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FRIDAY	6,975
SATURDAY	7,327
TOTAL	42,310
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FORESTS THREATENED

It is a matter of grave importance to the province of New Brunswick that its spruce forests are threatened by an insect pest which is already doing great damage. The insect is a species of saw-fly, which attacks the new shoots and utterly destroys them, thus preventing the growth of the tree.

Mr. A. Gordon Leavitt, of this city, who is a local authority on insect life, and has a fine collection of specimens, showed the Times yesterday a group of spruce buds that had turned brown and were practically dead as a result of the operations of the saw-fly, of which he had also a collection of some hundreds in a bottle of liquid. The specimens were secured in the Nepesiga valley, but Mr. Leavitt states that evidence of the destructive work of the insect may be seen along the Howe Road, and elsewhere in the vicinity of the city.

These insects multiply with amazing rapidity. They have been among our spruce trees for several years, but only in small, though steadily growing numbers, as was the case with the sawfly that some years ago played such havoc with the tamarack trees of New Brunswick.

It is the opinion of Mr. Leavitt, and his view is doubtless justified, that the provincial government should give attention to this matter. If our spruce forests are as seriously threatened as a rapid multiplication of these pests would seem to imply, the evil should be grappled with at the outset.

In the New England states the gypsy moth has done enormous damage during the past few years, so much so that the work of destroying the pest has become one of national importance. A despatch from Boston yesterday said:

"Dr. L. O. Howard, chief of the Bureau of Entomology, under whose direction will be carried on the national work against the gypsy and brown tail moths in New England, will make a tour through the infested district of Maine during the week of August 6. On this trip he will be accompanied by Supt. A. H. Kirkland of the Massachusetts gypsy moth work. The first stop will be at Portland, Me. Monday afternoon for a conference with the park commissioners and others. Tuesday morning will be spent with Commissioner A. W. Gilman at Augusta and Tuesday afternoon at Bangor where Prof. C. D. Woods will join the party. Wednesday will be spent at Rockland, from which place Dr. Howard will return to Boston, leaving Thursday morning for a conference with the Rhode Island officials at Providence. When last in Massachusetts Dr. Howard expressed himself as desirous of giving through his bureau all possible assistance to the New England states which are now engaged in suppressing the gypsy and brown tail moths."

It may be that New Brunswick will be compelled to take somewhat similar action against the pest that threatens the spruce forests, whose value to the province is so very great.

WATERING CARTS

Complaint is continually made that the streets of St. John are not properly traversed by watering carts. This is especially true of Douglas Avenue, which has become one of the most frequented thoroughfares in the city, outside of the business centre. Not only do all the taxicabs who come here go out the Avenue, and form impressions regarding the character of our city government, but thousands of city people go that way in the afternoons and evenings, en route to Riverview or Seaside Park or the Bridges. Moreover, the Avenue is one of the prettiest residential portions of the city, and there is very little encouragement for citizens to put down in good condition, or plant trees or paint their houses if these are all to be smothered in dust.

The street department should look to this matter of watering the streets, and see to it that the results are more satisfactory to the citizens.

IN RUSSIA

A cable from St. Petersburg this morning stated that the czar had rejected the proposals of Premier Stolypin, and it was feared would declare a military dictatorship under Grand Duke Nicholas. Even Russian folk can scarcely be so foolish. In its present temper the country wants anything rather than a grand-ducal dictatorship. Grand dukes have been kept discreetly in the background for a considerable time past, and that policy should evidently be continued for some time longer.

The position in which the unhappy Czar finds himself is so extremely difficult that

it is perhaps not surprising to see so weak a man the puppet of warring factions, but to exercise Stolypin for Grand Duke Nicholas would be a very poor exchange. The former understands the people much better, and is far enough removed from radicalism to be a safe counsellor.

The mutineers at Srebrenik and Reval have been suppressed, but as such outbreaks occur with growing frequency it is clear that the hold of the autocracy upon the army and navy is not so strong as it was. Therein lies the greatest element of immediate danger. There might arise a dictator who would neither be a grand duke nor a czar. As was remarked the other day, almost anything might be expected to happen in Russia, although the odds are still in favor of the government, which also has the future in its own hands.

The Montreal Gazette says:—"There is a movement on foot to fit up all the Allan vessels trading to the port of Montreal with wireless telegraphy, which with the erection of a wireless station at Three Rivers would enable the vessels to this line to keep in touch with the various stations and keep posted regarding weather conditions. The question is now being considered by Messrs. H. & A. Allan, and within the near future every Allan boat leaving the port of Montreal may be equipped with this latest aid to safe and successful navigation."

The Times tomorrow will print the first of a series of four special, copyrighted articles on western Canada as seen by eastern eyes after a lapse of some years. The writer, Mr. Frank Yeigh, of Toronto, has already been a contributor to the Times, being the compiler of the special Dominion Day page on Canada, both this year and last, which attracted so much attention. The letters, the first of which will appear tomorrow, are a brilliant series that will be read with interest and pleasure.

Should the yachtsmen be favored with a good sailing breeze tomorrow afternoon, the headquarters of the R. Y. C. Club at Millidgeville will offer special attractions, as the races are expected to be very interesting. Millidgeville is also growing as a suburban resort, and the cottages among the evergreens make a very pretty picture. The extension of the street car line to Millidgeville would result in a boom for that beautiful suburb.

Mr. Camille Piche, M. P. for St. Mary's Division, Montreal, having resigned to accept a judicial position, a Montreal despatch indicates that there will be a lively time. It says: "It is expected the ensuing bye-election will be a hot one. Mr. Henri Bouscasse intends to stump the riding against the government on the Sunday Bill and the Labor Party will put up a candidate."

The street railway company in Toronto has a rival. A company called The Imperial Coaches, Limited, has put on the first of a series of auto cars holding thirty people each, which will be placed on regular routes in the city. In a city as large as Toronto the new venture should do a fairly good business.

The fire at St. George is most unfortunate, but the company affected has manifested great energy in the past, and will not be disheartened.

The present week has witnessed the arrival of many American tourists. Happily the weather is more favorable for them than for some of their predecessors.

The Moncton police magistrate means business, and the citizens may witness the unexpected, in the enforcement of the Scott Act.

It is pleasant to hope that Hon. Mr. Hyman did not mean what he appears to have said, but that does not operate the dredge, and time flies.

As will be seen by the Times market report on page 3, a number of staples have a rising tendency.

THE TAX DISCOUNT
The treasury board met last evening, when most of the time was taken up in a discussion on the question of changing the discount for taxes. After a number of motions had been introduced, it was decided to allow matters to remain as at present, and to discuss the question in the council on Monday next.

The recommendation of the safety board that the police and ferry departments should receive their pay fortnightly was taken up.

After discussion, the chamberlain was asked to bring in a report on the matter. The matter of the city laborers being paid by the directors was also left to the chamberlain to report.

Mr. Pickett, Baxter and Christie were appointed a committee to report on the question of collecting default taxes. On motion the chairman was requested to take steps to collect arrears from the Furlong and the John Robertson estates.

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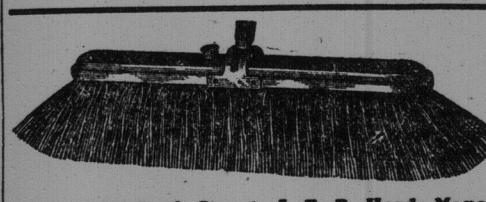
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AT NAPLES

(By Alfred Austin).
"The night, and forthwith from afar
The sound of carves, wandering feet,
And, coaxed from mandolin and guitar,
Music voluptuously sweet."

Where the languid wavelets keep
Time round the deeply curving bay,
From where more music than Mantuan sleep,
To native nest of Tasso's lay."

But what is it that haunts the midnight air?
Is it the unseen wailing ghosts
Of God and Goddess dead elsewhere,
Who one time ruled these radiant coasts?

Yes! vain, Pandean pipe, and lute!
Only corridors and halls,
Divinities, in marble mute,
Stare from their chaste cold pedestals.

"Have they then gone, to come no more?"
The sighing sea-waves seem to say:
And, wandering lone from shore to shore,
Years for a something passed away."

Naples, Italy.

"Mantuan me genuit: Calabro sapere, tene
num: ethiopice: cecili, parca, rura, duces—
Virgil's Epitaph.
Tasso was born at Savento.
From the Independent of Aug. 2.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

WOES OF THE RICH.

"Things are not as they used to be," said the man of melancholy reminiscences.

"No," answered Mr. Dustin Stax regretfully. "The time was when great wealth would get a man out of trouble. Now it gets him into it."—Washington Star.

HIS BEST CUSTOMER.

A chemist made a mistake in weighing some poison, and thus killed the purchaser. When the news was announced to him, he exclaimed:

"O, how unfortunate I am; he was my best customer."—Il Diavolo Rosa.

HOME AND ABROAD.

McLubberty (sneak)—"That'll do. Oi am goin' out, and that settles it! B'gorra, it's too dull for me at home in the evening."

Mrs. McLubberty—Dull, is it? How d'yez know it's dull? Why don't yez stay at home as yez say, just to see how we piaz the toipe wile yez're away?—Puck.

ABOUT HEALTH.

"To what do you attribute your good health and remarkably robust constitution?"

"To regular habits and early retiring."

"Then you have been so situated that you could carry out these excellent rules for the preservation of the health?"

"Oh, yes, I was in the penitentiary for twenty-three years."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

OH, THIS IS TOO CUTTING!

It was a dull day, but the poet's nerves were on a sharp edge.

There was nothing to write of, save, perchance, himself—

A scissor grinder strolled to the open door and knocked.

"Anything to sharpen?" he cried.

The poet looked up from the blank page in front of him and turned a weary eye upon the caller.

"You might sharpen my wit," he said, half aloud.

Then, with a keen glance, he motioned the man away, for the sight of which he made his apprehensive.

SEVEN OF HIM.

John Weaver, the reform mayor of Philadelphia, was recently congratulated by a delegation of clergymen on the clean administration that he has given the Quaker city.

In the course of his reply, Mayor Weaver said:

"I am glad to tell you that things with us have improved. Take, for instance, the matter of elections. A Philadelphian, some years ago, was running for a small office, and on election day he went from poll to poll, cheering his supporters on."

"As he left a certain poll a shabby individual approached and shook him by the hand."

"I trust, sir," said the candidate, "that you are one of my supporters?"

"One!" chuckled the shabby individual. "Why, bless your heart, I'm seven of 'em."—Pittsburg Post.

RUSSELL SAGE'S WILL

(Wall Street Journal).

The best thing that Russell Sage ever did was making his will. His life, devoted as it was, entirely to the making and saving of money, was not an edifying spectacle, nor one which can be held up as an example to our children.

One who checked the shabby individual. "Why, bless your heart, I'm seven of 'em."—Pittsburg Post.

But his will was a dignified and altogether commendable document. For Mr. Sage to have willed his fortune to charity would have been hypocritical. It would have been entirely out of keeping with his whole life. He was not a philanthropist when living and he wisely refrained from posthumous charity.

His treatment of his relatives seems to have been entirely reasonable and wise. There had been little in common between Mr. Sage and his relatives. Their ways of life separated widely. They were not accustomed to the use of large sums of money, and to have bequeathed them millions would have perhaps been more a calamity than a kindness to them.

He left this great fortune to his wife, a woman advanced in years, of quiet tastes, and not at all likely to squander the fortune that it had taken Mr. Sage so many years to acquire.

Mr. Sage must have known that his wife with her religious and philanthropic disposition, would probably devote the fortune to charity and religion, and in bequeathing her the money he practically made her trustee of the fortune to be used for such purposes.

At a meeting of the Y. M. C. A. trustees held yesterday afternoon in the office of L. P. D. Tilley, the changes in the plans for the new building suggested by the international committee were discussed. A committee, consisting of Mr. Tilley, T. H. Somerville and Mr. Barber, was appointed to confer with the architect and report later. Arrangements for the sale of the Chaiet will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

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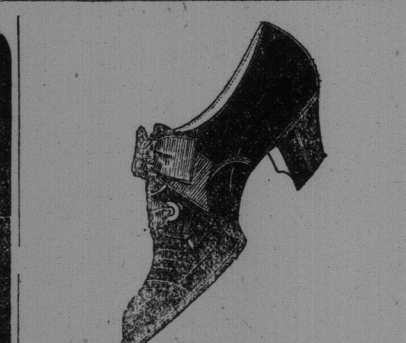
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