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THAT PAVING CONTRACT There is a dispute about the foundation for the pavement on Main street and the inspector has resigned. A new inspector, whose knowledge of such work is very much doubted by some aldermen, has been appointed. The dispute arises over the character of the foundation. The contract called for six inches of concrete, but further on, at the bottom of another section, this sentence was added: "The foregoing method of making the concrete must be employed, unless a method equally as good or better be proposed and accepted by the city engineer."

Did the aldermen understand the force of this additional clause in the contract? Was the matter discussed? Or was the clause inserted without a full explanation being given? The new method may be better than the one originally proposed, or it may be as good, but there should be no doubt about the meaning and the purpose of the contract. The city council appears to be somewhat unfortunate in the matter of drawing up contracts. One alderman tells the Times-Star that he did not realize the full force of the sentence we have quoted, or he would have opposed it, on the ground that no such power should be left in the hands of the engineer.

CAMPBELLTON The statement is made that people are reluctant to subscribe further funds for Campbellton until they know what is to be done with the money and what has been done with that already subscribed. Meanwhile no action is being taken to build permanent homes for the people who are living in tents, suffering from the weather, and in constant danger from disease.

Why should not the provincial government appoint a special commissioner, to act with a local committee in Campbellton, to get for the outside public full information, and assist in the general work of reorganization? The people of the town are still more or less dazed by the calamity that overtook them, and are confronted by the problem of distributing relief and meeting immediate wants. The province should send them more than money. It is of the utmost importance that the work of providing winter homes for the people be not delayed. All doubts should be removed from the public mind and the way made clear for the assistance that must be provided if the town is to be rebuilt. It is stated that only \$53,000 in actual cash has thus far been paid over to the finance committee in charge of the relief fund, who deposit it in the banks and distribute it only after careful enquiry in each case. What is \$53,000 when there was a dead loss, above insurance, of fully \$2,000,000?

Since there seems to be some doubt or hesitation in the public mind, the provincial government should at once send a competent commissioner to Campbellton and keep him there during the next month or two. It is not surprising that some doubt exists in the public mind. A Campbellton man who was in St. John last night said there were at present from six to eight hundred people living in tents and temporary structures. The Standard has Campbellton despatch which says there were more than three thousand sleeping last night without mattresses, on the water-soaked ground. Both of these statements cannot be true. In the interests of the suffering people a complete and authoritative statement should be issued without delay.

WELL! WELL! Jinks-Jobson went out horseback riding this morning, but he's been running an auto so long that he's forgotten all about horseback riding. Blinks—How so? Jinks—Why, when the horse balked he crawled underneath it to see what was the matter.

A TIRED WOMAN'S EPIGRAPH Here lies a poor woman who always was tired, Who lived in a house where help was not hired, Her last words on earth were, "Dear friends, I am going, Where washing suit's done, nor sweeping, nor sewing; But everything there is exact to my wishes For where they don't eat there's no washing up dishes. I'll be where lead anthers will always be ringing, And when I'm laid out I'll get clear of the singing. Don't mourn for me now, don't mourn for me never, I'm going to do nothing for ever and ever."

IN LIGHTER VEIN LOVE TO SHOWN. "What's the best thing to induce chest expansion?" "Medals"—Christian Register.

HER OWN OPINION. She rouged her cheeks and blacked her brows. She put some whitewash on her nose; She dabbed some red stuff on her lips And rimmed on beads in simple rows; She fastened on a hat bedecked With artificial apples and fruit, And felt as natural as a bear. "And fenced that she was 'a beast.'" HIS NEW TYPEWRITER. Stupid Man—"I've a new typewriter, dear."

A FEW EXCEPTIONS. "The course of true love never runs smooth," remarked the maid with the quotation habit. "Oh, I don't know," rejoined the scanty haired bachelor. "It doesn't always end in marriage."

CALLER'S TURN. "Well, sir," began the man who was afflicted with the syndrome, "I am ashamed to say it, but—" "That will do," interrupted the wise and benevolent doctor, "and here's another of those things that you are proud of."

TOUGH LUCK. "I bumped up against tough luck this morning," said the man on crutches. "How was that?" asked his friend. "Tough luck started in to tell me some of the bright sayings of his four-year-old son and here I answered the other, 'and having a sprained ankle I couldn't get away.'"

AN HISTORICAL ITEM. The old-fashioned showman was good at repairs. Very often when the show was good and the showman's side remarks were so good as to snatch victory from defeat. "Here is Daniel in the lion's den," announced a showman of this sort. "Which is Daniel?" inquired one of the audience. "Daniel," answered the showman, "may be recognized by his blue cotton unders."

DECLARATION BILL MUST PASS HOUSE BEFORE AUGUST (Continued from page 1) ment, and thus a new agency will be established for the emigration of a large body of the unemployed, who will be saved from the misery of our large cities.

Free Traders, hardly less than the Tariff Reform party which it created, have been sending their sympathy and goodwill to Mr. Chamberlain on his 74th birthday. Mr. Wyndham made a notable speech on the occasion and in his remarks he included agriculture from the policy of tariff reform. To assist the people to small holdings is admirable and it is well established for the emigration of a large body of the unemployed, who will be saved from the misery of our large cities.

Tariff Reform The tariff reform movement arose during a cycle of trade depression in England, and when it had passed, trade returns went up by leaps and bounds. Its advocates claimed the cry that trade and industry were declining, and this provoked the clamor of the exporters to say in his budget speech, "If honorable gentlemen will examine the facts, they will find there is no need for their organized deploration." In support of the chancellor's challenge, the board of trade returns for June declare that England's imports, chiefly raw materials, have increased by £3,000,000 as compared with last year, while exports, chiefly manufactures, increased by over £5,000,000. The huge contracts placed in the iron and shipping trades of late are having their effect on home trade generally and the purchasing capacity of the people is again increasing.

Labor and Capital Co-operate The improvement in the volume of our staple trades is necessarily increasing the demand of the workers for advances in wages, and thus once more drawing public attention to the problem of profit-sharing between capital and labor. It is interesting to notice that in several of the largest industrial concerns in England the difficulty is being solved by a permanent system like that adopted by the great steel and shipbuilding firm of Armstrong-Whitworth & Co., Ltd., of Newcastle-on-Tyne. This firm has an employees' bank, and the savings, ranging from 1s to £1 each, such man, is deducted from his wages and deposited, and a fixed rate of interest paid to each workman. Those who keep their savings in the company's bank, get in addition to the interest, a bonus once a year equal to half the difference between the 4 per cent interest and the dividend payable on the shares of the company. Thus the workers are induced to take a proprietary interest in the concern whose latest balance sheet shows £250,000 of its capital held by workmen, who are never tempted to leave the works and to go on strike. This system applied to smaller business might be equally attractive to employers and workers, for trade disputes are thus impossible and thrift and economy are made the bulwark of capital and labor alike.

Housing in Ireland In the long and bitter war between landlords and tenants in Ireland, many of

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