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DON'T LOITER.

The board of works has again put off the task of appointing a director, shuffling the burden to the shoulders of a committee in such a manner that no matter what is done there will be continued bickering. Why not get under way at once and do something? There has been a proposal before the council for a good many months, looking towards the reorganization of the civic departments. Several aldermen are of the opinion that no appointment should be made until after the projected reorganization is completed, but a better plan surely would be to select the director, profit by his knowledge, and arrange matters so that when the re-adjustment is made he can fill in the whatever place is arranged for him. Otherwise there is not much prospect of the public works department being under a competent head during the next generation. This reform scheme has been in the air for many months, and at one time a half hearted attempt was made to carry it into effect. Practically the only thing accomplished was the shelving of Engineer Peters, who, it will be noticed, is now not only performing his old duties, but is in full charge of the works. An attempt was also made to superannuate Director Wisely, but so much opposition developed in North End that this project was dropped. Recently by order of the common council, Mayor Sears was appointed chairman of a committee to consider a plan of reorganization. As yet nothing has been done, though it was expected that the committee would have been called together long ago. And further, it is estimated that his worship favors postponing the meeting for some months. He inclines to the opinion that there will be quite enough for him to do in laying corner stones, attending to the arrangements for Earl Grey's visit, and taking part in the freemen's tournament, without trying to accomplish much more than the regular civic business. It is difficult to understand why public affairs of great importance should be held up because of amusement or social features, and it is pleasing to note that, submitting to the advice of his colleagues, the mayor has been induced to call his committee together for Friday of this week. The meeting cannot be held too soon. St. John's public undertakings, and in fact every branch of civic business, are at loose ends, are being neglected because of a very faulty system of administration, and remedies should not be too long delayed.

ON THE OTHER FOOT.

United States manufacturers once had a glorious time in the Canadian market, said their goods here at slaughter prices, the valuation being much lower than fixed for home consumers. Some of the combines even went so far as to hold-up the Canadian producers and force them to pay for the privilege of selling their own goods; that is, several concerns were compelled to purchase from United States combines, protection from dishonest competition. A few years ago Hon. Mr. Fielding introduced what has since been known as the dumping clause, and this measure, strongly advocated by the minister of customs, and supported by the government as a whole, was embodied in the Canadian tariff. And what a howl was heard in the United States? What schemes were devised to avoid this clause, and what bitter comment there was when the manufacturers found that they could no longer dump their surplus productions on Canada?

Just at the present time the shoe is on the other foot. The Roosevelt government has concluded a new commercial arrangement with Germany, and since the agreement was signed it has been found that Germany has the same opportunity in the United States market as the manufacturers in the latter country formerly enjoyed in Canada. From one end of the republic to the other, manufacturing associations are passing resolutions condemning the looseness of the new agreement by which they are exposed to strong competition. Germany is the great rival of the United States in certain lines of manufactured goods. The tariff arrangement lately settled constitutes the market value of goods to mean the price fixed for export, in cases where the goods are sold wholly for export. Foreign manufacturers need not show the cost of production, nor is that section of the customs act of sufficient effect when it is provided that all ad valorem duties shall be assessed at the actual value of the merchandise in the principal markets of the country of manufacture. The result will be that for certain lines undervaluation will be possible, and the United States high protective tariff will be no protection. To straighten mat-

ters in favor of the United States manufacturers, who so strongly objected to the Canadian dumping clause, a similar section must be provided, or the new agreement with Germany amended. But as the United States is desirous of retaining the hardy won friendship of the European nation, this will be a delicate task.

DALTONISM.

Referring to the marriage of a young white girl and a colored man in Carleton, an evening paper concludes that in this case love was blind. Hardly. Only color-blind.

The case which is now being heard at Sydney, arising from a dispute between the big Coal and Steel Companies, is being watched with interest by all Canada. The disagreement is a most unfortunate one, and while bitterness is evident on both sides there is every reason why the two concerns should sink their differences and work together. There is opportunity for the success of both, and the industrial progress of Canada depends in no small measure upon conditions in Cape Breton.

Until the Allan Line steamers actually make St. John their terminus it will be well not to feel too jubilant over this morning's announcement of plans for the winter season.

THE MIRIMACHI FIRE AS TOLD IN A VERSE.

(Bangor Commercial.)
The following is an account of the famous Mirimachi fire which occurred in 1825, written in verse by Thos. M. Jordan. The poem was found printed on a separate sheet of paper now yellowed by age, by John N. Merrill of this city, while searching an old trunk in a house at Olanow recently. The poem, it is said, gives a good description of that terrible calamity.

This is the truth what I now tell you,
For mine eyes in part did see,
What did happen to the people
On the banks of the Mirimachi.

The seventh evening of October
Eighteen hundred twenty-five,
Two hundred people fell by fire
It scorched those that did survive.

Some said it was because the people's
Sins did rise like mountains high,
Which did ascend up to Jehovah,
He would not see and justify.

In order to destroy their lumber,
And the country distress,
He sent the fire in a whirlwind
From the howling wilderness.

'Twas on the north-west first discover'd,
Twenty-two men there did die;
When it did sweep o'er the meadows,
To Newcastle it did fly.

While the people were asleeping
Fire seized upon the town,
'Twas fire and handsome was the village,
It soon tumbled to the ground.

It burnt three vessels that were building,
And two more at anchor lay;
Many that did see the fire
Thought it was the Judgment day.

Twelve more men were burnt by fire
In the compass of that town,
Twenty-five more on the water
In a scow upset and down.

A family below Newcastle
Were destroyed among the rest,
Father, mother, and three children,
One an infant at the breast.

Thirteen families were residing
Just out back of Great Green,
All of them were burnt by fire,
Only one alive was seen.

Then it passed to Black River,
Where it did burn sixty more;
So it forced its way with fury,
Till it reach'd the briny shore.

Forty-two miles by one hundred,
This great fire did extend,
All was done within eight hours,
Not exceeding over ten.

As I have spoke of things collective,
Now I intend to personate,
And speak of some of my acquaintance
With whom I was an intimate.

A lady was drove to the water,
There she stood both cold and cold,
Notwithstanding her late illness,
Had a babe but three days old.

Six young men both smart and active,
Were to work on the north-west,
When they saw the fire coming,
To escape it, tried their best.

About two miles from where their
camp stood,
There we found each one of them,
But to paint their sad experience,
I cannot with tongue or pen.

To see these fine, these blooming young
men,
All lay dead upon the ground,
And their brothers standing mourning,
Spread a dismal scene around.

Then we dug a grave and buried,
Those whom did the fire burn;
Then each of us that was alive,
To our dwellings did return.

I heard the sighs, the cries and groan-
ing,
Saw the falling of the tears;
By me this will not be forgotten
Should I live a hundred years.

Sisters weeping for their brothers,
Father crying for his son,
And with bitter heart felt sorrow
Said the mother I'm undone.

It killed the wild beasts of the forest,
In the river all the fish,
Such another horrid fire
See again I do not wish.

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POSTMASTER ARRESTED, SUSPECTED OF THEFT

Package Containing \$1,500 Has Disappeared From Port Morien, C.B.

SYDNEY, N. S., July 30.—John Murray, postmaster at Port Morien, was arrested today on suspicion, in connection with the recent robbery of a package said to contain \$1,500, from a mail bag. Duncan J. McDonald, mail carrier, was arrested some days ago, and the preliminary hearing, which has been going on before Stipendiary Hearn, resulted in McDonald being committed for trial at the supreme court.

The robbery is supposed to have taken place on July 13. A package of money was placed in a mail bag at Sydney on the night of the 12th, but the bag was not locked until the following morning. Some men are alleged to have slept that night in the room where the bag containing the money was placed. The money was sent from Sydney to the foreman of the lobster factory at Port Morien.

CITY TOOK MORTGAGE ON PLANT BUT IS NOW IN UNCERTAINTY

TORONTO, July 30.—J. M. Ross, Son & Co. of Brampton moved their factory to St. Catharines three years ago for a bonus of \$30,000 cash from the city. The company was to employ around one hundred hands and pay them \$5,000 yearly in wages. The city gave free land for a factory. Then followed trouble. There was talk of withholding part of the \$30,000. J. M. Ross threatened suit. Eventually the bonus was paid over and the city took as security a mortgage for \$30,000 on the plant. Now a receiver has been appointed and the premises handed over to him. The employees have a month's wages coming to them. The city is wondering how it stands.

MAKING RECORDS IN THE PRODUCTION OF STEEL

NEW YORK, July 30.—All records of the United States Steel Corporation in the manufacture of steel were shown to have been broken today, when the company's report for the quarter ending June 30, 1907, was made public after a meeting of the board of directors. The report shows that the company's total net earnings for the spring quarter were \$45,000,000, a high-water mark record for any single quarter in the company's history. The record-breaking total is an increase of \$5,278,672 over the corresponding quarter last year.

The directors declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent on the preferred stock, and the regular quarterly dividend of one half of one per cent on the common stock.

WANT IRISH MACKEREL TO ENTER FREE

LONDON, July 30.—Speaking in the House of Commons today, John B. Boland, Nationalist representative for the southern division of Kerry, called the attention of Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey to the principal market for Irish cured mackerel and asked the secretary to use his best endeavors, in connection with the negotiations now going on between Great Britain, Newfoundland, Canada and the United States regarding the fisheries question, to have the American tariff of 15 per cent on mackerel removed in the event of Canadian fish being allowed to enter the United States free of duty. Sir Edward replied that if favorable opportunity occurred to make an attempt to obtain a reduction of American duties on the produce of the United Kingdom the case of Irish cured mackerel would not be overlooked.

THREATENS TO MURDER SIR HARRY MCLEAN

TANGIER, July 30.—Gerard A. Lowther, the British minister here, has received a letter from Said Sir Harry Maclean, stating the Rasuli, who holds him prisoner, threatens to put him to death unless Mohammed El Tarros, the Sultan's representative for foreign affairs at Tangier, withdraws the troops from the Elkinas territory.

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OHIO REPUBLICANS WILL SUPPORT TAFT

His Candidacy for the Presidency Endorsed—Foraker and Dick Turned Down.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 30.—The candidacy of Wm. H. Taft, secretary of war, for the Republican nomination for President was endorsed by the Republican state committee today by a vote of 15 to 6. The endorsement carried with it a declaration that the Republicans of Ohio are opposed to "the elimination from public life, senators Foraker and Dick."

COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 30.—Although beaten by a decisive vote in the preliminary contests, the adherents of Senator Foraker in the committee refused to accept the Olive branch extended by the Taft supporters, and when the resolution, as amended, was finally adopted, no effort was made to make the action of the committee unanimous.

The endorsement of Secretary Taft's candidacy by the Republican state central committee was vigorously opposed by Senator Foraker, who, upon the eve of the meeting of the committee openly voiced his dissent to the proposition.

BIG GATHERING OF FIREMEN IN BOSTON

Tournament Held Yesterday—Prizes Amounting to \$1,250 Given.

BOSTON, Mass., July 30.—A firemen's muster in which some forty hand tubs competed, paraded through the streets of Boston and was reviewed by the governor and mayor, following which they held a play on the Common, was the principal feature of the third day of Boston's old home week. At Dedham, the Fairbanks family, of which Charles V. Fairbanks, president of the United States, is president, held its annual re-union. The vice-president was present.

At the Charlestown navy yard, the frigate Constitution, recently refitted with masts and spars, was thrown open to the public, and a reception held by historical societies.

The play which was held on the Common with the Frog Pond as a reservoir, was for prizes aggregating \$1,250, which was divided among ten tubs.

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BIRTHS.

CARMICHAEL—In this city, at 25 Rock street, July 30th, to the wife of Herbert F. Carmichael, a daughter.

HILL—At Gibson, N. B., July 27th, to the wife of J. W. Hill, a son.

DEATHS.

POWELL—At Belvedere Creek, Kings county, on Friday, July 26, Talmage H. Powell, aged 15 years and six months, son of W. A. Powell.

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OTTAWA DISAPPOINTED OVER ATTENDANCE AT THE SUMMER CARNIVAL

OTTAWA, July 30.—The attendance at the summer carnival is not what was anticipated. About 1,500 have registered at headquarters. The first of the excursions from the Ottawa Valley came in today. It is from Arnprior. Tomorrow 500 are expected from Montreal. The police sports was the event of the afternoon. Tonight there was the grand Venetian night on the canal and concerts by the local bands on the driveway. The civil service is to have a holiday to attend to the carnival. The professional baseball tournament has fizzled out, and the amateur baseball tournament has also been cancelled. O. H. Latremouille of Toronto won the gold medal given for the best all-round athlete, with eighteen points at police sports. Graham of Ottawa came second with twelve points. A cricket match which will go over two days between Ottawa and McGill, started today. In the first innings Ottawa scored 201, Perreia scored 62, McGivern 55, Ackland 44. McGill had 57 for two wickets down.

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TRAGEDIES

BOSTON, Mass., July 30.—There were two fatalities due to falls in Boston today. Mrs. Jennie Friedlander, aged 55 years, married, of 11 Elder street, Dorchester, while demented, jumped from the roof of a four story block at 40 Oneida street and died soon after at the City Hospital.

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 30.—John Lynk, a Poie, killed his wife this afternoon by slashing her six times with a carving knife and then committed suicide by slitting his own throat, at his home in Twenty Third street, Brooklyn. The woman fell dead in the doorway as she was trying to escape. Lynk some time ago left the city laboring under the impression that he was to be deported. Recently he returned and his fears that he would be sent back to Europe, where, it is said, he was wanted for an offense, are thought to have unbalanced his mind.

CLINTON, Ill., July 30.—At the resumption today of the grand jury inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs. Pet Magill, for which her husband and his second wife are being held, C. G. Oskman, the undertaker who embalmed Mrs. Pet Magill's body, testified that the fluid used by him contained arsenic. He explained to the jury that since the new coroner's laws, which prohibits the use of arsenical embalming fluids in cases of sudden death, went into effect, July 1, he had not used it, but May 31, when Mrs. Magill died, this law was not in force.

The grand jury will probably not conclude its examination until Friday. COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., July 30.—Amos R. Hummough, of Washington, D. C., the witness who, it is believed, could shed light upon the death of Miss Laura Matthews, whose body was found in a lane near Broadway yesterday with a bullet hole in the head, shot his jury this evening while the coroner's jury was awaiting his appearance to testify, and was not expected to recover at the hospital to which he was taken.

Several sensational facts developed at the inquest.

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