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The Housing Problem

CONDITIONS WHICH EXIST TO-DAY.

"You cannot rear an Imperial race in a slum."—Lord Rosebery.

The above remark was made with reference to the housing conditions in England, where during the past eighty years or more the problem has been seriously considered, and various experiments have been made to effect a solution.

Both in St. John's and in the Island generally the conditions under which the poorer people live are lamentable. In many houses the sanitary arrangements are antiquated or absent altogether, and the housing accommodation is so limited, that overcrowding, particularly during the last few years, has increased to such an extent as to become a menace. Houses that were intended originally for a single family are occupied by two, three, or even four, which means that there is no privacy as between families or the different sexes and the conveniences such as they are, are inadequate. Whole families eat and sleep in the same room in which they live, and the atmosphere is such as to make it impossible for a clergyman or a doctor to prolong his visit for more than a few minutes. Ventilation, for the simple reason that, during the cold weather at any rate, warmth is a matter of dollars, is not encouraged, and even during the warm weather it is often found that not a single window can be opened.

In the outports the evil of living under such conditions is mitigated to some extent by the open spaces in which the houses are built, and by the outdoor life which the people lead. But the tale as told in the reports which show the high death rate among adults from tuberculosis, and among children from infantile complaints which under normal conditions would not prove fatal, is sufficiently conclusive of the irreparable harm that is being done.

In the city matters are even worse, and it is not to be wondered at that such "homes" are the breeding grounds of diseases worse than death. Sunlight and fresh air seldom enter these hovels. They are built not only without intervening spaces, but many of them adjoin others at the rear as well, or if there is a space, it is a receptacle for garbage and rubbish of all kinds. Often in front of the door is a hopper which pollutes the surrounding atmosphere, or the cobble stone drain, putrid with the filth that lodges in the spaces round the stones. The buildings themselves, particularly those which escaped the fire of '92, are tumble down rat traps that no up-to-date city would tolerate, and that no landlord should be allowed to exploit to add to the comforts of his own mansion. The children's playground is the street and their "toys" are more deadly than the stink bombs of the Huns.

Picture these crowded homes with little or no warmth in winter, rooms into which the light of

the sun seldom enters, and in which there is little or no ventilation! What kind of physical and mental development can be expected in such an environment?

To a great extent the conditions are due to circumstances over which the occupants have little or no control. Herding has followed the high cost of living, which was not compensated for by a proportionate increase in wages. The cessation of building operations, and the consequent mounting of rents until in many cases they reached a figure that was most exorbitant, and the influx of people from the outports are the chief factors that have brought about the present state of affairs. What applies to the poorest class applies also in a lesser degree to those who possess moderate means.

The situation is critical, and the effects are serious. The health of the people is being undermined, the difficulties of coping with an outbreak of an infectious disease are insuperable, and a fruitful soil is being prepared for the seeds of immorality and other crimes. Houses are so difficult to obtain and the rents of those available are so high, that many young people who have married have been compelled to crowd in with other families, and others have had to postpone the event indefinitely.

The health, happiness, and moral development of a people is a matter of national concern. In a later article dealing with the same subject, we shall refer to the manner in which other countries have dealt with the problem with satisfactory results.

The Spanish Situation.

The revolutionary movement in Spain was the cause of considerable speculation and anxiety in the city yesterday. Coming at a time when our cargoes of fish are either on the way or about to be shipped, it was feared that in the event of a widespread revolt the market would be seriously disorganized. The news to-day indicates that the outbreak, although general, does not seem likely to interfere with affairs to any extent, and that as King Alfonso of Spain has accepted the ministry proposed by the leader of the movement, no more serious consequences will result than a change of Government.

If, as the meagre reports indicate, the former administration was responsible for irregularities and supineness in office, the change will be beneficial to the country and may have a favourable effect upon our trade.

Steamer Tres Sails North

WILL LOAD FISH CARGO FOR MEDITERRANEAN.

S. S. Tres sailed this morning for Labrador to load fish for across Mr. R. Hennebury, the pilot, went along as navigator. The ship will go as far north as Black Tickle, where she will take on board 14,000 qts. of fish, shipped by G. M. Barr & Co. Mr. E. P. K. Tracey, representing Barr & Co., also left by the ship to look after the firm's interests.

Member for Placentia Quarantined.

We regret to learn that four children of Mr. W. Wajah, M.H.A., have contracted scarlet fever, and as they are being nursed at home, the house has been quarantined. Scarlet fever has been prevalent in the city for some time and at the meeting of the City Council on Thursday the Medical Officer reported thirteen new cases.

P. M. D. F.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Permanent Marine Disaster Fund gratefully acknowledges the receipt of \$193.45, net proceeds of the Earle Spicer Recital, per J. C. Pratt, Esq., Treasurer Recital Committee.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR RHEUMATISM.

The Godner Centenary.



SAMUEL GODNER, A Pioneer in Education in Nfld.

To-morrow at St. Thomas's Church a Thanksgiving Offering will be devoted to the work of the Colonial and Continental Church Society will be taken up. This Society, of which we hear but little, and the founder, Samuel Godner, who is seldom referred to, accomplished a great work in Newfoundland which later spread to other countries. The results of Godner's work in the cause of education are to-day a living testimony of his zeal in well doing.

In 1821 Samuel Godner, a Newfoundland merchant, was returning to Devonshire for the winter when the vessel ran into a violent storm. It was only after all hope of coming through safely had been abandoned, that the weather improved, and wrecked as the ship was, those on board were able to make port. To mark his thankfulness, Godner determined to devote himself to the task of securing for the people in Newfoundland better educational facilities. As a result of his efforts, the Colonial and Continental Church Society was formed in June, 1823. It was not long before several schools were established in St. John's. Teachers were secured and soon the work was extended to various outports. The schools were open to all regardless of creed—a condition of affairs in striking contrast to the system which obtains to-day. The movement spread to the neighbouring continent, and in course of time the activities of the society became world wide. With the widened sphere of activities of the Society its responsibilities and expenses have also increased. It was therefore decided to mark the Centenary by seeking financial assistance in the form of voluntary contributions in those countries which benefited by its earlier activities and are still receiving aid.

Prime Minister Warren Interviewed.

ANOTHER PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRY PROJECTED.

As the Prime Minister, Hon. W. R. Warren, sails to-day for England to attend some matters which may occupy his attention for a considerable time, it is not likely that the enquiry into the alleged scandals which caused the downfall of the Squires administration will begin much before the latter end of October. Interviewed by the Telegram to-day the Prime Minister stated that the terms of reference had been settled by the Government and until these were in the hands of Mr. Walker, who is to conduct the enquiry, he was not in a position to state what its scope would be. Pressed for something definite, he said the enquiry will embrace all the affairs that led to the disruption of the past administration, and he expected it to begin the middle of October; this of course was subject to the engagements of Mr. Walker, who is one of the leading barristers in England, and therefore a very busy man. Mr. Walker alone, he said, would conduct the enquiry. In addition to attending the Conference of Premiers, which will last about a month, Hon. Mr. Warren has the question of the Labrador Boundary to look after. The cases in this matter must be exchanged by Dec. 31st, with a view to having it tried before the Privy Council in June, 1924. The Telegram learned from Hon. Mr. Warren that a project for the establishment of another pulp and paper industry on a scale almost as gigantic as the Humber deal is now well underway. The parties interested, however, he said, are not seeking a government guarantee or similar concessions.

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DEMPSEY NEARLY LOSES HIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Jack Dempsey still holds undisputed away as heavyweight champion of the world, but only after the crown

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

UNKNOWN MAN KILLED BY TRAIN AT OXFORD JUNCTION, N.S.

OXFORD JUNCT., N.S., Sept. 15. Just as the Maritime Express for Montreal was pulling away from the station this evening an unknown man dashed for the front end of the baggage car, slipped beneath the wheels and was cut to pieces. Neither money nor railway tickets were found on the body and the only thing by which identification might be effected was a black cord tied about the man's neck and fastened to a button on his coat. The dead man had been wearing a dark suit of good quality and was apparently about thirty-five. He had carried a lunch wrapped up in a paper parcel. The body is being photographed for identification purposes.

MATE OF LUCILLE ARRESTED ON THE CHARGE OF DISPOSING OF CARGO OF ALCOHOL.

DIGBY, N.S., Sept. 15. James M. Power, mate of the schooner Lucille which arrived at Meteghan a week ago, and reported a piratical attack off the Massachusetts coast in which twelve thousand gallons of alcohol were said to have been taken off the Lucille boat at the points of guns. In the hands of fifteen men, the cargo was arrested to-day on the information laid by the owners of the schooner and her skipper, Capt. Leblanc of Wedgeport. The story given out when the schooner reached Meteghan last Sunday morning was that the piratical attack occurred while the skipper was ashore in Boston, and that immediately after the outlaws departed, mate Power set sail for home not waiting for his captain. It is also said that another story was told to the effect that the cargo was jettisoned during a heavy storm. Captain Leblanc stated in his information that the mate sailed for home leaving him in Boston to which port he had gone on business, and it is charged that mate Power disposed of the cargo to agents who came out from Massachusetts and kept the proceeds for himself. The mate is in jail and will be given preliminary hearing Tuesday next, the crew is being held aboard the ship as material witnesses.

THE PRINCE IN CHAPLEAU, ONT.

CHAPLEAU, Ont., Sept. 15. A special train carrying Lord Renfrew and party westward arrived at Chapleau yesterday afternoon where some two hundred people turned out to catch a glimpse of the distinguished visitor. Through a ten minutes stay the Prince remained in the train reading and smoking a Briar pipe. When the train began to move out the crowd cheered which the prince acknowledged from rear platform.

TRADE AND LABOUR CONGRESS ELECT PRESIDENT.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Sept. 15. Moore was re-elected President of Trades and Labour Congress of Canada and London, Ont., was chosen as the place for next year's convention.

KING ALFONSO REFUSED TO PERMIT PUNISHMENT OF MILITARY REVOLUTIONISTS.

MADRID, Sept. 15. Revolt started by Captain General Primo Rivera at Barcelona and which spread, with great rapidity through various sections of the country culminated to-day in the resignation of the Spanish Cabinet and the setting up of a military dictatorship. King Alfonso who returned to Madrid to-day was besought by Premier Alcala to provide methods for punishment of the revolting military men, but he declined to do so, and Alfonso immediately handed in his own resignation and that of his Ministry.

UNITED MINE WORKERS CHARGE THAT FUNDS FOR RUSSIAN RELIEF WERE DIVERTED.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15. No greater victory short of the overthrow of the Federal Government could be won by communists in this country than to bring about the recognition of the Soviet regime in Russia by this Government. It is declared in an article of a series in which the United Mine Workers of America seek to prove that a plot is afoot to bring about a revolt in this country and in Canada and establish a dictatorship of communist internationalists from Moscow. The United Mine Workers charge that more than \$100,000,000 for the communist movement was raised in this country under the guise of Russian famine relief. This money was deposited in banks of New York and Chicago in the name of relief committees and eventually found its way after passing through various other bank accounts into the hands of the real communists emissaries in United States.

ACQUITTED IN THE MURDERED EGYPTIAN PRINCE CASE.

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Great Attraction at the CRESCENT TO-DAY.

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Two young girls charged with disorderly conduct were sentenced to a term of 14 days imprisonment with the option of paying a fine of \$5 each by Judge McCarthy in the Juvenile Court to-day. Neither of the girls appeared to be more than 14 years old and in fact one is attending school. They were placed under arrest on Water Street last night by two constables, to whom they gave considerable trouble. According to the testimony of the officers the girls were in company with Portuguese sailors, and they were obliged to turn them off an East End water-side premises. Both girls said they preferred to go to jail rather than pay a fine.

REPORT OF TENSION BETWEEN JUGOSLAVIA AND ITALY UNFOUNDED.

BEGRAD, Sept. 15. All reports alleged that tension existed in the relations between Yugoslavia and Italy because of the interruption of the Fiume Conference Committee are unfounded, says a statement issued by Foreign Office. It adds that the desire of both countries for agreement is undiminished. The time limit set by Italy for the determination of Fiume's status expires to-day, although there has been intimations that Rome would extend it so as to permit direct negotiations with Jugo Slavia. Annexation of Fiume it is reported in Paris recently, would be accompanied by the withdrawal of the Italian troops from Portofarros the adjoining harbor, by renunciation by the Italians of any claim to Susak.

Weather in Halifax.

WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH SPORTS.

A message to the Telegram from Halifax states that the weather is fine and cool. The sports will therefore take place this afternoon as scheduled.

Halifax Results

WILL BE EAGERLY AWAITED.

News of our athletes competing in Halifax to-day will be awaited with interest by all the local sports. The first message likely to be bulletined at the Angle, will be the 1 mile walking match, in which Grant Burnell, our pride and hope will be a strong contender. Burnell, in a message to his father, states that he expects to cover the course in 7 minutes and 45 seconds, which is some twenty seconds faster than his last record. News of the walking match should reach here about 5 p.m., while the outcome of the 5 mile race can hardly be expected before 7 p.m. The programme of events commences at the Wanderers track at 1 p.m., which is about 2 o'clock, local time.

Exhibit of Trophies.

A splendid collection of cups and medals won by the athletes of St. Bon's College is now on exhibition in Mr. Geo. F. Kearney's window, Water Street. Included in the prominent display will be found a set of gold medals, the gift of Mr. John McGrath, an ex-pupil, now of New York. The medals are the best obtainable, and were won by the College hockey team, who lifted the Inter-Collegiate Championship last winter.

PERSONAL—Mrs. Allan Williams, Forest Pond, leaves by to-morrow's express on an intended trip to Canada and U.S.

S.S. Kron has entered to load cod-fish at Port Union for Alicante.

Contract for Road Awarded.

At a meeting of the members of the Board of Works yesterday evening the contract for improving the Kenmount Road was awarded to Messrs. Herbert Young, W. Croft and A. W. Smith. Some 25 tenders were received and it is said that the prices ranged from four to thirty thousand dollars. Four and a half miles of road have to be covered. The first mile which is in fair condition has only to be ditched, cleaned and slightly widened. The second mile requires some ballasting as well as ditching and top dressing. For the remaining two and half miles the specifications call for clearing of trees and a widening of the road from the present 10 foot path to a uniform width of 15 feet.

TRAIN DUE.—The incoming express with the Kyle's mails and passengers is not expected to arrive before 5 p.m.

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NOTE OF THANKS.—Mrs. Stanley and family desire to thank all kind friends for their help and words of comfort during the illness and recent death of their dear son and loving brother, particularly the following who sent flowers and wreaths to adorn the casket: The Rev. and Mrs. Hammond Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hudson, Mrs. W. Carberry, Mrs. G. Carberry, Mrs. and Miss Cadwell, Mrs. J. Hearn, Miss Kitty Hearn and Mr. M. J. O'Brien, and all kind friends who helped in any way to lighten the burden in the hour of sickness and trouble.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. Alfred Samuelsen and family wishes to thank the Sisters of St. Patrick's Convent, also Miss Carrie Wilson of Knowledge for a beautiful wreath; also Mrs. Ryan for a cross; Mrs. Byrne and Mrs. Stanist for flowers; also Mrs. Pender and Mrs. Condy and all kind friends who helped in any way during their hour of bereavement and especially Rev. Dr. Kitchin for kind attendance during her hour of death.—adv.

IN FOND AND LOVING MEMORY

of our dear daughter and sister, Lilian Walsh, beloved wife of James Mahon, who died Sept. 10th, 1923; also of her darling baby, John Aloysius, aged 10 months, who died on the same date. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on her soul.

Inserted by her Mother and Sisters.

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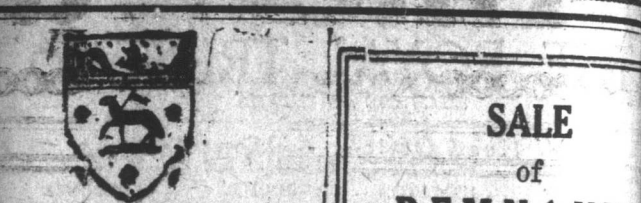
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PUBLIC NOTICE.

Rennie's Mill Road from Rennie's Bridge to Carpasian Road will be closed to traffic on Monday, Sept. 17th, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Schooner Cape Race has arrived at Barbados.

S.S. Lom arrived in port last night with a cargo of coal from Sydney.

Schooner Ormate arrived at Harbor Breton yesterday from the Grand Banks hailing for 500 qts. codfish.

S.S. Hangerland with 10,000 tons of ore for Sydney and the Oria for Port Talbot with 6,500 tons sailed from Bell Island yesterday.

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