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The tick-tock of the big clock in Montreal's McGill Observatory, the clicking of telegraphic keys, and an electric message thrills the wires of an entire railway system, giving the standard time to each of its employes.

ployes.

Not to human hands is entrusted the important work of sending out the standard time to all important railway points. The almost perfect mechanism of the Movill clock when connected with the electric current connected a message over the wires twice sends a message over the wires twice a day. At 10.58 every morning the Grand Trunk Railway Company is given the standard time, and about an hour later the Canadian Pacific Railway Company is supplied with the all-important information. The method of sending the message is interesting.

method of sending the message is interesting.

To illustrate, we will use the C. P. R. system. Before the hour of 11.52 comes every key is left silent, and anyone in a C.P.R. telegraph office can then hear the message. Beginning sharp on the minute, there comes a single dash every alternate second until 50 seconds have passed. Then there is a pause of ten seconds. At 11.55 the dashes start again, this time a double dash to every alternate second, lasting for 50 seconds. Another pause of ten seconds, and sharp on the stroke of 11.56 comes a quick double dash and the circuit is closed. Then the ordinary work is resumed.

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watches or clocks with the standard time, and there is absolutely no excuse for inaccuracy except in cases where the timepieces are defective. There is no time lost on the wires in sending the message. Railway men say that it goes to Fort william without being repeated, and that if the telegraphic instruments were perfect enough the message might go around the world without any appreciable loss of time. Electricity is swift now, and ere long it may be swifter.

The Grand Trunk Railway take the precaution to repeat the message at the most important terminals and junctions on their lines.

In every station and in nearly every railway office of any importance there is a large clock, and the employes in charge of these clocks are ployes in charge of these clocks are expected to compare them daily with the standard time as received from McGill Observatory. If a clock varies more than ten seconds it is corrected, and if less than ten seconds, there is a card hung on its front, stating the exact number of seconds that it is either fast or slow.

But this is not the case with watches. These tiny timekeepers must be kept in perfect unison, with standard time. All employes who have anything to do with the running of trains, train-masters, locomotive foremen, roadmasters, bridge and

trains, train-masters, locomotive foremen, roadmasters, bridge and building masters, conductors, engineers, firemen, brakemen, train baggagemen, yardmasters, and yard foremen, must have their watches regularly examined. foremen, must have their watches regularly examined and certified by the inspector employed by the company to be of the required standard of excellence. This certificate is supposed to be renewed every January and July. The watches of the trainmen are examined every first and third week of each month for record and comparison with standard time. The employes must not regulate their own watches or set them, unless in case they run down on account of failure to wind.

Conductors, engineers and pilots

failure to wind.

Conductors, enginers and pilots are expected before going out on a trip to compare their watches with a "comparison clock" or one of standard time. Before starting out the crew must also compare their watches. All other railway employes are supposed to regularly consult a are supposed to regularly consult a comparison clock.

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All these matters are covered by the company's rule-books, and the employes must abile by the rules. Not only must trainmen carry watches that are in the habit of keeping good time, but their time-pieces must be of a certain standard. They must have no less than 19 jewels. The requirement in this regard used to be 21. The difference does not make any difference, howgard used to be 21. The difference does not make any difference, however, in the cost. A railway man cannot get a watch of the required excellence for less than about \$25. Every watch is also supposed to be turned in for cleaning every fifteen months. The regulation and examination of his watch costs the railway man nothing. The company pays its watch experts for all that work. One of the essentials of careful railway management is accuracy in time. Train schedules are now arranged so closely that absolute accuracy is entirely necessary. It is easily understood, therefore, why the railway companies are so particular on this point. Even a small difference of time in a trainman's watch might prove sufficient cause for a disastrous accident.

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Greatest, Yet Peerest of Men.

Rev. James L. Gordon, in Bond Street Congregational Church, Toronto, on Sunday said: The world has had five great teachers—Moses. Buddha, Confucius, Mohammed and Jesus, the peerless personality of all history. The life of Jesus stretches from the lowest material realm to the highest spiritual realm, and the seven great events of that life were His incarnation, manifestation in the temple, templation in the wilderness, transfiguration on the mount, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension. Emerson, says of Christ: "He was the greatest and the poorest man among the men of history." He was rocked in a borrowed cradle, and buried in a borrowed cradle, and buried in a borrowed tomb, Jesus in His crucifixion deals with five great mysteries of life—the mysteries of pain, shame, sin, death and unknown eternity. Measure the tomb of Jesus by the divine rod of measurement, and you find it in its length equal to eternity, in width to the human race, and in depth to the need of the human heart, and in the dome that overarches it, a height as great as the throne of the infinite.

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The First Riding Lesson. The pupil of a good riding master is usually disappointed at not being allowed to do more in the first lesson. He expects to mount the horse at once start off with a trot and wind up with a canter. He is a little annoyed upon a canter. He is a nittle annoyed upon finding that the first lesson consists almost wholly of oral instruction and a great part of it on foot at that. If the master is conscientious he will not permit the anxiety to be off and doing to interfere with a proper understanding of the A B C of the art. Should the beginner apply at one of the big riding academies in New York for instruction the first lesson will begin with the leading by a groom of a horse, bridled and saddled, into the center of the ring. The riding master and the pupil take their stand close by, and the former begins to explain painstakingly the various parts of the saddle and bridle and their purposes. Before anything further is attempted the pupil must be able to answer simple questions in regard to the pommel and the cantle, the curb and the snaffle, and to knew uses of the two bits.

Omar Khayyam's Translator. To FitzGerald, careless disorderly, unconventional, who had for so long fellowed his own sweet will, punctifious etiquette and fastidious neatness in attire were above all things hateful. He once said to a friend: "I couldn't be bothered with all those waims—

be bothered with all those waims—dressing for this and dressing for that. I couldn't put up with it."

He and a friend were dining at a hotel, and among the good things set before them was a noble fruit pie.

But they had But they had eaten so heartily of the first course that when it came to the pie's turn they were beaten. FitzGer-ald looked troubled. "Mrs. So-and-so (the hostess), who knews my partiality for fruit," said he, "will take it as a slight if we leave the pie untouched." So without more ado he cut out a good sliced wedge with a fair allowgood sheed wedge with a fair allow-ance of fruit and dropped it into his hat, which he covered with his yellow silk handkerchief, and rang the bell for the bill.—Wright's "Life of Fitz-Gerald."

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THE CANADIAN SEA.

'Probs," Mr. R. F. Stupart, Speaks to To-reare Club, on "Navigation of Hud-son's Boy and Strait"

Mr. R. F. Stupart, of the weather office, delivered the other day before the Empire Club, Toronto, an address on "The Navigation of Hudson's Bay and Strait," which was to the following effect:

To the north of Ontario and Que-To the north of Ontario and Quebec there is, as you all know, a great inland sea, a vast expanse of salt water, 850 miles from north to south and 600 in breadth, and bounded wholly by lands which are part and parcel of our great Dominion, and connected with the broad Atlantic by a strait some 450 miles in length. We have as yet but a most imperfect knowledge of what Atlantic by a strait some 450 miles in length. We have as yet but a most imperfect knowledge of what wealth these waters contain. We know that they do contain the right whale, porpoise or white whale, walrus, narwhal, seal, salmon, 'trout, cod, and a variety of small fish, but the only fishing industries so far developed are the whale fishery by the Americans and the walrus, porpoise and salmon fisheries by the Hudson's Bay Company. The chief whaling and salmon fisheries by the Hudson's Bay Company. The chief whaling ground is in the northwestern part of the bay, and here whalers from Massachusetts and Connecticut have been carrying on a profitable fishery for nearly half a century. I fancy I am not astray in surmising that these people have year by year been taking out oil and bone to the value of at least \$100,000. Some years ago the Hudson's Bay Company made large profit out of the oil

value of at least \$100,000. Some years ago the Hudson's Bay Company made large profit out of the oil of the seal and white whale, and refined the oil at their northern ports; now, as the oil has a less commercial value, they have ceased this industry. The walrus is hunted not only by the native Eskimo, who roams the shore line of the bays and straits and kills this huge animal from kyak and ice floe, but also by the company's men, who seek it in small vessels out from Churchill.

The rivers which flow into Ungava Bay and doubtless others further west, abound in salmon—salmon equal in flavor to those of New Brunswick. The Hudson's Bay Company at one time found it worth while to send a ship to Ungava and George's River for salmon alone to be shipped in cold storage. I believe this ship has been discontinued, but I think it probable for reasons other than the failure of the fishery. We Canadians have very slowly awakened to the realization of the fact that in Manitoba and our Northwest Territories we have the best of wheat growing lands on the surface of the globe, sixty million acres, where wheat is as certain a crôp as in any part of the world and more than globe, sixty million acres, where wheat is as certain a crop as in any part of the world and more than twice sixty million acres where the wheat fields will in most years yield ample returns and where in every year other crops are so certain of ample returns and where in every year other crops are so certain of success that the farmer will be able to regard with tolerable equanimity the possibility of partial failure of wheat. What wonder that the Manitoban and Northwest farmer have considered whether Hudson's Bay and Straits are not the natural and here. considered whether Hudson's Bay and Straits are not the natural and best outlet from the Northwest granary to the markets of Europe. Churchill is only 859 miles from Edmonton, 620 miles from Prince Albert and 640 miles from Winnipeg and the sea route from Churchill to Liverpool is but 3,368 miles.

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The original charter of the Hudson's Bay Company was granted in 1668, in which Prince Rupert sent an expedition into the bay, and Fort Charles, the first English settlement, was established near the mouth of Rupert's River. For nearly 200 years the company's ships have been passing backwards and forwards through the Straits, and seem not to have been liable to any large percentage of disaster. It must, however, be borne in mind that the ships have until recent years been sailing vessels, and making but one trip per annum, have passed through the Straits when there has been very little ice. They leave Scotland so as to reach the entrance of the Straits about August 1st, and within less than two months they are reach. out August 1st, and within less than two months they are again out

than two months they are again out of the Straits homeward bound. Mr. Stupart then proceeded to give some particulars relating to the length of time navigation in the bay

Mr. Stupart then proceeded to give some particulars relating to the length of time navigation in the bay is impeded or actually suspended through the ice, then continued:

"If give the following as the season during which navigation may in ordinary years be regarded as practicable for the purpose of commerce; not indeed to the cheaply built freight steamer, commonly known as the "ocean tramp," but to vessels of about 2,000 tons gross, fortified for meeting ice, and of such construction as to enable them to be fair freight carriers. These vessels must be strengthened forward; should have wooden sheeting and no every full under the counter; the propeller should be of small diameter and be well down in the water. I place the limit of size at about 2,000 tons because a larger ship would be somewhat unwieldly, could not make such good way through the loose ice, and being unable to turn so sharply she would get many a heavy blow that the smaller ship would escape."

The speaker then went on to give some interesting details concerning the vicissitudes experienced by Captain Wakeham, the commander of a whaling vessel and concluded his remarks thus:

In judging of the suitability of Hudson's Straits as a commercial trade route we have not to consider during what period of each year a Dundee whaler or a specially constructed ice crusher can navigate the Straits, but rather during what period an ordinary well found iron ship with a master of usual experience can navigate them with an ordinary degree of safety. The result of investigation is not uncertain—such a ship may with safety enter the Straits early in July and should she have good luck she may get through to the bay with but a few delays in the ice, but delays of a week or ten days will not be infrequent. At the close of the season ships should not leave Churchill later than the middle of October, because at that date winter has set is.



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