

Shannahan on the Good Old Times.

Tucker says there were no times like the "Good old times." Nowadays, Tucker says, writers for the Christmas Numbers write of "the good old times" in a room nicely heated and lighted by the latest brand of electric light, whereas in "the good old times" a spattering junk sent forth the warm flames and a "penny dip" shed its flickering rays over his manuscript. In the present age the workman is decked in a thirty dollar suit, while in "the good old days" he sent his eldest daughter in quest of a loan of a black pants to go to a neighbour's funeral. Just now "the toller" spends five dollars and sixty cents every winter for low rubbers while in the "good old time" he spent his evenings rubbing goose grease into the veins of his "three quarters" in the hope of keeping out an attack of snow-water to his ramps on the following day. The "toller" to-day trudges in dogslaps, in the "good old days" he passed his evenings trying to dislocate his instep with a sudden jerk of a boot jack. To-day the wife of the bread-winner has no opportunity of getting up her muscle endeavouring to separate her husband's leg from the close embrace of a side of leather. In the "good old times" this stunt in the home at night time passed many a dull hour. The cat generally took to the roof when this stunt was on, and the children offered up silent prayers for the safety of the mother while the operation was in progress. In this age the "hard-working man" goes to the nearest "phone and whistles in the ear of the coal clerk his order for a cart load of round coal, but in the "good old times" he hied himself off to borrow a catamaran and a blunt hatchet and started at dawn accompanied by two weeping-eyed dogs in the hope of striking the main patch of var sometime before nightfall. He usually returned with sufficient "firing" to boil the kettle on the following morning, and also brought home an appetite that cleared up all the loose food in the cupboard. The wife and children looked on and seemed greatly interested and when da was loaded to the hatches, they blew out the light, proceeded to bed and shivered 'till 'twas time to get up at the dawn of a peaceful morn. The "Hard drag" of to-day draws his salary from a pigeon hole in a nicely heated office and loses the fun of "the good old times" when his ancestors jumped with the cold while waiting the arrival of a long-whiskered, very important individual who condescended to fire their wages at them thro' the side of a caudex. In the "good old days" many an interesting hour was spent breaking the ice in a well, and many a buxom young creature managed to corner a first class dose of the mumps while awaiting her turn, no such opportunity is afforded us now, but an anxious winter is spent by the housewife in trying to remember that if water is not let run it is liable to congeal. In the "good old days" we got a letter from America

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every new moon, and one of the most popular pastimes was interviewing the late Mr. Freeman and asking him if one had arrived. To-day all that is numbered with the past, the letter carrier calls at your door and delivers anything from an "advice on how to take down your weight" down to a bill for a rocking chair that you sent to your wife's mother last Christmas when "feeling nicely." In the "good old times" when you went into church to pray in winter time you "took your life in your hands." Your petitioning was generally accompanied with the hollow noise caused by your upper and lower teeth coming in jumpy collision, while your knees refused to remain steady on the knotty floor. This caused you often to forget your patron saint and your thoughts strayed far away to the last bright configuration that swept over the town. To-day we have nothing to break the monotony in church save now and again an overheated dame making a bee line for

on the wharf and earned sufficient to purchase a bullock's head for his Sunday dinner. Nowadays he is so well fed that he thinks 'tis about time some one told him he had indigestion.

In the "good old days" the popular sport down at the corner was a hop-step-and-a-lead, young men put in the best part of a life time at it. Now that treat is also denied the young bucco and he hies himself to the club and takes all the loose change that his chum may have in his vest pocket. In the "good old days" the Firemen did not reach a fire 'till 'twas well underway, thus no disappointments were experienced and a fire drew an immense concourse of spectators. To-day no such opportunity is afforded sight-seers and the popularity of "going to a fire" is dwindling down to such an extent that outside the firemen no one thinks of going except a new policeman.

TIM SHANNAHAN.

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His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint the following to be members of the Board of Governors for the General Hospital, namely:—

Hon. John Harvey, (reappointed for full period of three years); M. Chaplin, Esq., in place of Hon. J. A. Robinson, whose term of office has expired; and George Shea, Esq., in place of C. O'N. Conroy, Esq., K.C., resigned. His Excellency the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint Hon. P. T. McGrath, L.L.D., Messrs. J. J. McGrath, W. J. Carroll and F. J. Doyle, to be Directors of St. Bonaventure's College; Rev. H. T. Renouf, Messrs. C. O'N. Conroy, K. C. P. J. Summers, W. J. Ellis, K. F. Parker, John Fenelon and John Barron to be members of the Roman Catholic Board of Education for the District of St. John's.

Department of the Colonial Secretary, January 23rd, 1917.

CARD.

NASH,
The Undertaker,
22 Adelaide St.

Jan 23rd, 1917.

Household Notes.

Vegetables to retain their flavor should be put to cook in boiling water. A small amount of salt added to milk will make it more easily digested.

When a housekeeper has no help she should insist on a kitchen cabinet. Bone stock can be made from bones alone, with vegetables for flavor.

A kitchen sink 34 inches from the floor is apt to be the most comfortable. The ironing board which is thickly padded is the easiest to iron on.

It is a mistake to soak fowl of any kind in water. It will destroy the flavor.

Mutton broth with barley and dried lima beans in it is a nutritious winter soup.

Cream dried beef served with fried mush makes a good winter breakfast dish.

Cabbage cut and served with French dressing makes a very dainty winter salad.

INVITED TO GRAND FALLS.—We understand that on invitation of Manager Scott, of Grand Falls, some of the ladies and gentlemen who took part in the celebrated comedy "The Liars," will visit the Inland Town soon and give a series of plays and playlets for patriotic purposes. It is hoped for twofold reasons that the proposed tour will be successful. The performers were originally invited during the New Year season, but, owing to the outbreak of infantile paralysis at the paper city the trip had to be postponed.

NEW THEATRICALS COMING.

At Rossley's British Theatre the Scotch Act is in full swing and last night the audience who braved the elements were well repaid for doing so. The public certainly do enjoy the Scotch and on Burns night there will be an extra attraction. Coming, the best performers now in vaudeville, Edmund Fox and Caroline Carr, who will produce many clever dramatic and comedy sketches different to anything seen here. "The Habitant," taken from the works of the late Dr. W. H. Drummond, Canada's well known author. This is their great French-Canadian act; and a great novelty: "The Lunatics," an English farce comedy, with a laugh in every line. "It That Was," a comedy and positive novelty. "A Taking Way," "The Bishop's Candlesticks," scenes from "Midsummer Night Dream," "Merchant of Venice" and many others. They were booked twelve weeks in Halifax, fourteen weeks in New Glasgow and twenty weeks in Boston.

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