note that the United States Steel Corporation has selected a site that is memorable for a very different reason—for an event in the early days of Canadian history. A century ago there was a somewhat sanguinary conflict at Sandwich between the American invaders and the Canadian forces. As a result the invaders left the scene somewhat hurriedly. A century sees many changes. The celebration of a hundred years of peace with our friends across the border is near at hand. They still find Canada attractive. Some 200,000 citizens of the United States invaded the Dominion last year in search of new homes. They were cordially welcomed. The investment of American capital for legitimate enterprises will also meet with general approval. New settlers and new industries make for the well being of the whole country.

FIRE INSURANCE.

With the year not a week old there have been eight fires in this city. Three fires were very serious and caused great destruction of property within the last few days. The advantages of fire insurance have been brought home to the citizens of St. John in no uncertain fashion. Taking the view that fire insurance is a tax in the interest of a community, the Shareholder, in a recent article, makes some practical comments which are worth quoting. "The payment of a fire insurance premium," says the Shareholder, "fundamentally considered, is the payment of a tax. The supervisors of this taxation are the fire insurance companies, who make the assessments upon which this tax is collected—not haphazardly, but upon a scientific basis—administer the funds and for their remuneration retain, by way of commission, what remains over from the premiums collected after they have paid all the claims upon them for future losses and paid their expenses.

"For what purpose is the fire insurance tax? For the purpose of distributing over a large part of the community the losses which happen to fall upon one individual. Fire insurance is, in fact, under another aspect, a system of co-operation. Losses which would ruin one man if he had to bear them by himself are borne with comparative ease, when distributed pro rata throughout the community. This co-operation does not, of course, replace capital which has been destroyed by fire; that is an impossibility. Merely there is a distribution of the loss. The actual loss of wealth caused by the fire to those who pay fire insurance premiums and to the nation as a whole, remains. Nothing can replace that."

Current Comment

Sentimentalism and Crime.

(Winnipeg Telegram.)
The real question involved is whether punishment for crime shall be sufficiently severe to make it a deterrent. The accepted theory is that the state does not punish criminals for vengeance or for retaliation, but for the protection of society. The amelioration of prison life appeals to a common humanity, and it is based upon the idea that the infliction of the law should not be vindictive, but reformatory. That is well and commendable, but there is a danger of carrying sentimentalism to an extreme. If punishment for crime is not to be dreaded, the penalty will be of little effect. If prisons are to be made so comfortable that a prison sentence simply means the deprivation of liberty, the fear of imprisonment is not going to lessen crime.

Brazil's Bluff.

(Troy Record.)
The statement in Brazil which advises a scheme of national defence lest the United States go south and establish a protectorate over his Republic is a dreamer who should give his attention to poetry instead of government. If the United States wished to take such an action all the defence Brazil could offer could not prevent it. But nothing is further from this country's thoughts, nor more separated from the historical course the nation has adopted throughout its history.

Municipal Bonding.

(Canadian Collier's.)
The manufacturer who settles in a town merely because the town gives him a bonus or guarantees his bonds is not a wise manufacturer and not the best kind for the town to secure. Once a community has placed before a manufacturer its advantages with regard to his business nothing more should be necessary; the matter should be decided upon the business merits of the locality.

The Sabre or the Mitt.

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)
Germany will oppose the inclusion of boxing as an Olympic sport, probably on the ground that it is brutal, but possibly because the Germans are not proficient in the game. It would be a good thing for Germany if the habit of settling disputes with the fists instead of with the sabre had become established there.

A Just Tribute.

(Hamilton Herald.)
Canadian journalism has been honored by the bestowal of a knighthood on John S. Willison, editor of the Toronto News. The selection of Mr. Willison for the honor was a happy one. There is no more distinguished member of the journalistic profession in Canada than he.

Avoiding the Noxious Weed.

(Milwaukee News.)
A smokeless smoker was held by the Brotherhood Club of Kingsley Methodist church in the church parlors recently. Candy cigars took the place of the real ones.

A Candid Confession.

(Greenwood Ledger.)
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NEWS FROM NEWCASTLE

Newcastle, Jan. 2.—The December standing of the leading pupils of Douglastown Superior School is as follows:

Grade X—May Simpson, 87; Myrtle Kirkpatrick, 85; David Gulliver and Mary Breen, 83; Vincent Pittman, 82; Ruth Henderson, 80; Kathleen Bann, 79; Marion McKnight, 76; Annie Alexander, 74; Eric Bonn, 52; Iris Howe, 71. Never tardy during term, Sadie Scott.

Grade IX—John Wood, 79; Harry Anderson (present every day during term), 73; Clifford Howe, 64; Annie Jessamin, 58; Raymond Driscoll, 55; Never tardy during term, J. Wood and C. Howe.

Grade VIII—Lily Atkinson, 68; Frank Johnston, 65. Never tardy during term, Ernest Cameron.

Grade VII—Andrew Simpson, 76; Gladys Anderson (present every day during term), 70; Minnie Young, 66; Evelyn Cameron, 65; Annie Driscoll, 63; Stella Branstetter, 61; Andrew Cowie, 59; Jean Taylor, 56; Bella Ryan and Mildred Wood, 55; Clarence DeWolfe, 54; Maggie Grant, 52; James Henderson, 51. Never tardy during term, Jean Taylor, Wm. Taylor, C. DeWolfe.

Grade VI—Annie DeWolfe, 70; Dan Nowlan, 65; Flora McKenzie, 58; Percy Roy, 52. Perfect attendance during term, C. Cameron, Marguerite Craig, F. McKenzie, Burton Anderson, Florence Breen, Cameron, for month, Wm. Jessamin, Albert Divan, R. Wood.

Grade V—Norman Dickens, 87; Wm. Gulliver, Geo. Young, 85; Mary Nowlan, 80; Mary Holmes and Arthur Roy, 74; Sophie Gaudet, 69; Katie Dufle, 60; Mammie Mullin, 59; Maggie Kirkpatrick, 50. Perfect attendance during month, A. Roy, N. Dickens, C. Dickie, G. Young, N. Gulliver, B. Atkinson, C. Gulliver, E. DeWolfe, M. Kirkpatrick.

Grade IV—Margaret McKenzie, 87; Janie Vantour, 78; May Russell, 76; Edmund Gaudet, 71. Perfect attendance during month, R. Anderson, B. Craig, J. Vantour. Present whole term, J. McKenzie, R. Nowlan, J. Vantour.

Grade III—Josie Breen, 85; Florence DeWolfe, 83; Rudyard Henderson, 82; Marion Gray, 78; Heloise Anderson, 71 2/3; Jean Gulliver, 71 1/3; Never absent during term, E. Lee, M. Gray, H. Anderson, J. Gulliver.

Grade II—Marion Cameron, Dorothy Atkinson, Weldon Jardine, 85; Margaret Williston, Annie Lloyd, Bella Wood, 80; Arthur Young, Elyse McKenzie, Jessie Cameron, David Hutcheon, 77. Never absent during term, M. Williston.

Grade I—Harry Simpson, Muriel Russell, Audrey Bine, Helen Dickens, Frances Thibault, Frank Russell, 85; Leitha Spurr, Florence Mullin, Jack Craig, 80. Perfect attendance during month, J. Craig, F. Russell, H. Simpson. Present every day, H. Dickens.

Newcastle, Jan. 2.—Last night the "Methodist" school gave its annual treat to the members. The S. A. Hall was packed. Supt. H. H. Stuart presided. W. C. Day acted as toastmaster. The following program was also carried out, Miss Crocker, accompanist: Chorus, school; prayer, Rev. Dr. Harrison; recitation, Greeting, Annie McDonald, Mollie Dickinson, Beatrice Johnson; recitation, Hilda's Xmas, Leah M. Stuart; recitation, Hail to the Starry Night, Florence Price and Jean Ashford; recitation, Gladys Kelly, The Old, Old Story, Evelyn Price and Josie Breen; solo and chorus, Herbert Ashford, Frank McKen, Alex McDonald, Randall McLean; recitation, The Squirrel's Arithmetic, Edwin A. Stuart; recitation, Santa Claus, Annie McDonald; recitation, Little Gifts, Marion Gough, Katherine Maltby, Andrew Edmunds, Ethel Copp; dialogue, "Aunt Jemima," Florence Price; Jean Ashford, Alex McDonald; chorus, Beautiful Star of Blessing; recitation, Oh, Xmas Tree, Beatrice Johnson; hymn, The Merry Land Forever; address by chairman, presentations by Santa Claus.

Newcastle, Jan. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wellwood and Miss Maggie Wellwood, of Harwood, came to Newcastle yesterday to visit Mrs. D. J. Buckley, Mr. and Mrs. Wellwood's sister. Dr. Wellwood and Mrs. John Maloney, of Roserville, visited Mrs. D. J. Buckley yesterday.

Miss Hazel Maloney, of Roserville, is the guest of Miss Helen MacMicheal.

Mrs. Geo. Lutes and Miss Garland Lutes, of Campbellton, returned home Wednesday.

Miss Tot Irving, of Chatham and Miss Jean Black, of Moncton, are guests of Miss Beale Jeffrey.

Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Harrison spent yesterday at Derby Jct.

Mrs. Lawrence A. Smallwood on her way from Campbellton, to her new home in Moncton, spent this week with Mrs. Wm. Tonchile.

Geo. Macdonald is home from North Battleford, Sask.

Mrs. Walter J. Jardine and children, are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. Lejalais, at Sayabec, P.

Miss Edith Palmer, of Rexton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. Reid.

Thos. Bellmore, of Fredericton, visited Geo. Stables this week.

Robt. McPherson, of Moncton, is visiting his sister, Mrs. John Kingston.

Miss Alice Harrison is visiting friends in Moncton.

Miss Marguerite Cash, of Sackville ladies college, is visiting Misses Nellie and Lucy Linsley.

Allan Williston, of Blackville, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Williston.

Miss Winifred Whelan, of New York, is visiting her brothers at Miramichi Hotel.

HOPEWELL NEWS.

Hopewell, Jan. 2.—The present season is proving a very unusual one for soft open weather and absence of snow. Automobiles are still running, and the bay is entirely clear of ice. Members complain that the ground is very soft from the numerous rains, and frosty weather is needed.

Rev. Mr. Love, pastor of the Hopewell Baptist church, went to the Cape today to attend the funeral of the late James P. Mr. Pye was a very highly respected citizen and many friends learned of his death with regret.

Howard Reid, has gone to Sydney C. B. to work.

Mrs. Archie Stuart has returned from a visit to Moncton.

A Christmas tree entertainment for the young folks of St. Alban's church, Riverside, was held here this evening.

Mrs. Joseph Robinson has returned

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GLOUCESTER

Ten Vessels Scuttled

Gloucester, Jan. 4.—45 men has been lost in connection with this port, including met watery grave strayed from their have died on ship and those belonging sailing temporarily. While the number increased considerably year, the mortality reduced, amounting to five and 62 lives. Thirteen of the down, so far as known children made facted at 17, against fatherless children year.

Causes One vessel was lost in case while nine fisher from their vessel seven were drow or swamping of were washed or were found dead set from various killed by accident struck by lightning board, two were d and one died in.

The lost vessel tonnage of \$37 tons net, and outfit and cargo insurance of \$65,000. The number of was seven, including an aggregate of gross and 458 to their outfits and which was an in In 1910 only with a gross tonnage of the number of live fine eight widows children, the sum for many years.

Ten Men Lost Schooner Patr 93 tons net, built and owned by H employed in the fishery, went ashore, while in a heavy rain, a mistake in the and nine others drowned. 11 of the in safety.

William Hartling, all native of P from 20 years ago, died 22 years ago near Point, N. S. Nickerson, 30 y

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