

St. John Conditions That Are Demanding Attention

An Afternoon's Walk Reveals Astounding State of Affairs—Drunkness, Money Begging and Blackguardism in the Streets

Montreal, Boston, New York and other big city newspapers recently to hand give most sensational accounts of the shameful riots in this city, and yellow journalism has played the limit with many of the details. The Montreal Star's reports were spread over several pages, and large headlines stretched the whole breadth of the big sheet. Certainly this ordinarily peaceful little city has gotten more publicity of an adverse kind than the Board of Trade's publicity machinery could secure of a beneficial character in many years. In conversation this morning with a citizen well acquainted with local conditions, the Times learned considerable of conditions that exist in certain quarters of the town. "On Saturday afternoon," the citizen said, "I walked from the harbor front to Clarence street by the Courtenay Bay railway route, and certainly the 'mob' class of citizen had it all his own way in this wide stretch of territory. "After leaving a fair-sized group of drunken men at Reed's Point, I was accosted by two evil-looking inebriates lying on the dump dead to the world with liquor. In the distance wig-wagging along the track three young men kept shouting in a delirium of booze. At the Leinster street dump two well-known characters were drinking out of the conventional square faces. Going on a little farther I was shuffled about by three more drunks at the foot of St. David street crossing. "Upon leaving the outskirts of East End and proceeding up Clarence street I was halted by a crowd of fully one hundred women and children in Erin street, where a beastly drunk had been terrorizing the neighborhood. As I hesitated to take in the edifying spectacle, six youths wobbled into view from the Brussels street bar district, almost helpless. Their advent added new interest to the proceedings. "At the corner of Clarence and Brussels streets I saw a man vouching his serpentine way home towards Haymarket Square, and between Clarence and Richmond streets three men—once a mere youth—were carrying on madcap conversation at various alleys. "In 'feeling the pulse' continued the citizen, "I completed the loop and gone farther up Brussels street to Union and then across to King, down King to Dock, Hill and Bond streets, I would have added up to more of these St. John 'beasts' than to my list. "The gentleman interviewed said he was in New York three weeks ago and Montreal a fortnight since, and on his honor as a man said he saw but one drunk during both visits, and that fellow was a westerner boarding his train in the big Canadian city. He felt hesitant—through downright shame—to say so, but he thought St. John the most drunken city he knew anything about. For flagrant, open, barefaced and insulting drunkenness it took the lead. He could point out at least a half dozen bar-rooms that catered directly to this substratum of inebriates. Not that he was anxious to preach temperance, but in a sense of public duty, a spirit of home pride and civic decency. He protested strongly against this per-

NO HEARD FROM IN TWENTY YEARS; NOW SHARES IN LOCAL ESTATE

The probate proceedings in connection with the estate of Ellen Foley furnish an interesting paragraph. On the order for distribution in this case made in August, 1913, it appeared that there were three sisters, Catherine Haley, of St. John, who received her 1/3 share; Annie Murphy, who died before the deceased, leaving three children; and Mary Foley. One of the daughters of Annie Murphy, namely Henrietta Murphy, had not been heard from for more than twenty years, but happened recently to write to her friends here. Her husband is dead, and she is living in Matten, Mass. After evidence taken the court made an order for the sum of money which had been deposited to her credit with the receiver-general to be paid to her. Heber S. Keith is proctor. Mary Foley, if alive, and if not alive her children, would be entitled to one-third of the total estate amounting to about \$1,000. She left here about thirty years ago, and her address cannot be ascertained. Her share has been deposited with the receiver-general in Fredericton, awaiting proper claim. In the matter of the estate of Thomas Gilbert, Mrs. Marlon J. Gilbert, the widow, William A. Ewing and J. Roy Campbell, the executors and trustees, filed their accounts and asked to have them passed and allowed. A citation was issued returnable on August 31 at 11 a.m. Charles F. Sanford is proctor. BASEBALL CHALLENGE A challenge was issued today through the Times by the Young Victorias to meet the Orange street Cubs tomorrow evening on the Orange street dump.

Mid-Summer Headwear for Men and Boys. Boaters, lower and high crowns, in Straws; also in Soft Straw, at special price. See Our Panama Hats \$4.00 and \$5.00. Children's Straw Hats at Special Prices. J. L. THORNE & CO., LTD. Hatters and Furriers - 55 Charlotte Street

LOCAL NEWS

BAND CONCERT. The St. John Brass Band will play a concert programme tonight on the King Edward band stand.

PLEAD GUILTY. Michael Ryan and Alfred Stackhouse pleaded guilty in court this morning to being drunk and fighting in Main street on Saturday evening. They were arrested by Detective Lucas and Policeman Garnet and were remanded.

ACCIDENT TO DINING CAR. A slight accident occurred to the dining car attached to the Atlantic express, when a portion of the brake equipment being drunk and fighting in Main street on Saturday evening. They were arrested by Detective Lucas and Policeman Garnet and were remanded.

BETTER TODAY. Friends of Mrs. Collins, wife of I. C. R. Policeman John Collins, who was injured yesterday while trying to rescue some children, will be pleased to learn that her condition today is somewhat improved. She was unconscious most of the night, but her condition was said to be most serious.

CITY WATER WORK. The first shipment of cast iron pipe for the city water department has arrived by the steamer line from England and the department will now be able to make a start on their extensive programme, which includes a large amount of new work as well as renewals on an extensive scale.

SISTERS' RETREATS. A retreat conducted during the last few days at the Monastery of the Good Shepherd by Rev. Father Walsh, C. S. S. R., of St. Peter's, was brought to a close this morning. Another retreat for the sisters of St. Vincent's Convent is now being conducted by Rev. Father Hogan, C. S. S. R. It will not close until later in the week.

DOG IN CELL. A Boston bull dog which was placed in a cell in the police station last evening is still being held. The name of the dog is not known, but the police have not yet been able to locate him. Unless he is called for this afternoon the dog will be handed over to the dog catcher.

CHARTERS. The following charters are announced from the office of Scammell Bros., New York: Br. str. Cape Breton, 2901 long trans-Atlantic round trip, via Canada, p. 1. Prompt; Br. str. Kasanga, 1940 tons, St. John, N. B. to Glasgow, deals, 84c. July; Br. str. Pontiac, 3073 tons, Jacksonville to Pictou Landing, lumber, owners, Messrs. A. G. Phillips, 590 tons, New York to Charlotte, P. E. I. coal, \$1.50, thence to St. John, N. B. lumber, p. 1.

LOST THE PICTURE, THE CAMERA AND HIMSELF HAD SUNDAY DUCKING

Yesterday was one of the most ideal summer days this season and the light breeze blowing from the west was such as would appeal to any person with the slightest athletic taste. Any one with a camera could hardly resist the temptation to take an impression of the scenery on perhaps the most beautiful tributary of the Rhine of America. As is usual, the Kennecott, a fairly stiff breeze was blowing. From her moorings at the head of Long Island C. Jardine's yacht sailed majestically into the channel about 11 o'clock. Here was a golden opportunity for a clerk in one of the city banks who was spending the week-end with friends on Mathers' Island. Sitting in the stern of a frail canoe, and with a camera which he had purchased only the day before, he waited until the yacht was just opposite him and snapped her as she passed and as promptly he fell overboard. The yacht's helm was put hard over and the yacht swung around steering for the unfortunate man who was then floundering in the water. The rescue was soon effected and the would-be photographer landed safely ashore, a little uncomfortable after his experience. The picture of the scene on perhaps the most beautiful tributary of the Rhine of America. As is usual, the Kennecott, a fairly stiff breeze was blowing. From her moorings at the head of Long Island C. Jardine's yacht sailed majestically into the channel about 11 o'clock. Here was a golden opportunity for a clerk in one of the city banks who was spending the week-end with friends on Mathers' Island. Sitting in the stern of a frail canoe, and with a camera which he had purchased only the day before, he waited until the yacht was just opposite him and snapped her as she passed and as promptly he fell overboard. The yacht's helm was put hard over and the yacht swung around steering for the unfortunate man who was then floundering in the water. The rescue was soon effected and the would-be photographer landed safely ashore, a little uncomfortable after his experience. The picture of the scene on perhaps the most beautiful tributary of the Rhine of America. As is usual, the Kennecott, a fairly stiff breeze was blowing. From her moorings at the head of Long Island C. Jardine's yacht sailed majestically into the channel about 11 o'clock. Here was a golden opportunity for a clerk in one of the city banks who was spending the week-end with friends on Mathers' Island. Sitting in the stern of a frail canoe, and with a camera which he had purchased only the day before, he waited until the yacht was just opposite him and snapped her as she passed and as promptly he fell overboard. The yacht's helm was put hard over and the yacht swung around steering for the unfortunate man who was then floundering in the water. The rescue was soon effected and the would-be photographer landed safely ashore, a little uncomfortable after his experience. The picture of the scene on perhaps the most beautiful tributary of the Rhine of America.

SPECIAL TRIP TO ISLAND TO GET A MAN ON THEFT CHARGE

Robert Jackson, twenty years of age, was before the police magistrate this morning on a charge of stealing money from Alphonse Fraser in a room in the Stanley house, Union street, where they both boarded. On Saturday night after Fraser retired, he said he woke up to find a light which he had left burning had gone out and some person was moving about the room. He asked the man to leave the lamp burning, as his son, who also slept in the room, had not come in. The man who, the witness said, was the defendant, said he would, but went downstairs. Later he woke up again when his son came in and the lamp was still out. It was lighted again and it was then seen that the defendant had not gone to bed. The witness said he had about \$4 in his pocket, and he missed it at breakfast yesterday morning. The prisoner was remanded and the son will give evidence. Jackson was arrested late last night on Kennecott Island by Special Policeman John McBride. The boat had made her last trip for the night, but Commissioner McLellan, who accompanied the special policeman, procured the boat to go to the island for Jackson, and the prisoner was brought to the station about two o'clock in the morning, accompanied by both the commissioner and the special policeman.

MARITIME PROVINCE PEOPLE IN OLD LAND

Rev. J. A. MacKeigan and Mrs. MacKeigan, Miss E. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Johnston and W. G. Cross, of St. John; and Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Rogers and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. G. K. Thompson, J. H. Nelson, C. G. W. Dowdell, F. Elliott and Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Bell, of Halifax were registered at the Canadian High Commissioner's office in London recently.

POTATOES SCARCE HERE

Market Almost Bare This Morning: Some Brought Down By River Steamers

"A person could not buy five barrels of potatoes in the city this morning even if he was willing to pay \$10 a barrel," was a statement made by one of the wholesale dealers at noon today. "The market he said is entirely bare, and the old stock has been practically cleaned up all over the country. Endeavors to procure potatoes all over the province have failed." The last of the old potatoes sold brought the high figure of \$8.50 a barrel. A good quantity of new potatoes were brought to the city on the river steamer Oconee, Majestic and Champlain this morning, but the price of the new stock is away up in the air, the article selling at the boat this morning at \$6.65 a bushel, five cents a bushel higher than yesterday on Saturday. This price is expected to drop slightly on the arrival of the May Queen and the Elaine with other larger shipments this afternoon.

AUTO TRIP OF 3,500 MILES INTO ALASKA

Spokane, Wash., July 25—An automobile trip of 3,500 miles through the wilds of northwestern Canada and into Alaska, many stages of the way over roads and dimly marked trails that have never been traversed by an automobile, is being undertaken by Frank Fournica, formerly of Spokane, now a placer miner in the Juneau district of Alaska. Mr. Fournica left Spokane this week to make the drive back to his Alaskan home.

EARLIER TO SCHOOL AND STAY LATER

Spokane, Wash., July 27—Meeting the popular demand for less straggle of the school room, the Spokane board of education has decided to lengthen the hours of attendance in the schools by three-quarters of an hour. Commencing in September the high schools will be in session from 8:15 to 3:45, as formerly and will close at 2:45 p. m. instead of 2:30.

CHUM OF FUTURE EMPRESS

Countess Josef Potocki, a pretty Viennese woman, who is the most intimate friend of the Archduchess Zita, wife of the Emperor, is visiting in St. John. The new Austria here apparent, Countess Potocki is a Hungarian by birth. Count Josef Potocki is one of the finest swordsmen in Austria.

PERSONALS

His many friends will regret to learn that W. Gordon MacKenzie is ill at his home in St. James street. H. B. Jones, formerly of this city, but now of Lynn, Mass., is visiting relatives in North End, his old home. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Triffa announce the engagement of their daughter, Lillian Frances to Roy W. Watson, the wedding to take place in August. Miss Mildred Carvell, of Woodstock, is visiting friends at Ononette. On Friday she was in the city with her father, F. B. Carvell. Mrs. Carvell and Miss Carvell will probably accompany the Carleton member to the west on his tour with Sir Wilfrid Laurier. F. W. Hewitson, superintendent of the London Life Insurance Co., left on the noon train for Halifax to attend the annual convention of the Life Underwriters' Association. The Misses Fay and Helen Plummer, of Woodstock, are spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bagwell at their summer home, Drury Cove. Mrs. Charles F. Dorman and son, of Missoula, Mont., are visiting Mrs. Dorman's sister, Mrs. Norman Gregory. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fitzgerald returned home on Saturday after their honeymoon. Rev. M. Maloney, C. S. S. R., of Toronto, returned to the city this morning after a brief visit to Calais, Me., and will remain at St. Peter's rectory for a few days before going back to upper Canada. Frank Rhodes of New York is visiting friends in the city. Miss Margaret Rogers, of Boston, is visiting relatives in North End. Miss Lucy Tonge, after filling a singing engagement in Montreal, returned to the city today on a holiday visit to her father, John Tonge.

Macaulay Bros. & Co. King Street, St. John, N. B. Our Stores Open 8 a.m., Close 6 p.m. Fridays 10 p.m. Saturdays 1 p.m.

EXQUISITE Hand-Embroidered Linens. We have just received a special importation of beautiful Pure Linen Hand-Embroidered Serviettes. The embroidery is of fine Maderia work with scalloped edges. These goods are regular \$4.50 a dozen quality; our special Sale price is \$3.00 A DOZEN. There are ten different designs of artistic needlework in this range of Serviettes to select from and all have a space for initialing. The quantities are limited, so those wishing to procure one or more dozen of these dainty naperies should make an early selection.

Slater Shoes For Women! We have a good selection of Women's Footwear in Boots, Oxfords and Pumps in the different leathers and white canvas. Our System of Fitting is Perfect—We Use The Footograph System. THE SLATER SHOE SHOP - 81 KING ST. R. P. SWEETMAN, MGR.

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Left-Overs from Our Clearance Sale. 87 Pairs Men's \$5.50 Shoes In Tan Calf, Gun-Metal Calf and Patent Calf; your choice for \$3.48. 53 Pairs Men's \$4.50 Shoes — Your Choice for \$2.48. 42 Pairs Men's \$5.00 Shoes — Your Choice for \$2.98. 15 Panama Hats Going at Half Price Sale Price, \$1.75 to \$4.98; were \$3.50 to \$10.00. C. B. Pidgeon Low Rent District

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