

THE EVENING TIMES AND STAR ST. JOHN, N. B., FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 1918

DEPLORABLE "BREAKDOWN" OF TWO GREAT PUBLIC UTILITIES IN HALIFAX, THE STREET RAILWAY AND THE TELEPHONE SERVICES

(Halifax Herald.)

To the Halifax Herald:

The "Listening Post" in Saturday's issue was right to the point with regard to the tramway. Since the new company issued its millions of stock on the old company, the plant and facilities have been taxed to the utmost to grind out dividends to the Montreal owners. In the old days the directors kept in touch with the service. They traveled on free tickets, but in the hope of making more dividends that privilege has been cancelled. The directors now walk or use their motor cars. Apparently, therefore, the management is not aware of the character of the abominable service now being handed out to the citizens.

In years past the old company was able to cope with storms and keep the service on schedule. There were then less dividends to earn. What a difference since "Mary Ann" has been rejuvenated! Halifax is fortunate that the recent storms have been followed by mild weather or tram traffic would probably have been suspended until spring.

Standing on Barrington street at the corner of George, I waited patiently and despairingly on Friday evening for the south bound car, which seemed to be never coming. The roads were covered with slush. And I waited and waited for "Mr. Mallison." Twelve cars went north, mostly bunched, before one came south. When my south end car "Main-Up" no less, here in sight, lo and behold it proved to be one of a flock of six. The first two cars were well filled. The others were empty.

Waiting through the slush I boarded Number One and arriving at the "Academy" the conductor in a clear voice shouted: "This car goes to the car house." Accordingly we were fired out in the slush and transferred into one of the last of the flock. In a "Dead March in Saul" sort of fashion our new "eventually" proceeded south, and after an hour and a quarter I reached home. That is the way it has been going since the city was refused the privilege of taking over the tramway, and the people's franchise was handed by the Legislature to Mr. Robert and his friends. You are publishing facts of questions in your paper. Will you please list this one?

Question—Has anyone seen or heard of the train car running on schedule time? Question—Speaking about that other public utility, "rehabilitated" or "rehabilitated" them to their former efficiency of the days before the "Flood." "Rehabilitated" alias "Restitution." Halifax, Jan. 7.

P. S.—Since writing the above, it has been rumored on the street that the tramway is passing its dividend. There is no explanation. It may be a "camouflage" or perhaps it is another case of the child coughing by filling its mouth with slush. Certainly when the issue of securities was made, a few people seemed to have had no heart. The securities were poured out like water.

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Girls—if you want plenty of thick, beautiful, glossy, silky hair, do by all means get rid of dandruff. It will starve your hair and ruin it if you don't. It doesn't do much good to try to brush or wash it out. The only sure way to get rid of dandruff is to dissolve it, then you destroy it entirely. To do this, get about four ounces of ordinary liquid arvon; apply it at night when retiring; use enough to moisten the scalp and rub it in gently with the finger tips. By morning, most if not all of your dandruff will be gone, and three or four more applications will completely destroy and trace of it.

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100% FOREL
Increases strength of delicate nervous, run down people 100 per cent. in ten days in many instances. \$100 for full exp. analysis in large article soon to appear in this paper. Used and highly endorsed by former United States Senators and Members of Congress, well-known physicians and former Public Health officials. Ask your doctor or druggist about it.

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When your liver is out of order, your head, stomach, bile and bowels suffer with it. That is why a bilious attack is often serious. Ward it off with a few doses of
BEECHAM'S PILLS
which gently arouse a sluggish liver, and renew the activities so necessary to good health. They never produce any disagreeable after-effects. Their prompt use is beneficial to the system, and will
Prevent Bilious Attacks
Worth a Guinea a Box
Prepared only by Thomas Beecham, St. Helens, Lancashire, England. Sold everywhere in Canada and U.S.A. in boxes, 25 cents.

EMPHASIZE NEED OF NEW CHILDREN'S HOME

Monthly Meeting of Children's Aid Society Cash Contributions Received

A. M. Bell, president of the Children's Aid Society, occupied the chair at the monthly meeting of the society which was held last night. Most encouraging reports were received as to the prospects and conditions of a number of the wards of the society. These were contained in a number of letters which were read to the meeting. A committee was appointed to prepare for the printing of the constitution and by-laws of the organization. The secretary, Rev. George Scott, submitted a report of cases dealt with during the past month but pointed out that it was impossible to do the work that ought to be done until the society has a home suited to its needs. For many weeks past he has been unable to place any new children in the shelter because the continued presence of an infectious skin disease.

Mr. Scott reported there were many cases in the city needing attention. He has been busy during the month doing his best to improve conditions for children whose cases needed attention in their own homes.

There was a general discussion of the great need and of the prospects of getting a new home. It was reported by the house committee that generous donations had come to the home at Christmas for the children and the treasurer, James Patterson, was able to report a number of cash contributions since last meeting.

Gratification was expressed that the school board had placed \$2,500 in its estimates for medical inspection in the school. Before the meeting some of the members of the board went upstairs to see four little girls in their pretty white beds in a cheerful room just ready for slumber. The little ones had a smile for the visitors and it was certainly a pretty picture, for all of them were bright, healthy and evidently happy. At the board meeting expressions were given to the high appreciation of the members of the motherly care given to all the children by the matron, Mrs. Peatman and her assistant, Mrs. Durie.

CABINET MEETING IN OTTAWA

Within a few hours of the return of Premier Borden from the United States a full cabinet meeting was held in Ottawa yesterday and vital questions of the day discussed. It is practically certain that a full restriction will be initiated in the near future following the educational work of the food bill. The bill is certainly a pretty picture, for all of them were bright, healthy and evidently happy. At the board meeting expressions were given to the high appreciation of the members of the motherly care given to all the children by the matron, Mrs. Peatman and her assistant, Mrs. Durie.

WEEK OF PRAYER

An exceptionally large number of people were present last evening at the week of prayer services held in Main street Baptist church. The pastor, Rev. Dr. D. Hutchinson, officiated as guest speaker. Rev. Dr. P. McKinnon, Rev. Neil McLaughlin, J. C. B. Appel, Gordon Smith and M. E. Emsor. The speaker, Rev. Dr. P. McKinnon, delivered an impressive sermon on "Surrender." Speaking of the week of prayer services, Rev. Dr. Hutchinson said that he never saw as much interest as is being manifested this year.

A GRADUATE NURSE

Why She Recommends Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Chicago, Ill.—"I was in poor health for two years, caused by a displacement, and during this time I was under a doctor's care without getting any help. I decided to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it made me feel like a new woman. I am entirely recovered of the displacement and periodic pains. I am now the mother of a beautiful healthy baby. I am a graduate nurse and will be glad to recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to other women."—Mrs. R. W. Sloan, 6226 So. Park Avenue, Chicago, Ill. There are many women who suffer as Mrs. Sloan did and who are being benefited by this great medicine every day. It has helped thousands of women who have been troubled with displacements, inflammation, nervousness, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing down feeling, indigestion, and nervous prostration. If you need special advice write Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential), Lynn, Mass.

Nerves of the Stomach

Were Weak and Inactive as Result of Nervous Prostration—Lost Twenty Pounds—Had to Take Sleeping Powders to Get Any Rest.

St. Catharines, Ont., Jan. 9.—Many people never realize that the movement and action of every organ of the human body is dependent on the energy supplied by the nervous system. When the nervous system gets run down there is a general prostration of the whole body. You feel tired and languid and your stomach and other digestive organs are similarly affected. Appetite fails, digestion is poor, you do not get the good of what you eat and gradually grow weaker and weaker.

This process can only be stopped by such treatment as Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, which goes directly to create new nerve force and thereby to invigorate the whole human body. Mrs. J. B. Bell, of Davidson street, St. Catharines, Ont., writes: "My husband had an attack of nervous prostration, and although he looked for some time and tried different medicines, he could not get relief. He had to resort to sleeping powders given him by the doctor to make him sleep. The greater part of the trouble seemed to be with the nerves of his stomach. He began to lose weight, and kept on going down until he had lost twenty pounds. We had read advertisements in the newspapers for Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and noticed that it seemed to be doing a lot of good for people troubled with nervousness, so my husband decided to try it. He found benefit almost from the start, and soon gained back nearly all the weight he had lost. He also used Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills occasionally, and thinks them an excellent remedy. I have also used this latter medicine for my own ailments, and I can speak too highly of them." Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, 50 cents a box, is sold by all druggists, or by mail, at \$2.75, at all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto. Do not be talked into second-hand substitutes. Imitations only disappoint.

RATIFIED PROHIBITION IN FIFTEEN MINUTES

Mississippi Legislature Acts Swiftly, Only Eight Opposing Votes Being Cast

Albany, Miss., Jan. 11.—Fifteen minutes after the subject was presented in Governor Bilbo's message to the state legislature both houses ratified the proposed prohibition amendment to the federal constitution. The eight dissenting votes were cast by the Mississippi legislature is the first to act upon the proposed amendment.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

One of the largest meetings of the United Women's Missionary Society was held yesterday afternoon. Mrs. J. D. McPherson was the chair. After the opening devotional exercises, addresses were given by Mrs. Bothman of the Christian College of Missions on Africa, and Mrs. John A. McAvity on the work of the W. M. C. A.

GRIM AUCTION SALES ON DECKS OF BRITISH WARSHIPS

London, Dec. 30.—(Correspondence)—Dead men's effects are sold at auction on the ship's deck by an old custom in the British navy. Prices out of all proportion to the value of goods are often realized for the man's heirs, especially if the late owner was popular with his shipmates.

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COME SIGNIFICANT DATES

(Daily Telegraph.)

Sept. 8, 1915—First meeting of government-appointed directors of St. John & Quebec Railway.

Dec. 10, 1915—Meeting authorizing not to accept any tenders on mileage basis.

Dec. 30, 1915—Last day for tendering. Resignation of Irving Todd as president and director.

Jan. 6, 1916—Opening of tenders on mileage basis. Appointment of F. W. Summer president.

Apr. 30, 1916—Notice calling for tenders on unit basis, to close May 5.

May 4, 1916—The fixing up of the fake tenders by Nagle, Lindsay, Tennant and McDonald.

May 5, 1916—Opening of the tenders.

May 10, 1916—Vote for Westmorland by-election.

May 18, 1916—Contract with N. S. Construction Co. for building railway from Gaspeville, Welsford and Centreville to Adavoor.

May 19, 1916—Payment by N. S. Construction Co. of \$100,000 to W. B. Tennant.

May 29, 1916—Cashing of the \$100,000 cheque, depositing \$60,000 of it and withdrawing \$40,000 in cash by Tennant.

May 30, 1916—Polling day in Westmorland. Hon. Mr. Mahoney, Minister of Public Works, defeated.

June 2, 1916—Written agreement to pay Nagle \$20,000.

June 18, 1916—Payment of \$10,000 on cheque.

Sept. 20, 1916—Letter from Nagle to McDonald asking for money.

Sept. 21, 1916—Cashing of the \$100,000 cheque by N. S. Construction Co. and saying that he (Nagle) had had to put up the promised money himself.

Sept. 21, 1916—Polling day in Castleton county. Hon. Mr. Mahoney, Minister of Public Works, defeated.

Jan. 24, 1917—Draft of Tennant on N. S. Construction Co. for \$20,000.

Feb. 8, 1917—Notice issued for general provincial election.

Feb. 8, 1917—New contract made by N. S. Construction Co. with increasing prices for Centreville-Adavoor section, to about \$77,000. Resignation of W. S. Fisher, one of the directors, in consequence thereof.

Feb. 9, 1917—Payment of \$20,000 by N. S. Construction Co. to W. B. Tennant.

Feb. 12, 1917—This cheque for \$20,000 deposited by W. B. Tennant in Bank of Nova Scotia.

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ECZEMA ON BOY'S FACE CURED BY ZAM-BUK

Zam-Buk has been tried and proved by thousands to be the most successful remedy for eczema.

Mrs. Morgan, of 103 Manning Ave., Toronto, says: "For eight months by little son's face was covered with eczema, which pained and irritated him so that he could not sleep. The slightest cold aggravated it so that I was obliged to keep him in the house. As nothing I used did him any good, I took him to a hospital, but the treatment he received there only made the sores worse. Then I commenced using Zam-Buk, applying it liberally and regularly. The pain disappeared and the irritation was ended. Soon healing began, and as I continued the Zam-Buk treatment the sores became less and less until my boy's skin was entirely free from sores and perfectly clear and smooth."

Zam-Buk should also be used for ulcers, ringworm, abscesses, boils, bad legs, running sores, blood poisoning, bites, burns, scalds, cuts, chapped hands, chilblains and frost bites. All dealers or Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, 50c box, 3 for \$1.25.

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took absolutely no notice of how much went to the medical wards.

Q—Was it your duty to solicit contributions?

A—Yes, but we did not interest ourselves much that way. If I got any subscriptions I handed them to Mr. Bell.

Q—Was there \$100,000, or \$50,000?

A—Oh, no; to tell the truth, there was not a cent of money.

Q—I would not be able to say at all what the amount was.

Q—What was the money used for?

A—Usual election expenses: teas, etc., and gifts were also going. There were many other things.

Q—Were any votes bought with it?

A—I don't think so.

Q—You didn't buy any yourself?

A—No.

Q—Do you know of any specific case where a man got any money?

A—No.

Q—To Sir James—The only money that passed through my hands was from local contributions and this was not for the general fund.

Q—You speak of teams. These were for government voters?

A—Yes.

Q—The money was spent to return the government, then?

A—Yes.

Q—Just what part did you take in it?

A—Well, practically only a nominal one. Mr. Bell had full control.

SAVING BRITISH HALF A BILLION A YEAR

London, Dec. 20.—(Correspondence)—A huge scheme of salvage which is expected to save Great Britain \$500,000,000 a year, is about to be put into operation under a board of twelve army experts, for the purpose of collecting and bringing back from France the whole of the war material