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PORTLAND CEMENT.

The great expansion of the building trades in Canada is indicated by the marked increase in the use of Portland cement, and the numbers of new companies taking up this line of manufacture. The increase in 1906 over the production of 1905 was approximately 40 per cent, while the imports show a marked decrease.

The total quantity of Portland cement manufactured in Canada in 1906 was 2,152,562 barrels, as compared with 1,641,568 barrels in 1905, an increase of 610,994 barrels, or 36.6 per cent. The total sales of Portland cement were 2,119,784 barrels, as compared with 1,346,548 barrels in 1905, an increase of 773,236 barrels, or 57.4 per cent.

Fifteen companies were operating plants during 1906, with a total daily capacity of about 10,500 barrels, namely, one in Nova Scotia, two in Quebec, eleven in Ontario, and one in British Columbia. At least four plants were under construction during the year, of which the total initial daily capacity will be about 4,700 barrels. The imports of Portland cement into Canada in 1906 were 684,095 barrels of 350 pounds each. The imports in 1905 were 917,588 barrels.

There is very little cement exported from Canada. The consumption is therefore practically represented by the Canadian sales, together with the imports.

The following is an estimate of the consumption of Portland cement in Canada for the past six years:—

Year.	Bbls. Canadian.	Bbls. Imported.
1901	1,177,996	85,900
1902	1,294,584	54,954
1903	1,637,741	73,650
1904	1,910,358	74,850
1905	1,346,548	917,588
1906	2,119,784	684,095

ROCKWOOD.

There are not enough adjectives in the English language to fitly describe the beauties of Rockwood Park; no one can appreciate, without a personal visit, what is to be seen there, and such visits must remain, for the larger number of St. John people, practical impossibilities. There is no park in Canada which can at all compare with Rockwood, with the possible exception of Stanley Park at Vancouver, and it is in certain respects, in a class of its own. But Rockwood is of little value to St. John when the people can get out to it. The place is so far away from the street car lines that only strong men and restless children are able to stroll around after they pass the entrance. Those who leave their homes for a quiet walk through the park seldom get beyond the edge of Lily Lake, and they are thus compelled to forego the pleasure of seeing all the upper sections, Lily Lake and its surroundings are picturesque enough to suit most people, but that district is forgotten in contemplation of the marvellous natural beauties unfolded before a wanderer in the regions beyond the hills where waste all the new lakes, a wilderness of rock and wood and water scarcely yet opened, and even at its best practically beyond the reach of the person of ordinary strength.

Now at the beginning of summer, when thousands of tired folk long for a day of idleness under the trees at around the lakes, St. John again finds itself without a car service to the park. Dusty and footsore citizens with their wives and children trudge over the long roads, and when at last the lake is reached they are too tired to proceed. Rockwood is a paradise, but without a car service it will never find its true value.

This much talked of fire department investigation is coming along very slowly. People are still asking what is to be investigated. The trouble, so far as can be ascertained, is not that there is anything wrong with the department but rather that a mid-day fire assumed such proportions as did the blaze in Macaulay Bros. store. Seems that it is the fire rather than the department which should be investigated.

The old Chipman house is of no value to the Y. M. C. A. It must be either torn down or moved to another site. Expense will be involved in any case. No one wants the building except the city, which may decide to preserve it as a relic of some historic value. The Y. M. C. A. directors feel that the city is in a position to pay for the house, and an attempt is being made to sell it. It would be better policy to give the old place to the corporation, have it removed, and trust to the fair-mindedness of the aldermen to make some return in the future.

Is it not nearly time that the report made by the gas expert was handed out? The Star some weeks ago published a full outline of its contents

but there may be some details of interest which the people want to know. Citizens do not expect much—they did not from the first—but they would like to know just what is said.

THE BRAINY CIRCUS CLOWN.

"Your kangaroo has caught a cold," said I, "Just hear him cough! I'll let him use my sweater old To keep the weather off."

"We're much obliged," the clown replied.

"We shall not need the loan, That kangaroo can well provide A 'jumper' of his own!"

"I wonder why they call that queer And chunky beast we see A tapir. Can you make that clear?"

"The answer is as plain as cats To them as knows their biz," Quoth he, "They call him that for That's exactly what he is!"

WHEN IN EUROPE DON'T.

Go around with a flag in your buttonhole.

Criticize too closely the way things are done.

Do too friendly with hotel or other servants; they do not understand it.

Let strangers see which pocket you carry your pocketbook or purse in.

Allow strangers to scrape acquaintance in trains or hotels.

Carry your tickets and money in the same pocket.

SAFEGUARD.

He (telling a half-breath adventure)—And in the bright moonlight we could see the dark muzzles of the wolves.

She (breathlessly)—Oh, how glad you must have been that they had muzzles on!

DIDN'T COME UP TO EXPECTATIONS.

The Smiths had invited a neighbor to dinner. As the last course was reached little Willie, who had been closely watching the guest almost continually through the meal, looked over at him once more and said:

"You haven't changed a bit since you started eating, have you, Mr. Currier?"

"Why no," laughed the neighbor. "Why do you ask that question?"

"Because," blurted Willie, confused by the pairs of eyes focused on him, because I heard pa tell ma you'd make a big hog of yourself as soon as you got your eye on the corned beef and cabbage!"

EQUALLY GREAT.

A mountaineer of one of the back counties of North Carolina was arraigned with several others for illicit distilling. "Defendant," asked the court, "what is your name?"

"Joshua," was the reply.

"Are you the man who made the sun stand still?"

Quick as flash came the answer: "No, sir; I am the man who made the moonshine."

COULDN'T KEEP UP.

"When ex-Governor Pennypacker was still a Judge," said a Philadelphia reporter. "He showed me in his up-town house, his superb collection of old newspapers."

"As we turned over those faded pages I said:

"Do you think sir that our newspapers have improved?"

"He smiled, his shrewd and kindly eyes twinkled, and he answered: 'They have grown larger.'

"Laughingly, I asked him what he thought of our Sunday papers."

"They are marvellous," he replied. "They are encyclopaedic. Whenever I take one of them up I am reminded of the old Frenchman of the last century, who read his paper with great care and thoroughness, but whose progress was so slow, and whose paper was so large that he was always eight months behind the current issue."

LUNENBURG WOMAN CHARGED WITH KILLING HER HUSBAND

LUNENBURG, N. S., May 27.—Mrs. Wentzel, widow of Henry Wentzel, who died under very suspicious circumstances a week ago, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Chief of Police McAuliffe at her home near Auburn-dale. The woman is charged with killing her husband and was taken to the Justice Simonson at Bridgewater this morning and remanded until Thursday. Her son is now at jail here awaiting a hearing before Mr. Simonson on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the father's death.

A ROYAL BETROTHAL.

Daughter of Countess of Paris to Wed Bourbon Prince.

LONDON, May 27.—The betrothal is announced of Princess Louise, daughter of the Countess of Paris, and Prince Charles, of Bourbon, widower of Infanta Mercedes, sister of King Alfonso. The wedding will probably take place in England in November, King Alfonso will attend.

LAW STUDENTS' DINNER.

The student body of the St. John Law School held their second annual dinner at White's last night. The guests were Mayor Sears, Judge Ritchie and members of the faculty. Dean Silas Alward reported the closing of a very successful year. The members of this year's graduating class are: J. A. Barry, B. A.; A. E. G. McKenzie, B. A.; W. G. Purley, B. A.; J. M. Trueman, B. A. and W. D. Turner, B. A. The toast list was as follows: The King, proposed by A. E. G. McKenzie, president of the class; The St. John Law School, proposed by W. B. Farris; The city, responded to by Dr. Alward; Former graduates, proposed by J. A. Barry and responded to by A. J. B. M. Baxter; The faculty, proposed by J. P. Lunney and responded to by J. Roy Campbell; The City of St. John, proposed by J. M. Trueman and responded to by Mayor Sears; The class of '07, proposed by J. E. Tait and responded to by A. E. G. McKenzie. The gathering broke up with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

NEW YORK'S TRUNK MURDER

NEW YORK, May 27.—Developments later tonight in what has become known as the "trunk murder" of New York include:

John Ermoyan, arrested in Chicago on suspicion of knowing something of the murder and later released when he satisfied the police that he knew nothing of the crime; the constant search by the police of New York for Sarkis Ermoyan and his brother Simon, who have been connected with the case through cards found in the trunk where the body was discovered, and of a third man, believed to have been connected with the case; the assertion that Father Kasper Variorian had recently inherited a snug fortune from a brother who died in Chicago and that he possessed a few of great value in the form of a crucifix or a cross, which was handed from generation to generation of priests, this money and jewel giving the police motive for the crime and the fact that Mrs. Henry Sherer, in whose apartment at 33 West 5th street, the trunk with its body was found, was taken to police headquarters to identify a man who had been arrested, the "expressman" who took the trunk to her home and later announced that he was not the person who took the trunk in.

The body of the Armenian priest, Rev. Father Kasper Variorian, which was found yesterday doubled with the head strapped to the knees, lies in the morgue, positively this morning according to the police, but without any clue other than those already provided in the finding of the body.

The news from Chicago that an arrest had been made there stirred police circles in this city but the chief of the New York detective bureau said he had nothing in the way of definite information from the western city. Moon-dian, believed to have been taken into custody, but who later, it was found, was John Ermoyan, was formerly a dish-washer in a restaurant at 47 West 40th street, in which Sarkis Ermoyan was a part owner. Ermoyan, the police said tonight, failed and finally called on Mooradian, another Armenian for money. The detective bureau is taking the city for a ride tonight as showing the financial condition of the men they desire to question.

The arrest in Brooklyn tonight of an Armenian, who answered the description of one of the men who have a record for the bringing of Mrs. Sherer to police headquarters, but she stated positively this morning that nothing to do with the case, so far as she knew, and he was released.

SAFETY BOARD.

The safety board met at City Hall last evening. Jas. Lowell, M. P. P., appeared in behalf of the Fairville firemen who are asking the city for a place of ground where they intend building a park. A track will be made in this park, and the members of the board kept in good physical condition. On motion of Ald. Hamm the request was granted.

F. L. Potts asked that the scale of market fees be revised and he gave several illustrations showing the unfairness of the present scale to the farmers.

Ald. Baskin moved that the director, the chairman and the members of the board be appointed a committee to revise the scale of fees. Carried.

Director Wisely said that a new fire engine was needed as No. 2 engine gave out at the recent fire. Chief Kerr also stated that a new engine was needed, but the members of the board thought that repairs might be made to No. 2 engine, and a committee composed of the chairman, director, chief, and Ald. Fink was appointed to investigate more fully into the matter.

Ald. Baskin spoke of the disgraceful condition of City Hall, West End, and Ald. Hamm's opinion was that it should be torn down and the ground made into a square. Ald. Christie stated that the janitor, Mr. Ketchum, had long been in the service of the city, and he thought it advisable to appoint him "consulting janitor."

DEATHS.

CLARK.—At Lancaster, on the 27th inst. Anna L. Clark, wife of the late George Hunter Clark. Service at 3 p. m. and funeral at 2.30 Wednesday, May 28th.

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grain in order to hoist it into another bin.

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Like quicksand the corn drew him down until it covered his hips, making it impossible for him to use the lower part of his body. Further the boy sank, and, as the corn reached his neck, then touched his chin, he gave a terrific scream and the unmerciful little yellow kernels filled his mouth, covered his head and in a few seconds even his upturned hands were lost to view.

DETROIT, Mich., May 27.—The

steamer C. F. Bleiman and her consort, the large McLoughlin, bound from Duluth to Cleveland with iron ore, ran on a reef in Lake Huron off Port Austin early today in a heavy snowstorm. The Port Austin life savers succeeded in bringing ashore the crews of both vessels after making three trips to the scene of the wreck, the last trip being made this afternoon in a dangerous sea.