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THE WATER WORKS

Chairman Frink of the water and sewerage board evidently anticipates no end of trouble due to the bursting of old mains when the new water pressure from Loch Lomond is turned on. While he does not directly say so, he clearly intimates that in his opinion the present distribution system will develop great weakness. There is, he says, three or four miles of pipe in the city in an advanced state of decay, and like conditions exist between the One Mile House and Little River Reservoir. Until the distribution system is satisfactory to the insurance people there will be no reduction in insurance rates. The chairman sees no immediate hope of such a result.

Then there is the question of contractors' claims for extras, and "a great number of land and riparian damages will have to be adjusted." Such damages are claimed in relation to property along the pipe line, Lake Robertson reservoir and the Mispic River.

The water board is thus confronted by a very serious task. It must provide for a satisfactory distribution of the new water supply, even if much new pipe-laying in the city streets is involved; and it must guard the city's interests in respect to the claims of the contractors and the property owners along the route of the waterworks extension. Chairman Frink and his colleagues will have a busy summer.

LIFE INSURANCE

Would people invest in life insurance if they were not convinced by agents to take that step? This question may be answered by an experiment in the state of Massachusetts. Bradstreet says:

"It is thought that the bill pending in the Massachusetts legislature, which authorizes savings banks of the state to establish industrial life insurance departments, will become a law. In that event the progress of the new idea will be watched with interest. The scheme is not designed to make money in the generally accepted sense; in fact, the plan is to furnish insurance at a low cost, relatively and actually when compared with the rates quoted by the standard life insurance companies. The central idea of the new scheme is conceived in the belief that wage earners and others of comparatively small means will seek insurance, thus rendering solicitors unnecessary. Whether the proposed scheme will prove successful, only time and a trial of the experiment will tell. Long experience in the insurance world has proved that while a relatively small number are voluntarily applicants for insurance, the vast majority become policyholders only after the most persistent canvassing. Of course the new idea may be so meritorious that the people of Massachusetts will see things in a different light, but it is difficult for one to fall in with the belief that a new order of self-sacrifice and economy will come to the fore without the interested efforts of agents, who expect to profit from the increasing of the number of those sharing in the benefits of the system."

The opinion of Bradstreet's is doubtless the opinion of most people. A certain number of thrifty persons, seeking safe investment, would naturally regard this kind of life insurance as a desirable field, but the average individual who is careless in such matters would not change his ways. It is a well known fact that the fraternal insurance orders, even those which offer the most attractive rates, must continually canvass for new members, although they profess to offer social benefits as well as insurance.

Of course the movement in Massachusetts is a result of the revelations of dishonesty on the part of high officials of great insurance companies. Discussing this subject the Shareholder says: "The investigation which took place in the management, or should we not rather write the mismanagement, of the leading New York life insurance companies, has placed those directly responsible for the frauds that were committed in positions which are, to say the least, very unpleasant. Some under indictment and others under conviction for the frauds that were brought home to them, they stand at once for their misdeeds, the punishment for which should be the severest that the law provides. From the easy chair of a president to the jail is a terrible descent, but it should exercise a salutary effect. Men occupying the responsible position of president of an insurance company with immense responsibilities, should be taught that perjury, fraud and forgery are not to be indulged in. The claims and interests of the assured should only be entrusted to honest men. That such was not the case in the companies referred to is now pretty certain. The acts committed by these gentlemen are calculated to create distrust in insurance companies and to destroy what ought to be a pride to those entrusted with the administration of insurance affairs. The president of the Mutual Life of New York, the New York Life, the Equitable Life, and now the Metropolitan Life, have all been held up to public condemnation for the mismanagement and they will now be brought to realize that, though the mills of the gods grind slowly, they nevertheless grind to powder."

Necessarily, the revelations and results here described have seriously injured some life insurance companies, and aroused a general feeling of distrust; but this will pass, and the voice of the insurance agent will still be heard in the land. The Massachusetts experiment may be tried and may be to a limited extent a success; but

there will still be plenty of business for the man who canvasses for it, on behalf of a strong and apparently well-conducted insurance company.

Says the Ottawa Free Press:—"Women the world over will watch with interest the proceedings of the Landtag of Finland which contains amongst its members no fewer than nineteen women. There is one consolation—they cannot be greater failures than some of the male legislators elected to some other legislatures. And they will probably prove a hard nut for the professional lobbyists to crack (if there are any in Finland) for no one ever heard of a woman elected to a position of trust betraying the confidence imposed in her for either money or political favors."

The city council of Hamilton, Ont., has broken off negotiations with the street railway company, and Mayor Stewart says:—"I am convinced there are enough members of the council favoring the idea of city operating the franchise to put it through. It would be a paying proposition from the start. We must put an end to the present disgraceful state of affairs somehow. We will pass by-laws requiring the company to give us an adequate service. If they fail to do it I will appeal to the railway board to take over and operate the line."

In the public schools of Boston, after September, twenty-one nurses will be employed. They will be employed in the vacation schools as well as during the regular school year. The Medical Society of St. John will urge the board of education to provide for medical inspection in the schools of this city. Some persons are said to regard such a course as unnecessary, but there were people who said the same about the need of a trust officer. Medical inspection will be adopted in due time and prove its value.

Reference was made yesterday to Prof. Goldwin Smith who is hale and hearty and still delivering lectures at eighty-five, but our own Dr. William Bayard, at ninety-five, is still in medical practice. The Medical Society does well to honor one whose career has been marked alike by length of days and fruitful labors for the benefit of his fellow men.

A London cable says:—"The Berlin-Hamburg-Amerika Line intends establishing a direct weekly freight and passenger service to Canada as soon as the pending tariff negotiations between Germany and the Dominion take a satisfactory course."

In Campbellford, Ont., a by-law has been carried by a majority of 35, authorizing the town to grant a bonus of fifteen thousand dollars in the way of a loan to a firm of bridge manufacturers, for the purpose of extending their works.

Three persons, two men and a woman, committed suicide in New York on Wednesday. The pace of life was too swift and these fell by the way. The great city has its triumphs to lure ambition, but also its tragic failures.

A leading Toronto wholesale firm of dry goods dealers declares that the cold and backward spring in Ontario has reduced the wholesale trade of Toronto by a million dollars.

The utter rejection of the Irish Council Bill cannot fail to weaken the prestige of the Campbell-Bannerman government, no matter what course may now be pursued.

The weather at Ottawa must be of a highly exhilarating character. Prof. E. Stone Wiggins has seen two moons in the sky.

SITUATION

IS SERIOUS

Thirteen Hundred Troops Have Been Despatched from Canton to Swatow, China.

CANTON, China, May 29—The revolutionists in the neighborhood of Swatow recently captured the entire family of a Chinese brigadier general and compelled them all to drown themselves in a well. Thirteen hundred troops have been despatched from Canton to Swatow and another detachment has gone there from Shuihung.

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Honor is his, he has won renown: His place is high and his fame secure: The world, when death shall have cut him down, Will raise a shaft that shall long endure: But his form is bent and his eyes are dim And the careless joys that should be a boy's Are not for him.

Fame and wealth and a lady fair— Who craves richer rewards than these? But far in the dim past somewhere Lie all of his youthful ecstasies: Pity the man who achieves his goal: When desire has fled and the fire is dead Within his soul. S. E. KISER.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

THE REST WAS INDISPENSIBLE. "I'll sue the soundwell!" exclaimed Algy in a terrible rage. "He called me a blithering idiot!" "I wouldn't pay any attention to it," counselled Percy. "Blithering" doesn't really mean anything, you know."—Chicago Tribune.

THE UNEXPECTED DUTY.

Mrs. Ermine (to lady with door-mat)—"I shall want you to be dressed by three o'clock, Ellen, to receive any friends that may call as it is my 'at home' day." Ellen—"Oh, lor, mum! ain't you goin' to be in?"—Black and White.

NOT EVEN ONE MICROBE.

Mrs. Casey (Saturday night)—"Give me yure wages." Mr. Casey—"B-but there may be some thrills microbes in it, North." Mrs. Casey—"Faith, o'm niver afereed av thot. A microbe couldn't live on yure salary."—Judge.

ALWAYS.

"Why is it that none but unmarried women are being employed as school teachers?" "Unmarried women are always so much better informed than the other kind about the governing of children, you know."—Chicago Record Herald.

MAMMA WAS NEAR.

"Papa, what year was mamma born in?" "In 1880. Her birthday's in February." "That would make her forty-seven years old, wouldn't it?" "Ahem! Not necessarily."—Denver Post.

NO USE.

"Of course," said the political economist, "you think you could run the government." "Oh, yes," answered the railway magnate benignly, "but what's the use? We couldn't make it pay dividend of ill-repute, accused of graft."—Washington Star.

HAD NOT PRICED IT.

The Street Corner Lomger—"Till, Bill, Wher did yer get that coat?" Bill, His Friend—"Oh, up along." The Street Corner Lomger—"Ow much was it?" Bill, His Friend—"Dunno. The shopman worn't there."—The Sketch.

SHORT SESSION OF LIBEL SUIT

Emmerson Libel Case up for Few Minutes Yesterday Afternoon and Adjourned.

FREDERICTON, May 29—The first day's hearing of the libel suit of Hon. H. R. Emmerson against James H. Crockett, managing director of the Fredericton Gleaner, was unproductive, as court was in session for only a few minutes.

The case was called at 12.30 p. m., in the court chamber, which was well filled. Mr. Barry opened the proceedings by reading the formal information to the effect that James H. Crockett had been charged upon oath with printing and publishing on March 27, in an article in the Daily Gleaner, the following defamatory libel concerning Henry R. Emmerson:

"This minister was Mr. Emmerson himself and one of the places from which he was ejected with two women of ill-repute with whom he had been keeping company not long since was the St. Lawrence Hall, Montreal."

The words so published were claimed to be without legal justification or excuse, and likely to injure the reputation of said Henry R. Emmerson by exposing him to hatred, contempt and ridicule, and to be designed to insult him.

Mr. Hazen said his client would admit responsibility for the publication of the article in question in order to facilitate the proceedings.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley thanked the opposing counsel for his offer. Such an admission, however, he said, could not be taken in a criminal case. He proceeded to refer to certain proceedings in Australia where a conviction had been quashed on similar grounds.

Mr. Hazen replied that his client was not defending the suit on the ground that there had been no publication. He would defend the action on the ground that the charge was true, that he believed it to be true when he published it, that it was published in the public interest, and that the matter was the subject of public discussion in different parts of Canada.

John B. Hawthorne, constable, testified to buying a copy of the Gleaner containing the article over the counter in the Gleaner office. He paid two cents for it, and identified the paper.

There was some objection by the defence to the single sentence containing the libel being put in evidence, claiming that the whole article as published should be before the court. The court over-ruled the objection.

J. Douglas Black, city editor of the Gleaner, was next called. He declared he did not know who was the editor of the paper, but he supposed Mr. J. H. Crockett wrote some of the editorials. He did not know who had written the particular article referred to.

Court was then adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning when the prosecution will probably finish their case.

Wall Paper.

We still have a good assortment of Wall Paper at 2c. per roll. Some of the old lots have been reduced in price. Lace Curtains, 25c., 50c., 75c., 90c., to \$2.10 per yard. White Curtain Mullins—7c., 10c., 12c., 15c., 20c., 25c. per yard. Brush Sash Rods, 5c., 8c., 10c. per yard. Curtain Poles, 25c. and 40c. Hosiery, Gloves, Underwear, Corsets, etc.

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