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## ST. JOHN STAR.

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### HEART-TO-HEART TALK.

The Star desires, plainly and as a matter of business, to have a little talk with its readers. This paper is now two and a half years old. It has grown in favor with the people, and attained a circulation and a standing which are very gratifying to the staff and the publishers.

The recent political struggle won many friends for the Star, because, though it took a decided stand, it did not carry on an offensive or unfair campaign. The fact that it was on the losing side made no difference in popular regard for the paper, because those who read it for political news learned also that if they want the paper which gives the most news of the city of interest to them they must have the Star.

There was also another factor in the case. Since the Star has been printed on the new press it is the best looking afternoon paper in the city. It was also somewhat enlarged, and has taken the 8-page form on Saturday.

There will soon be another change which will give the readers of this paper still better value for their money. Within a week or ten days the Star will be made a seven column paper, adding four columns of space on five days of the week and eight columns additional on Saturday.

When that change is made the Star, at one cent per copy, will be a very cheap paper, and should have a much larger circulation. Mere bulk in a newspaper does not count. That it was neither large nor dreary nor unduly sensational was one great reason of the success of the Star from the outset; but there was some complaint that it was a little too small in size, and the change will therefore be regarded as a step in advance.

The Star has not nearly reached the limit of its ambition in circulation and popularity. After two years of hard work, during which the public have had ample opportunity to form judgments and make comparisons, this paper now appeals for an even more generous recognition of its efforts. This issue will fall into the hands of some who are not regular subscribers. They are invited to read it with care, and ask if one cent per day invested in the Star would not give them more than a cent's worth of pleasure and profit.

To merchants also an argument and appeal may be fairly presented. The Star has a large and growing circulation. It is a paper the people read with pleasure. It goes into their homes in the evening, and is a source of interest to all the reading members of the family. Advertisements in the Star are all next to good reading matter, and therefore stand out clearly. They are not hidden away, either among other people's advertisements or on pages that nobody reads. The Star aims to be of service to its patrons. Those who advertise in it say that they find it an excellent medium. Those who do not advertise in it will be equally well impressed if they secure a space and pay as much attention to their advertising as to the other details of their business.

This is a season of the year when some firms advertise who only do so at certain periods in the year. They will find the Star an excellent medium. "The Star desires to become a more interesting paper than ever before; to secure a larger circulation, and a larger advertising patronage. With the kind co-operation of the citizens all these aims may be accomplished, and result in mutual satisfaction and mutual gain."

STRIKE COST \$100,000,000.

The anthracite commission have submitted their report. While favoring the miners in some respects, notably in awarding an increase of about ten per cent. In wages, it does not concede all the men's demands nor endorse all their statements. Especially does it insist that non-union men must be permitted to labor without molestation. It declares emphatically against compulsory arbitration, taking the ground that compulsory enquiry into labor disputes and the placing of the facts before the public is as far as state or federal authority should go, leaving public opinion to settle the question when the facts are published.

In brief, says a published summary, the commission recommends a general increase of wages, amounting in most instances to ten per cent.; some decrease of time; the settlement of all disputes by arbitration; fixes a minimum wage and a sliding scale; provides against discrimination of persons by either the mine owners or the miners on account of membership or non-membership in a labor union, and provides that the awards made shall continue in force until March 31, 1909. The commission discussed to some extent the matter of recognition or non-recognition of the miners' union, but declined to make any award on this matter.

The following is one of the paragraphs of the report: "No person shall be refused employment, or in any way discriminated against, on account of membership or non-membership in any labor organization; and there shall be no discrimination against or interference with any employee who is not a member of any labor organization by members of such organization." The commission also finds that the

social conditions in the mining communities are good and they fail to find that the wages are so low among the miners as necessarily to force them to put their small children to work. The commission also find that the average daily rate of earnings in the anthracite regions does not compare unfavorably with that in other industries. These findings are in direct contradiction of some of the claims made by the miners.

The losses caused by the strike the commission estimate as follows:—To the mine owners, \$46,100,000; to the mine employees in wages, \$25,000,000; to the transportation companies, \$25,000,000.

If in the days of his power as a politician the Hon. George E. Foster had spent large sums of the public money in buying up the support of certain newspapers that are always in the market, he would not since have been the subject of quite so much coarse abuse; but he probably feels quite as well content. There are some things a public man may take credit to himself for refusing to do, even if abuse from some quarters is the penalty. Many people are conscientiously opposed to Mr. Foster in politics, but those who assail him with coarse invective are persons he might have bought. The public quite understand this fact.

If the Ross government in Ontario really desired to bring out the whole truth concerning the charges made by Mr. Gurney they would not attempt as they are doing, to limit the scope of the enquiry. If they did not feel that the evidence would be fatal to themselves they would not try to keep it from the public. It looks now as if their supporters in the house would stand at their back and force through the house whatever proposition they may make with regard to the manner and scope of the enquiry. It is a very discreditable business, and cannot do otherwise than further weaken the government in the estimation of the people of the province. The fall of the ministry can only be postponed. It cannot be postponed very long.

As the Star observed a week ago the street department cannot proceed too soon with the work of cleaning up the streets of the city. The rains have done a very useful work, and set a good example, for which the citizens are grateful. The next move is up to the street department.

It has not yet been learned whether Hon. Dr. Pugsley, while in Ottawa, has denounced Hon. John Costigan for having anything to do with the Port Kent dam, or whether Hon. John Costigan has denounced Hon. Dr. Pugsley for backing out. What they said to each other, and what the next move will be ought certainly to be of some interest to the public.

### HARMONY HALL.

Many of the Fellows Removed From the Anxious Seat.

"Mr. President," said an anxious Fellow, "we are nearing the date of the opening of the legislature and I hear that Fellow McKeown is thinking about introducing a very stringent bribery law. Now I bought a good many votes at the last election—paid as high as \$15 for some of them—and I want to know whether this proposed law is likely to be made retroactive. I believe that's the word. Will it apply to me?"

"You need have no fear," replied the President. "Any act introduced by Fellow McKeown will be one of constructive statesmanship. Hazen is not a constructive statesman."

"That's so," said Fellow Carleton. "I went even farther than that. I said he was not a statesman at all. I said he was a bribe-taking scoundrel."

"And my remark," said Fellow McKeown, "was that he had no constructive ability."

"He built up a majority in Sunbury," hazarded a back-bencher.

"No matter," said the President. "If Fellow McKeown says a thing it's so. If Fellow Carleton says a thing it's so—unless Fellow Blair contradicts it."

"Oh, of course," said Fellow McKeown, "I follow Mr. Blair."

"So do I," said Fellow Carleton. "What do you get out of it?" queried an impatient Fellow.

"Wait and see," oracularly replied Fellow Carleton.

"Then I'm to understand," said the first Fellow, "that I may sleep peacefully about the bribery bill."

"As peacefully as an infant," replied the President. "There won't be enough force in any bribery bill passed by this convention to fold a ballot. Do you suppose they want to be turned out?"

"Do I suppose?" jeered the Fellow. "You must take me for an idiot." But it was evident that a great deal had been taken off his mind. There were others.

## DYNAMITE.

How it Should be Handled

When it is Frozen.

Statements by Col. Markham and by J. G. McNulty of Halifax.

In today's Sun referring to the use of dynamite, Colonel Markham says: In connection with the fatal accident on Friday last at Ferhill by which Sergeant W. J. Swasey lost his life, a few words of caution and advice by one who has had much experience with dynamite and other high explosives may not be out of place.

I think I first introduced dynamite for blasting purposes into New Brunswick and I am sure I am the only one who used gun cotton for a like use.

I made many and varied experiments with dynamite before giving it to my workmen for use. Some of these experiments were attended with rather startling results, but I acquired much knowledge and experience thereby.

Now in the first place DYNAMITE SHOULD NEVER BE TAKEN NEAR AN OPEN FIRE, and all employers of labor in quarries or mines or any place where this explosive is used should insist upon the enforcement of this rule on pain of instant dismissal of any employee violating the order, because other besides the careless offender may be killed or injured. In poor Peacock's case it was probably a want of knowledge, as his military training would teach him to implicitly obey orders.

Dynamite is very sensitive to cold. It freezes at a temperature of forty, in which condition it cannot be exploded to advantage and must therefore be thawed, and it is here where nine-tenths of the accidents with it occur.

The safe way is to use hot water. A dinner pail or glue pot is a good thing, having a dry receptacle for the dynamite inside, which can be surrounded by hot water. This hot water, however, should be put in before the dynamite is placed in the inside, then the cover put on and the whole wrapped in many folds of a blanket to keep the water as warm as possible. If the water is boiling hot, in twenty minutes the dynamite will be soft and in condition to use.

An excellent and safe way to thaw out a small quantity, say half a pound or more, is to place it in a pocket, or around a workman's body inside his blouse, so that the warmth of his body may act on the explosive. I have seen hundreds of pounds thawed out in this way.

For preparing large quantities of dynamite for use in cold weather, it can be about twelve inches square and eighteen inches deep made of heavy tin or galvanized iron should be used. This can be placed inside another can of like material two inches larger every way. This two inches of space is for the hot water. Then the water can be placed in a well made wooden box three inches larger every way and this three filled with plaster or hair or buckwheat hulls. In such a box having a well fitted cover I have kept water warm and dynamite in fit condition for more than twelve hours in an atmosphere of severe frost.

The following paper on the thawing dynamite was read by J. G. McNulty at the last meeting of the Mining Society of Nova Scotia:

In offering this brief paper to the consideration of my fellow members, I do so with the feeling that any practical method that might be suggested in the direction of minimizing the danger incident to the thawing of dynamite, can not but prove of interest.

At a temperature of from 40 to 44 degrees F. dynamite becomes congealed or "frozen," and in this condition is unfit for use. Confining it explodes at from 320 degrees to 380 degrees F. By quick application of dry heat it has been demonstrated that an explosion will result at a temperature as low as 120 degrees.

Various means are resorted to in order to accomplish the thawing of the frozen cartridges—placing them about open fire places—about boilers—and even inside a hot log—or the shirt next the body.

At well regulated works properly designed thawing boxes of different patterns are used jacketed by warm water. Dry heat should never be used.

Last summer my attention was called to what appeared to be a very simple and effective system of thawing as practised by a large contracting firm on the New York subway.

The source of heat is derived from horse manure; to keep the pile of manure in place it is surrounded by an earth—allowed to remain for a few days until heating has sufficiently advanced—when the dynamite in any desired quantity is spread over the pile and covered with a heavy blanket.

The time of thawing is from two to six hours. A pile of manure is effective for about four weeks when it should be removed and a new lot substituted.

It is advisable to have a pile in process of heating so there would be no interruption of the work. The work is a best done in a special shanty built for warmth and conveniently located.

What this system has been in use at the Waverly Gold Mines for some months past, and has been entirely satisfactory.

### CARNEGIE'S GIFT.

According to the Library for February, Mr. Carnegie's gifts to libraries and other educational institutions down to Nov. 30 last are as follows: England and Wales, £274,100; Ireland, £160,000; Scotland, £2,479,250; Canada, \$554,000 (£199,800); Cuba, \$222,000 (£50,400); United States, \$212,582.173 (£42,676,434); making a total of £45,773,584.

### DEATHS.

McGOURTY—In this city, March 22d, John F. McGourty, leaving a wife and three children to mourn their loss.

Funeral from his late residence, 215 St. James street, on Wednesday, at 2:30 p. m.

TRUENAN—At the residence of his son-in-law, H. D. McLeod, 120 King street east, St. John, N. B., on March 22d, after a short illness, James Truenan, aged 50 years.

Funeral from his late residence on Tuesday, 24th inst. Services at house, 11:30 a. m. Interment at Hampton on arrival of train leaving St. John at 1:15 a. m.

READY—At his late residence, 75 Simonds street, on March 20, Hugh Ready, in the 72nd year of his age, leaving a wife, two sons and three daughters to mourn their loss.

Funeral from his late residence, 608 Main street, on Wednesday, leaving a wife and one daughter to mourn their loss.

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