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A CORRECTION.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Sun is a sore trouble to the valued and subsidized Telegraph. The following passage in one of the Ottawa letters is the occasion of some of our contemporary's most impressive language:

Mr. Haggart stated that Mr. Pugsley of St. John was one of the parties interested, as solicitor or something else, in the \$110,000 acre property.

Concerning this the Telegraph says: As Mr. Haggart only referred to the Hon. Mr. Pugsley in connection with the site of the engine house at St. John, most persons would naturally assume that the extract had reference to the St. John property.

The Telegraph then states that Mr. Pugsley had no interest or connection with the St. John property in question. It proceeds to say that the price of the St. John property was only \$20,000 for six acres and goes on to lecture the paper for publishing the "misleading and absurd effusions" of the Ottawa correspondent.

The Sun has received Haggart's giving the official report of this discussion, and is glad to be in a position to meet the views of the Telegraph by publishing any necessary corrections.

First as to the connection of Dr. Pugsley with negotiations other than those for the St. John properties. On page 4384 of Haggart we find Mr. Haggart asking the minister whether Mr. Pugsley is acting for any of the owners of the property at Lewis (opposite Quebec) in the sale to the government. Mr. Blair replied as to the Coture property. He said: "Mr. Pugsley, and some other legal gentlemen have been communicating with the department urging the payment of the amount which they claim should be paid for the land." It was in connection with this property that Mr. Haggart made the statement reported. He said (page 4391):

Mr. Pugsley of St. John is one of the parties interested, as solicitor or something else, with reference to this particular land. The probability is that it will never go to the exchequer court. However, if the Hon. gentleman does refer the matter to the exchequer court, the judgment of that court will be final by the evidence produced on behalf of the government as to the value of the land. It is often found a convenient way for a minister, who wants a justification of the amount he is paying, to let the case go to the exchequer court, and to state that the court has decided in his favor.

Now, as to the price. On Haggart (page 4391), Mr. Blair spoke of having paid for a certain Chapeau lot already purchased, \$1.75 per foot, or \$15,680 for the lot of 8,960 feet, about one-fifth of an acre. Then he said:

We have had a demand from Mr. Coture for \$2.00 per foot, and he says that he has already been paid to Edward, Coture for land, and Mr. Blair explained that this was for another lot. On page 4395, Mr. Blair is reported as saying that Mr. Pugsley's client is asking \$2.10 per foot, but this may be a misprint, for again at page 4391, Mr. Haggart says:

Mr. Coture is asking for a lot of property in the same neighborhood (as the Murphy-Chapeau property) \$2.00 per foot, and (Mr. Blair) thinks the amount is excessive and proposes to refer the matter to the exchequer court.

Mr. Blair replied in the affirmative, but shortly afterward said (page 4393): The Coture property, which has been referred to, is exceedingly valuable to this man, and the same is true of the other property we have taken.

Mr. Borden, referring to the property already paid for, said that the rate would give \$75,000 an acre, to which Mr. Blair replied that the government had paid "a reasonable price."

It may be added that a price of \$2.00 per square foot is over \$125,000 per acre.  
The only corrections which need be made in the Sun's letter from Ottawa are two. First, that Mr. Blair, as well as Mr. Haggart, stated that Mr. Pugsley was connected with the Lewis negotiations. Second, that the price mentioned in the Ottawa letter was \$12,000 an acre too low.

THE COOK CHARGES.

The senate committee appointed to inquire into the case of the alleged offer of the sale of a senatorship to Mr. H. H. Cook is reporting the evidence without an expression of opinion. This is not an uncommon procedure.

It is quite certain the committee could not have agreed on a finding. The members might have agreed that Sir Richard Cartwright and his colleagues were not proved guilty of the offer of a senatorship for sale, but they would perhaps have disagreed as to the extent of their guilty knowledge. We might have had an agreement that Mr. Cook was approached with the request for money as consideration for the appointment to the senate, and a disagreement as to the directness of the offer, and the authority of the persons who made it. A division of the committee on party lines, and a like division of the whole senate afterward, would not have added much to the sum of public information on the question. The purpose of the inquiry was accomplished in obtaining the evidence, and the public can reach a conclusion on the testimony as well without an opinion of the senators as with it.

Such, we apprehend, is the reasoning of the committee. We are not sure that it is sound. It is at least possible that something might be gained from a consideration of the politics of agreement. For instance, it would be worth while to know whether any considerable number of the Ontario liberal senators, who had high personal and political comrades of the late Lieutenant Governor Cameron, would have stamped him a blackmailer and a liar by expressing the opinion that he was after money for himself, and that he was inventing the statements from Sir Richard that he made to Cook. It would be interesting to know how many liberal senators share the views of the liberal Halifax Chronicle, which says squarely that "There is the best of ground for believing, and most people do believe, that the managers of the party 'machine' strove, by holding out hopes of interest and support to Cook in his candidacy for a senatorship, to secure from him a large contribution to the party campaign fund." If such senators as the minister of justice and Mr. Cox should agree with the Chronicle that "the machine" was "trying to work Cook" for a campaign fund, and that the revelations have been such as to disgust the independent public, the symptom would be hopeful.

But after all the main thing is the evidence. The opinion which any senator may have formed is of some importance, but in the end the public would have to decide. This fact may not excite the senators for a failure to perform their duty. It would have been better for those who believe the case proved, or partly proved, to have taken the responsibility of saying so, and for those who believed that Mr. Cook is a perjurer, or that Mr. Cameron was a blackmailer and a swindler, to have expressed that view in their place. But if there is a want of courage or decision on both sides, it remains true that the country has the evidence which Mr. Cook produced in support of his serious allegations, and the testimony in rebuttal.

THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.  
The splendid and successful effort made yesterday by United States financiers and banks, to allay the panic and restore confidence is a sign of the solidarity of the investing interest. Many of these capitalists could have made millions by holding what they had and trading on the needs of others. Genuine patriotism is exhibited when men of this class stand up together to uphold the general credit, instead of entering the arena and fighting, each man for himself. Doubtless the interaction of financial interests is such that a universal panic might bring ultimate loss to many who would seem at first to be gainers. Larger self-interest coincides with a genuine feeling of sympathy for the innocent traders and small investors who would have been ruined by thousands if the panic had not been checked. The great financiers have their interests and their methods. They play their game. But they are as good natured and well disposed toward their fellow beings as the rest of us; and no doubt it was in part at least simple kindness of heart which prompted them to save the situation. It remains to be seen whether they have done more than provide temporary relief.

PROPERLY PUNISHED.  
Whatever else may be said against the British authorities or the English people, it cannot be charged that they have unduly interfered with the liberty of the press. Remembering what other papers in England and Ireland have been allowed to say, and what has been uttered on many public platforms against the Royal family, no one will suppose that the action taken against the paper called the Irish People was the result of a mild offence. The fact is that the language of the Dublin paper is outrageously coarse and indecent in its defamation. Portions of the offensive article have been received by the Sun through the press despatches. If the language used in discussing the King were employed in describing the lowest criminal, or the basest offender against the laws of all countries, it would be too brutal and vulgar to appear in a decent newspaper. We would expect to find some limit to the patience and forbearance of the British public, and a King has a right to be protected from the vile slander and abuse that the least sensitive of his subjects would not allow to go unpunished.

GRAND TRUNK AND INTERCOLONIAL.  
We have now the statement of Grand Trunk business for the nine months to the end of March, and do not see any sign of the deficit which was quoted as an excuse for the loss on the Intercolonial. The Grand Trunk year ending last June was the most productive the company ever had, and the president did not expect to do as well this year. But, as a matter of fact, the receipts for the nine months ending in March appear to have been 2,721,017 pounds, or 5,730 pounds more than the same period the previous year. The expenditure increased 24,861 pounds, leaving the balance only 3,147 pounds, worse than last year, which was the best in the company's history. This shortage is about one-seventh of one per cent. For the three months of the past winter down to the end of March the railway did even better than last year, the earnings showing an increase of 56,300 pounds, while the expenses increased only 17,100 pounds. The prospect is therefore good for a better showing at the end of this year than there was last June. Mr. Blair cannot claim the Grand Trunk for company in his railway deficit.

MR. FOSTER AND THE GOTHENBURG SYSTEM.  
Some of our contemporaries are full of glee because Dr. McLeod condemns the Gothenburg system which was discussed recently by Mr. Foster in Toronto. Mr. Foster would probably have no objection to Dr. McLeod's opinion, since he did not himself commend the Gothenburg system. Mr. Foster discussed the method as a possible improvement on the license system and not as a substitute for prohibition. He went no farther than to point out how the Swedish scheme avoided some of the evils of the ordinary licensed saloon. Mr. Foster did not even recommend the Gothenburg method as an improvement on licenses, for he said he was not sufficiently well informed to pronounce an opinion. But he did say that if it were conceded that general prohibition were for the present unattainable, it was worth while to consider whether the Scandinavian form of licensing the trade was better than our own. Evidently Dr. McLeod has been considering the question. He condemns the Gothenburg system, but he also condemns other forms of license.

THE LATE CAPT. SMITH.  
The late Captain Smith, R. N., was a fine specimen of the British sailor. Most Canadians who have been in the habit of crossing the Atlantic remember him as an Allan line commander. He was a courteous, brave and honorable man, who knew his business and did his duty. In later years as a public officer he enjoyed the confidence of the shipping people who thought they might differ from his conclusions, never questioned his fairness or integrity. St. John Star.

Ex-Governor, and ex-Senator Howland of Prince Edward Island was well and favorably known in this province. He was one of the truest and most energetic friends the little province had and was never tired of presenting the claims of the island to the attention of politicians and business men in other parts of the country.

The Sydney town council has no idea of allowing the proposed street railway company to get all the profits from the municipal franchise. The tramway company has agreed to pay the town two per cent. of the gross tolls to be increased to three per cent. when the population reaches 40,000.

The supplementary estimates for the coming year is the largest that has been. These government organs, who found signs of economy in the main estimates because they were less than the main and supplementary estimates of last year, may probably do a little figuring.

The New York Sun gives a list of twenty-seven stocks in which the loss of volume on Wednesday amounted to \$146,663,648. Of this shrinkage over \$35,000,000 was in the Morgan Steel Corporation stocks.

The refusal of the Manitoba court to give an appeal to the privy council, against the decision condemning the prohibition act was not important. Leave to appeal has been obtained in another way.

The arbitrators who have charge of the claim of Ontario and Quebec against the dominion met last week and adjourned to June 28. The claim is for \$1,900,000.

CORONATION OATH.  
ST. H. Blake Says Catholics Should Make Changes.  
OTTAWA, May 12.—St. H. Blake, R. C., Toronto, has a long letter in an evening paper addressed to Father Fallon, of Ottawa, in reference to the latter's criticism of statements said to have been made by Mr. Blake at a meeting of Wyoliffe College regarding the coronation oath. Mr. Blake writes: "They say let us change the coronation oath. Well and good. Strike out the anathemas, but let us also strike out the oath whereby Roman Catholics are pledged to what is far more injurious than what is found in the coronation oath. If the anathemas against Roman Catholics are to be struck out, let us be fair and strike out the anathemas far more cruel against the Protestants. Let us do that not only in the lands where the Roman Catholic cannot carry his majority into execution because of his minority, but let us have it also throughout all lands and relieve our persecuted Protestant brethren from the sufferings by which they are now oppressed. Let us have freedom of worship according to the conscientious conviction in South America, in Spain, in Portugal, in Sicily, in France, in Belgium, in Austria. Let us have the bulls concerning the burning of heretics repealed. Let the church of Rome, that demands toleration at the hands of the people of England, begin, at least, by sweeping away its own bigoted spirit of intolerance, which, to the death, has persecuted so many by its intoleration. Let us have the ordinary oath administered to bishops, to other high functionaries and to Jesuits printed in our papers and see how it will bear the light of day."

ST. JOHN, N. B., May 13th.  
To the Editor of the Star.—  
Mr. I see in your paper a Jesuit's Oath, now I have one, a Priest's oath: "I, A. B., do acknowledge the ecclesiastical power of His Holiness and the Mother Church of Rome as the chief head and matrix above all pretended churches throughout the whole earth, and that my soul shall be for St. Peter and his successors as the founder of the true and ancient Catholic faith, against all heretical kings, princes, states or powers, repugnant to the same, and although I, A. B., may follow, in case of persecution, otherwise, to be heretically despised, yet in soul and conscience I shall hold and succor the mother Church of Rome as the true, ancient and apostolic church, and I, A. B., further do declare and profess that I will not, and I will not permit, any man, or any earthly good and earthly pleasure, as she and her head, his holiness and his successors have, or ought to have, the supremacy over all kings, princes, states or powers whatsoever, either to deprive them of their crowns, sceptres, powers, privileges, realms, countries or government, or to set up others in lieu thereof, they dissenting from the mother church and her commands."

PROTESTANT.  
BOWMAN'S HEADACHE POWDER.  
EYES quickly all headache arising from nervousness, dizziness or biliousness and other causes. Bowman's is safe and reliable and the kind that cures promptly. 10 cents and 25 cents.

THE ELEVEN.  
Our students who during the month of April were nervous, drowsy or otherwise, are now refreshed by the use of The Eleven. It is a powerful tonic and gives energy to the system. It is a powerful tonic and gives energy to the system. It is a powerful tonic and gives energy to the system.

General Colville's long lost report of the battle of Paardeberg is printed in the Sun today. It will be observed that no blame should rest upon Colonel Aldworth of the Cornwalls, who has been charged with the responsibility for the attack that cost so many lives in the first action. The "determined assault" was ordered by Lord Kitchener.

DROWNED SAILOR.

Body of George Allan of Calais, Me., Found Floating in the Harbor.

Discharged Here from an American Schooner March 8—No Trace Since—Probably Drowned Here During a Debauch.

About one o'clock Monday afternoon Captain Robert Graham of the steamer Centerville noticed the body of a man floating in the water near the wharf. The police were notified at once and the body was towed around to the South wharf, where it was landed. A stretcher was procured by Sergt. Eagles and the body was taken to the morgue, where it was viewed by Coroner Berryman, who last night had come to no decision concerning the holding of an inquest.

The body, as it lay in the dead house, showed unmistakable signs of a prolonged immersion. The features were bloated into a caricature of humanity; the flesh was darkened and decomposed, worn in many places, and the hair had fallen in patches from the swollen head. What remained of what was once a man had dark hair, a smooth face and a sandy moustache.

On the body was a short dark overcoat, a light tweed suit, bluish grey socks, black shoes and a turn down celluloid collar and light tie attached to a soft shirt. In the inner pocket of the overcoat were a number of cards. One was a probationer's card of the Atlantic Coast Seamen's Union, bearing the number 176. It is made out in the name of George Allen of Maine, and the description it contains tallies with that of the drowned man. A temporary pledge, signed with a pencil, but with the signature half effaced, was also shown. What remained of the signature had the appearance of being George Allen. Other cards were found bearing the address of Mr. B. Schindler, 339 South Main street, Providence, R. I., and of Mr. Brown, 243 North Main street. A razor and a couple of pipes were also found in his pockets.

There was also found an open faced silver watch of the New Haven Watch Co. make. The number on the works, which are badly rusted, is 18,500. The minute hand of the watch was gone, and the hour hand rested at the figure two. A gold watch chain was strung across the vest, through the middle button hole. On the small finger of the left hand there was a plain gold ring.

Enquiry by a Sun reporter discovered that there is no record of such a man in the shipping office. In the United States consul's office information was received showing that Geo. Allen had come to this port on the American three-masted schooner, A. P. Emerson, and had received his discharge here on March 8 with the sum of \$3.50. No notification of his having shipped on any vessel from this port could be found.

The reporter then saw Capt. Stanley Maxwell of the A. P. Emerson, which is loading lumber at Jordan's mills, and was informed that Geo. Allen had shipped on that vessel in New York on Feb. 1, had come to this city and received his discharge. The captain said that the man was born at Spencer's Island, N. S., and had for many years hailed from Calais, Me., where his family now reside. After the schooner had arrived at this port he had tried to induce Allen to remain on board, but with no success. He had no positive information after he left him along the first of March, but had heard that he had shipped on the Hattie E. King and afterwards failed to join. Despite the pledge card found in the drowned man's pocket, he testified that Allen was a hard drinker, who missed no favorable opportunity to fully indulge his appetite. Enquiry at the various saloons and boarding houses in this city elicited no reliable information concerning the unfortunate seaman, though it was discovered that he had been here before, and last fall had boarded at the West End house on South wharf, which he left without the formality of paying his board bill.

So all that is positively known is that Geo. Allen received his discharge here March 8, since when all trace of him was lost until the finding of his rotten and half decomposed body yesterday. But the facts ascertained afford an acceptable theory regarding his pitiful end. When found he was dressed in such clothes as a sailor does not commonly wear in the discharge of his duty, so he was certainly not lost from any vessel on which he was employed as a seaman. He left his last ship on March the eighth with some money, and has not been heard of since. He was a drinking man.

These facts taken together point to the extreme probability that the unfortunate man after receiving his discharge indulged in the sailors' common diversion and during his intoxication fell from one of the wharves to his watery death, since when his body was found floating about, or has been kept under the surface by catching in some projection. Two months seems a long time for a body to remain intact, but the cold water of this season would be unfavorable to decomposition, and the condition of the remains when found pointed to a prolonged immersion. The fact that his watch was found with him safely precludes the idea of foul play for the sake of robbery.

CANDIDATES WAITING.  
The death of Capt. Smith, R. N. R., will cause a delay of some time in the examination for master's and mate's certificates at this port. At the school of navigation there are seven candidates ready for examination. Capt. Smith had intended to come this week to do this work. Capt. Cole, head of the navigation school, has laid the matter before the authorities, and it is hoped that the department will either make temporary arrangements for this work, or will appoint immediately some one to fill the vacancy made by the death of Capt. Smith. Star.

Get the reliable KENDRICK'S.

CORNWALLIS.

WILLIAM PATRICK and wife of Wolfville leave this week for Colorado, where they intend residing for a few years.

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The season is early and the farmers are already taking their stock to the mountains for pasturage.

A Cataract Specialist.

Mr. James Spence, Clachan, Ont., says: "I have been a sufferer from cataract for 15 years, which became chronic. I have spent a lot of money and consulted several doctors, among others a specialist in London. I have tried everything I could hear of or see advertised, without doing me any good. But thanks to Dr. Chase's Cataract Cure, I am completely cured after using three boxes of it. I recommend it to anyone suffering from cataract."

MISS DUVAL RESIGNS.

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ALONG THE MILLSTREAM.

MILLSTREAM, Kings Co., May 8.—Although fair weather, all parties lost considerable by the recent frost. John Arnett is the worst sufferer, having lost his workshop and household effects, which were all uninsured. Warren Mason's store, occupied by Morgan and Murphy, was not burned, as reported.

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Recent Events Around

Together With from Correspondents

Exchange

When ordering WEEKLY SUN to the NAME of the which the paper that of the office sent. Remember! The Office must be assured prompt request.

Upper Sackville broken into on Friday night by a party of thieves.

Charles Dalton of Sackville has purchased four red foxes and will stock farm.

The stables of Sackville have been broken into by a party of thieves.

Sch. Mola, Capt. was ashore at the reached New York, by the Chapman W.

The whale ashore tows Luthers Martin. It fell in diameter and flukes.

Samuel Crawford, dent of Ormiston, Saturday morning mess from asthma, age, and leaves a one daughter.

At Fredericton on St. John, E. W. Gillespie, of the Gerald Logie, of the examination for College, Kingston.

The trotting horse record of 2:25 1-4, by a section Saturday best bid that could \$120. The horse was

Judge McLeod has argued in the Queen case to the 20th ment in Wm. Kelly has been postp May.

Large quantities being received in Eastern Townships, the scarcity of the much higher than

Measles is epidemic S., and the schools are About 200 cases at several deaths. Typhoid in the town.

Henry Lane, former the employ of J. & resident with his street, is employed reported. He is favorably impressed, roundings, and with soon remove back to

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