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Come in and Talk the Matter Over!

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Sharpeners Are Agreed.

Following the action of the granite cutters and manufacturers at their respective meetings yesterday afternoon in ratifying the agreement reached by their committees, the committees from the Tool Sharpeners' Branch and the Manufacturers' Association met last evening and after a three-hour and a half session reached an agreement upon a proposition that covers every detail, which they will submit to their respective bodies as soon as the material can be put together, which will be done by sub-committees as soon as possible. The agreement followed closely the granite cutters' settlement.

The agreement reached between the manufacturers and cutters yesterday, is to run three years, the scale to be \$3.00 a day of eight hours the first year, \$3.04 the second year and \$3.10 the third year. The agreement includes weekly payments and a bill of prices for piece work. The Engineers' Union having effected an agreement with the manufacturers some days ago, there remain the Polishers' Union and the Lumpers, Boxers and Derricks' Union with which a settlement is still to be effected.

The Quarry Workers' Union is holding a meeting at Graniteville this afternoon at which action is to be taken on the proposition submitted to them on Monday by the Quarry Owners' Association. This meeting convened at 2 o'clock in the basement of St. Sylvester's church.

Verbal credit due the conference of the two organizations, whose sagacity and faithfulness in the matter is responsible largely for the cutting of the Gordian knot. These men, as agents for their organization, worked long and diligently that justice might be done and that the industry might not suffer. Their task is a thankless one at best, for people are prone to criticize their apparent derelictions, forgetting the difficulties under which they labor. Yet these representatives have stood the brunt of this adverse criticism and have stood manfully to their task. So we say, give them credit, give them much credit, for paving the way to the present satisfactory status of the negotiations. Without their persistent and well directed efforts, Barre, Washington county and the entire granite industry of New England would be floundering about in chaos. This community certainly owes them a debt of gratitude. —Barre Times.

The Polar Dashes.

(From the Boston Transcript.) The starting gun for Captain Peary's next dash for the pole is advertised to go off on the 1st of next July. It is to be a two-year dash, as usual, one year to get started and one year to dash. Hope springs eternal in the human breast. It is especially inextinguishable in the bosom of the Arctic Explorer. Now what remains is that Wellman should announce his plans and name his present agent for the coming summer. The contrasted methods of these two explorers incline to the favor of the two-year dash over the two-month over-head route. With Arctic exploration, as with the humble sleighing parties of the temperate zone, it is the longest way round that is the shortest way home.

It is reported that five thousand settlers from the United States are preparing to take up land in the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan through the efforts of one land company. A census of the population of three western provinces issued recently shows that there are in Alberta about 43,000, in Saskatchewan about 30,000, and in Manitoba about 25,000. The largest number of the foreign-born population in these three western provinces come from the United States, numbering 91,000, about 11.5 per cent. of the present population.

As regards his own country the Secretary said: For the first time in the history of the world there is today an English speaking community with both of its political organizations committed in a large measure to radicalism. In other words, there is no conservative leadership. England, he added, has had her radical party, yet at the same time, the party has had strong conservatism in the opposition to that radicalism, and the same can be said of Canada. So the United States in the past had radical parties yet at the same time, our radicalism has been strongly combated by conservatism. It is not so however, today were Democratic and Republican organizations are striving to see which can present the most radical policy to the electorate of Republic. Will we go over the precipice, or will we call a halt before it is too late. For these reasons therefore a large number of the most conservative men of the United States look upon the situation with a certain degree of apprehension.

Resting on the Ploks.

(From the Boston Herald.) Meanwhile the 250,000 bituminous coal miners are not making any serious disturbance, nor are they really on strike. They are simply resting on their plocks, awaiting further developments. These may be amicable and mutually satisfactory or otherwise. All depends on the chances of agreement as to a permanent wage scale.

On Everybody's Lips!

(From Everybody's Magazine.) On the way to the office of his publisher one crisp fall morning, James Whitcomb Riley met an unusually large number of acquaintances who commented conventionally upon the fine weather. This unrelenting applause amused him. When greeted at the office with "Nice day" Mr. Riley, he smiled broadly: "Yes," he agreed. "Yes, I've heard it highly spoken of."

Three Planks.

(From the Toronto Mail and Empire.) Degenerates should not be permitted to enter Canada in any circumstances; foreigners who appear to be sound in mind and body should be deported when they commit a crime; and no foreigners, however worthy, who cannot intermarry with the British stock in this country are wanted. On these three planks a fairly effective immigration platform could be built.

The Grand Trunk Pacific

(From the Boston Transcript.) Montreal, April 3.—The General Manager of the Grand Trunk returned today from England. Mr. Hays was asked if there was any special significance in the resignation of Lord Charles Rothchild from the directorate of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

"None at all," he replied. "He resigned three months ago. His uncle, Leopold Rothchild died last July, and his nephew, Lord Charles, was the only one left of the original firm. His resignation from the G. T. P. directorate was simply that he might devote his attention to the work that fell on him owing to his uncle's death. His place on the G. T. P. directorate was taken by Mr. Glynn, of Glynn, Mills and Co., the banking firm. This is rather interesting, because it was that firm who were the first backers of the Grand Trunk. It was they who brought out the Grand Trunk prospectus."

Mr. Hays was asked as to the recent issue of G. T. P. bonds to the extent of ten millions, being reminded that, according to cable reports that issue fell rather flat. He replied that it was a mistake to think that the issue was a failure in any way. "We don't issue the bonds ourselves," he added, "we sell them at a certain price, and the banker or whoever buys them brings them out and makes what he can on them. It makes no difference to us how he sells them, because we have already been paid the money on them. But as a matter of fact I may tell you that on the day these bonds were issued twelve millions worth of other bonds were also issued. Yet by the second or third day all the G. T. P. issue had been gobbled up."

"Then you have all the money you want now to carry on the G. T. P. project?" "Yes, we are in good shape. We have all the money we want for two years so that you can see the support is all we would wish."

Winnipeg, April 3.—Timothy Foley, the well known railway contractor of St. Paul, has been in the city for a couple of days making arrangements to commence work on the new contract which he had secured for building the one hundred miles section of the Grand Trunk Pacific east from Prince Rupert and also the Klenat Arm branch to connect with the main line. Mr. Foley says work will start in about two weeks and that three thousand men will be required, and steady work for at least a year and a half at good wages is assured to those who want it.

In Part Responsible

(From the New York Times.) The teachers and preachers, all and sundry, of anarchism, socialism, communism, won are just now with many voices and in many places sowing the seeds of discontent and implanting ideas subversive of law, of justice, and of order, are the real promoters of bombing and throwing. The Anarchists, the Socialists and the Communists dissent violently from any classification that thus lumps them together. But whether one of this brood of mischief-makers preaches his doctrine from a professor's chair in Columbia or from the platform of a Red Sunday school of socialism on the East side, whether he invites police interference by haranguing a street corner mob with exhortations to anarchistic violence, or expounds to a meeting of persons calling themselves philanthropists the bland but false and soulless doctrine of "benevolent" socialism, they are one if not in heart and purpose, at least one in the effects they produce and the fruits they bring forth.

Regarding Salvation Army immigrants the Victoria Colonist says:—"Only one man of the entire party of over 500 persons, men, women and children, who a few weeks ago, were brought into the province under the auspices of the Salvation Army, has proved to be unsatisfactory. This, surely is a splendid record, and on worthy of more than passing notice."

Town Council

The meeting of the Town Council held Monday evening was very interesting, and quite a number of citizens were present, attracted no doubt, by the announcement that a committee from the school trustees would be present and advocate the erection of an annex to the present school building. Other matters of considerable moment to the residents were also dealt with.

The mayor and all the aldermen were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Mayor Lawrence said that a communication would be submitted to the attention of the meeting from the school board, that the matter was of considerable importance to the town. The cost of such a building would be slight in comparison to the immense benefits that would be derived from its erection.

Mr. J. Sutton Clark said it would cost \$2000 to make the necessary changes, and he favored issuing debentures to cover the amount. He was opposed to using the town hall for school purposes, and felt it would give general satisfaction, as it was very important that every department should be under the direct supervision of the principal. He considered that prompt and decided action should be taken to remedy the present condition of affairs, as the school was overcrowded.

Dr. Alexander said the schools were overcrowded and the present arrangement was not satisfactory. The present room, that had been rented, was not adapted for school purposes. He strongly advocated building an annex, with two rooms, one to be used for manual training. He felt that the Council had the interests of the people at heart, and would not hesitate to carry out the recommendation of the school board. The cost was comparatively small, the town was in good financial condition, and every effort should be made to make the school as attractive as possible, and an annex built as soon as possible would be cheaper, more economical and much better in the long run.

Ald. Johnson personally regarded any move towards putting more debt on the town as very objectionable. It would be much better to use a room in the town hall, until the present school building was paid for. This year we must begin taking up the old debentures, making an additional tax of \$600 per year for ten years, and this was about all the town could stand under present conditions. Better schools, not school-houses were required, try and get schools up to the standard and not mind the buildings.

Ald. Dewar said that in order to have good schools good accommodations should be provided. This was an inopportune time to deal with a matter of such importance, and this council, in its last meeting, should not deal with the matter, but should leave it for the new Council. Ald. Bogue, who is a member of the school board, considered the present school accommodation as altogether inadequate, and thought if some of the aldermen would attend a meeting of the board, when the matter was under discussion, they would change their views. He was strongly in favor of the annex. Schools were not up to the standard and something should be done.

Mate Bram In Prison Kitchen.

Boston, Thomas Mead Bram, formerly mate of the Harrington, Me., barkentine Herbert Fuller, who was sentenced to life imprisonment by the Federal Court here for the murder of three persons on the vessel, is a model prisoner in the United States penal institution at Georgia. He was strongly in favor of the annex. Schools were not up to the standard and something should be done.

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Ald. Grant was in favor of building the annex, it was a necessity and the Council should take action at once. Ald. Craig felt sorry that we had a town hall and no use for it. He felt it could be used for school purposes, but if trustees say an annex is necessary, they are in a position to know what is required. He favored leaving the question to the new Council.

Ald. Gillmor would like to know how many more pupils attended school now than ten years ago. He could not see any reason why an annex should be built now. Don't saddle another debt on the town until present debt is wiped out, he would not vote for an appropriation of \$2000 at the present time. If the schools were below the average it was not because they had one grade in another building, there were other reasons. Fix up a room in the town hall for primary class. Let the new Council settle the question.

Mayor Lawrence said there seemed to be some difference of opinion on this matter. It was felt by some that a room could be fitted up in the town hall to answer present conditions. The town was in good financial condition and it would not require any great increase in taxes to build an annex if Council decided to do so. He did not think it right for this Council, in its last meeting, to saddle a debt on the incoming board of \$2000. Let it be dealt with by new board.

The committee addressed the Council strongly urging that action be taken. James O'Brien, Sec'y of the board, also addressed the Council, and said schools should be under one roof, as under conditions now existing satisfactory work could not be done. Ald. Johnson moved that the whole matter be left to the new Council to settle. Carried.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

Amount on hand \$639.40 Received from police 6.00 Taxes 20.97 Executions 60 Wearage 282.00 Dog taxes 14.00 After deducting necessary expense showed balance in bank \$344.89.

Several bills were presented and ordered to be paid. A motion by Ald. Goodiell that street Com. Mealey be paid \$27.00 which he explained was partly balance of commission and a bonus of \$15.00, caused some discussion. Ald. Gillmor called for a standing vote, which resulted in the motion being carried.

Ald. Johnson, Craig, Bogue, Grant, Murphy, Goodiell, yes. Ald. Gillmor and Dewar, nay. Ald. Gillmor requested that the vote as given be recorded by the Secretary. Sewerage matters were discussed at some length, and it was moved that accounts against persons who had not paid sewerage entrance fee, be placed with police magistrate for collection. Carried. It was moved, by Ald. Gillmor, that the law in regard to building sewers in town be complied with in the future. The street committee were instructed to look after wharf repairs. Adjourned.

Prison Kitchen.

Dr. Thompson, formerly of Manchester N. H., who was convicted of counterfeiting in this city is assistant on the prison medical staff. These prisoners were transferred from Massachusetts to Georgia in 1906.

The liberal convention called for April 22nd has, at the request of the N. B. members, been postponed. The house is called to meet April 23rd which requires the members being present. A new date for Convention will be fixed and announced later.

Three divers passed through town on Tuesday en route to Boacbec to take rocks from Ed. Holt's weir.



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