

water; and suffering from the shock of a recent experience, the feminine half of Bishop Street was afraid to go to bed. The Water Department, however, in case of such accidents, is supposed to be, and certainly should be, in a position to shut off the connection between St. Antoine Street and the higher levels and to supply the latter with water pressure from another source.

New York Strike. It is hard for an American politician with ambitions to rise above demagogic temptations. Mayor Gaynor has interfered in the New York expressmen's strike to forbid the operation of express wagons by unlicensed drivers, but he has not done much to prevent the lawless interference of strikers with the companies' wagons. The most protection of the law is given to men who set the law at open defiance. Fortunately the strike is now practically at an end, the strikers having decided to return to work on Monday, subject to the approval of the Jersey City strikers.

The Rev. Dr. Barclay. The reception given to the Rev. Dr. Barclay and Mrs. Barclay on Wednesday by the congregation of St. Paul's Church was an event of more than local interest. For twenty-seven years, the term of his pastorate, Dr. Barclay has occupied a very prominent position in the life of Montreal, and his good influence has been felt all through the Dominion. He is retiring under unusually fortunate circumstances; with a general appreciation of a work well done, and with the brightest prospects of a happy future.

Sherbrooke Street Paving. It is announced that Sherbrooke Street is to be paved during the coming year and it will be none too soon. A civic jaunt to some American cities to select a suitable paving material was proposed, but voted down. If the proprietors and residents of the street have any voice in the matter, the road will be macadamised. Nobody on the street wants asphalt or any other noisy or slippery paving. In the interests of the whole driving public one street should be left free from these nuisances.

Royal Governors-General. Speaking at the Colonial Institute the Duke of Marlborough suggested that as far as possible British Governors-General should be selected from among the royal princes. The idea is none the worse, because it did not originate with His Grace. The chief difficulty in the way is that British Dominions needing viceroys are more numerous than royal princes, and that the Dominions are apt to in-

crease more rapidly than the princes. Then it is absolutely essential to keep a certain number of princes for service on the home station. We may have in some instances to fall back upon the dukes, but there are some dukes we shall not fall back upon if we can help it.

Automobiles on Mount Royal.

The City Council has adopted a report of the Legislation Committee in favour of opening the lower part of Mount Royal Park to automobiles. Such a change should not have been adopted without giving opportunity for public discussion of the question. The park is positively the only place left for driving in Montreal and if automobiles are admitted to any part of it, there is an end to driving there. To attempt to drive on the mountain roads with automobiles tearing around the sharp curves would be to court death. The automobilists can well afford to go farther afield to make themselves a public nuisance. They should not be admitted to any part of the park upon any conditions. Let the park, at least, be preserved for the people. Automobiles on any part of the Mountain would make it absolutely unsafe for the public generally.

Insulting Foreign Flags.

By grossly insulting the American flag, the people of Mexico City have asserted a right, commonly assumed by vulgar Americans travelling in Canada, and other foreign countries—the right to insult every foreign flag. The habit is coarse, stupid and wrong, beyond expression, but it is one in which American people in recent years have led the world. Every nation should be as jealous of the honour of the flag of a friendly nation within its own territory, as of that of its own flag. It is taken as a matter of course, that the Union Jack hoisted in the United States even in honour of an American national celebration must be gratuitously insulted. Equally as a matter of course, it is assumed that an insult to the American flag in Mexico must be avenged by war. We do not say that this is the attitude of the American Government, or of the educated people of the United States, but it is the attitude of the ignorant spread-eagle crowd. It is a subject upon which the thoughtful people of the United States might profitably do some thinking.

Mount Royal Park and the Redpath Property.

There can be but one opinion regarding the desirability of the Redpath property being acquired by the city as an entrance to the park at any reasonable price. Whether it is worth the price asked is another question.