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HELP THE PLAYGROUNDS

The citizens of St. John have as yet shown no interest whatever in the fact that the Every Day Club grounds will be available for a supervised playground throughout the summer holidays, and that all that are required are the teachers. The club itself has no funds to pay teachers, but has to devise ways and means to pay the hundreds of dollars that are necessary to hold the grounds and keep them in proper condition with a capable superintendent always in charge. Every evening since the grounds were opened in May there has been a large crowd of children at the swings, slide, teeter, sand-pile, and on the greenward. The number might be greatly increased if more attractions could be provided, and especially if some persons interested in child-play were there to direct them. When the summer holidays come there will be a great number of little ones who cannot go to the country, or be accommodated at the Centennial school yard. They will be welcome on the Every Day Club grounds, which are in better condition than ever before, and it should be possible to provide them with at least one teacher to supervise their activities. Indeed there should be such a teacher there every afternoon throughout the summer from the time school closes until dusk.

It is worthy of note that President Taft has interested himself in playgrounds, and that the business men of Washington have taken it up. We quote from an exchange: "President Taft, like other men of strong common sense, has declared himself in favor of playgrounds for children, and the merchants' committee of the Washington Public Playgrounds Association is just now busy preparing plans for a 'Button Day' next Monday. The proceeds of the sale of the buttons, each bearing the likeness of the president and a facsimile of his signature, and selling at prices ranging from 10 cents to \$10, will be utilized for providing better opportunities for the children of the city to enjoy themselves in leisure hours. Efforts are being made to enlist business men generally in the scheme, and many merchants have already intimated they will give facilities for sale of the buttons within their stores. The Washington Board of Education, at a meeting on Friday last, agreed to help the cause by permitting the school children to sell the buttons, and President Oyster expressed for himself and his colleagues their entire sympathy with the movement for more and better playgrounds. Clubwomen are also ready to assist the sale, and at all present appearance 'Button Day' at Washington will be a signal success."

The Toronto World, referring to what is to be done in Washington, makes the following comment:—

"Toronto, too, needs more and better summer playgrounds. These adjuncts to city life are being ever more clearly recognized, as not only a valuable boon to children, but capable of real educational value. Playgrounds must be something better than sun-baked open spaces, and have at least some part of the area shaded from the summer sun. Proper locations and equipments mean expenses, and the example provided by Washington might well be followed in Toronto."

Why should not the citizens of St. John manifest some interest in this subject? The playground committee of the Washington Council in this city has not enough funds to carry out its playground plans even the same limited scale as last year. The fact is not creditable to a city of fifty thousand people.

AN INSURANCE QUESTION

A singular outcome of insurance legislation in the state of New York has been that under this legislation New York state companies have been greatly hampered, while outside companies have gone into the state and enormously increased their business. Acting on the theory that three great New York companies were too big, the legislature set a limit to the amount of business to be done, as well as reducing the compensation to agents. This was in 1906. As a result the New York Life had, in the words of its president, "to tear down—and that quickly—plant able to insure 175,000 people in a calendar year, and then reconstruct it so as to insure not

more than 75,000 persons in the same time." There was at first some doubt whether with the reduced compensation to agents it would be possible to secure business up to the limit, but the experience of 1908 proved that it could be done. The president of the New York Life claims that in the present year they could do business to the extent of \$25,000,000 more than the law allows. What makes his and the other big companies resent the restriction placed upon them is the fact that companies in other states are getting the business. This is shown by the following table, showing the new business done in New York state each year since 1898, by New York state companies and by the companies of other states.

Year	New York State Companies	Companies of Other States
1898	\$133,304,337	\$2,782,734
1900	134,634,020	67,827,938
1901	154,683,903	74,101,308
1902	166,218,119	73,132,870
1903	131,708,208	85,898,679
1904	185,678,830	98,479,713
1905	157,161,263	96,586,499
1906	87,927,947	92,217,330
1907	72,927,892	115,890,214
1908	80,232,126	

The Times quotes on another page some observations on this subject by the New York Times, which will be read with interest in connection with this article. The New York Sun, discussing the matter, asks: "What reason is there in prohibiting a company from doing all the business it can if its expenses are kept down to the level prescribed by the statute?" This question is the more important because New York is losing to other cities enormous sums of liquid capital.

A NOBLE WORK

The Times quoted a few days ago some facts about the Children's Protection Act of Ontario, under which public and private effort are joined. An exchange gives some further information gleaned from the report of Supt. J. J. Kelso, at the Conference of Charities, in Buffalo. We quote:—

"The main feature is a happy combination of benevolent activity with official direction and supervision, the great aim being kept in view of protecting every child from neglect or cruelty. There are sixty branch children's societies in Ontario representing a volunteer working force of over one thousand of the best men and women in the country. The ruin of young lives, and possibly prevent the breaking up of the home. In sixteen years, over fifty thousand children have been indirectly benefited by the kindly intervention of the society and over five thousand have been received under guardianship and placed in foster homes. These have been regularly visited, and if at any time a change is advisable there are sheltering homes ready to receive them back. Less than one per cent. of the children sent to country homes have since drifted into crime, and the majority of those returned are eligible for replacing after slight medical attention or the selection of a home more suited to their temperament and ability. In addition to its regular work of looking after the neglected society does much educational work, such as the advocacy of playgrounds, medical inspection in schools, fresh air funds, abolition of slum conditions, etc."

SHIPWRECKED MEN
ON THEIR WAY HOME
Crews of American Schooners at
Halifax Enroute to Boston

Halifax, N. S., June 19—(Special)—The crews of two American schooners, which went ashore on the Cape Breton coast, arrived yesterday to be forwarded to Boston. Seventeen men are here from the Hatti Graham, of Gloucester, which struck on Little Lorraine and will certainly be a total loss. She has 200 barrels of mackerel. Captain Foley and two men are standing by the vessel. Thirteen men are here from the schooner Arthur Binney, of Boston, which went ashore at Forchu. She had 73 barrels of mackerel. Captain Whelan is with the vessel, besides four men. The condition of the Binney is not quite so bad as the Graham, but the chances of saving her are not bright. The crews will be sent to Boston today by United States Consul General Wilbur.

Alston-MacQuarrie

The wedding of Miss Mitchell MacQuarrie, youngest daughter of the late Daniel MacQuarrie, to William A. son of the late John Alston, took place on June 16 at the home of the bride, 73 Exmouth street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Gordon Dickie, in the presence of relatives and close friends of the contracting parties. The bride was attended by her niece, little Miss Margaret Gibbon, as flower girl. Among the many presents received was a handsome chair from Mr. Alston's fellow workers in the car department of the I. C. R. The bride was also suitably remembered by her employees, C. & E. Everett, and by her friends in the store. Mr. and Mrs. Alston will reside in Winter street.

At the Ludlow street Baptist church tomorrow the pastor, Rev. W. R. Robinson, B. D., will preach at both services. The morning subject will be "Answering the first call. In the evening the subject will be "A Sanctified Wish."

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(Katharine Tynan, in "The Spectator," London.)

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The sun, the sun himself will stain. The country face to his own red. The red-gold of the ripening grain. And blanch to white the curly hair.

He rises to the morning lark. Sleeps with the evening primrose. Beats the curtain of the dawn. Lets down its splendor, stirred with bees.

He sleeps so sweet without a dream. Under brown cottage eaves and deep. His window holds one stray moon-beam. As though an angel kept his sleep.

He feeds on honest country fare. Drinks the clear water of the spring. Green carpets wait him everywhere. Where he may run, where he may sing.

He hath his country lore by heart. And what is friend and what is foe. Hath counted Dame Nature's book apart. Her child since he began to grow.

When he is old, when he goes sad, Lolling about a twisted knee. He keeps his childhood's dream to hand. Since an old countryman is he.

He keeps his childhood's innocences. And why he's old is reached to know. Forget-me-nots still hold his eyes. And in his cheeks old roses blow.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

UNCLE EZRA SAYS.

"It ain't a very good idea to lock the stable door after the horse is stole, as the thieves might be disappointed in him as a waiter fetch him back again."

NAME LACKING.

A fish is a fish. Till he gets of your line; Just why I don't wish. In cold type to define.

A SURE SIGN.

Beacon—Is he very literary? Considered so; he borrowed my set of Dickens two years ago and hasn't returned it.

MADE TO ORDER.

"Do you believe in fortune telling?" "Well, it depends on what it tells me."

ALL ABOARD.

"How is the 'Sky Passage Transportation Company' getting on?" "Oh, fine; they're bustlers; I tell you. They've sold all the stock for the right of way, got the docking stations located, freight charges arranged, and the docks printed and crews engaged."

"Any more out of their ship yet?" "No; they say the ship is too busy with the other more important items that they haven't had time; but they're going to try to get it."

INFORMATION WANTED.

We don't care "why" it is this and that. Or through such queries waste; But will notice the pleasant news: Why is pink lemonade?

THE WARY LANDLORD.

"We have two children, sir, but they are dear little things, and won't do a bit of harm to the best, I am sure." "I don't care how many children you have, but I want to know is, have you got a photograph?"

AS IT IS IN ST. JOHN.

First Alderman—"Here's a fine-looking street." "Ditto—You're right there. What's best to be done with it?" "But wouldn't it be proper to pave it?"

"Of course; I suppose you understood that. Then, after it is paved and a sewer put in, the pavement I see you understand, but the sewer I don't. I see you understand the sewer, but I don't see you understand the pavement."

"In then it will be in order for widening. There's nothing I admire so much as to see the care and improvement of our roadways."

SOBRIETY AND
CITIZENSHIP

Review of an Excellent Article

by Prof. W. W. Andrews of
Mt. Allison University.

(Charlottetown Guardian)

Rev. Dr. W. W. Andrews of Mount Allison discusses the economic value of the sober citizen in a luminous and forceful manner in a recent issue of the Christian Guardian. He first increases cost in production upon the citizen as a worker, and the consequent loss of productive labor. He finds many large corporations such as railway companies, putting into force prohibitory laws as far as their employees are concerned, on account of the "drunk" and the "Monday" effect, the waste of property and life through avoidable accidents, and the general decrease of energy and reliability.

Other big corporations such as the Dominion Coal Company of Sydney, "lose heavily every year through the fact that a large number of men are absent from work the Monday after pay day. On June 15, the first Monday after pay day, 819 men in the different collieries were off work. There was at the time no outside attractions, such as picnics, games, etc. From January 1st to the last of May, the company claims to have lost 48,000 tons of an output through the men absenting themselves. This would be at the rate of 130,000 tons a year. The loss in wages to the men is estimated at \$130,000 for the year. The Government lost, in royalty \$16,220. Through increased cost in production the company lost \$13,300, besides the profit on the 130,000 tons of coal. It is estimated that in twelve months \$200,000 is spent in liquor around the mines. Altogether the losses to the men and the Government would amount to about \$280,000 while the total loss to men, Government, and the company would go close to half million dollar mark."

These figures were published in the Sydney Post and in order to verify them Dr. the Royal Bank at Sydney, who wrote in reply, after consultation that if there is any error in the figures it is "in understatement." Now this same sort of thing is going on all over Canada, in the big industrial concerns and the small, and in every branch of working activity. The question may well be asked, as Dr. Andrews puts it, "Should not a nation as Andrews wrote Mr. Birchall, Manager of business partnership, say that the loss of economic values is too great, and that the nation cannot afford it?"

Then there is the cost for the detection and punishment of crime resulting from intemperance—an enormous sum yearly. And there is the cost of liquors, \$70,867,000, spent last year in Canada for that which indisputably reduces the vital force, the working energy and the moral stamina of loss through disease, accident and crime. If this be treated as a national question, and dealt with as a business proposition, would not the nation do as those big railway corporations do, which have prohibited the use of liquor among their employees? Those who read Dr. Andrews' excellent article with unprejudiced minds we think can hardly fail to be convinced that prohibition of the liquor traffic by the state is at once a sound business proposition and a patriotic duty as well.

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Wig—On the lawn, I reckon.

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OBITUARY

Captain George Green

Residents of the North End and other
parts of the city will read with regret of
the death of Captain George Green which
occurred last evening at his residence, 260
Millidge avenue. Mr. Green, who was a
member of the firm of Purdy & Green,
lime burners, was stricken with paralysis
on the 8th inst. He had been out doors
just a few minutes before the stroke, at-
tending to his usual business, and ap-
parently in the best of health. He never
seemed to rally but sank gradually till he
passed away yesterday.Captain Green was born in P. E. Island
sixty-eight years ago. He came to New
Brunswick when twenty-one years of age
and had resided in the North End ever
since. So great was the confidence felt by
his neighbors in his business ability and
probity of character that when three years
ago he opposed Ald. McDermid he came
within a very few votes of defeating the
alderman from Stanley ward. Captain
Green first engaged in the shipping busi-
ness. He built the schooner J. W. Scott
and sailed in her as master in the coasting
trade till thirty-five years ago when he
sold out and went into the lime burning
business with D. J. Purdy.He was a prominent member of St.
John's church and was a staunch temper-
ance man all his life. He was twice
married. His first wife was Miss Mary
Ann Compton, a native of P. E. Island.
She died on May 7, 1885. Three sons by
this marriage survive: Frank C., and
Alfred H., of Nelson (B. C.), and Charles
J., of this city. About eleven years ago,
Captain Green married as his second wife
Miss Margaret Taylor of P. E. Island who
survives him. There are also three
brothers: Major H. Green of St. John;
Wellington Green of Grand Lake, James
Warburton Green of P. E. Island; and two
sisters: Mrs. Arthur Craig of Springfield
(Mass.) and Mrs. Yeaton of Brooklyn.
Four half brothers and one half sister also
survive. One of Captain Green's sons,
Alfred H., of Nelson (B. C.), arrived in
the city on Thursday afternoon. The
funeral will be on Sunday afternoon.

J. F. Byers.

Central Belleville, June 17—J. F. Byers,
a highly respected citizen of this place,
passed away at his home here on Thurs-
day. The deceased was in his sixty-third
year, and has been a great sufferer for
some time, but death came very suddenly
at the last. He leaves a widow, three
daughters and two sons. Mrs. Dow, Mer-
cer, Belleville; Mrs. W. E. Seely, Fred-
erickton; Gilbert, Charles and
Miss Blanche at home. The funeral ser-
vice to be held Saturday afternoon. In-
terment to be at Blissett cemetery.

Mrs. Mary A. Gordon

Mrs. Mary Ann Gordon, wife of Fred-
erick Gordon, of 35 Simonds street, died
yesterday morning, aged fifty-four years.
She had been ailing for five or six years,
but it was only on Monday last that her
illness became acute. Besides her hus-
band, a sister, Mrs. George Ross, of Fred-
erickton, survives. The funeral will be held
on Sunday; service at the house at 2.30
o'clock.West India steamship Sobu, Captain
Bridges, arrived in port last night from
Bermuda with 55 passengers and a large
freight. The steamer had a fine trip up
north, except two days, when it was foggy.
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