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WHEN DREAMS COME TRUE

To those who remember when playground after playground in this city was diverted to other uses until there were none left, and who remember how hard it was to make a beginning of supervised playgrounds for small children, but who persevered and kept an organization in existence, the developments of this year are a source of the keenest satisfaction. One naturally thinks of the late Miss Mabel Peters in this connection, and her visits to the newspaper offices, to city hall, to the board of health, and wherever a plea for the children might meet with a sympathetic response. Those who labored with her find themselves living now in the realm where dreams come true; for the Playgrounds Association of which she was the first president is at last coming into its own. It will do well to keep the ladies associated with its work, for they have been the most zealous workers of the last ten years. Now that so many organizations interested in amateur athletics are represented in the Association the scope of its work will be broadened and the sympathy of all the citizens assured. If the Olympic games come to Halifax this city should be represented in a number of events. There will be ample time to develop strength and skill that only needs proper equipment for training, and the encouragement a city-wide interest will give. There are in the reorganized Association men who have themselves made excellent records in athletic sports, and their advice will be of the greatest value. With the supervised playgrounds for little children, for the neighborhood playgrounds for the different sections, and the large recreation field at Rockwood Park, for general field, the city will be fairly well supplied with opportunities for the physical development of the young people.

UNCLE SAM'S WATER POWERS

After a deadlock lasting more than ten years the passage of a water-power bill by the United States senate recently is regarded as making possible the satisfactory disposal of the whole question. The dispute as to federal and state rights appears to be settled by a compromise measure. In the meantime the country has suffered enormous loss while its great waters remained unhampered for industrial purposes. The greater loss has been in the west, but the east has also suffered. Of the proposed new scheme a review says: "The measure just passed makes the secretaries of agriculture, war and the interior a water-power commission, with a highly paid secretary. It provides for temporary three-year permits which on proper application may be exchanged for licenses running fifty years—a term fair to corporations. Where the government expresses the property, or re-lease it for a long term, or license use of it from year to year. If it chooses to recapture it, payment must be made for the 'net investment' of the licensee, not to exceed 'fair value of the property taken' plus certain possible damages for a 'severance.' Provisions have been included to grant municipalities and states due priority in choosing power sites." It is estimated that the United States now develops over five million horse power from its waters, but this is a mere fraction, and in proportion to population and industry the country lags in this respect behind both Canada and Scandinavia. It is noted that France and Italy are also looking to the development of their water powers.

The settlement of Manitoba is still far from complete. It is claimed, says an exchange, quoting G. W. Prout, M. P., that within a radius of fifty miles of the city of Winnipeg there are two and a half million acres of land as yet untouched by the plow. In this district there are 750,000 acres under cultivation, and if the virgin soil were tilled and it produced in the same proportion as the older sections of the province, the annual production of this area would approximate 50,000,000 bushels, netting the province an additional revenue of over \$100,000,000 per year.

Sir Rider Haggard sees the middle classes in England being crushed between the upper and the nether millstone. Their case is that of the average salaried man in this country, who does not find his salary advancing in proportion to the increased cost of living.

Two unions of Cape Breton miners have rejected the wage settlement agreed to by their leaders. Complications of this sort make it more difficult to settle industrial disputes.

Six thousand cases of influenza have been reported from Havana, Cuba. The epidemic is steadily spreading to new fields. We must be ready to cope with it if an outbreak occurs in this part of Canada.

The peace treaty has been thrown back to the United States senate, as the attempt of representatives of parties to arrange a compromise has failed.

Five of the six labor candidates were elected yesterday in the Moncton civic elections. This is one more than they had last year.

The influenza year is less virulent than the outbreak over a year ago. A New York paper says: "Nearly every American community was so searched by the disease last year that immunization must have been general. Dr. Copeland says that observations thus far show the influenza to be mild in type, terminating in a few days, and much less frequently developing into pneumonia than last year. Last year in Chicago, when the influenza cases reached a thousand, the daily death list was nearly sixty; now it is only twelve in the thousand cases. And spring will soon give full relief. Last year's outbreak in New York began in September, reached the peak of 111,000 reported cases in October, and declined to 8,771 cases in the first fifteen days of the month now almost here—February."

Those who may have thought that the Sinn Fein comprised the bulk of the Irish people will note with interest that in the recent local government elections the Sinn Fein won less than a third of the seats. It and Labor together won 965 offices out of 1846. The result of the elections moves one American journal to remark: "The election reveals that in the face of the sturdy Unionist sentiment in southern Ireland and the overwhelming Unionist passion, in much of Ulster the Sinn Fein road is one of madness. Even were Great Britain willing to yield, Sinn Fein policy would irreconcilably divide the island. The one hope for Irish peace and happiness is in Irish union, and the one hope for Irish union is in Home Rule or Dominion Home Rule under the Empire."

The municipal council of Westmorland turned down the matter of appointing a juvenile court judge on the ground that it should be confined to the city of Moncton. Coun. Sherrard pointed out the great necessity of establishing a juvenile court in the city of Moncton. Having served on the police committee last year and also having had something to do with the erection of a children's home, he said he was painfully aware of the need of a court where children could be dealt with and not associated with hardened criminals. The result in St. John and Moncton may result in an amendment to the law, enabling these cities to provide a juvenile court, independent of the county.

By the terms of a bill passed by the United States senate yesterday all residents of the United States of eighteen to twenty-one years of age, not mentally or physically disqualified, and all alien residents between the ages of sixteen and forty-five who cannot speak, read or write English, are required to attend school not less than two hundred hours a year. By this legislation illiteracy may be overcome in a very short time, and every alien will soon be able to speak English.

Bliss Carman is only a name to most people in his native province. This distinguished poet had to leave Canada to find appreciation of his worth as a writer. The like was true of Roberts and of many others who have made notable contributions to literature. By-and-by our people will discover these Canadians and honor them, but it will be honor too long deferred.

The province of Saskatchewan wants the federal government to hand over control of the lands, forests, minerals and water powers in that province, instead of giving an annual subsidy. Those resources were bought from the Hudson Bay Company, and the maritime provinces helped to pay for them before there was a province of Saskatchewan.

So long as one member of the cabinet at Ottawa retains his health he will be able to carry on, by becoming acting minister of everything; but what if the last defender should himself fall ill, or feel the urge to retire to private life?

The French prelate who insists that dances need not be of an objectionable character is quite right, and public sentiment should make it impossible to have any other kind in any place of public assembly.

The C. P. R. has faith in St. John. An equal faith manifested by the C. N. R. will make a great change in the appearance of the water front.

WHAT SAM SLICK SAID ABOUT US

Predicted St. John Would Be Next to New York as an American City — A Word of Cheer.

(Fredericton Mail.) The blockade of traffic at St. John should be a cause for gratification rather than of alarm to the people of that city. St. John is a great seaport and it has been made so partly by its splendid harbor and wonderful natural advan-



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WHEELS AND LEGS.

My auto's heavily hard to start, and every day it breaks my heart. All frozen are its greasy works, and when it goes it goes with jerks that nearly dislocate my spine, and throw my false teeth out of line. It takes an hour to get her warm, with all her works in proper form, and if I stop her for a while she jerks along another mile; she humps and bucks and throw a fit, until my playhagm is split. And often, as she jerks along, with half her spark plugs acting wrong, I vow I'll send her to the block, and use my good fat legs and walk. Ah, then, I fully realize that walking is the exercise that braces up old fatty men, and makes their ankles young again. Dame Nature gave us legs and feet that we might use them and repeat; and using them brings back the glow of flaxen health. We used to know, restores the color of our hair, and makes us fit to cope with care. Such thoughts as these my head besiege; but when I've walked for half a mile, I sully sigh, "I've had enough! The old gas buggy is the stuff! She's cranky as a bucking bronch, her plugs sputter, her horns won't honk, her tires are flat, her springs are lame, and still she bets there just the same!"

CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Domestic Happenings of Other Days

TORTURING AN INDIAN.

When Champlain made his great expedition into the land of the Iroquois in 1609 he got his first real glimpse of the horrors of Indian warfare as practiced by the tribes against their Indian enemies. Late in the evening as he was nearing Ticonderoga he detected dark objects upon the lake; these he knew were canoes with Iroquois warriors. As the Indians had no desire for a fight on the water each side landed and began to fortify themselves in the woods. Night long the forest resounded with the yells of the braves of the opposing forces, for Champlain had a large Indian contingent with the French. When morning dawned the Iroquois, about 200 strong and led by three stalwart chiefs whose rank was indicated by the plumes that decorated their hair, advanced to the attack. The French leader, as the arrows began to fly, levelled his gun, which was loaded with iron balls, and fired straight at one of the chiefs. The shot brought down two and wounded a third. With a yell of rage the Iroquois shot clouds of arrows at the invaders of their lands, but the deadly gun soon compelled them to break and flee for the woods, leaving some of their best and bravest dead and others captives. At night the visitors led out one of the prisoners and ordered him to sing the death song before he was killed by torture. Then they scalped the prisoner while he was alive. Champlain rebelled at the sight, and begged permission from his dusky allies to shoot the sufferer, but this was refused. Then he quit the place and left the Indians and as they saw his action they relented and he shot the scalped Indian. Champlain made a quick retreat from the scene of his victory, arriving back at the mouth of the Richelieu in three or four days; there the war party broke up.

A CHILD'S THOUGHT OF GOD.

They say that God lives very high! But if you look above the pines You cannot see our God. And why? And if you dig down in the mines You never see Him in the gold. Though from Him all that's glory shines. God is good, He wears a fold Of heaven and earth across His face— Like secrets kept, for love, untold. He still is faithful to the end, Slides down by thrills, through all things made. Through sight and sound of every place. As if my tender mother laid On my shut lips, her kisses pressure, Half-waking me at night, and said: "Who kissed you through the dark, dear guesser?" —Mrs. Browning.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

"I should think you'd be ashamed to show your face in such a gown!" "Don't worry, darling, people won't look at my face." —Judge. "Do you believe doctors have a right to kill where they can't cure?" "Haven't they always been doing it?" —Baltimore American. "I see that 'reds' can get out on bail if they have Liberty bonds to put up." "Well, I was just thinking that any man who has sense enough to buy Liberty bonds would also have sense enough not to be 'red'!" —Detroit Free Press.

On Increase, Anyway.

A boy was presented with some young guinea pigs by his father's friend. "Well, Robbie, here are the guinea pigs getting on; are they in good shape?" "Well, they're just the same shape as my bigger." —San Francisco Argonaut.

On Increase, Anyway.

It costs money to run these steamers, and the lack of port accommodation means that somebody will be mulcted for a good sized sum in demurrage charges. It was the late lamented Governor Boyd who predicted that St. John, on account of its splendid harbor and superior geographical advantages was one day destined to become the Liverpool of America. The late governor was something of a humorist, but he was not joking when he made that statement. Soon or later, perhaps sooner than later, his prediction is going to be fulfilled, although it may not have been taken very seriously at the time. As long ago as 1836, another noted humorist, Mr. Justice Halliburton, who achieved humorist fame as the author of "Sam Slick," prophesied that St. John would one day be the largest city in America, next to New York. Here are his words, and it might be well for those citizens of the winter port who have become alarmed over the

\$4,000,000 STOCK OFFERING COMING FOR MOVIE CHAIN

Montreal and Toronto Capitalists Join with Famous Players People

Canadian Control—New Concern Will Have a Capital of \$15,000,000, and Will Initiate Motion Pictures Into Canadian Finance.

(Financial Post.)

The advent of the motion picture industry into the field of Canadian finance will be staged in a week or two, when a public offering will be made of \$4,000,000 of the preferred stock of the Famous Players Canadian Corporation, Ltd., which has recently been organized to acquire and enlarge a chain of motion picture theatres from coast to coast in Canada. The company will have the backing of the Famous Players Corporation of America and a number of Montreal and Toronto financial men are also interested. Details of the incorporation and financing are now being arranged through the Royal Securities Corporation.

Control of the new corporation will be vested largely in the Canadian interests involved, but Adolf Zukor, head of the Famous Players Corporation of the United States, will be president of the company. Among the Canadian capitalists who are backing the company are: Baron Beaverbrook, Sir Herbert Holt and W. L. A. Killam, president of the Royal Securities Corporation of Montreal; W. G. Ross and J. P. Bickell, of Toronto; J. B. Tupper, of Orillia, and W. J. Sheppard, of Waukegan. The concern is capitalized at \$15,000,000, of which \$5,000,000 is first preference stock to pay 8 per cent. dividend, \$1,000,000 of second preference stock, and \$7,500,000 common stock.

Public Offering. Public offering will be made of \$4,000,000 of the first preference stock within the next few days. This will carry a bonus of common stock, probably 25 per cent. The stock will be listed on the Montreal Stock Exchange, it is planned.

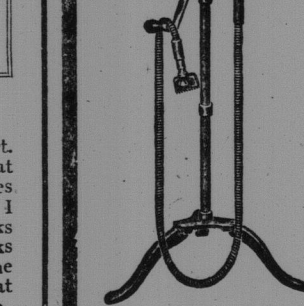
The new corporation will acquire first-run rights of Famous Players' productions for twenty years, and this privilege, together with a substantial cash subscription, constitute the contribution of the American company to the organization. N. L. Nathanson, of Toronto, will be managing director of the new company, and it is understood that he was responsible for the amalgamation of the various interests involved. The Famous Players, Ltd., which controls a string of Ontario picture houses; the Eastern Patronage Circuit, the Regent Theatre, Ltd., the Strand Theatre, Ltd., and a number of other smaller companies will be absorbed into the large organization. Mr. Nathanson has been manager of most of these smaller companies.

Expected to Earn 10 Per Cent. At present the corporation controls some twenty theatres, including six in Toronto and two in Vancouver, but new theatres will be built in every large Canadian city. Within the next fifteen months it is expected that at least 45

blockade of port traffic, to keep them in mind. "Well, 'tother side on the Bay of Fundy is a superlative country; there ain't the heat of it to be found anywhere. Now wouldn't the folks living up the Bay be pretty fools to go to Halifax, when they can go to St. John with half that trouble? St. John is the natural capital of the Bay of Fundy. It will be the largest city in America next to New York. It has an immense back country as big as Great Britain, a first chop river, and amazing sharp folks—most as cute as the Yankees. It's a splendid location for business. There isn't at this moment, such a location hardly in America as St. John, for, besides all its other advantages it has this great one. Its only rival, Halifax, has got a dose of optimism that will send it snoring out of the world like a feller who sleeps on the ice on a winter's night. He has been asleep so long I actually think it will never wake."

It is perhaps only fair to say that the immortal Sam was "rubbing it in" to a certain extent when he made the above statements, but all the same there are many people in St. John who will agree with his pointed observations. St. John is certainly well situated for business, and with the great development which is sure to take place in Canada in the next decade it is bound to play an important part in its foreign commerce. The arrival of cargo ships from all parts of the world should be warmly welcomed by the citizens and they should make haste to see to it that the harbor is placed in commission and the proper port facilities provided. As St. John goes ahead the rest of the province will go ahead with it.

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WOMEN'S CLASSES.		EVENING.	
AFTERNOON.		DRESSMAKING "B", "F" and "G."	
Monday—Dressmaking "E" 4 to 6.	Domestic Science "B"	Domestic Science "B"	
Tuesday—Dressmaking "C" 3 to 5.	Domestic Science "A"	Domestic Science "A"	
Wednesday—Dressmaking "E" 4 to 6.	Domestic Science "C"	Domestic Science "C"	
Thursday—Dressmaking "C".	Domestic Science "B" and "F."	Domestic Science "B"	
Friday—	Domestic Science "A" and "G."	Domestic Science "A"	
Saturday—Millinery "C" 8 to 6.	Domestic Science "D"	Domestic Science "D"	
Openings for a few more students in Domestic Science Wednesday and Saturday.			
MEN'S CLASSES.		EVENINGS—7:30 to 9:30.	
Monday—Motor Mechanics "A", Morrell's Garage; Electricity (advanced)	"A", High School; Show Card Writing and Lettering "A", Cliff Street School; Applied Mathematics class will open in High School; Estimating for Builders will open in High School; Sketching and Blue Print will open in City Hall.	Tuesday—Motor Mechanics "B"; Electricity "B" for beginners; Show Card Writing and Lettering "B"; Mechanical Drawing Class, Centennial School.	
Wednesday—Motor Mechanics "C"; Electricity "A" (advanced).	Thursday—Motor Mechanics "A"; Electricity "B" beginners; Show Card Writing and Lettering "A"; Mechanical Drawing Class.	Friday—Motor Mechanics "B"; Show Card Writing and Lettering "B"	
Saturday—Motor Mechanics "C".	Openings for a few more students in classes for Blue Print Reading, Elementary Mechanical Drawing and Chemistry. A class in Elementary Chemistry with Industrial Application will probably be opened by the end of the week.		

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