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THAT NEW BERTH

What has happened to the deliberations of the board regarding the new steamship berth? The question was referred to a committee, and this committee referred it to the general committee of the council. The mayor has not called the general committee together, and nothing is being done. The tenders have not been called for, nor have all the questions with regard to plans and materials been settled. The time for receiving tenders for the dredging has passed. If the contract should be awarded and a dredge be found available it might still be possible to get one berth ready for at least a portion of next winter's business.

THE YACHTSMEN

To one who might visit the Germain street headquarters of the Royal Kennebec Yacht Club on a stormy winter night, especially if a smoker were in progress, it would doubtless appear that here was one of the most vigorous organizations in St. John.

If the same individual had attended either of the races at Millidgeville this summer, or were often a visitor to the club headquarters on the river, he would probably conclude that something had happened during the intervening period to demote the ranks of the gallant yachtsmen of Germain street.

It is a singular fact that in a city with unsurpassed yachting water at its doors in summer, the greatest degree of enthusiasm is displayed between November and May. During the summer season a good deal of interest is manifested in the races for the Seawanhaka and Canada cups, in upper Canadian waters, but races at Millidgeville or an effort to bring back the Coronation Cup from Sydney, does not appeal with the same force.

In the Royal Kennebec Yacht Club becoming an arm-chair organization? Where is the glad enthusiasm that wins a race, so long as the winds are out on Grand Bay and the Kennebec, and the spray is dashed from the cleaving prow where the white caps crown the shining waves?

Who cares for a cup or a prize of any sort, in comparison with the pleasure to be gained when the fleet is out, and the sails are filled, and the rolling song or the joyous hall of comrades echoes across the waves?

Apparently somebody does care, and rather than fall to win a race would prefer not to be in it.

The Royal Kennebec Yacht Club is not living up to its name or its past record. With such opportunities for sport as are offered here, St. John should be made famous as a yachtsmen's resort, and its club races events of more than local interest.

Among the members of the club, whose yachting exploits are limited to an occasional excursion on the Commodore's flagship, are citizens who could do much to aid those who would like to see the club inspired with a new ambition.

But those who own yachts and have them at anchor at Millidgeville do not take enough interest in the races that are scheduled for the season. There was difficulty in securing enough starters for the last one. There is to be another regatta next Saturday afternoon. The list of entries is much more promising, but ridiculously small as yet in proportion to the number of craft in the fleet.

The three hundred and more members of the club should make up their minds to do their yachting hereafter in the summer season. It is much more delightful than in January.

MUNICIPAL INSURANCE

The question of municipal insurance, which has sometimes been talked of by members of the St. John city council, is attracting some attention in Toronto. Mayor Upphart, impressed by the fact that the rate of insurance on residences is too high, has declared that it is worth considering whether the municipality should not undertake the insurance of such property. The News takes up the subject and expresses the view that the mayor's suggestion "is worth serious attention."

"After all," says the News, "insurance is simply a distribution of fire losses over the whole community, with such assessments upon insured as is necessary for this purpose. It is a reasonable argument that this is the natural function of the municipality of the state, and it cannot be doubted that under municipal or provincial control insurance would be provided at rates which are impossible under the cumbersome, costly and extravagant system of private management."

The St. John city council has several times debated the question of insuring its own property, but has never given serious attention to so broad a proposition as that put forward in Toronto.

The extension of the scope of municipal operations is a marked feature of the times. The maritime board of trade has just declared itself unanimously in favor of municipal ownership of electric light plants.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION

The ladies of the W. C. T. Union declare themselves in favor of compulsory education. The need for such a law, applied at least to this city is obvious. Were all children compelled to attend school there would be a smaller number of them in the police court every year,

and much less mischief promoted. It is the duty of the state to see that ignorant or careless parents do not handicap their children by sending them out into the struggle of life without any education. The easy indifference with which we regard the future of the children growing up around us, and the delinquent difference may have upon the future of the community and the nation must be a source of deep concern in thoughtful minds. The Germans do things better. They realize that the future of the state depends upon the children, and the most careful attention is paid not only by the central government but by the municipalities to see that all the children receive an education. Canada boasts of its resources and its coming greatness, but the real greatness of a nation is in its men and women. The boys who sell papers on the street, and the delinquent little ones that peep out from yards and alleys upon the passing crowd, will have something to do with the future of the country. They should be given a fair start.

PULP FROM PEAT

The rapidly with which the ravens pulp mills are consuming the spruce forests of the United States has led to a search for a substitute material. An effort is to be made to convert a scrubby kind of pine into paper, and experiments are made from time to time with other wood. The latest material to which attention has been directed is peat, which it is said has been successfully converted into paper in Austria. The experiment is now to be tried in Michigan. A despatch from Hamilton (Ohio), says:—

"A Hamilton firm has been awarded the contract for the construction of the first pulp mill in America for the manufacture of pulp from peat. It will be erected at Cape (Mich.) on a thirty-acre peat bog. The plant will be 250 feet. It is built for the Pilgrim Paper Company of New York. It is thought that, in view of the constantly increasing difficulty in getting wood for pulp, the enterprise will revolutionize the paper trade."

The Times does not know whether the peat deposits in St. John and Charlotte counties are suitable or not for such a purpose. Efforts to utilize them have thus far failed, but there is doubtless some economic use to which they can be put, and which will in time be discovered by some enterprising capitalists.

A NAVY LEAGUE

Baron Gustave De Corioli, whose views regarding a Canadian Navy League were recently printed in the Times, is deeply interested in the proposition, and declares that it should be carried out. In a letter to the Times he says:—"I do not think there is any other place in Canada where the idea of the formation of a Canadian Navy League can be more popular than in St. John." Baron De Corioli expresses the view that no more fitting time to inaugurate "the League" could be chosen than the present, when an admiral of royal blood is in Canadian waters with a British squadron. "Canadians, like Australians, should be alive to their responsibility in connection with their sea-borne commerce."

There can be no doubt that if such a project were set on foot under influential auspices, the people of St. John would be at least as deeply interested as any other citizens of Canada. The idea is a new one, however, and has not yet been presented in such form as to attract general attention. Sooner or later Canada must assume a greater degree of responsibility than at present along the line suggested by Baron De Corioli.

A cable from St. Petersburg states that Russia has recognized a new force in politics—the force of public opinion. In the past the people of that country had no opinions, or if they had they were dominated by those of the bureaucracy. Since the war with Japan broke out, however, a change has come. The press has attained more freedom, and the common people more confidence. No great change is expected as an immediate result of this awakening, but the old things have passed away. Out of the agitation will come representative institutions through which public opinion will be crystallized in laws that recognize the rights of the people.

The Winnipeg Free Press has some doubts whether there will be as great a rush of eastern men to the harvest fields of the west this year as in years past, but that they will be needed is apparent from the following statement which it makes:—"It is expected that 18,000 harvest hands will be required to garner the wheat crops in Manitoba and the Territories. Thirteen thousand of these will be wanted by the farmers of this province and 5,000 will be needed in the Territories. The estimate has been made from reports and applications received at the provincial department of agriculture."

Times readers have been greatly interested in the Sherlock Holmes stories that have been a feature of this paper for some time past. They will be glad to learn that this series is to be followed by another by the same author, the first instalment appearing in today's issue.

CANEA, Crete, Aug 16.—Fighting is reported to have occurred between Russian troops and the revolutionaries yesterday and still continues, the centre of the disturbance being the village of Atapopouli. Details are lacking, but reports indicate that a skirmish also took place between British troops and insurgents. The casualties were slight.

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AN AMUSING EXPERIENCE

Glasgow Visitor Held Up by U. S. Immigration Official in the West.

(Toronto News) Mr. Paterson, of Glasgow, who frequently visits Canada, had quite an amusing and somewhat exciting experience with the United States immigration official at Emerson on the boundary line in passing into the United States going from Winnipeg to St. Paul. The first intimation of something going to happen was at Emerson. An officer came and asked some questions, which he frankly answered. When the train was about half way to Emerson, two officers appeared and the principal one intimated to Mr. Paterson that he would have to pay \$2.00 of head tax, being an alien passing into the United States. Mr. Paterson explained that he was not going to settle in the United States. In fact, his railway ticket was from Winnipeg to Toronto, which was proof enough, and he therefore declined to pay it. The next point of procedure described in form of an affidavit, name, country, age, weight, height, color of hair, eyes, beard, etc., also name of ocean steamship and date of arrival. All this going on had quite an exciting effect on his fellow passengers, some of whom seemed to think that some defaulting bank manager or other criminal had been successfully trapped.

At last the train reached Emerson. Mr. Paterson still demurred to pay, where upon the officer intimated that he would not be allowed to proceed. This was not serious, so he was marched up the agent's office between the two officers, and paid the \$2, receiving a receipt for the same, and also a paper to be signed by the conductor of the train that carried him back to Canada. After filling in some other details, the paper was handed him to recover the \$2 from the United States Commissioner stationed in Montreal.

No doubt the alien laws of the United States are necessary, but surely some way could be adopted to obviate what is here described. If any European country was to institute such a system on the British tourist, the whole press of the Kingdom would at once raise a howl of indignation. Imagine the thousands of American tourists having to go through an ordeal like this before being allowed to land in Liverpool or London.

MONCTON NEWS A Pretty Wedding—The Academic Convention—The Norwegian Sailor Will Recover.

MONCTON, N. B., Aug. 16 (Special)—The home of John S. Clark, I. O. B. section foreman, at Humphreys, was the scene of a happy event last evening, when his daughter, Miss Clark, was married to George Clark, I. O. B. master at Humphreys. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. M. Kirkwood, of Lewisville Baptist church, in the presence of a number of friends of the contracting parties. Mr. and Mrs. Clark left tonight for P. E. Island on a wedding trip.

The condition of the Norwegian sailor, smelted at Point de Gaspé, about one o'clock this morning. The delegates report a pleasant trip and one of the most successful conventions of Acadia ever held.

WEDDINGS Farris-Kerstead Wolville, N. S., Aug. 16 (Special)—A brilliant event took place in Wolfville Baptist church this evening, when Evelyn Fenwick Kerstead, eldest daughter of Rev. E. M. Kirkwood, of Lewisville, was united in marriage to J. Farris, Deb. Farris, son of Hon. J. P. Farris, White's Cove, Queen county (N. B.), and a rising young barrister of Vancouver (B. C.).

LOOKING BEFORE AND AFTER All is not lost, though much is changed and dimmed, Though the eager torrent of desire, And sobered, dashed, or dead the hopes that rimmed, The morning hills of time with magic fire, The loyal love that wears not custom's rind, The faith still firmest found when hardest tried, The calm, the charity, the judgment just, That fall not as the years that sadden.

A WEBB BIT SANG When my heart is as I'm like to greet, An' 't seems bitter that also was sweet, An' life's road hard too my weary feet, I just sing a wee bit sang.

There's a joy in a wee bit sang, For, singin', my tears forget to fall, An' the dew, an' the changes, an' the far awa', Con't sink, an' the road's no' hard at a'— Sic a help is a wee bit sang.

When poortin' comes an' the cupba's bare, When there's nae to be 'tilt an' to spare, I tak' my crust, an' it's dainty fare, When much to eat a wee bit sang.

When the folks in brass frae the nearby town, Sober, bodden gray an' my muckle shoon, I see a man mair than the man I'm the moon, I just sing a wee bit sang.

As I sing when I'm happy, I sing when I'm sad, Life's a' a' cheer, when there's nae to be had, While it leaves me a wee bit sang.

Zeke—'What's the matter with yer summer boarder? Seen you carryin' him home on a board?' Zeke—'Yep. Tried to give a practical demonstration of the old sayin', 'Take the bull by the horns!'—Detroit-Tribune.

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