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OUR POINT OF VIEW

Life in the Country

THAT in these times of scarcity of labor in the city, the farmer, it needs no argument to prove, is by far the better off when compared to his fellow laborer in the city.

He is at all times better off, but then it has not always been so easy to let him see that. The man who lives in the country gets more out of life than does he of the town, although some may feel disposed to refute this statement. Nevertheless, we intend to stand by the assertion, nor bother ourselves one bit about the arguments of those who may feel disposed to differ with us.

His repose is sweet and his distractions are few. His day is long and goes by like a melody. He watches the slow and majestic sweep of Time's stream go by in a mighty volume and roll into limitless eternity as it were a part of that great endless ocean of time, and not a mere succession of more or less incoherent atoms, as we the unlucky denizens of the town who reckon in hours and minutes.

The only time we have is the moment with us. We may be compared to beings in prison who see the hours only as they flit by a slit in our prison door. We are too busy to realize the beauty of life as we float on its stream. We have walled ourselves in as it were. We have shut ourselves up in the hold of the ship instead of taken up a commanding position on deck. We pass with darkened eyes through scenes of beauty and we do not know it. We are all too busy with our petty affairs to take any notice of what is going on around us. The farmer is on deck and may see what we little dream of.

Cities are a curse, but of course we must have cities. They are necessary to our state of civilization. But when civilization receives a jar, as it has just recently, then we see the weakness of big cities. Big cities are the main objectives of all military undertakings. The inhabitants are fearing the enemy's attack and a horrible death.

Towns may be starved to death, but the country is free.

Seeking Employment

That our men want work and grasp every opportunity of securing it, is amply demonstrated by the rush of the unemployed after each job that offers.

Hundreds of laborers and mechanics could not be employed at the Marconi towers about to be erected at Mount Pearl, while the Nova Scotia Bank management found it utterly impossible to give work to the hundreds who sought to be put on the new bank building to be put up in O'Dwyer's block. "He who seeks work finds it"—is an old maxim, but it is impossible to find it to-day and the big army of unemployed know it.

Justice and Mercy

A contemporary says—Last evening Detective O'Neil arrested five boys whose ages are from 11 to 13 on charges of larceny and followed with a description of the articles taken, which would make an advertising retail man groan with envy. The suspects will be tried this afternoon before Judge Knight. During the past twelve months petty larcenies by boys have become almost a daily occurrence, and Detective O'Neil has done splendid work in bringing the guilty parties to justice.

Imagine, youths of from 11 to 15 years of age have been brought to justice, and a well known Detective was doing the work. "Do judgment, now art dead to brutish beasts—and men have lost their reason." No for one moment would we however decry our police, they have their duties to perform and they do them well—but full grown-mustached scribes to write of mere children—for what else is a boy of 12 or 13 years of age?—being brought to justice, as if they were great criminals, is enough to make the whole High Court of Heaven go down on its knees and weep.

Justice, forsooth,—Where was the argus-eyed lady in the case of the man who through whose neglect and blundering life was sacrificed? Verily, this is a funny old planet we live upon.

"VERITAS"

Mr. Coaker's Notes

I arrived at Grand Falls on Tuesday night and was the guest of the A. N. D. Co. at the staff house. Next morning Mr. Scott, the general manager gave me an hour or so of his valuable time for Magistrate Roper to carefully collect samples of the water from the various wells at onavista and permit the citizens of Bonavista to know how polluted their water supply is. The water supply at Badger is of grave concern to the settlement and some stringing regulations are necessary there to ensure a wholesome water supply. At Botwood the supply is of the best in existence. The industry grave danger to the residents, and means an \$8,000,000 investment, which being a shipping port it behoves the people of this Colony.

Mr. Judge seemed to know every yard of the space, every wheel, every wire and every man. He goes through the plant four times every day. He is informed me that the men were fast becoming masters of the work and establish such will be enacted at the coming session of the Legislature. Botwood citizens are ready to provide capital to establish a water supply if legislation similar to that enacted for Carbonear and H. Grace is forthcoming. Botwood produces a large revenue, and is fast becoming a motive force of important port and should receive proper encouragement from the Government to make it the best paper mill in existence. 900 men are at present employed in running the mill. When running at its fullest capacity in summer 1,200 men are employed. It gives employment to 2,100 men in winter, including the loggers and about 1,700 in summer. The floor space of the mills cover an area of 7 1/2 acres.

The company operates a small saw mill with a capacity of about 3,000,000 feet and intends to establish a new signal to a 10,000,000 feet capacity. The water for protection from fire is separate from the other service and in an instant the massive pumps can be operated supplying a force of water that could dry almost any fire. The town is 100 per cent. better lighted than St. John's and presents a brilliant appearance at night. The light is supplied all employees at 12 cents per light per month. There are no meters and the lights can be burnt the whole night at the same cost as though used five minutes.

Half of the houses are connected with the sanitary system and contains baths. The other portion is served by a night soil service and the whole town is clean, wholesome and tidy. Every home is lighted with electricity, and the use of kero. oil is prohibited. The town contains splendid churches, belong to the Church of England, the other churches are Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist and Salvation Army.

The schools are, two: Catholic and United Protestant. About 250 children attend the United Protestant school and 100 the Catholic. The company expends \$3,000 annually on the United Protestant School. The Protestant School Boards contribute towards the support of the school. The United Protestant School contains five departments, taught by six teachers. The attendance was over 90 per cent. of those entered on the roll. I visited each department, accompanied by Mr. Cooper of the A. N. D. Co.'s staff. The United Protestant school supply an education fully equal to the best colonial schools at St. John's, and the school fees are only nominal, about equal to that paid at an elementary school. The United Protestant school building is highly regarded and esteemed by the whole population.

Grand Falls is a model town—modern in every sense of the word, and I doubt whether any town in America can compare with it, taking it all round. Its growth has been marvellous for an inland Newfoundland town. It is unique in that it is owned by an industrial company which controls its business, its sanitary, water, lighting, educational and health system, which are controlled by one head, who is water, and he has examined and reported upon drinking water sent from modernly equipped and fitted, and cost

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the company about \$15,000. I visited the Town Hall, which is large enough to accommodate all the men in town at a public meeting. The Club was next visited, which is equipped with an excellent reading room, billiard room, reception room, the upstairs flat being used for Masonic and Oddfellow meetings. A caretaker has charge of the whole building. The building cost about \$8,000. The Public Building was also visited and closely inspected. It contains a keeper's residence, Post and Telegraph departments, Customs department, Jail, Court room and Magistrates' private room. It is built of concrete and cost \$15,000. The building is poorly finished and not worth within \$5000 of its cost. Its style is modern so far as the front portion is concerned, but the interior is a cheap-looking affair. The town also possesses a fine rink, which is owned by a company and pays a fair dividend. It is a large, well-built building, and is used by the A. N. D. Co. in summer for storing paper.

I extremely enjoyed my first visit to this remarkable and most interesting town and my chief regret is that Newfoundland does not possess a half dozen Grand Falls.

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