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A PROSPECT OF FAMINE.

It seems that there is again danger of famine, or at any rate unusual scarcity, in Ireland. The last harvest was a very wet one and much of the grain was destroyed after it was cut, and the potatoes are rotting in the flooded fields. The farmers of the west and northwest have already given their landlords notice that they can expect no rent this year because the land has yielded little or nothing. It is said that the landlords have entered into a combination to press their tenants for rent, and there is a prospect of wholesale evictions. We trust that this part of the report is untrue or greatly exaggerated, for it is not to be believed that landlords will go to extremities with their starving tenants. If the condition of the country is as bad as it is represented to be the world is certain to hear a great deal more about suffering in Ireland.

A FALSE PRETENCE.

It is amusing to see the local Grit organ parading signs of business revival and indirectly giving the present Government credit for the change. It ought to see that the change for the better, if there is such a change, is not due to anything which the Government has done, for they have simply done nothing. They have been prudent enough to leave things as they were when they took office. The National Policy is still the policy of Canada. Putting new men in the office chairs in Ottawa has not influenced business in the slightest degree. The Grit Ministers are carrying out the Tory policy, and it is laughable to see a Grit newspaper trying to make the people believe that the men who are so far from the mere instruments of the Tories who devised the policy they are carrying out, are entitled to the credit for any improvement that may be discerned. Is this ridiculous blunder of the organ the effect of stupidity or dishonesty?

We must wait until the Grits begin to tinker with the tariff, until they have eliminated the principle of protection from the commercial policy of the Dominion, before we can give them credit for having made the times better. When the Tariff Commission has finished its labors, when the tariff is revised, and when the Liberal policy takes shape and is put in operation, the present government will be responsible for its results. But now they are, as far as trade and commerce are concerned, the mere tools of their opponents, and everyone knows that it is the workman and not the tool who is entitled to credit if the work is good and deserves commendation.

A GREAT IMPROVEMENT.

A good deal has been said and written about the sanitary condition of Roseland. It is said to be exceedingly bad. This was no doubt true of the town when it was in its infancy, but it is not, we are assured, true now. The sanitary reformer has been busy in Roseland and he has done good work. The course of the stream running through the town which was polluted in the most abominable way, has been changed and its water is now carried in a covered flume to its outlet. The slaughter house, of which such bitter complaints were—and very properly—made, has been removed to a site at some distance from the town and has been placed under proper regulations. The scavenger has been set to work and he removes the garbage to a distant locality where it is dumped into a ditch and buried. The privy pits are filled and earth closets substituted for them. The water supply is, we understand, taken from a mountain stream where it is free from all con-

tamination. The inhabitants of the town now boast that it is as clean and as healthy a town as there is in the Province. Much of the credit of this most salutary reform is due to the intelligently directed zeal of Mr. Clive Phillips-Wolley, the Sanitary Inspector, and to Dr. Watt, Secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, who visited the town when it was at its worst and represented to the Government the urgent need of instant and thorough sanitary reform. But neither Dr. Watt nor Mr. Wolley nor the Provincial Government, whose agents they are, could have done much towards improving the sanitary condition of Roseland if it were not for the hearty co-operation of the intelligent part of its population. So desirous are they to make the town as healthy as possible that they have at their own expense constructed a sewer along its principal street. Roseland, therefore, no longer deserves the reproach of being dirty and unhealthy. It has been made clean, and it is in consequence much more healthy than it was some time ago. The great majority of its inhabitants will, no doubt, do their best to keep it clean, and Mr. Wolley can be depended upon to keep those householders who are careless and neglectful up to the mark.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT.

The Century Magazine for November contains a most interesting and instructive article on civic government. Its title is "An object lesson in Municipal Government," showing how public affairs have been conducted in the city of Birmingham. George F. Parker is its author. It describes how the most sweeping and salutary reforms were effected in that city. The gentleman who is now the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain commenced these reforms under exceptionally difficult circumstances and in the face of bitter opposition. We propose in this article to direct attention to one of them for the purpose of showing what intelligently directed sanitary reform can do. There was a part of the city covering ninety acres of land, on which were 8,744 houses and having a population of 16,696 which was in a condition that was really terrible. The houses were crowded together, rows of them being built back to back so that there were no open spaces connected with them. It was inhabited chiefly by workmen and their families. The Health Committee, composed of men who were busily engaged in their own private affairs, undertook to inspect the worst parts of the town. For this very unpleasant work they received no remuneration whatever. "During the two following years," Mr. Parker says, "each member gave such time as he could to this work, going into every part of the district assigned him, including dark, noisome courts and narrow passages and among a population to which he was unaccustomed. The slums were found to be almost as bad as could be, considering the conditions. It was an overcrowded population, in small houses not in tenements. Houses were there built in courts, many of them back to back. In the most congested districts they were very small. . . . The worst district was within a stone's throw of the principal business street, its centre no more than 300 yards from the town hall, and almost midway between the two great railway stations." Under an act of Parliament that had been recently passed the Corporation could purchase any part of a city of over 25,000 inhabitants that had been pronounced in an insanitary condition by the proper authorities. The Corporation purchased this squalid district at a cost of something more than six millions and a half of dollars. Dedicating the value of the land not used for making new streets and enlarging old ones the net cost was \$461,958 or considerably over \$2,300,000.

The Corporation set about improving the district in such a way as to entirely change its whole character. After the improvements had been made they had a considerable area of surplus land. On part of this the Corporation built a block of artisans' dwellings. In carrying out this improvement scheme there has been expended something more than ten million dollars. "For this the city has fifty-nine years, many of them having only sixty years to run. The best estimates of the present actual value of the property included in the scheme is \$2,250,000, or roughly, \$11,250,000." One of the results of this scheme is the saving of a great many lives every year. In 1873-75 "the average annual death rate in some of the worst streets included in it was 53.2 per thousand. For the three years 1879-81 the average death rate in the same streets was only 21.3 per thousand." Here we have a decrease of much more than one half the average death rate caused by sanitary improvement.

As regards the population of the whole city the saving of life has been something very remarkable, and should convince the most sceptical of the great value of sanitary improvements. Mr. Parker says: "The report (of the Sanitary Committee) emphasized the fact that the public health had been declining for several years and that sewerage and drainage, the paving of streets and footpaths and a thorough system of scavenging were absolutely necessary. The work of do-

ing all these was undertaken and carried out with such success that the death rate of 26.8 in the thousand in 1874 and 26.3 in 1875 declined to 22.4 in 1876. This continued with slight variations owing to local or temporary considerations until 1888 the average had then fallen to 18.2 which since that time has slightly increased owing mainly to epidemics of influenza (the grippé) smallpox and during the last few years of diarrheal disease among children. An average reduction of about four per thousand, or nearly 2,000 per year, in the death rate tells the story of hard and intelligent work." The saving of two thousand lives a year is well worth working for, and the City Council that can honestly lay claim to having conferred such a benefit on the community under its management may well be excused for being proud of their work. But the saving of life, from a mere sanitary point of view, is not nearly all the good that has been done by the Corporation of Birmingham, for the saving of two thousand lives in a year means a proportionate decrease in the number of cases of sickness; it means, too, a very great general improvement in the health of the inhabitants as a whole; it means less suffering and less sorrow. Those who doubt the efficacy of sanitary precaution should read Mr. Parker's article carefully.

"RELEGATED TO OBLIVION."

Is not the Vancouver World a little too previous when it exclaims delightedly, "The school question has been relegated to oblivion?" We have no doubt that Mr. Laurier and Mr. Tarte, Mr. Geoffroy and others wish most sincerely and pray most devoutly that the electors of Quebec may forget all the professions and promises that, during the election campaign, they made relative to restoring to the minority of Manitoba their rights. It would also make things pleasant for them if the friends of the minority would forget the assurances and re-assurances which they received that the minority would be well cared for if the Liberals should be returned to power, and that if the Manitoba Government refused to do them ample justice the sunny ways would be abandoned and the sterner methods prescribed by the constitution resorted to. There are people in Quebec and elsewhere who will not readily forget that Mr. Laurier denounced the remedial bill as half-hearted and that Mr. Geoffroy condemned it as not giving the Catholics of Manitoba nearly all that they were in common justice entitled to. The ways that the Government took to conciliate the Manitoba Government will not soon be "relegated to oblivion," Mr. Laurier and his colleagues will find that they will live in the memory of both friends and opponents and that they will be very frequently reminded of them during the next four years. Treachery and double-dealing are not readily relegated to oblivion.

PRATISE FOR ROSSLAND.

The Spokane Chronicle of Friday the 13th, in an article in which it strongly advocates improvements in the government of the city, refers to Roseland as an example of good order. "In Roseland," it says, "a town which is growing even faster than Spokane, and which now boasts of nearly 8,000 inhabitants, there are three officers to preserve order and see that the laws are obeyed. In that town there is not one gambling house, not one dance hall, and not a single variety theatre. The laws in relation to gambling and running indecent resorts are the same here as in Canada, but they are not enforced here as they are across the line. They can be enforced if public sentiment will demand that they should be."

This is strong testimony in favor of the rising town of Roseland, and the respectability and public spirit of its inhabitants. The laws there for the restraint of vice are enforced, because, as the Spokane Chronicle contends, its inhabitants are determined that they shall be enforced. This is the principle on which good order and respect for law rest in every community—whether it is small or large—in the nation as well as in the mining town. If those composing it really want to be well governed they will be well governed.

AVOID RISKS.

The dreadful accident that took place on Saturday afternoon should be a warning to all young people who are fond of boating. On no account should they take a boating excursion without being certain that those in charge of the boat know perfectly well how to manage her. Want of skill and of presence of mind are the causes of by far the greater number of boating accidents. Neither should any one go outside the harbor, even in fine weather, in a craft that would not be safe in rough weather should come on suddenly or if it should by some accident drift into a dangerous part of the Strait. The dangerous places should be well known by every one who takes charge of a boat. The man to whose knowledge and skill inexperienced persons trust their lives should know well what to do in cases of emergency. It often happens that skillful men who take every reasonable precaution meet with accidents that prove fatal. If, then, boating is dangerous to experienced and careful men how much more dangerous must it be to persons who have neither skill nor experience and who do not know how to be careful?

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Manlaughter the Verdict in the Sheehan-McKenzie Case—Tarte's Movements.

Accidents at Nanaimo—Mining Stocks in Vancouver—Pitt Meadow Dykes.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Nov. 14.—The assize court was thronged yesterday with an interested crowd of spectators, who occupied every available inch of space, the occasion being the trial of Sheehan for the killing of Toeh McKenzie at Steveston, in July last. Sheehan, who was a man of middle age, wearing gold rimmed spectacles and well dressed, seemed the least concerned of all present, and although he listened attentively to the evidence no one would have thought his life was trembling in the balance, dependent on the verdict of a jury apt to be swayed by the eloquence of an advocate. The result was not unexpected, although the opinion was freely expressed after the jury retired that they would bring in a verdict of manslaughter. Sheehan's escape from punishment was no doubt due, in a large measure, to the fact mentioned by Mr. Justice Drake, that no one had a good word to say for the dead man, even though he was dead, and perhaps in no less measure to the brilliant defence of accused counsel, E. P. Davis, Q.C.

The exemplary sentence passed upon the convicted burglar Robertson of five years in the penitentiary, meets with general approval, and it is hoped will have a deterrent effect upon the gang who have led the police such a merry chase for so long. A Chinaman, who in the language of his class is "heap crazy," was brought to town yesterday by constable Yeoper from South Vancouver. Another victim of dementia from the same locality had previously been taken charge of by the city police and the two were taken to the "Nest" on Friday evening. "Fabio Romani" or the "Vendetta" was produced at the Vancouver opera house last evening to a fair audience. The Current Topic Club in connection with the Y.M.C.A. is meeting with encouraging success on Friday evening. A. K. H. Macfarlane gave a very interesting address on the Armenian question to a fair audience.

The Nationalist Association re-organized on Friday evening. Meetings will be held on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. There is some talk of an open air propaganda of socialistic and single tax doctrines. The association has for the past three years been a factor in the municipal, provincial and federal politics of the community and will continue to work energetically.

The friends of Rev. H. B. Turner will learn with regret that the reverend gentleman met with an accident yesterday, being thrown from a horse while on his way to a short distance from Gladwin, a flag station just beyond Lytton. Rev. Mr. Clinton and Nurse Purvis left by the first train to attend him, and hopes are entertained here that his injuries are not so serious as at first reported.

The executive committee who have charge of arrangements for the banquet to Hon. Mr. Tarte have everything in shape for Tuesday evening. Tickets for the banquet are for sale at Messrs. Davidson Bros., G. Woodward's drug store and the Merchants' Exchange. The banquet will be held in Odd Fellows' hall.

The municipality of North Vancouver are calling for tenders for the establishment and maintenance of a ferry between the city and the North Vancouver wharf for the term of three years. The time for receiving tenders has been extended until November 30.

Each day brings increased activity in mining stock transactions in Vancouver. All stocks prominently before the public are being either held firmly at market prices or are advancing. On Friday evening and Saturday there was a sharp demand for Golden Cache at \$1.90 and \$1.85. The stock of the Dominion Mining and Developing Co. is held by large investors at \$1.70, but small blocks have been disposed of lately by "ground-floor" men at a much lower figure.

Since the purchase of 45,000 shares at \$1 by Messrs. Gooderham & Blackstock, of Toronto, the stocks of both the Golden Cache and Dominion Mining and Developing Co. have been increasing in value daily.

To-day Channe is very stiff at 20, the company's price. On Friday 19th was offered several times, with no takers; and an option, with a 25 per cent. deposit, to deliver a large block in January at 30 was refused. The stock is strengthened by the fact that this time it is selling near the par for the company's big deal with the English company formerly spoken of.

The greater portion of the Two Friends stock offered to the public at 30 cents has been applied for. Mr. A. E. Shelton has returned from the Ten Mile Creek country, and in a conversation with a COLONIST reporter spoke of having visited the Two Friends mine, which he believed was all that it was represented to be.

The Cariboo Hydraulic mine has made another clean-up of \$9,000, a total of \$125,000 for the season. Thirty-seven mineral claims were recorded at the New Westminster office during the week ending November 10. Most of these are in the Indian River district, the remainder being divided between Harrison lake, Stave river, Jervis inlet, Chilliwack, Seymour creek and Pitt lake.

The Westminster market was well attended yesterday, buyers were in good evidence and a good supply of produce was on hand. Rev. H. H. Gowen left for Seattle yesterday for the purpose of looking over the parish offered to him by Bishop Turner. It is expected that on his return on Tuesday he will announce whether or not he will accept the new charge. Hon. Mr. Tarte and party are inspecting the Pitt Meadow dykes and the mouth of the Fraser to-day. It is expected he will come over to Vancouver on Monday. Francis Furlong, mining engineer, who recently arrived here from Butte, Montana, was drowned last Thursday while attempting to cross English bay

in a sail boat during a storm in order to inspect certain mining property at Howe Sound. The body was found floating in the Narrows to-day. The late Mr. Furlong was fifty years of age and a mining engineer of repute.

VANCOUVER, Nov. 16.—Hon. Mr. Tarte will meet the members of the Board of Trade in the Board room on Tuesday morning, when he will be the recipient of an address. On Monday the Minister's time will be occupied by official business. On Tuesday the Minister of Public Works will sail over the harbor and the Vancouver rifle team, in competition with the Hongkong artillery team, made their scoring yesterday at the Central Park rifle range, the total number of marks being 833, with Duff Stuart at the head of the list with 97.

Owing to storms there was no train from Seattle yesterday, and no Pacific express on Friday or Saturday. The local Council of Women will hold their residence of Mrs. Deschênes. A man calling himself Lord Dunraven has been visiting ranchers at the North Arm and asking them for rent, as they were, he claimed, tenants on his estate. He will be taken to Westminster.

WESTMINSTER. WESTMINSTER, Nov. 16.—It is currently reported here that the price of canned salmon has advanced in the English market, and those who have held their pack are naturally jubilant over the news. Some time ago Richard Ludlow, of Surrey, asked for damages from the Westminister Southern railway, on the ground that that railway had not put in proper floodgates where the railway crosses Nicomen river, and on account of this his property was flooded and his crop destroyed. The matter was referred to arbitration, and the plaintiff was awarded \$1,250 damages.

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