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BUSINESS IMPROVING

The citizens were somewhat surprised to read in an evening paper on Saturday evening that St. John is feeling the pinch of hard times very keenly at present. The result of the free kindergarten tag-day does not indicate a scarcity of ready money, nor does the attendance at places of public entertainment, nor do the numerous social functions of the period. A leading merchant tells the Times that he has found cash payments remarkably good in his line, and people purchasing as freely as usual. Wholesale merchants state that the volume of trade is quite up to or ahead of that for the first six weeks of last year, and they are confident that conditions will continue to improve. The factories are generally busy, and the quietness around the sawmills is usual at this season. There has been less work for laboring men this winter than usual but general conditions industrial and commercial, are healthy, and are gradually improving. The outlook, therefore, is a cheerful one.

THE GLOBE'S ATTITUDE

The president of the St. John branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, in his annual report, to be presented this week, is expected to direct public attention to the necessity for placing the St. John Globe under some measure of restraint. His well-known sympathy for all members of the animal creation is known to extend even to children, which, perhaps, may fairly be classed as small animals, and therefore an object of interested observation on the part of the philanthropic naturalist and the natural philosopher. In their wild state, children have a tendency to revert toward savagery. This fact is so well known as to be an established axiom of science, and it is believed that in the absence of any other restraint than mere inclination mankind would, in a few generations, red back into barbarism. Hence we have schools, social organizations, laws, and other agencies for the encouragement and development of the more beneficent tendencies of child nature. There have even been cases where the S. P. C. A. entered its sphere of activity to the extent of summoning brutal and drunken parents before the court for cruelty and neglect of those little animals, their children—thus giving notice to the world that no animal was too insignificant to receive the sympathy of the Society. In a word, children, as well as dogs and horses, and cows and sheep, should be regarded as objects of solicitude by those who labor for social regeneration.

Holding this view, as undoubtedly he does, the president of the S. P. C. A. must have been deeply grieved on reading his favorite paper on Saturday, and he may fairly be expected to make some reference in his annual report to the following paragraph in the Globe's leading editorial on the subject of supervised playgrounds:—"It might be suggested, for example, that in a small city such as the one in which we live, there is nothing to prevent children having all the play, all the exercise, they need, and have it free from the supervision, the ever paralyzing control, which might be properly called the madness of method in so many things that would be better left to individual action. Of course, in large cities, where children have to go long distances to shake off the city dust, there, possibly, must be playgrounds, over which there will have to be some form of supervision. But the constant arbitrary control of childhood even in mixing sand and the production of mud pies must affect the natural feeling of the mind for freedom of action, and reduce all mankind to one class, degree, or order."

Clearly this criticism applies as much to the S. P. C. A. as to the advocates of supervised play. Why, for example, should the festive temper not be free from the paralyzing control of Mr. Secretary Wetmore of the S. P. C. A.? Why should fighting dogs not be encouraged? Why should the madness of S. P. C. A. method govern the shipment of sheep on the river steamers, or the loading of cattle at Sand Point? Why should there be arbitrary control of parents who send their children after beer and brandy and then wonder if they have brought it? Why should the natural feeling of a child to beg nickels

and play truant and smoke cigarettes, and gravitate toward the police court be hampered by restrictions which would reduce all children to one class, degree or order? Why any kind of supervision anywhere? Of course the folly and cold brutality of such an argument will at once be perceived by the acute mind of the President of the S. P. C. A. He will doubtless, in his report, assert that animals must be protected, and that next to solicitude for the lower animals social betterment demands that proper safeguards be thrown around children, both in work and play-time, in order that the higher tendencies of their nature may be developed and the lower checked, and overcome. He may also point out with perfect justice that society which can afford to spend enormous sums annually in mere frivolity and dissipation, has no license to protest against a reasonable expenditure for social betterment. It may well be, indeed, that the President of the S. P. C. A. will call personally upon his friend, the editor of the Globe, and free his mind. The President of the S. P. C. A. is said to have his office in the neighborhood of the editorial rooms of the Globe.

MINERS MAY STRIKE

There is at least a possibility of another prolonged strike of coal miners in the United States in the spring. The New York Journal of Commerce says:—"As April 1 approaches interest will increase in the labor situation. The present intention is to shut down the mines when the agreement terminates and keep them closed until a new agreement is drawn up. It may be explained that the present agreement between the mine workers and the operators was an extension for three years of the original plan of the State Commission. It is regarded as ominous that the committee that has been appointed to deal with the strike of bituminous districts and only three anthracite delegates. The outlook is that the Conciliation Commission will have a delicate task on its hands. The last prolonged anthracite strike—its last five months—was in 1902, when ultimately a settlement was arrived at through the offices of a commission headed by Judge Gray of Delaware, whose work on that occasion brought his name to the front as a possible Democratic candidate for the presidency last year. In 1906 work was suspended for six weeks before the existing agreement was drawn up. It is said that the miners have been practicing rigid economy in anticipation of a lengthy shutdown this year."

A BETTER OUTLOOK

Money is abundant in the London market, there is more investment buying and though trade improves very slowly there is a decidedly better feeling. A Washington dispatch says that Consul General Henry W. Diederich, of Antwerp, finds that there are many indications showing that the wave of business depression which has swept over Europe during the past ten months is subsiding, and that a brighter future is being looked for this year. Mr. Diederich writes:—"One of the most encouraging signs is the fact that the quotations in the leading markets of Europe make it clearly apparent that the prices for a number of the most important raw materials have again recovered much of the loss ground and are almost as high as they formerly were in the days of prosperity, indicating a return of confidence and a gradual but steady renewal of business activity."

The protest of Miss Mabel Peters, in a letter in today's Times, against the lash on wild beasts, and her argument in favor of equality of the sexes under the law and in the making of the law, is perhaps an extreme statement of the case. Sympathy may be overdone, as most of us who have had any experience in social work have discovered, and the habitual wife-beater would not be brutalized by receiving a little of his own medicine. He is already a brute, and requires a rude shock, through his physical system, to stir the latent consciousness which when aroused contains the possibility of better things. Nothing does a bully so much good as a sound thrashing. With regard to the status of women in society, the advocates of change should not be too impatient. Time hangs in coming.

The reactionary Globe, in a protest against public expenditure on supervised playgrounds, remarks that "there are other things soon to be unloaded by their originators and promoters upon the whole body of the citizens." This reference doubtless applies to the kindergarten and to Rockwood Park. In these cases, it is where the educational system reaches the highest state of efficiency the kindergarten is a part of the system. In all progressive communities the parks are public property, cared for at the expense of the whole body of citizens.

A correspondent of the Globe refers to the loss of revenue from license, the loss of employment for bar-tenders and others in the liquor trade, the loss of rent of houses, etc., as results that would follow prohibition. In reply it may be pointed out that all the licenses, all the wages, all the house rent of those engaged in the traffic is paid out of money passed over the bar. If the bar were abolished that money would not disappear. It would still be here. The liquor traffic produces nothing of money value. It is a parasite.

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Stores close at 6 p. m.

St. John, N. B., Feb. 15th, 1909.

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IN LIGHTER VEIN

TIT FOR TAT.

A Yankee tourist and an Old Clyde boatman had been discussing the relative merits of the two nations. The Yankee was talking big of what the Americans could do in the way of war. "If we went to war with you we would win," he boasted, "because the American ships and the whole British navy into New York."

"That may be," pluckily replied the quiet old boatman, "but in ten minutes it would take a cleverer man than Columbus to discover America."

AN INCIDENT.

A pretty girl, A drawing room, A hurried light, A sudden sound, A door upstairs, A number 10, Always wears, A dress, wild, And furious roar, Through the door.

A GENTLE HINT.

A sign hung in a conspicuous place in a store in Lawrence: "Man is made of dust. Dust settles. Are you a man?"—Boston Record.

HER IDEA.

Mrs. Muggins—I hear your husband is speculating in stocks. Is he a bull or a bear? Mrs. Muggins—Judging from results I should think he was a shark.

THE LONG TRAIL.

Tough Looking Customer—I'm tired of this blazed town, and I'm going to leave it. I want the longest journey I can get for 46 cents. Ticket Seller—Go and spend it for chocolate—Chicago Tribune.

GEORGE HAM'S FISH STORY.

George Ham says that he caught a Florida tarpon weighing—pounds. He hung the fish over his shoulder and he hung the fish over his shoulder and he hung the fish over his shoulder.

ORIGINAL.

Young Mother—I'm sorry, Mr. Tappan, if baby's crying annoyed you. He's been cut by the teeth. Tappan (a crusty bachelor)—That's it! The idea of cutting a young child have a knife to play with!

PROVINCIAL NEWS

Nova Scotia
The New Year's truce at Halifax which resulted in the death of Stouley, has almost faded from memory. She has been discharged and last week Lawlor was found not guilty on the charge of manslaughter. Hilton has closed his shop and has left the house where the tragedy occurred. The ship is now vacant. Mrs. Stouley and family have, for the time being, been sent to the City Home.

Mayor Crosby, of Halifax, has settled the disputed cab hire bill for the New Year's Day levee. The revised bill of \$50 for catering and \$100 for advertising was taken over by the city by a vote of 8 to 6.

Another version of a stabbing affray at Chignecto Mines last week is now given. It is said that no knife was used on the miner who was injured. He was having badly and attempted to strike an Austrian who pushed him away and in falling his neck hit the latch of the door. The first story indicated that the Austrian stabbed his tormentor.

Rod Nicholson, of North Sydney, was married at Hamilton, Ont., on Thursday to Miss Mary Martin.

The crew of the Norwegian laque Valheim went on strike on Thursday, claiming that the food was not satisfactory. Capt. J. W. Boyd, Norwegian consul, made an investigation and ordered the men back to the ship.

The Shelburne Gazette is the authority for the statement that over 100 moose were killed in that county last year instead of the number given by the official report.

The Avon Marine Insurance Co., of Windsor was wound up last week. It was founded in 1831 and for many years did a large business.

On the casting vote of the mayor James Carlin has been appointed chief of police and Scott Act inspector at Annapolis at a salary of \$400. The former inspector, John McKay, was also an applicant but was turned down.

Dr. John Purvey, of New Britain, Conn., formerly of Shelburne, was married in Berlin, Conn., recently to Miss Mary Elizabeth Brundage. The wedding was a quiet one. They left for Washington on their wedding trip and will reside in New Britain.

W. E. Dryden has completed arrangements with the steel company to cut and deliver the steel for the company's areas, at East Bay, purchased from Dr. Kendall, M. P. P., for the next three years. Mr. Dryden purposes to cut a million feet this season, and two schooners have been chartered to convey the lumber. He has leased a portable mill, and his own mill will be in operation in the middle of next month. Forty schooner loads will be shipped this summer, and a towboat is being chartered. The contract is estimated at \$75,000.

C. A. Jordan, proprietor of the Dufferin Hotel, Digby, has served notice on the town council of that place that he will enter an action to recover damages for the seizure of a slot machine and its removal from his premises. He will sue for \$350.

A few seamen on the fishing schooner Buena at Lockport early near losing their lives recently. They were overcome with coal gas while asleep in the cabin and were revived with difficulty.

The tank steamer Captain A. F. Lucas, Captain Rubelli, arrived at Halifax on Friday night from New York. This is the steamer's first visit to Halifax. She was launched in December 1904, at Richmond, Va., and is owned by the Standard Oil Company. She is 260 feet long, 32 feet beam, 28 feet 5 inches depth, 2222 tons net, and 4183 tons gross.

Rev. T. W. Johnson, of the Halifax A. M. E. Zion church, is still confined to his room. Mr. Johnson has been under medical care for the past week, as the result of injuries received last Saturday from a falling ladder. He had a narrow escape from death.

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A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT EARNS ALL THAT HE GETS

His Position is Not Any Sincere for His Day Starts in Early Morning and Ends at Midnight—He Must be Present or He Loses His Pay.

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—In spite of all people may think or say to the contrary the life of an M. P. who tries to do his duty to his constituents and not neglect his own business entirely is anything but an easy one. For M. P.'s are able to throw away their business cards when they come to parliament. Few are rich enough not to care about their clients or their customers and those who are well off have their money or, what is the same thing, their investments, to look after.

It is well for the members that the parties are not more evenly divided. If that were the case and the opposition seeking an advantage whenever it offered, all of the members would require to be on the job a few hours with their families and their private business.

How often have we heard the phrase "What's the good of registering a voter—if you lose it the post office department will not make your loss good?"

That has been the impression in the past and of course there has been good reason for it. But if the present act proposed by the postmaster-general becomes law anyone who registers a letter need not worry about loss if it miscarries, for the department will pay the sender back his or her money.

Mr. Lemieux, the postmaster-general, made some interesting statements when he was introducing the new measure. He showed that last year there were 9,076 letters registered in Canada and that only 208 of them went astray. If the department had been liable in 1907 when only 100 letters were lost, the cost to the treasury would have been \$381.33 and in 1907-8 when 208 were lost, \$2,184.78, and of this latter amount \$1,621.22 was lost in a postal car destroyed by fire near Moorhead.

There was very general satisfaction expressed upon both sides of the house at the proposed legislation. Mr. Lemieux is one of the most popular of the young men in the ministry. He is practical as well as energetic and while there are many people who cannot understand why they cannot have a daily mail, there must be some rule to go upon and some proportion to the revenue upon a route and the expense of operating it.

There are many post offices in New Brunswick that do not show a revenue of \$5 a year. There are some with a revenue of \$2 a year. The postmaster gets \$35, the mail driver gets so much, the equipment and the supplies cost so much and yet if there is any talk of abolishing that \$2 a year post office there is a disturbance at once. In some cases the people do not know that if they fail to buy their postage stamps at their own office the revenue of that office is decreased and so is its importance in the eyes of the department.

The members and the minister have no easy time of it when they are up against all kinds of petitions calling for new post offices and increase of service. Some of them are legitimate but many—very many are not.

To return, however, to the busy M. P. Take today, for example, if he is around at 9 a. m.—and most of them are—he finds plenty of letters in the post office as he enters the house of commons. For a couple of hours he is as busy as he can be answering the requests of his constituents and departmental inquiries and keeping the ends of his affairs at home in some sort of shape. He may dictate to a stenographer for plenty ready to be hired—and in this case perhaps will get through in an hour. Then he has an hour or so to see to it that his constituents are not left in the lurch.

He may try to get some good public work. He may wait in vain as he often does to either the deputy or the minister for there are more than 200 members and all of them have this kind of work to do.

Colby's Oldest Graduate PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY
Boston, Mass., Feb. 14.—Professor William Matthews, aged 90 years, who was the oldest living graduate of Colby College, and probably the oldest graduate of the Harvard University Law School, died today at the Emerson Hospital at Forest Hills.

Mr. Matthews was born in Waterville, Maine, July 28, 1818, and entered Colby College at the age of 13 years. He graduated from the Harvard Law School in 1839 and began the practice of law in Waterville. After two years practice he gave up law for literary work.

He published the Watervillonian two years in Waterville, then removed to New Hampshire, was placed under arrest and confined in the ship's brig, at the request of District Attorney Winslow of West Chester county, which was flashed to the New Hampshire by wireless while the vessel was several hundred miles out at sea, on her way to meet the American battleship fleet, returning from its world cruise for the past week, as the result of injuries received last Saturday from a falling ladder. He had a narrow escape from death.

A NEW USE FOR WIRELESS
White Plains, N. Y., Feb. 14.—The value of wireless telegraphy as an adjunct to the machinery of justice was demonstrated today, when John Ryan, an ordinary seaman on board the battleship New Hampshire, was placed under arrest and confined in the ship's brig, at the request of District Attorney Winslow of West Chester county, which was flashed to the New Hampshire by wireless while the vessel was several hundred miles out at sea, on her way to meet the American battleship fleet, returning from its world cruise for the past week, as the result of injuries received last Saturday from a falling ladder. He had a narrow escape from death.

May at Oshing, N. Y.

Miss Rose Porter left last week to visit friends in Dorchester, Mass.

Montreal is first among Canadian ports, and that St. John is a strong second, as shown by the government report on trade and navigation for the year ended March 31, 1908. St. John's shipping business bids fair to be greater this year than ever before, and the prospect is that it will increase rapidly and steadily hereafter. The tonnage figures for the four principal Atlantic ports are as follows:

Port. Inward. Outward. Total.
Montreal... 312,011 1,287,719 2,229,734
St. John... 236,711 775,230 1,089,228
Halifax... 215,851 72,919 288,770
Quebec... 75,151 184,829 265,521

Montreal is forging ahead rapidly and last year handled thirty-four per cent of the import and twenty-six per cent of the export business of the country. St. John's tonnage was about five times that of Quebec and about twice that of Halifax. By the time we have one or two more railroads the increase will be very great. As the country is developed the fact that this harbor is open all the year will be of more value.

CHURCH RAZED BY STORM
Learns, Miss, Feb. 14.—A storm struck this city from the northwest about two o'clock this afternoon with terrific force, blowing down a negro church, killing Dick Harris' wife and one child, of Magie Bennett, and injuring eight others. About 75 persons were in the building at the time. If it had not been for the arched ceiling, all probably would have been killed.

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