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A BRIGHT OUTLOOK.

The present year, after the spring opens, should be the busiest St. John has experienced for many years. In the first place the city's street paving programme will furnish a good deal of employment; for the re-surfacing of Douglas Avenue, City Road, Prince William street and a portion of the Marsh Road is a large contract. It must be assumed that there will be greater activity in building than for some years past, since the need of houses grows more urgent and there appears to be little prospect of any reduction in the cost of construction. The construction work which the Canadian Pacific will carry on this year will give much employment to labor, both skilled and unskilled. If tonnage is available there should be great activity in the shipment of lumber, making good times along the water front. The work at Courtenay Bay will doubtless be carried on even more busily than at present. It is certain that parliament will make some appropriations for railway and other terminal work here this year, and there is hope that it may be on a fairly extensive scale. There is also the possibility that the big hotel project will materialize, and there is talk of a new theatre. The spirit of progress is abroad and as the season wears on we may learn of other developments. The outlook generally is bright. It will grow steadily brighter if every citizen will maintain a cheery aspect, and talk of progress rather than of failure, and of the future rather than of the past.

TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

The Catholic School Board of the city of Hull, Quebec, has granted a site for a technical college. The city is issuing \$150,000 worth of debentures for the school. Hull is the fourth city in Quebec to establish a technical school, the others being Montreal, Quebec and Three Rivers. The remarkable success of the evening vocational classes in St. John shows the need of a vocational high school here. More than a thousand students have applied and most of them will take the course. If a commercial course were available the number would be greatly increased, and it must be included as soon as possible. The school board, which did not take kindly to the plan at first, although it found in Dr. Emery a stout champion is now convinced that there is a great field in St. John for vocational training. All over the province the movement is spreading with gratifying results. Those who framed the law, and especially Fred Magee, Dr. J. Roy Campbell and Director Fletcher Peacock have had their faith amply vindicated. The St. John city council, in providing the necessary funds for the expansion of the work here is doing a public service.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT.

In his address to the municipal council of Kings county yesterday, Hon. Dr. Roberts drew a striking contrast between the conditions in this province under the old health act and those of today. When the new health act came into force one county board of health had not met for twenty-five years. In one town one of the men named as a health officer had been dead several years, and another had been living for four years in Boston. There was no machinery to carry out the law or to deal with an epidemic of any sort. Nor was there any system of collecting vital statistics, which to a community as necessary as is stock-taking to a business house. When Dr. Roberts assumed office the province was badly off, and of this sum \$40,000 was unpaid. Today, thanks to the new health act and the province-wide organization effected by the health minister, there is no fear that this disease will spread to any extent, though outbreaks may still be expected from time to time. The statement that in certain sections of this province there are 200 to 250 deaths per 1,000 births of children under one year, when the proportion should not be over 90, emphasizes in the strongest manner the need of prenatal care, instruction of mothers and proper nursing of infants. Then follows naturally the medical inspection of schools, and such concerted action as will deal with tuberculosis and all contagious and infectious diseases. The public health is a great asset. The health of the children is especially important. Whatever expenditure is necessary to make the public health act a success in operation should be undertaken cheerfully by the municipalities.

Dominion Parole Officer Archibald reports that of eleven thousand prisoners paroled from Canadian penitentiaries only two and a half per cent violated the terms of parole. This suggests that if St. John had a juvenile court and probation system properly established there would be little danger of boys being brought before the court time after time until at last they would have to be sent to an institution.

The January thaw made connection all right, in spite of the railway accidents and the troubles of the steamers. Let us hope the "flu" will be derailed or go on the rocks.

COMMUNITY FUNDS.

The Rotary Club of this city has referred to a committee the question of establishing a Community Fund Council to raise annually in one big drive all the money needed by the different benevolent institutions and organizations. Under this plan each organization submits its budget, and when it is approved it becomes part of the sum to be raised. The plan has proved a remarkable success in Cleveland, Ohio. This week in Toronto the Federation for Community Service, which is another name for the same organization, is putting on a three-day drive to raise half a million dollars. The Toronto Globe of Saturday said: "Although the three-day drive for funds will not open until Tuesday morning, subscriptions are already coming into the Federation for Community Service headquarters at 86 King street west, and there is a most optimistic feeling in Fredericton circles that the objective of \$500,000 will be achieved well within the time limit. The churches of practically every denomination are a unit in support of the effort, while factories, business houses and other institutions are lining up solidly behind the movement. Of eighty-eight factories approached for permission to circulate subscription lists, only one refused, and when the matter was explained hearty co-operation was promised."

It should be possible to initiate such a drive in St. John by January of next year, and thus relieve the civic treasury of a burden which must now be thrown in part on the general assessment.

A teacher of subnormal children, some merely backward and some feeble-minded, in the city of Chicago, created a sensation at a hearing on the question of a wage-increase for teachers when she declared that two of her feeble-minded pupils, both seventeen-year-old boys, had gone to work at higher salaries than she received. It is gratifying to note that as a result of the appeal an advance of \$400 to \$500 per year will be granted. At present laborers are better paid than highly trained teachers, and the latter contend they should at least be placed on an equal wage plane with untrained labor.

The Methodists of Toronto have been allotted \$850,000 to raise in their financial drive. Of this amount \$40,000 has been subscribed by eleven persons. Toronto is a city of wealth and the home of many generous citizens.

The farmers, the American Federation of Labor and the railroad brotherhoods are urging the United States government to retain control of the railroads for at least another two years.

With small airplanes offered at \$1,500 the automobile will soon have a rival. It will not be long before the hydroplane challenges the motor boat on the St. John river.

By reducing the number of portfolios, and giving several of them to one minister, the government at Ottawa may gradually be able to arrive at one-man government.

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

In the divorce court in Fredericton yesterday, evidence was completed and court considers in the cases of Stewart Henry Kincaide vs. Gertrude Kincaide, Allan McCavour vs. Hazel McCavour and Bella Louise Coburn vs. Ernest M. Coburn. The case of Theresa Piers vs. George S. H. B. Piers was dismissed; that of Lena Wilson vs. Thomas Wilson awaits further evidence, and the case of Hilary Carson vs. Ernestine Carson was a remanet.

Following a conference between the officers of the 71st York Regiment in Fredericton yesterday with Brig-General A. H. Macdonnell and Lieut-Colonel H. C. Sparling, it was reported that an officer who had seen active service would replace Lieut-Colonel W. H. Gray in command of the 71st. Colonel Gray is to be placed in the reserve. At the inquest into the death of James Tilley, one of those killed in the railway disaster near North Bay, Ont., a few days ago the jury found that the trainmen were not to blame for the accident. The total dead in the wreck now number nine.

Delegations of Farmers' Organizations, the A. F. of L., and the railway workers, are asking President Wilson to have the government in the states retain control of the railroads for two more years to keep down the cost of living.

The week of February 23-28 will be military week in Ottawa, many military organizations meeting then, including the Dominion Rifle Association, and the Canadian Artillery Association. Maj. George Lloyd George, son of the British premier, accompanied by his wife, arrived in New York on a business trip.

The U. S. army transport Powhattan reached Halifax yesterday. Contrary to expectations, the members of the crew were in cheerful mood and there were only a few cases which had to be taken to hospital. Captain Randall gave his crew the highest praise and fully the same measure to the crews of the other vessels which had come to their assistance.



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OUR WANDERING BOY.

Since nations ceased their throwing fits, their hands in blood imbruing, often think of Eitel Fritz, and wonder what he's doing. They bring me news of old Ex. Bill, from o'er the briny billows he's in the woods, already still, a-whacking clins and willows; the sycamore he roundly hits and saws it with emotion; but not a word of Eitel Fritz comes o'er the oozy ocean. Oh, Eitel Fritz, in olden times, you made me rather weary; you were embalm'd in German rhymes and German legends berry. The favorite of men and dames, you spent your lifetime maying, with glee pursued your giddy games, before the grandstand playing. Of all good bets you were the best, one issue that was vital; and now we hear of all the rest, but not a word of Eitel. The Kronprinz Wilhelm on his idle cuts up some dismal papers, and now and then, with sickly smile, speaks pieces for the papers. We hear of divers busted dukes, and skates of princely title, and Hindenburg and other flukes, but not a word of Eitel. Oh, Eitel Fritz, you giddy boy, once sassy, vain and bossy, does life still seem a round of joy, or is it total-lossy?

CANADA—EAST AND WEST.

Dominion Happenings of Other Days

THE SECOND CANADIAN PREMIER.

The only Liberal premier in a long period in Canadian history was the Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, who was born on Jan. 28, 1822, in Perthshire, Scotland. When he was twenty years of age he came to Canada with his parents. In his youth he learned to be a builder and architect and after his arrival in Canada he worked for some time as a contractor. For several years he edited the Lambton Shield, a reform paper, and in 1847 he became a leader in two or three fire insurance companies and also in a building and loan association. For a time he was connected with the 27th Lambton Battalion, in which he held the rank of major. He was also a member of the executive council and treasurer of the Ontario Liberal Association. He was elected in 1872 in order to give his entire attention to dominion affairs. He declined a seat in the provincial cabinet in 1865.

Mr. Mackenzie was leader of the Ontario Liberals in the House of Commons from the union until 1873 when he was chosen leader of the whole opposition. On Nov. 5 of that year, upon the resignation of Sir John A. Macdonald, he was called upon to form a government; two days later he was sworn into office as premier and as minister of public works. This position he held until he was defeated at the polls in 1878, his resignation coming in October of that year. In 1875 he had visited the old land, where he received a splendid reception, receiving the freedom of several cities and being commanded to visit his majesty, the late Queen Victoria. He was elected to the Canadian assembly from 1861 until the union and was returned to the House of Commons in 1867, 1872 and in 1873. He was elected upon his appointment to office and re-elected until his retirement. After the defeat of his government in 1878 he took little interest in politics as his health was failing. Edward Blake succeeded to the position of Liberal leader but his influence was widely felt in the party until his death on April 17, 1892.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

Just So. Anomalous as it may seem, it is the "wets" who are dry—Shreveport Times.

Illogical.

Lenin, says a message, declares that Great Britain must recognize Russia. Meanwhile the Bolsheviks are doing their best to make it unrecognizable.—London Punch.

Unfortunate Introduction. Aunt Nellie—Well, Bobby dear, did you see Santa Claus this time? Bobby—No, aunt, but I was too dark to see him, but I heard what he said when he knocked his toe against the bedpost.—London Tit-Bits.

TRAIN MURDERS IN SPAIN.

Almanza, Spain, Jan. 28.—An unidentified passenger on the night mail train from this city to Alpera was killed and his baggage rifled. When the train reached Alpera the body was found in a first-class compartment. There were two wounds on the head, which had been inflicted by an axe which is carried on all trains for use in case of accidents. This is the third murder and robbery on this train within a short time.

Madrid, Jan. 28.—Details of the murder of a passenger on a train on the Alicante railway indicate the victim to have been Fortunato Ruiz of Madrid, vice-president of the Catholic Agrarian Federation of the Eastern Region.

While the train was between Alpera and Angel the murderer, dressed in the uniform of a railway employee, entered the car and killed Ruiz with a poignard. The police believe the recent series of murders on the night trains to be the work of a band of criminals who disguise themselves in railway uniforms to throw suspicion on members of the workmen's unions.

KINGS COUNTY COUNCIL.

At the afternoon session of the Kings county council yesterday, Hon. W. F. Roberts, M. P., minister of public health, gave an interesting address on the working of the new health boards through the province. He was followed with appreciative interest by the councillors. County Auditor Wetmore reported upon collections for the year, urging the need of a better system of collecting. P. A. Thorton, secretary, read the municipal home report.

\$1 FOR 333 BEERS.

Philadelphia, Jan. 28.—You can now get 333 beers for \$1. This price was fixed by the army authorities in Germany that keepers can charge American soldiers, according to a letter received here from an American soldier on the Rhine. The authorities had received complaints that the German inn keepers were overcharging the soldiers in occupied territory.

2,000 YEAR OLD RELIC.

London, Eng., Jan. 28.—What is believed to be a relic of very early times was discovered in Steyne. Workmen engaged in building operations found about two feet below the surface a black earthenware vase containing a quantity of bones. It is believed to date back to the Roman era. Unfortunately, the workmen dropped the vase.

A NEW BRUNSWICKER.



Hon. W. F. A. Tugeson who announced in the Saskatchewan House that the Federal Government will take over the branch lines of the Grand Trunk Pacific in the province, reimburses the Provincial government for interest payments and assume all future obligations as to interest payments. This has been a controversial question between the Federal and Provincial governments. Mr. Tugeson is a Gloucester county, N. B., man.

LOCAL NEWS

An alarm from box 3 last night called the fire department for a slight blaze near the furnace in the boarding house on the local branch of that body yesterday in the circuit court.

Dr. H. L. Abramson gave a lecture to the Y. M. C. A. last evening, which was followed by the regular weekly banquet of the boys.

At the meeting of the Free Kindergarten Association yesterday, Mrs. T. N. Vincent, president, reports were presented showing the work done and the interest taken in it. The attendance at all the kindergartens had been very good. Miss Ruth Manias was appointed to the staff of teachers.

The jury in the case of Fletcher vs. Wetmore, a claim for \$10,000 for alienation of his wife's affections brought by the plaintiff, awarded him \$500 yesterday in the circuit court.

At a social in his honor last evening by the choir committee of Portland Methodist church, P. J. Hardman was made the recipient of a traveling bag. The presentation was made by Rev. N. McLaughlan.

Miss Kelly, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., an active worker in the interests of the Navy League, was at the meeting of the local branch of that body yesterday in the board of trade rooms.

At a meeting of the Anglican Young People's Society of St. Mary's Church last evening several matters of business were transacted, after which a musical programme was carried out.

Mame Khan, of the S. S. Manchester Division fell through one of the hatchways yesterday, and injured one of his legs. He was taken to the hospital for treatment.

Lieutenant (acting Major) V. W. S. Heron, C. E. F., (Lieutenant and brevet Captain, the Royal Canadian Regiment), relinquishes the acting rank of major on vacating the appointment of acting general staff officer, Military District No. 7, last September, 1919.

The Story Telling committee of the Public Library met yesterday and arranged for the story telling hours for March, April, May, June, July, August, September and October. During the last month nearly nine hundred children attended the Story hours, the largest number being 150.

Some smoke was seen coming from a building at the corner of Prince William and Church streets yesterday and a still alarm was rung in. The services of the apparatus, however, was not needed, as there was no fire discovered.

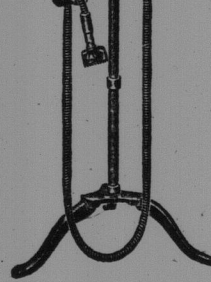
In a concert by a party from the steamship Pretorian last night in the Seamen's Institute those taking part included Charles Brogan, James Doherty, R. McMillan, J. Tyndley, Jerry Clancy, Miss Mary Alchome, James Mar- C. H. Ritchie, 320 Main Street. P. N. S. and Son, Ltd., Indian town. J. A. Lipsett, Variety Store, 283 Brunswick Street. H. G. Enslow, 1 Brussels street. J. Stout, Fairville. W. E. Emerson, 81 Union St. W. E.

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In St. David's church last evening a large audience sat enthralled at the beauty of the music and singing in the presentation of the oratorio "Christ and His Soldiers." It was the first sacred concert to be given in the new church and the first public recital in which the new organ was heard. It gave much pleasure to all present. D. A. Fox, Mrs. T. J. Gunn and Mrs. Milton Burnes gave different numbers on the organ, the choir was led by Miss Blenda Thompson and other soloists were Mrs. Blake Ferris, Clarence Girvan and C. A. Smith. The presentation was given with particular success.

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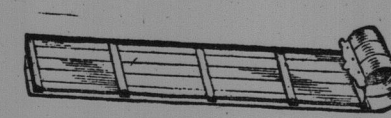
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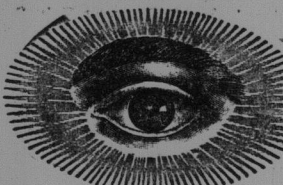
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LETTERS 25 YEARS ON WAY.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 28.—On Sept. 11, 1893, a letter was mailed to Mrs. John Maron Brown from Medford, Mass., and in 1894 a letter was mailed to Mrs. Brown from Hopdale, Mass. They arrived here last week. Mrs. Brown died twenty years ago.

Owing to similarity of names between the Office Specialty and Supply Company and the Office Specialty Mfg. Co., Ltd., it is announced that recently the name of the former has been changed to Office Machinery and Supply Co., with head office at Montreal, local office, 69 Dock Street.

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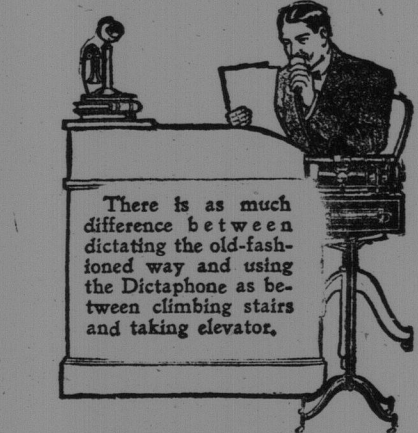
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