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HARBOR MATTERS

The announcement is made that the city council and board of trade committees which for some months past have been giving their attention to matters relating to the nationalization of this port have about completed their work. The whole question is to be considered at a meeting to be called by the mayor in a few days, and as soon as the city's case is fully prepared for presentation it should be placed before the government at Ottawa by the most influential delegation of citizens that can be secured.

THE PRICE OF GAS

This question of cheaper gas is attracting attention all over the continent. Everywhere people are protesting against being compelled to pay too high a price. The following from an American paper is of particular interest, in view of the present agitation for cheaper gas in St. John: "Every newspaper in the country is watching the progress of that movement in Washington for 75-cent gas. At present the price is \$1.25, with a 20 per cent discount for payment within a specified time. In other words, Washington now has \$1 gas, which has long been regarded by the people of that city as an outrageous price, but as the only authority to reduce the price was vested in congress, very little has been done until recently to obtain more favorable consideration at the hands of the gas monopoly.

"Now a member of congress has introduced a bill to fix the net price of gas at 80 cents per thousand feet and the Herald and the Star are ably supporting the movement, but asking that the price be made 75 cents net. The district commissioners are said to be heartily in favor of the change. Naturally, the gas company is going to be able to put up a stiff fight. Mr. John R. McLean, the principal owner of the plant, is not only a politician with a pull, but he is the principal owner of Washington's most important newspaper, which, while not taking part against the cheap gas movement, is nevertheless a potent influence among the men in public life.

"Many things have happened to bring the gas question into prominence throughout the country. The high prices for wood and coal now demanded every winter have greatly increased the use of gas as a fuel in all the large cities and the increased consumption naturally creates a demand for lower prices. The time is not far distant when gas will take the place of other fuels, and naturally the public will become more and more concerned about the price. The agitation in Washington is sure to elicit all conceivable information about the cost of producing gas, and people throughout the country who are compelled to use it will be keen to ascertain about what profit is exacted of them by gas monopolies. Of course, the price of production varies according to locality, but it is not too much to say that people are universally overcharged for artificial gas. An Indiana city is now considering the proposition of a company which agrees to furnish artificial gas to the public for 50 cents a thousand feet. This shows that if a company is not overcapitalized and can obtain the fuel gas can be furnished there all the light and heat they need at reasonable rates. If Washington gets gas for 75 or 80 cents as a result of the present movement, other cities will be encouraged to inaugurate similar crusades. The time will come when the public will not pay for over-capitalized gas, nor should it be compelled to do so."

IN RESTIGOUCHE

With a much smaller vote polled than in the general election, the provincial government candidate in Restigouche was elected yesterday by a majority much less than that of Messrs. Labilios and McLatchey in 1905. The opposition had great hope of wiping out the majority altogether, as they had a strong candidate and put forth very great efforts to elect him. The Frederick Gleason says on this point: "Mr. Stewart, the opposition candidate, has been ably supported upon the public platform by J. D. Hazen, the leader, and also by John Morrissey, M. P. P. for Northumberland, and Mr. Basil Johnston. Organizer Hubbard has also been in the county, and Mr. Mott, ex-M. P. P., and he have had charge of the organization work."

To meet these forces, Hon. Mr. Labilios headed the government campaign, and was assisted by a corps of able speakers. As usual, both sides declare themselves well pleased with the result. While the opposition are able to point to a reduction in the government majority, the government are able to reply to point to Mr. Curtis, M. P. P.

THAT "INVASION"

The London Standard recently printed an interview with Mr. Macmaster, Q. C., in which he sets forth the great growth and marvelous possibilities of western Canada. In the course of the interview the following occurs: "Have you any apprehensions that what is called the 'American invasion' of the North-West Territories will tend to Americanize Canada, and ultimately lead to the absorption of the country by the United States?"

"I have not; but others whose opinions are entitled to consideration think differently. The so-called Americans are not Americans; many of them are Canadians returning from the States to their own country, or the sons and daughters of Canadians, who emigrated when Canada was passing through its dark days, and when the boom was on in the Western States. Some of them, too, are Scandinavians and Germans; but whatever they are, they are all coming into Canada for personal benefit, and I believe will be rapidly absorbed in the Canadian commonwealth, where their real interests must be in the future. Any danger in this direction should be counteracted by a well directed immigration policy securing British settlers, the Imperial and Colonial governments acting in concert, and co-operating with the railway and steamship companies. There is a far more serious danger than 'the American invasion' per se, viz., the building of railways running north and south across the international boundary from the American territory into Canada, the effect of which will be to induce the newcomers to purchase their agricultural implements and supplies from the United States manufacturers, to the prejudice of Canadian industry temporarily, and ultimately to encourage political as well as commercial relations by the people living on both sides of the line. That state of things must be counteracted, and the way to do it is to keep the trunk of trade and travel east and west, and to prevent the Dominion from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and to debar the newcomers with settlers from Old Canada and from the British Isles.

It will depend upon the men who choose to become members to what extent the new club to be opened on Waterloo street next week shall be an influence for good in the city. It is a non-sectarian, non-political free club for men, having no other aim or purpose than to bring men together for their own benefit, and that they may exert their influence for the good of other men. On such broad lines, there is no limit to the usefulness of such a club except such as would arise from the indifference of members.

The absence of disorder in France lends force to the assertion of M. Briand that the French clergy and people are less troubled than had been anticipated by the new law of separation. M. Briand declares that there is neither persecution by the government nor rebellion by the Catholic people.

A tie-up of all the railroads west of Chicago was threatened yesterday when the locomotive engineers demanded more wages and an eight-hour day. The frequency of terrible accidents of late will tend to arouse a good deal of sympathy for train employees.

Apparently Harry Thaw, the murderer of Stanford White, is to have the plea of insanity made for him very effectively. One alienist asserts that he has been insane for years. If money can satisfy a jury that he is insane, there will be no lack of the needful.

Why do not the city fathers take some steps to have the clock in St. Luke's church tower, Main street, set in motion? If the present civic grant is not large enough, it could be made a little larger, and the clock repaired, illuminated, and kept going.

With a promising new athletic club in the north end of the city, and a promise from Crutcher that aquatic sports will be revived, the outlook for legitimate sport in St. John is decidedly improved.

A ROTHESAY WOMAN COMPLAINS TO POLICE Says She Was Attacked on Peel Street by a Burly Ruffian.

Miss Mary Harrison, of Rothesay, called on the police magistrate yesterday and told him of a thrilling experience she had last Saturday night. Her story is that while passing along Peel street laden with parcels, she was seized from behind by an unknown man and forced backward. Her screams frightened her assailant, who fled, after which she called at the Free Public Library and asked a gentleman to accompany her as far as Union street.

HE COULD NOT COOK SO THEY CHASED HIM

Joseph Michael, a negro, hailing from the French West Indies, complained at the police court, yesterday, that the crew of the schooner Arthur M. Gibson, of which he is steward, attacked and beat him. He also stated that they chased him with a long butcher knife.

It seems that the crew were dissatisfied with Michael's cooking, and a day or two ago broke into open rebellion. The sailors were unable to appear, and the French consul may be consulted.

Mrs. R. J. Freese left Tuesday night for Montreal, where she will spend two weeks vacation visiting friends.

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LIFE. Life-What is it? Ah, who knows! Just a visit, I suppose. Joy and sorrow for a day. Then, to-morrow, 'Tis all over.

IN LIGHTER VEIN. A BAD SLIP. A Hot Return-"Oh, I'm so sorry I could not come to your 'at home' yesterday."

HASH OR SEPARATE. (Creston Transcript.) Waitress-"Has the gentleman lamburp beetepotatoesified liversteak'noions."

IN THE BARGAIN SEASON. (Nashville American.) There was a woman in our town Who daily ripped and raved; She made football look foolish When she bucked a bargain store.

AN UNTRIED FIELD. (From the Philadelphia Bulletin.) Clyde Fitch, at a dinner in this city, praised the originality of certain French playwrights.

A young lady said to my friend: "Isn't it awfully difficult to find new ideas for plays?" "I don't know," he answered, "I have never tried it."

A London exquisite, having become agriculturally ambitious, went into the country in search of a farm, and finding one for sale began to bargain for it.

"Ah, ay!" said the fop, "I won't take it, then, for I've heard that a cold spring ruined the crops last year, and I don't want a place with such a drawback upon it."

THE REASON. "Why is a proofreader in a printing office like a writing machine?" "Give it up."

"Because he's a type-righter."-Denver Post. Colorado evidently has a new brand of proofreaders. It was a New York proofreader who permitted the heads of the "Deaths" and shipping columns to get transported, so that over the list of deaths was a bold heading reading "Passed Through Hell Gate Yesterday."-Houston Post.

SAW HALIFAX; THEN HE FLED. No Wonder That Hindrik Von Meurs Piked Straight Back to Holland.

(Halifax Chronicle) There is one man at least in the world who turned back at the threshold of the new world, who after catching a glimpse of Canada was overcome by a fit of lightheadedness, and despite the fact that he had travelled a distance of 2,400 miles to Halifax from Liverpool, again went whence he came. Among the passengers by the Parisian from Liverpool MacDonagh was a Hollander named Hindrik Von Meurs. He came second class, but he had \$7,000 on him. He was a mason, and he could not speak English. Becoming disheartened at not seeing any of his own people, he decided to return home the same day by the Empress of Ireland, sailing for Liverpool.

MORNING NEWS IN SHORT METRE

Four members of the Chicago Bakers' Union have been arrested on the charge of poisoning hundreds of loaves of bread distributed among Jewish residents of Chicago. Iodoforn and carbolic acid are the poisons alleged to have been used.

Fifty-seven thousand locomotive engineers engaged on railroads operating west of Chicago have demanded a shorter work day and an increase in pay of five cents per hour. Miss Rosa Weil, once a litigant in a case before Judge MacDonald, of the circuit court of St. Louis, suddenly rose among the spectators in court yesterday morning and drawing a revolver fired a shot at the judge. Miss Weil received an adverse decision from Judge MacDonald in a case in which she was interested and this prompted her action.

Of the thirty-five people killed in yesterday morning's collision on the Rock Island road near Volland, Kansas, thirty were cremated by fire, which started in the wrecked cars. James McRae, of Pittsburg, has been chosen president of the Pennsylvania Railroad to succeed the late A. J. Cassatt. Mr. Cassatt's will shows that the late railway king left all his money to his widow and family.

Rev. Dr. Patterson Smythe, of Dublin, Ireland, has been called to the rectorship of St. George's Episcopal church, Montreal.

Harvey Station, Jan. 2-Frank Lawson, a highly respected young farmer of Lake George, died at his home there on Monday evening, after a short illness. He had not been in robust health for some months, but able to attend to his work until a few days ago. He was stricken down with kidney disease. His wife, who is a daughter of the late John Howe, of this place, and a young son survive him.

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