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WORSER THAN HALIFAX

In connection with the housing problem, a comparison between St. John and Halifax is not favorable to this city. Assuming the census figures for 1911 to be accurate for the one city as for the other, it is found that there are relatively fewer dwellings in proportion to population in St. John than in Halifax, and also that the average family in St. John is smaller.

The census figures make the following showing:

	Halifax	St. John
Population	48,819	42,511
Families	8,824	9,111
Dwellings	7,220	5,653

An analysis of these figures shows that in Halifax there is a dwelling for every 6.45 of the population, while in St. John the figure is 7.4. In Halifax the average family is 5.28 and in St. John 4.66. Is there any relation between the greater congestion in St. John and the smaller number of persons per family? Whatever other deductions may be made from the comparison, it is clear that St. John in the matter of housing does not compare favorably with Halifax. The fact is another reason why determined efforts should be made to provide this city with more houses at a reasonable rental, and affording better sanitation and more light and air than are provided in the majority of the cheap tenements. A story that came to the Times last week concerning one tenement on one of the poorer streets reveals conditions which should not be tolerated in any community, and this is by no means an isolated instance. The existing state of affairs must be faced and better conditions developed before we may hope for increased production of a desirable sort. The board of trade must realize that the housing problem is one of urgent and very pressing importance.

IN BLOODY MEXICO

Ex-President Madero and Ex-Vice President Suarez will not give the new government of Mexico any further trouble. They are dead. The new government professes its horror, and a great desire to probe the crime of which these two men were the victims. One would like to believe these professions, even though such belief would involve an utter loss of respect for the ability of the new government. Nobody will believe that the government of Mexico could so summarily dispose of two prisoners from one building to another in safety. The Gordian knot has been cut. The most dangerous of the enemies of the new regime have been removed. They were not above a similar line of conduct in relation to their own enemies when they were in power. Knife and pistol are very ready weapons in Mexico.

President Diaz has declared that the United States would be very reluctant to intervene in Mexico, but if the people of the latter country do not change their ways it will become the duty of somebody to wield the big stick. Mexico is rapidly becoming worse than the most bloody, thieving and treacherous of the little Central American republics. The murder of Madero and Suarez is a crime of international importance. It is also a very dark blot upon the record of a government which had been hoped would restore tranquility to the country.

ANTI-TREATING

There was an interesting discussion in the Ontario legislature the other day in relation to treating. Mr. Rowell, leader of the opposition, wanted to know if the government had abandoned its position on the anti-treating. There was no reference in the speech from the throne to any legislation affecting the liquor traffic, and none of the government speakers had made any reference to the matter. Mr. Rowell wanted to know the meaning of this silence, and challenged the premier to introduce an anti-treating bill, assuring him that the Liberals would not oppose it. The premier replied as follows:

"In regard to the anti-treating legislation," said Sir James, "let the hon. gentleman possess his soul in patience. We have brought forward every year some legislation on this question, and have steadily met the requirements of the situation. At the proper time we will come forward with matters relating to the treating evil as we have done with the other evils, and as we will continue to do in the future."

Whether this means that the government will introduce an anti-treating bill at this session of the legislature remains to be seen. "The proper time" is an ambiguous expression when used by an artful politician.

The new president of France in his first message addressed strengthening the military forces of the country, and is supported in his attitude by the cabinet. This is a hard winter for the dove of peace.

Hon. Mr. Carson, minister of agriculture in Quebec, said in Montreal this week that labor and experienced contractors can be procured, the provincial government will spend a million dollars on roads this year.

A "lower rents" exhibition is now being held in New York. An exchange says: "The exhibit is intended to show the need of reducing the tax rate on buildings to one-half the tax rate on land as a means of reducing rent. One diagram states that in 1912, out of \$2,000,000,000 of ground rental created by the people of New York, local authorities.

the city recovered by taxation only \$88,000,000, while the land owners got the balance of \$1,912,000,000 from the lease holders, who, in turn, took it from their tenants in the form of increased rents."

It is pleasing to observe that Mr. Borden will have a delightful time this evening. He is in Albany, the guest of the Governor of New York, and will speak there tonight at the dinner of the University Club.

It is announced that the Jordan Memorial Sanatorium at River Glade will receive patients about the 1st of March. The next forward step should be the provision at St. John of a sanatorium for advanced cases, and similar hospitals might well be established in other counties or by groups of municipalities.

The attempt to build up trade between Canada and Mexico has not proved successful, and the scheduled steampship service to be abandoned. The real market for Canadian products is found north of Mexico in the United States. Sooner or later Canadian producers will enjoy that market under more favorable conditions than at present.

An Ottawa despatch says that some of the big steamship lines would like to get the privilege of conveying Canadian mails via Portland, Boston, or New York in winter, receiving a subsidy therefor, and that they are appealing to the Borden government. While the Liberals were in power such an appeal was useless.

Hon. Mr. Daniels in presenting the report on crown lands to the legislature of Nova Scotia said it is acknowledged that the Nova Scotia system for the prevention of forest fires is the best on the continent, and that it is now in operation in twelve counties of the province. If the statement of Mr. Daniels is fully warranted, the crown lands department of New Brunswick might do well to make a careful study of the Nova Scotia system.

Hon. Mr. Armstrong told the Nova Scotia legislature this week that there was great need of special care of the feeble minded, and suggested that the government would sooner or later make provision for such need. No doubt the fact is the government is paying attention to this question, and the organization of branches of a League for the Care of the Feeble Minded in all parts of the province.

Referring to the growth of manufacturing industries in the province of Nova Scotia, the Chronicle, reviewing the report of the factory inspector says: "The rapid progress of the manufacturing business in this province during the year just closed, has been a source of gratification to all interested in industrial enterprise. Many of the large establishments have made extensive additions to their plants, either increasing their output or entering new lines of manufacture. The number of workers employed has been largely increased, higher wages and better working conditions have attracted many mechanics from England and have also induced many Nova Scotians to return to this province."

Referring to Sir Rodmond Roblin's career as premier of Manitoba for over twelve years the Montreal Witness says: "Why so much trust, so much honor should be heaped by the people of Manitoba on the head of Sir Rodmond is quite incomprehensible to anyone but a Manitoban. During the last twelve months his name has reverberated through Canada on two or three occasions, and each time the country has wondered how Manitoba came to be governed by such a character. There is only one ruler on this continent that can outdo Sir Rodmond in his defiance of respectable public opinion and that is Mr. Cole Biese, the governor of South Carolina, who on a public platform boasted of the freedom given to lynchings in his state and who is now going to run for senator."

The annual report of the Victorian Order of Nurses shows that the nurses of the order are doing an invaluable work in this city. Three nurses have been steadily employed, and we are told that at times it was necessary to secure the services of a fourth. These nurses paid 5,235 visits during the year, an increase of 320 over the number for the previous year, which showed a gain of 1,511 over the year 1910. During the last year 494 cases were treated, and one can readily understand how great must have been the benefit in many instances, where families would otherwise have been unable to secure the assistance of a trained nurse. These ladies are devoted to their work and perform a great service to the community. There must be a very large number of people who have reason to be grateful that a branch of the Victorian Order was established in St. John.

The best way for using up odd pieces of soap is to put them all into a pan with a little water and let simmer until dissolved. Add enough silver sand to form a stiff paste, roll into balls, and set in a cool place to harden. This will be found excellent for scrubbing kitchen tables, wooden floors, etc.

land to settlers and workers through the local authorities.

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

FEBRUARY TWENTY-FOURTH.

Today the Hon. Sir R. W. Scott, a veteran statesman, celebrates his eighty-eighth birthday. Though born in Prescott, he has long been a resident of the capital, where he has enjoyed a highly successful career. He was called to the bar in 1843 and first entered parliament in 1857. Since then he has constantly figured in the political life of the country. For a time he was commissioner of crown lands in Ontario, then he became secretary of state in the Macdonald ministry, holding the same office under Sir Wilfrid Laurier from 1896 to 1908. He has sat in the senate since 1874.

The Hon. H. E. Young, minister of education for British Columbia, is forty-six today. He is a graduate in arts of Queen's University and in medicine of McGill's University. He first practiced in St. Louis, but went to Allen, B. C., in 1901. He has represented Atlin in the legislature since 1903 and has been in charge of the education department since 1907. He is also provincial secretary.

The Rev. D. Bruce Macdonald, headmaster of St. Andrew's College, the big boys' school at Toronto, also celebrates his birthday today. He was born in Toronto forty-one years ago. He studied in the University of Toronto, Knox College and the New Theological College, Edinburgh. He became principal of St. Andrew's College in 1900. He is much interested in athletics.

LIGHTER VEIN
BESIDES SMELLING THE VIOLETS. The Enthusiast—That is the "Spring Song." Can't you feel it?
The Philistine—You bet! You can almost see the boys knocking flies and booting grounders on some little Southern Jersey diamonds, can't you?—Puck.

DIDN'T PRACTICE WHAT HE PREACHED.
The following announcement recently appeared in an English newspaper:
"The lecture on 'How to Be Always Healthy,' announced for this evening at the Town Hall, cannot be delivered, owing to the fact that the lecturer is confined to his bed with a severe attack of gout."

FAVORITE FICTION.
"I Beg Your Pardon, Mr. Toastmaster; I intended to Speak Only Two Minutes When I Got Up."
"No Sir! I Haven't Done a Thing to the Watch. It Stopped Going of Its Own Accord."

SOME METHOD.
"Don't you think, dear," began Mr. Comfy, "that our next door neighbor, the Scribbles, are putting on a great deal too much style, considering the fact that they never know how to do a thing where the next meal is coming from?"
"Well," replied Mrs. Comfy, "you see the more style they put into their meals, the more they are to be invited out to dinner."

EXPLAINING THE GLOOM.
At a wedding the best man noticed that one of the guests, a gloomy looking young man, did not seem to be enjoying himself. He was wandering about as though he had lost his best friend. The best man took it upon himself to cheer him up.
"I've—have you kissed the bride?" he asked by way of introduction.
"Not lately," replied the gloomy one, with a faraway expression.

A REASONABLE FAVOR.
"So you have determined to sue me for breach of promise?"
"Yes."

"With damages?"
"Of course."
"Well, say, I've got just one favor to ask of you. Don't sue me for less than \$100,000. I haven't got a dollar in the world that I can call my own and it might help my credit."

WAGES.
It takes a long, long time to learn that rates are delayed.
Because we seldom try to earn more than we're trying paid.
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

THE STRONGER INFLUENCE.
"Which do you think appeals more generally, art or literature?"
"Art. Almost anybody would rather send a picture post-card than write a letter."

FOR DELICATE CHILDREN

A Mother's Letter to Mothers

Mrs. E. W. Cooper of Bloomfield, N. J., says: "My child, seven years old, had a bad cold and was weak and quite run down in health. She had been in this condition for about six weeks when I began giving her Vinol. It was a wonderful help to the child, breaking up her cold quickly and building up her strength besides. I have also found Vinol a most excellent tonic for keeping up the children's strength during a siege of whooping cough."

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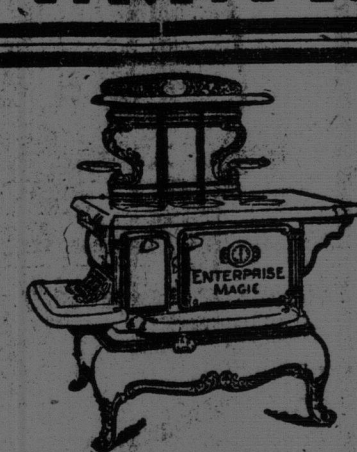
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Sour milk as an antidote is not comparable with plain sea water, according to William K. Hixon of Manassas, N. J., who takes it every day for a tonic. Hixon, who is eighty years old, looks about forty. He is proprietor of an amusement hall, and works ten or more hours a day. Up at 4 o'clock every morning he hurries to the beach, where he dips up a glassful of water from the waves and quaffs it as if it were the elixir of life. Hixon says it does not taste good and he does not like it, but it has the effect he desires.

The value of the fish drawn from the North Sea every year is \$20,000,000.

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