

IN THE BY-WAYS AND HEDGES.

at the Longer Hears Other People Talking About and His Views on Things in General.

Mayor Thorne entered upon his second year as mayor last Tuesday. As has been the custom of our mayors for some years back he made a brief inaugural address. There is no question in the minds of those who have made a study of civilities that the present civic year will be a most important one in the history of St. John. Many questions that have engaged the attention of the council for the last five or six years are bound to come to a head this year. They may not be completed, because legislation beyond the power of the council will be necessary to complete at least one of the most important of the schemes to be discussed—the Union of St. John and Portland. The first of the important questions that will be considered, is that of placing the harbor in commission. This important question is bound to come up this year, and when it does the council will ratify the present scheme—the harbor will go into commission, as it should have done six years ago.

I am glad there are so few changes in the personnel of the council this year because men experienced in the business of the city are required to deal with the important questions that are to come up for consideration. The man has not yet been born who can master the policies of St. John in a single year. He may attempt it, but the attempt is bound to prove a failure. Much of the unwisdom legislation of the council in the past has been due to the inexperience of the civic representatives. It is pleasing to notice that the citizens have recognized this fact and are satisfied to let the men who have represented them in the past continue in office another year.

I met a man on the street the other day who told me he was a subscriber to the Gazette, and if I liked he would pay his subscription, at the same time tendering a five dollar bill. I hadn't the change, and the subscriber suggested that the gentleman who kept the cigar store, in front of which we were standing, might oblige me. We stepped inside, and I laid the five dollar bill down, the cigar man at the same time opening a box of cigars. The subscriber helped me to select one, and I received \$4.80 and a cigar in return for the five. I am good-natured, but not generally absent minded, so it will be no use for anyone else to try on this racket.

I have just learned that Ald. Peters has again been elected chairman of the finance committee of the common council. The alderman, though young in years, is one of the oldest civic representatives, having served in the council continuously since 1880 representing Wellington ward. During his seven years of service Ald Peters has been chairman of several of the most important of the council's committees, in all of which he has served the city well. Mayor DeVeber selected him for the position of chairman of finance, and Mayor Thorne continued him in that important position. Ald. Peters, like all men who are possessed of more than average ability has traders, but this does not alter the fact that he is a good representative, not only for the ward for which he comes, but also for the city. Without disparaging the merits of the other members of the council, it is a pity there are not more men like Ald. Peters in the council.

I am painfully reminded that the house cleaning season is upon us, while busy citizens of courage have removed their double windows from their residences. April has arrived and every good housewife is bound that the annual cleaning shall commence. The plumber had his harvest during the cold weather, and now the painter, carpet man and stove man come in for their share. House cleaning is a great institution, but it should be postponed until the man of the house is out of town.

It is not so very long since, that a large body of gentlemen and ladies who believe the Scott Act to be a law in the best interests of morality and good government, rejected that seven counties in Ontario had been brought under the Scott Act. On Thursday another vote was taken and the result shows that the people of Ontario find the act repealed by overwhelming majorities. The people of these seven counties of Ontario three years ago said they were willing to give the act a trial. They gave it that trial, and finding it could not be worked repealed it. This is common sense. It is useless to keep a law on the statute books that is constantly violated, and is practically not workable. Besides Ontario has been under a good license law for years, and the contrast of free rum is more than the people could stand.

The young man who stole the non-descript of Postulata in the Telegraph, and disgraced it by his insane attacks on Halifax comes in for the following from a humorous writer in the Halifax Recorder. The first item on the order of the day was a report from the committee on rights and wrongs, who were entrusted with the investigation into the cause of the scarcity of doze. The report said that the committee could not account for their being only "seven" doze in Queenstown, one of the members was of the opinion

that it was due to the increasing popularity of sausage, but this sentiment was contradicted by another member who mentioned that his sausages had a felicitous taste. The committee thought something should be done; they recommended that the council appoint a commission to go to St. John to purchase a few crates of the "Postulata" brand, so that the Promulgator-of-doze-tax would have something to do. Placed on the order of the day.

The alleged Postulata said the people of Halifax were slow. They are behind St. John in many things, but they have caught onto him very rapidly just the same.

I wonder who could have tempted that woman who broke the vase in a King street shop on Thursday, to do such a harsh thing. There is very little fun in smashing things, particularly vases costing eight dollars or thereabouts.

THE LOCKER.

HOW ALBERT EDWARD WALTZES. A New York Divinity Describes Her Experience with the Prince of Wales.

A young New York lady, who talked with the stipulation that her name be not used, lately returned from London. She waltzed three times with the Prince of Wales, and was not so paralyzed by the experience as to be unable to remember all about it. She says that the Prince is a polite gentleman, by no means effusive in compliments, and a little reserved in his manner toward ladies in the drawing room, but altogether would pass for an agreeable and thoroughly matured man of the world without his royal backing.

"And how did he dance?" was asked. "Oh, as well as any other Englishman," was the reply. "There is not much good waltzing done in London anyhow. Parisians can dance gracefully, and first-rate round dancing of a heavy-stop sort is done in Berlin and Vienna, but Americans beat the world, I think, at waltzing. I may add that New Yorkers excel any other Americans at it. Do you want to know about the Prince of Wales? He is not a sphinx. I find that many of my acquaintances on this side of the water conceive of him as a tall and stately figure. That is because all Kings and Princes ought to be so, I suppose; but the Prince of Wales is rather below the medium height, while he is broad enough for a six footer. Besides, he is middle aged, and certainly beyond the time of life when a person can keep his heels off the floor during a quarter of an hour of lively stepping. Still, the Prince is one of the first-rate dancers. Doubtless at 25 he was a nimble and light-footed waltzer. He still gets through the steps in a correct fashion, but with a trace of lagging heaviness, and a suggestion of wheeze in his breathing."

"But how does he treat his partner?" "You wish to know just how he handles a girl in waltzing? Well, he is altogether respectful. You know from personal experience what I mean by that. Some fellows grab their partners about the neck, they were their wives or their accepted sweethearts and hug them covertly, if not respectably to the eyes of the world. Prince does not do that at all. These were nothing caring in the firm but of small enticement of his right arm, the hand of which was placed just fluffly enough to be supporting to the small of my back. His thumb held me close to the fabric of my evening dress, as I was told might be the case. As I have already said, he was just as respectful as he could be. With his left hand he held my right extended, just as we do in waltzing here, and with just lip enough to make you feel safe, but with no pressure of impropriety. Oh, he was very nice indeed. My right ear was close to his mouth, and he chatted a little until the exercise of dancing made him scant of breath. When we were through he left me with a courtly bow and the remark: 'You American ladies are fine dancers.'"

A PARADISE OF FAIR WOMEN.

The women of Paraguay are as beautiful and fair to look upon as can be found in any part of the world. Though they belong to the Indian race, they are not of the swarthy, coarse and beasty Indian type, says a writer in the Boston Transcript. Some of them are very dark, but many are as light and fair as the prettiest Anglo-Saxon, with clear complexions, flowing dark hair, large, deep, lustrous eyes, and delicate features of a very voluptuous cast.

They are of medium height, rather slight and lithe, with finely-moulded limbs, small, pretty hands and feet, that would serve for models of the sculptor's art. Their carriage is so easy and natural as to be almost the poetry of motion, for the freedom from high-heeled boots and tight clothing has left the step light, supple and strong.

Their dress is of the simplest form; a short tunic or robe not unlike a skirt falling to below the knees, and a shawl covering not unlike a shawl; both of pure white and adorned with pretty native lace. They are as gracefully worn as were the flowing Greek robes of old, and as bewitchingly serve to half-reveal and half-conceal the form beneath.

FOR SMALL POCKETBOOKS.

Hints on Spring Moving—How to Make it Easier.

Yearly moving is not conducting to the prosperity of small pocketbooks, yet fully 20,000 of our poorer and middle-class population rack up their goods and change quarters each May.

It is impossible, unless one owns a horse and wagon, to move at small cost. In most parts of town a double truck load costs \$10, and more if the furniture is heavy and has to be carried up and down many stairs.

The wise little housewife who has to look after her own moving will seek a truckman this week, have him come and look at her furniture, and will make a written agreement with him that he shall come at a certain hour on a certain day and move her belongings. It is best also to have the effect of making the truckman more careful.

In the city it is almost impossible to move into empty apartments, and one cannot enjoy putting down the carpets before moving in the rest of the furniture. Experienced movers find it most convenient to have the furniture moved into one room, say the parlor, if on a flat or floor, and then to settle each room separately. The kitchen should first be righted, then the bedrooms, and the dining-room and parlor can wait.

A housekeeper that is obliged to do her own housecleaning should save her strength as much as possible. A bucket of good hot suds and soda, a floor as well as a scrub-brush and cloth will save a great amount of back-aching labor. A little ammonia put into the water used for cleaning windows will brighten them greatly.

The fitting of carpets is the most tiresome bit of labor in moving.

Housekeepers who move often are learning the folly of fitting carpets to a room. They buy rugs or have the carpets fitted in squares or in long strips, and the borders of the room. The floor is more easily kept clean, good carpets are not backed into small pieces and the rooms look fully as well.

For moving a short distance crockery may be safely packed in a barrel, and then easily unpacked again.

All large boxes and trunks should be marked with the name of the contents. This saves time and unnecessary packing. The small but necessary hammer, screw-driver, tin-strainer and similar articles should be placed in a small hand-bag and carried to the new home by the house-keeper.

HOSE TALK.

William Corbett, San Mateo, Cal., in a letter dated March 29, 1911, writes to Boston, stating that he had been offered \$50,000 for Sable Wilkes, 218, (three years) and \$75,000 for Guy Wilkes, 215 1-4. He also stated that he had sold a month-old colt by Guy Wilkes for \$8,000. It is Mr. Corbett's intention to send two carloads of Guy Wilkes colts to New York in April, 1911.

The sensational pacer Arrow has been the objective point of the eyes of quite a number of well-to-do turfmen recently. He will probably make things pretty lively in the Grand Circuit races of the coming season. Arrow is a California horse and at present he has a record of 2:14. Budd Doble, the driver, went to California from Chicago in January, and according to first reports, made an agreement to take the young side-wheeler East this season, after he had driven him an eighth of a mile in 16 seconds and repeated in 10 1-2 seconds without a day's preparation. The next news was that Doble had bought Arrow from Messrs. Durfee & Covarrubias of Los Angeles, for \$10,000. A few days after the sale had been made Mr. J. H. Smith, of Brooklyn, arrived at Los Angeles, and meeting Doble gave him \$1,500 for Arrow. Doble took the horse to Chicago and will campaign him this summer. The oldest turfman of the Pacific coast claims that Arrow is the fastest pacer in the world and that with half a chance he will lower Johnson's 2:07 1-4. He made his record with only a few weeks preparation and kept in training. He paced the last half of his heats on three different occasions in 1:03, a 2:06 heat and when L. C. Lee, 2:15, who was thought to be invincible ran against him he looked as if he were tied to a post when Arrow was given his head.

A new steaks is announced by the American Jockey Club. It is called the Arrow. The conditions are for three-year-old horses at \$75 each; \$25 forfeit if entered by May 1, or \$150 play or pay for those entered by the usual hour on the day preceding the race, with \$1,500 added, of which \$500 to the second, the third to receive \$200 out of the stakes. Winners in 1887 or 1888 to carry 130 pounds; of \$3,000, 125 pounds; of \$2,000, 120 pounds; other horses, if non-winners in 1887 or 1888 to carry 110 pounds; fillies and geldings allowed 3 pounds. Heat course, 1,400 yards. The distance will favor the horses commonly known as sprinters, and will give jockeys of the first rank an opportunity to show their skill.

Forty stallions have beaten 2:20 twenty-five have records better than 3:10, seventeen have marks between 2:18 and 2:17. Those that have beaten 2:16 are Maxey Cobb (dead), 2:15 1-4; Phallus, 2:15 1-4; Patron, 2:14 1-4; Guy Wilkes, 2:15 1-4; Smuggler, 2:15 1-4; Jerome Turner, 2:15 1-2. Of these six, Maxey Cobb, Phallus and Guy Wilkes are descended from Rydaly's Hambletonian. Patron and Jerome Turner from Mambrino Chief, while Smuggler, a converted pacer, represents no trotting family.

Remove The Cause. To remedy an evil the cause must be removed. It is by opening the clogged avenues of the system and thus removing the impure poisons and worn out matter which is the cause of the disease that the B. B. B. is so uniformly successful in overcoming all diseases of the Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Blood.

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Base Ball.

The Boston Courier referring to the possibilities of the season in the United States says: The outlook is for a very closely contested season and the Courier can say right here that Detroit will win the championship by superior stick work. It is that which decides the championship contest. There will be a grand struggle between New York, Boston and Philadelphia for the second place. Philadelphia plays a strong, steady winning game. The club is little different from that of last season, presuming that Fogarty will rejoin the ranks. New York and Boston have a less steady record than the Phillies, but the former, who in previous seasons have been accustomed to lock down upon the Boston, are now ready to regard them as foemen worthy of their steel. Chicago is apt to surprise many. Despite the loss of Clark, the club will do good work. Van Halgren did magnificent work to win two games from St. Louis in that city for Chicago. He will try to fill Clark's shoes. The other clubs are very evenly matched, and the struggle between them to keep out of the last place ought to be very interesting.

Never have the New England clubs been so lavish and almost extravagant in their expenditure of money for case ball as this season. There is very strong evidence that the clubs of all of them can give a league or association team a very strong battle. To support these clubs will require the most generous patronage on the part of the public. The winning clubs will undoubtedly be placed out to be very interesting.

A Ladies' Bicycle Club.

A ladies' bicycle club has been formed in this city, and although the organization is but a week old, it already comprises thirty active members. It is composed largely of artists and musicians. It is expected that the organization of this club will do much toward bringing the ladies' bicycle into as general use as the tri-cycle. "The lumbering tri-cycle has had its day," said the President of the club to a Star reporter. The new bicycle answers all requirements for ladies, and all prejudice against it disappears at once, even from the most radical opponents, the instant they see it controlled by a graceful rider. It is difficult for a woman to be graceful on a tri-cycle. On a bicycle, too, only the toe and heel are exposed, and the embarrassing awkwardness of the tri-cycle is entirely overcome. The riding costume will be a light-fitting body or Norfolk jacket, full skirt, walking leggings, and riding hat and gloves. The ladies of the club will not appear on the streets except in riding costume, and with permission of the teacher, and will not ride in parade. The club will be kept strictly private and first class. Ladies interested in the club should be invited to join by members only.

Literary Notes.

A new volume of M. Hector Pessard's Petits Papiers has just appeared. It is almost wholly devoted to the political events at Versailles, 1917-18.

Edwin Arnold contributes to the current number of the Independent, a poem entitled "The Gateway to the Garden of Sed" from the Persian of Bostan.

Mr. George Kennan will give, in the May Century, the first installment of his Siberian experiences. Mr. Frost, who accompanied Mr. Kennan, will illustrate the series.

Cardinal Manning has for some time past been engaged on a notice of Darwin's Life and Letters. The Cardinal does not discuss the theories of the great philosopher, but writes about his personal character, which he estimated highly.

Mr. Zola, who has not written an critical article for the past six years, announces that he is preparing his notes for a new volume, which will be published next year. Among the questions he intends to discuss are Russian literature and the decaying novel.

"Pilgrim's Progress" has just been translated into the language of the Fante, a tribe occupying a district in Upper Guinea, on the Gold coast. This is the eighty-first foreign version of Bunyan's work.

Henry Labouchere is authority for the statement that Julian Hawthorne is to return to England next autumn, and that he is to be appointed to one of the most important American consularships.

F. C. Burnand, of London Punch, has decided not to come to this country to lecture, and R. H. Stoddard, in the Mail and Express, pronounced the decision, in view of the illness of Mr. Burnand's recent work, a "Happy Thought."

Cassell & Company, the publishers of Max O'bell's latest creation, "John Bull," had every reason to expect a large sale for the book, and to meet the anticipated demand they printed an unusually large first edition, but it seems that even they underestimated Max O'bell's popularity. "John Bull" has been on the market but a few days and yet every copy of this large edition has been sold and a still larger one is now on the press. Nothing succeeds like success in literature or any other profession.

It is said to have conspired the mind of Capt. George Popham, who settled on the coast of Maine in the beginning of the seventeenth century and died in 1698, that his name would be imperishably connected with the history of New England, and he was the first Roman of his race whose name was written in American soil. Yet after nearly 300 years, says the Bath Independent, his place of burial remains unknown, although it exists somewhere on Hunsell's Point.

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