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ANOTHER SURPRISE

The statement that unless heavy rains fall the city must face the alternative of a short supply of water greatly delays the work on the Loch Lomond extension comes with the shock of a great surprise to the people. Supt. Murdoch chose the psychological moment when the members of the water board were wrestling with the problem of hastening the construction work to inform them that there was another great problem to be solved. The superintendent evidently has an eye to dramatic effect, and perhaps enjoyed the consternation caused by his announcement.

We learn now for the first time that the Little River reservoir has not been replenished by lowering Lake Latimer, as is usual in seasons of drought, because to do so would have flooded some of the works. Now that we are within a week of a water famine the information is given out. Possibly some members of the board knew about it, but they have been discreetly silent on the subject. The time seems very short in which to replenish the reservoir without seriously interfering with the extension work. The committee to whom the matter has been referred have serious business before them. The city's water supply must not be reduced, and it is most important that the extension work should not be interrupted. In the words of a popular member the mayor and aldermen are certainly "up against it."

HELPING THE BOYS

The government of Hamilton, Fish Park, on the lower East Side, in New York, is to be turned over to the boys, who will next week elect a mayor, chief of police and street commissioner. The park will be policed and governed by the boys, most of whom are school or working boys. Girls also use the park, which is the public playground of that quarter. By handing over the park to the young people an appeal is made to their pride, and they are also taught the lessons of self-reliance, regard for property and love of order. In a general way they will learn what constitutes at least a part of good citizenship. It is also much better for the community to have its boys taking an interest in municipal affairs, and assisting in the preservation of order, than to have them going about the streets in a sullen way, or getting into mischief and feeling that there is a natural antagonism between them and the police. St. John is not a large city, but one cannot walk about the streets and observe the utter absence of directed activity for the boys and girls without feeling that there is here a great failure to utilize the energy and give a helpful impulse to the lives of the young.

THE TALE OF TWO CITIES

The Times yesterday referred to the state of affairs in New York city, which, according to District Attorney Jerome, is "under the domination of a little group of men who, if they do not isolate the penal code of the State of New York, at least show that their political activity uniformly and continuously agrees with the improvement of their personal wealth." Mr. Jerome, in the same address, asked if there were "any evidence that the rulers of the city of New York today have given any indication of a desire to pull the administration of the affairs of the city of New York on a high and decent plane?"

It is refreshing to turn from this picture to that of an English city, where graft does not corrupt nor thieves get in and steal the public franchise. The English city is Leeds, and here is the picture, presented by a correspondent of the New York Tribune, who has been making a study of its city government:

"The city of Leeds, with its population of over 450,000, is governed by a council of sixty-four members. There are few men of leisure among them. Nearly all are actively employed in business or the professions. There are three doctors, several solicitors, one pawnbroker, several bankers, a few engineers and large groups of manufacturers and merchants. They are busy men, yet they find time for attending committee meetings and for supervising the public business of the community. There are as many as sixty committees and sub-committees; and every member is called upon to attend at least ten meetings each month. The education committee has thirty-six members and holds frequent meetings; the library and finance committee meets once a fortnight, and the other standing committees, with an average membership of twelve, receive monthly reports from their sub-committees. Sacrifices of time and pleasure are involved, and these busy men make them cheerfully from a sense of public obligation, when they are not paid for their service and have nothing to get out of politics. They look upon local government as a stock company conducted for mutual benefit, with every citizen a shareholder, and they themselves are public servants without other reward than the consciousness of doing what they can to promote the interests of the community. It is this lofty yet practical ideal of public service which makes this Yorkshire town one of the best governed communities in the United Kingdom."

"Leeds is a prosperous industrial centre which is rapidly increasing in population and area. New streets have constantly to be paved and sewered; suburbs have to be provided with transit facilities; the water, electric light and gas supplies need enlargement every year and local improvements are an unceasing burden to ratepayers. The educational expenses have been largely increased by recent legislation and with an aggregate indebtedness

of more than £10,000,000, with more than £12,000,000 of corporate property to show for it, there are heavy interest charges to be met from a rateable valuation of about £2,000,000. If the tax rate has not exceeded 8 shillings, it is because the three principal municipal industries—tramways, water and gas—yield an annual profit of £36,108 for the relief of local taxation after ample provision has been made for deterioration of plant, interest charges and payments to sinking funds. The most remunerative of these is the electric tramway service, which in the last year has contributed a net surplus of £32,000 to the rates. This has been done with an average penny fare from more than 90,000,000 passengers for the year, and with extensions to the mileage by new constructions and additions to the electrical equipment. The town corporation owns the electric works and manages the tramways; and apart from providing cheap and rapid transit and from conducting the tramway and improving the outlying area in a symmetrical way, it has converted the service into a considerable source of revenue, with the prospect of gradually enlarging it as the interest charges are lowered by the operation of sinking funds. The gas and water supplies are also remunerative services of increasing value. Electric lighting does not yet yield a surplus for the relief of the rates, but will probably do so in the course of a few years, being already self-sustaining."

"The feature of municipal administration which invariably impresses one when I am in the cities of the Midlands, Yorkshire or Lancashire, is the conservative way of carrying out radical, progressive policies. The municipalities have made no daring experiments in collectivism, but so deliberate and cautious have been the processes that the results seem practical and businesslike rather than socialistic. The unsalaried councils, with their methodical habits and disinterested labors, impart to the members an air of diligent, shrewd and careful in supervising the affairs of the town as they are in managing their private business and investments. The risks are fewer and the methods safer than in private enterprises because every form of municipal trading and every branch of the public service is directed by a committee of the council, in which conservative business men make their influence felt by holding back enthusiasts and experimenters. There are no private corporations as cautious in their financial operations, and especially in reducing surpluses by writing off large amounts for depreciation of plant, as these municipal councilmen. Ordinary directors are anxious to increase dividends and to make as good a showing as possible in their annual or quarterly reports. The municipal managers are satisfied with moderate contributions to the rates and are always on the safe side in their exhibits of the results of local enterprises."

Compared with the governments of such cities as New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Milwaukee and others that have lately been under the lime light, this picture of the conditions in English centres is in remarkable contrast. Manifestly, the United States has still something to learn from the old country.

The yellow fever in New Orleans has claimed one distinguished victim in the person of Archbishop Chappelle. The archbishop had just set himself to the task of laboring with others to stamp out the fever when he was himself attacked, and after an illness lasting only since Friday, he passed away last night. The situation generally has not improved, and there is an increase in the number of deaths as well as of cases. But the fact that the local authorities have assumed control, while it indicates the seriousness of the conditions, is also a guarantee that the most effective methods will be adopted to check the ravages of the disease.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson received in Charlottetown a foretaste of what he may expect in his efforts to economize on the C. R. He was asked to locate a station where the additional cost would be half a million; was asked to reduce passenger rates, extend the rails along the water front, increase the train service, or construct some branch lines, provide a car ferry, broaden the gauge and make some other improvements. The minister's troubles have had a brisk beginning.

One firm state that they have already spent \$10,000 of their own money on the waterworks extension. If in the end it is shown that they have lost heavily on their contract the city will naturally be asked to reimburse them. The aldermen say they are kindly disposed, but if any such payment is made it must not be called an "extra." The distinction, however, will not affect the dollars.

SAN TOY COMING

"San Toy" hardly requires a word about it. Its name and music are known to every theatre-goer in the country, and its appearance here on Aug. 16, 17 and 18 will welcome news. There is hardly any doubt but that this attraction will be one of the most important to appear here this season. The company numbers more than fifty people, which besides the well known principals comprises a chorus of pretty girls, who have been chosen as much for their voices as for their beauty, and who dance and sing like hours in a Turk's harem. The music is of the highest degree, and its humor is of the kind that will make people uncheck their risibles without fear of bruising their dignity. The story is bright as to lines and situations.

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Following his father as a sailor on the lakes, Mr. Osler became a master of a schooner. In 1861 he enlisted in the navy, and under Admiral Porter, on whose ship he was an ensign, he took part in the river battles between New Orleans and Vicksburg. After the war he became a life insurance agent, and was engaged in active business until one year ago.

MONCTON NEWS.

Young Man in Trouble; Is Charged With Theft.

MONCTON, N.B., Aug. 10.—(Special)—A young man named William Casey is under arrest on a charge of stealing a purse, containing six dollars and a prayer bead set, from a girl at Fox Creek picnic yesterday. The accused was brought before the court this morning and remanded until tomorrow.

A tramp named Davis, arrested at Amherst a few days ago and brought to Moncton on a charge of stealing a value belonging to Father Bourgeois, at College Bridge station, was allowed to go this morning, on a promise of getting out of the country. The man appeared to be of unsound mind. He belonged to Manchester, England. The priest did not wish to give evidence against him.

"LOOPED THE GAP" ONCE TOO OFTEN

Tom Butler Badly Hurt at Helena Last Night.

HELENA, Mont., Aug. 10.—Tom Butler, the bicycle rider, known as "Vola," who jumps the gap during a circus performance failed to do the trick here last night and fell to the ground. He was unconscious for half an hour. The physicians say they fear he is internally injured and will die. His wife loops the loop in an automobile, and she followed with her turn soon after the accident to her husband.

HARCOURT

HARCOURT, Aug. 9.—Miss Stavert of Halifax sister of Rev. R. H. Stavert is the guest this week of Miss Marion Wilson. Miss Wilson and Lutes of Moncton are spending part of their vacation with their uncle J. W. Lutes. Miss Besse and Master Bruce Buckenfield are visiting in Alberton. P. E. J. Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Fairbanks, Miss Stella Wilson and J. A. Warren leave this morning for several weeks' vacation at Alma, Albert Co.

Mrs. Wm. Warman, who has been for several weeks visiting friends in and around Harcourt, returned to her home in Moncton yesterday.

Misses Helen, Anna and Jean Buckenfield are spending the vacation with friends in Rexton and Richibucto. S. M. Dunn, who has been quite seriously ill, is able to be out again.

Mrs. J. D. McKay of St. John arrived yesterday on the limited to visit her sister, Mrs. D. D. Johnson. Mrs. Lark Morison and her sister, Miss Harman are visiting Mrs. Robert Mortimer. Misses Marion and Dorothy Dunn returned today from a lengthy visit to their aunt in Sheffield.

A GRAMOPHONE CONCERT

A very enjoyable gramophone concert was given at the hall at Nauyasewauk on Tuesday evening last by James Patterson of the North End, who has recently purchased a very fine machine, and has a large collection of choice records. The entertainment which was free to all was greatly enjoyed by the large gathering, and at its conclusion a vote of thanks was tendered the genial North End man. Among those present were: Mrs. J. M. Barnes, Mrs. Godard, Mr. and Mrs. Edward McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Green, Mrs. Michael Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Bailey and Joseph Melady.

FR. O'BRYAN CHOSEN

Rev. Father Gregory O'Bryan, S.J., a learned priest and powerful preacher, has been placed at the head of affairs at Loyola College, Montreal, in succession to Father Turgeon, S. J., who goes out of office to engage in missionary work in the having on the teaching staff one of his original associates—the Rev. Father L. Cotter, S. J., who is a favorite with the students of the college and a most successful teacher.

Father O'Bryan is a son of the late Captain O'Bryan, of Halifax, N. S., and brother-in-law of Judge Wallace of that city. He received his early education in the excellent schools of his native city. He has long been known as an eloquent preacher and well-informed scholar.—Moncton Star.

MIDSUMMER COMFORT

Those who have found the summer vacation problem a difficult one, from the standpoint of economy, will find some practical suggestions in the chapter on Cooperative Housekeeping at the "Seaside" by Isabel Gordon Curtis, in the August Edition. The matter is gone into in detail, and facts and figures demonstrate the advantage of the scheme. Other features of the magazine, which appeal particularly during the hot weather, are "Cold Tit-Bits for Hot Days," pictured and described, and a variety of seasonal recipes in cookery under the title, "A Dozen Fresh Fruit Pies," and "Food Delicacies." Summer fashions and reading complete the number, which is unusually interesting and attractive.

PARIS, Aug. 9.—The civil tribunal of the 14th today rendered a judgment in the case of Major John MacBride, who was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment for the crime of the Boer war, who with his wife was well known here. Mrs. MacBride retains the custody of the children, whom the father will be permitted to visit periodically. The question of an absolute divorce will be heard at a future time.

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