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MONDAY	6,798
TUESDAY	6,776
WEDNESDAY	6,770
THURSDAY	6,848
FRIDAY	6,872
SATURDAY	7,315
TOTAL	41,379
Daily Average	6,896
Average Daily Sworn Circulation Last 3 Months of 1905	6,553

#### WHAT NEXT?

What will be the next step, in connection with the affair of the new wharf, which occupied the attention of the board of works at two sessions yesterday?

The inspector appointed by the city states that the city engineer permitted variations from the specifications which under the contract should only be made with the consent of the board of works. The inspector kept two reports, one for the city engineer, and a fuller one, he says, for his own protection. In the private report he has entries which he says he will swear are true, and which the engineer asserts are absolutely false.

"The fact was brought out that there have been departures from the specifications, in several instances. The engineer contends that he had the right to agree to them if the changes did not weaken the work. It is asserted that the contract distinctly states that the board must pass on any such changes, no matter if they should tend to strengthen the wharf."

The city appointed an inspector to protect its interests. He appears to have thought only of his own, since he says he never expected to produce his private diary, which tells of the changes referred to. He and the engineer vigorously and volubly accuse each other of deliberate falsehood.

The inspector says he told Director Cushing of some things which the director said should be referred to the board of works, but the board heard nothing about the whole affair until an article in the Times brought the contractor in angry haste before the board to defend himself. He was able, and is still able, to say that what he did was approved by the director and engineer, which under at least one clause of the contract appears to let him out.

The question at present is not between the city and the contractor, but between the city and its officials. Should the latter refer these matters to the board of works, as required by the terms of the contract, or should they be given a degree of latitude? If the latter, how much latitude? And if so given, why have an inspector, and why have specifications?

The board has practically declared a want of confidence in these officials. It has told the inspector that he must make a fuller and better daily report than he has been doing, and must submit it to the director instead of the engineer. It has instructed the director to hand those daily reports to the board.

The board knows now that there have been variations from the specifications which were not submitted for its approval. It knows that two of its officials accuse each other of falsehood.

The setting chairman of the board appeared to think last evening that since the director and engineer declared the wharf as far as constructed to be a good wharf, the whole matter might be dropped. This may be an eminently charitable view of the case, but does not dispose of the matter. The city will have other contracts to let, and other hundreds of thousands to spend. Does it, or does it not, repose confidence in its officials who will have the oversight of such expenditures?

It will be remembered that when the McLeod warehouse was built there were the same contractor, director and engineer, but a different inspector. That inspector, Mr. Thompson, charged that the specifications were not adhered to with regard to piling and other material, but he received a very scant hearing. Perhaps the contractor, director and engineer are much abused men, and intelligent inspectors may be hard to find. This is a question for the aldermen to decide.

The question whether better timbers are good in the bottom of a wharf, and whether smaller timbers are as good as that specified for ballasting, are other questions worthy of consideration before any more specifications are made out.

The Toronto Globe's Ottawa correspondent, adding to the insurance commission, says that through there has been a rigid inspection by the department, and the minister of finance has much valuable information at his disposal, he is of opinion that in view of the widespread interest in the subject it is desirable, before parliament is called upon to move, to have a more general investigation, which shall be perfectly free and open, so that all matters of interest to policyholders may be looked into. It is not to be assumed," continues this correspondent,

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(Montreal Witness).

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In the United States recently legislation has been enacted leaving for its purpose the same end as British legislation—to restrain companies from charging excessively for light. At Albany, the State Gas Commission has issued an order fixing the price of gas in Manhattan borough after May 1 at eighty cents a thousand feet, which rate is to remain in force three years. In its report the commission says that the cost of manufacturing and distributing gas to consumers of the Consolidated Gas Company amounts to 60.34 cents per 1,000 cubic feet, not including fixed charges of the company. The commission thinks that eight per cent is a reasonable return upon the actual value of the property owned by the company and used in the manufacture and distribution of gas.

In Montreal, we have had plenty of figures to prove that gas can be manufactured and sold at a profit at around eighty cents, and it is a crying shame that we should be compelled monthly after month and year after year to go on paying the exorbitant and two absurd rates of a dollar twenty cents and a dollar. In any bargaining that might be made with the gas company, "one rate only" should be the "stand-pat" policy of the city, but in view of the present gas supply being in the hands of the combine, it will probably be found wiser for the city to establish an entirely new plant of its own, and either operate it itself or lease it.

#### ROCKFELLER'S OFFER

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—An offer of \$125,000 from John D. Rockefeller for a hospital for children suffering from tuberculosis was announced today by R. Fulton Cutting, president of the New York association for improving the condition of the poor. This offer is made on the condition that the association raise a like amount from other donors by June 30, 1906, and that the permanent maintenance of the hospital be assured.

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### HOCKEY STOPS HOUSE SITTING

Fredericton, Feb. 27.—(Special)—On account of the hockey game there was no quorum at the legislature this evening, and adjournment was made without any business being transacted. It is expected that the debate on the budget will be finished tomorrow night.

The second level of the session was held at Government House this afternoon and was largely attended.

The corporation committee of the legislature will meet tomorrow to further consider the boom company's bill. Among the lumbermen here to watch the measure are John E. Moore, George S. Culling, N. H. Murchie, Charles Miller and E. L. Jewett, of St. John; a director of the company, who states this evening that if the legislature throws out the bill there would be nothing for the company to do but go into bankruptcy.

Charles Thomas Burns, aged twenty-three years, died at Marysville last night. He was a son of the late Charles Burns, of St. John.

Charles Hudlin, who has been declared insane, is occupying a cell at the county jail. He was brought here last night by a guard from the Dorchester penitentiary, and after somewhat of a tussle at the jail door was placed in charge of Jailer Hawthorne.

This morning Secretary-Treasurer Bliss had a conference with Dr. Anglin, and this afternoon Hudlin will undergo another examination as to his sanity and, if pronounced insane, will be sent to Fairville.

The divorce court convened this morning. As there is no provision under the act for adjournment except by the judge, Judge Gregory was present and adjourned the court to meet at some future date.

The death occurred at Gospy yesterday of George W. Anderson, son of the late Joseph Anderson, of Cambridge (Mass.), who had been living for some time with Mrs. Carr. Deceased was aged eighteen years and six months.

The funeral of the late Mrs. George F. Gregory will take place tomorrow at 3 p. m. The body will be conveyed to Christ Church Cathedral, where Very Rev. Dr. Patridge will conduct the funeral services, after which interment will be made at Forest Hill cemetery.

### "THE TRIANGLE," BY RUPERT HUGHES, UNEVEN IN CONSTRUCTION.

(By George Henry Payne.)

New York, Feb. 27.—"The Triangle" was produced Tuesday night at the Manhattan Theatre and in a strong sense at the end of the third act stood for the first two acts. The third act is evidently becoming the "great opportunity" of the young American dramatist, for Mr. Rupert Hughes has repeated the experiment of Mr. Klein in "The Lion and the Mouse" and worked with the sole idea of creating his sensation in the third act.

Without regard to the ultimate success or failure of a play, the building of any scene to carry it is a fundamental error. Where, however, one may agree with Mr. Hughes is in his choice of subject, his ending at the life and problems of New York as they are here and now and his desire to hit at the world's ideals that chase even people of more or less temperance.

"The Triangle" is the old, old story of the woman who married for ambition and then found that the man that she had chosen was not the man after her heart.