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PROVIDE WORK

The city of Ottawa is grappling with the problem of unemployed labor, to which the Times has been directing the attention of those in authority in St. John. The Ottawa Citizen says:—

"Providing work for unemployed people, particularly immigrants arriving in the city at a very inopportune time, is proving somewhat of a problem for the people of the city charity department, the rescue misison and other organizations engaged in such work. The other day a group of twenty-seven men, mostly English, applied to the city for work. Mayor Scott has instructed the city engineer to place a large quantity of stone at the city yard on Chamberlain avenue and people who cannot get work elsewhere and must have something to do will be put at work breaking stone and be allowed 30 cents per ton. This will go a long way towards relieving what might otherwise be cases of distress. It is said that a man can break up about four tons a day. The stone which is usually broken by crushers will be used on street improvements during next year."

The city council of St. John should give attention to this matter, so that when an able-bodied man appeals to a citizen for the price of a meal he may be told where he can go to earn it. There will be no lack of such cases to be dealt with before the winter is over.

EFFICIENCY OF LABOR

The Iron Age, in a recent issue made the following statement;

"The gravest evil from which this country, the United States, is now suffering, graver by far than the exaggerated dangers from monopolies or from freight rebates, is the decline in the efficiency of labor."

This statement, if true, is very significant, for, as the Bankers' Magazine observes in commenting on it, "any lessening of the efficiency in labor will most seriously affect the laborers themselves, but it will also be felt by all invested capital." Not only so, but it would seriously affect the ability of the country to compete with the product of the labor of other countries in foreign markets. Looking for reasons for the condition alleged to exist the Bankers' Magazine remarks:—

"The pressing competition for labor has made it an easy matter for anybody to get work, whether thoroughly competent or not. This has tended to make labor independent, and, to some extent, indifferent; for, if work was lacking at one establishment, it could be had at another. But the demand for labor already gives signs of falling off, and those who are now employed will find it more difficult to retain their jobs. They will, therefore, find it necessary to look carefully to their duties, and to give the best service possible."

For quite a number of years there has been a great demand for labor, and wages have steadily risen. At the present time the demand is so lessened, not only in the United States but in part of Canada, that the question is not so much one of high wages for men as it is of work for all who seek to be employed. Every day the despatches tell of a slackening up here and there, the result of which means, in the aggregate, many idle men. Under such conditions the most careful, conscientious and capable men are the ones to reap the advantage of their care and skill. One result would be a more vital interest on the part of the worker in the success of the enterprise whose continued existence meant work and wages for himself. When there is this harmony of effort between employer and employed the result is better value in the products of their labor.

Referring to currency reform in the United States, Bradstreet's says:—"Judging from the advices that have thus far come from Washington, congress is not in a mood to be hurried into the enactment of a law dealing with the general subject of currency reform. This is particularly true of the senate, whose leaders in matters affecting financial legislation are determined to take time to canvass thoroughly all the plans before the country. It seems likely, therefore, that by the time the national legislators are ready to act, the various plans that have been evoked or revived by the recent experience of the country will have had a thorough discussion. Among the plans which have engaged the attention of bankers and public men in a marked degree lately, and which will doubtless receive the careful consideration of the national legislators, is that of a central bank of issue."

Of railway construction in the Canadian west Bradstreet's says:—"About 18 000 men are at work on the Grand Trunk Pacific between Winnipeg and Moncton, and on the section west of Winnipeg about 20,000 men are employed. About 123 miles of road between Portage la Prairie and Mimiota, Man., are ready for traffic and an additional 100 miles will soon be ready. The cost of the prairie sections is estimated at between $23,000 and $24,000 per mile. It was originally estimated this section would cost $13,000 per mile but the advance is due to the increase in wages and to the higher cost of supplies. The grading is being pushed between Saskatoon and Edmonton and the greater part of the district is ready for ties."

The estimates brought down to parliament yesterday total nearly $120,000,000. This is an enormous amount, and will be increased by the supplementary estimates Canada would need to be prosperous to justify such expenditures. It will be noted that several millions are to be spent on the Intercolonial. Evidently "the people's railway" has not been kept up to the requirements. The millions to be expended offer a tempting field for the favored contractor. The discussion on the items of the estimates will doubtless be long and lively.

In connection with the recent break in the water mains the city council will not have done its duty until it makes further enquiry concerning the statement that some citizens were notified of the break and no attempt was made to inform the citizens generally. This is a matter of sufficient seriousness to deserve serious treatment.

Mr. Foster wants to know how much money has been paid to Mr. Pearson's papers, the St. John Sun and Star, Halifax Chronicle and Echo, and Glace Bay Gazette—also, for purposes of comparison, the amount paid the St. John Globe. No doubt it will be an interesting statement.

The Ottawa Journal is not impressed by the doings on Parliament Hill. It says:—"If the Comomns were to stay long enough in as bad temper as that in which it opened its debates, its nerves would be worn to a frazzle before it had reasonably got down to business."

Senator Ellis discovers weakness in the Liberal ranks and growing strength in the ranks of the Conservatives. He says as much in his parliamentary letter to the Globe. The senator's powers of observation are good, and in this instance have not deceived him.

City readers who buy the first edition of the Times should bear in mind that there is also a later edition, which gives all the local and late telegraphic news. This is the edition that is delivered at the homes of subscribers.

Ottawa is to have the pleasure of welcoming a St. John delegation, and the delegation will no doubt have the pleasure of hearing some lively talk in the commons.

William Jennings Bryan will apparently be deterred only by the limitations of human life from becoming a perpetual candidate for the presidency of the United States.

President Roosevelt once more asserts that he is not a candidate for re-election. This should settle the matter.

The local government candidates in this city are to be chosen next week. Looks like an election.

GAMBLING DEVICES

Ontario Paper Places Limerick Contests in Same Category as Other Schemes "To Get Easy People's Money."

(Hamilton Times.)

The "prize package," is doomed. Some Canadian manufacturers have been advertising that prizes will be found in every package of their goods, and this has led to enquiry as to the legality of the practice. It is held that such is contrary to the Act intended to suppress gambling and lottery devices, and the firms affected have promised to discontinue it. Perhaps it is against the law , but it is surely not so much a thinly cloaked lottery device—an effort to get easy people's money by appeal to the gambling instinct —as many of the fake schemes run by newspapers and others. Take the "limerick" schemes, for instance, which lure so much money from "prize" hunters. How much better are they than prize package schemes? How much better than straight gambling? Of course, it will be said that they are not pure chance affairs, but is that to their credit? The obessed ones who part with their small change are playing the other fellow's game, and the decision is entirely in his hands. In a fair lottery or even in "bucking the tiger" in the wheat pit the gambler, if we are to apply the term, has at least a chance for his cash. In these little goose-plucking schemes the pluckers have all the say, and but for the fact that "a sucker is born every minute," they would yield no profit. The success of the fakirs in getting the loose change of approachable ones may lead to action toward making the law broad enough to certainly cover their case.

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Fell on my soul the calm of twilight woods.
The peace of quiet aisles
Where ancient trees in solemn, cloistered files
Muse on dim ages past:—
Eternity of silence, dreamless, deep!
Roses of mornings fled!
Vistas of evenings grey, with roses dead!

When comes for me the call
At eventide, may folding shadows fall
The calm of twilight woods!
The peace of quiet aisles!
—Jane Taaffe, in Appleton's Magazine.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

PROOF OF AFFECTION.

"How do you know your husband loves you? Does he eat your cooking?"

"Yes, but he refuses to let me eat it."—Houston Post.

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HE HADN'T ANY.

"What are your views on currency?" asked the busy citizen.

"Mostly sad and reminiscent," answered the man who had been to the races.—Washington Star.

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VERY INSTRUMENTAL.

"But she sings more than she plays; why do you speak of her music as instrumental?"

"Well, it's instrumental in making the neighbors move out."—Catholic Standard and Times.

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KNEW HIS BUSINESS.

"It is said, doctor, that you treated your landlord for liver trouble and he died of stomach trouble!"

"Infamous slander! When I treat a patient for liver trouble he dies from that—understand?"—Fliegende Blaetter.

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AWKWARD SITUATION.

Mother—Why did you not scream when Hans kissed you?

Daughter—He threatened me.

Mother—How?

Daughter—He said if I did he'd never kiss me again—Meggendorfer Blaetter.

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SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENT.

"If you refuse me," said the young man, "I shall blow out my brains."

"I'd hate to have you do that," replied the girl, thoughtfully, "and yet it would be a good joke on pa. He says you haven't any, you know."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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A NEW PATENT.
(Chicago Tribune)

"Dear me!" exclaimed the young lady in the big furniture store. "What a queer-looking sofa! Why, it has such short legs."

"Yes, Miss," replied the polite salesman, "that is a courtship sofa. Little brothers can't squeeze under it."

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WHICH MUST HAVE BEEN TRUE
(The Tatler.)

"Now, be careful, Mr. Gibbons! You were, I believe an old friend of the prisoner's. Did you ever notice that he behaved strangely when he was alone?"

"Well, sir, yer see I weren't never wiv 'im when he was alone, sir."

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A BOOM AT PRINCE RUPERT

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 11—(Special)—Prince Rupert is to be incorporated. Editor John Houston, of the Weekly Empire, announces his candidacy for the mayoralty.

Arrangements have been made for the location of branches of the Canadian Bank of Commerce and Bank of Montreal at Prince Rupert.

NEW LINE COMPLETED

Regina, Dec. 11—(Special)—The laying of steel rails on the Canadian Northern line from Brandon to Regina was completed at noon today. The last half mile was laid this morning.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Dominion Lodge No. 18, L. O. B. A., met last evening in their hall, Simonds street, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:—Mrs. Wm. Parks, W. M.; Mrs. Gilchrist, D. M.; Mrs. C. A. Parlee, chaplain; Mrs. F. W. Dean, recording secretary; Mrs. Irvine, financial secretary; Mrs. Moran, treasurer; Mrs. Johnson, D. of C.; Miss Whitter, lecturer; Mrs. Esty, inner guard; Mr. Moran, outer guard; Mrs. Naves, S. M. of Com. Members of council, Mrs. Shields, Mrs. Gardener, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Wilson. Auditors, Mr. Parlee, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Parlee; guardian, Mr. Parlee.

Thomas Hetherington, of Cody's, is at the Royal.

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Japanese China Cups and Saucers, 15c. to $1.50 each; Plates, 15c. to $1.00; Bon-Bon Dishes, 15c. to $1.50; Berry Sets, Teapots, Chocolate Pots, etc. Special 40-piece Carlsbad China Tea Sets, new shape and decorations, only $4.95 set. New Glass Water Sets in Ruby, blue and Green, at 85c., $1.10 and $1.50 set. Special value in Rich Cut Glass. Musical Xmas Trees, $2.00 each. Revolving Musical Xmas Tree Stands, $5.50 and $6.00 each.

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Parlor Suits, Brass and Iron Beds Odd Bureaus and Commodes, Fancy Odd Chairs Etc.

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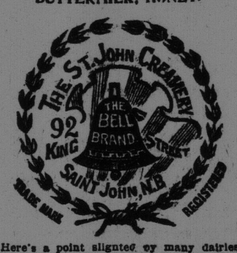

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