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THE HOSPITAL INVESTIGATION. The resumption of the public hospital investigation by the Royal Commission.

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ness in court would have been probably excluded as irrelevant. The impression conveyed by his voluntary utterances were not that he was acting solely with the best interests of the hospital at heart, but that he considered it his duty to endeavor to depreciate the statements made by Mrs. Trounby.

Another mistaken attitude became apparent to some extent Thursday also, which was that of the counsel for the hospital, who apparently assumed that the evidence of the public witnesses claimed that the evils referred to by them were of constant occurrence of years' standing.

There is however another important matter. The public are watching the commission to see whether it intends to keep back further evidence injurious to the hospital because it may affect some persons. This evidence, unfortunately as it may be, should be produced, and the public will not be satisfied if it is not.

THE DRY DOCK PROJECT. It is a good thing for St. John, that among its prominent citizens is such an optimistic and persistent man as Mr. George Robertson, M. P., P. E., a man who not only discerns things in a patriotic view of benefit to his city, but also in the business point of view of possible advantages to accrue and be developed, as likewise in the practical view of being able to devise the executive means for the materialization of what might otherwise be regarded as only content possibilities.

NOTE AND COMMENT. Revolution in Haiti, evolution in Martinique, devolution in Cuba! What next will happen in the West Indies!

With a \$200 reward to tempt him, that mysterious Mr. Kendrick ought surely to show up with a clue to the murderer of Oulton.

The county council members have considerable opportunity for statesmanship in a small way if they choose to take advantage of it.

The open door has been announced for the future in meetings of the School Board. We are slowly getting away from the glooms of the Dark Ages.

The people of Kings and Dalhousie universities, Nova Scotia, seem to think they have made a practical step toward consolidation.

The Boston Globe wants to know if the New American real estate in the West Indies isn't going to be a little shaky.

If the French ever build another city in Martinique they should remember that they already have one St. Pierre, off the coast of Newfoundland, and devise another name for their next.

Because the French West Indies have been throwing their dust on the British islands within a radius of a hundred miles or so, it does not follow that they

can annex the islands, in fact the French would be welcome to their dust if they could scrape it off.

The opening of the St. John School Board to the press has moved the Fredericton papers to request similar action by their school board which it is stated spends nearly one-third of the civic taxes.

It was in the ordinary nature of events that the ubiquitous St. John man should be a witness of the Martinique disaster and that the schooner Ocean Traveler, of this port, should be among the first to report it.

The closing of the country market in celebration of Victoria Day on the 24th, as that date this year falls on a Saturday, is causing some objection on the ground of public inconvenience; but the date has been fixed by Canadian statute for holiday observance.

A fast train service between New York and Chicago at a \$30 passenger rate is to be inaugurated June 15 covering the 980 miles in 18 hours. The section between Buffalo and Cleveland, 183 miles, has been covered in 176 minutes. The present through time is 24 hours and the charge \$20.

ADORNING OUR SPEEDWAY. It is very gratifying to find that the work of beautifying and decorating the Marsh Road by the planting of shade trees has been practically completed and is now in active progress. The hundred or so trees set out yesterday seem to be very promising specimens and the careful method of their handling speaks well for the future prospects of the project.

TO SHOW THAT MOST EMINENT MEN ARE LIABLE TO OCCASIONALLY FALL INTO ERROR, the Saturday book review of the New York Times, which has become a most prominent and able publication, cites a recent work about the "Life of Thomas Cromwell" as apparently referring to the famous Oliver Cromwell.

More Tammany reconstruction in New York! Lewis Nixon, the bright and shining light of respectability placed at the reins of the Tiger, has given up the task of driving him. And Croker is out of the country.

AID FOR THE VOLCANO STRICKEN. The vote by the Canadian government yesterday of the sum of fifty thousand dollars for the relief of the sufferers in the West Indies is an action that will meet with hearty approval by the public.

THE SYDNEY (C. B.) Post blames the Minister of Railways for the collapse of the West-Meyer syndicate and intimates that it was a great public disaster.

WHY STAY PALE. A pity to see pale girls stay pale and dull when it is so easy to get Scott's Emulsion.

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THE VOLCANIC RECORD. Ninety Years Ago St. Vincent Island Was the Scene of a Terrible Eruption.

The term "souffriere" apparently is applied to almost any opening or sulphur vent in the dioritic formations of the West Indies.

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Tory organ seems to be one of the papers which doesn't like exposures.

Referring to the seizure of two American schooners for fishing with dynamite near Grand Manan, the Brooklyn (N.Y.) Eagle says: "If it be clearly established that the schooners have been using dynamite, there ought to be no mistaken sympathy for owners or captains. The use of this explosive is now strictly forbidden in Canadian waters and it ought to be made impossible everywhere.

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JOHN GRAHAM TELLS PIERREPONT THAT APPEARANCES ARE DECEITFUL.

Talks About the Suave Polite Manner and Its Effect on Mankind—The Case of Charlie Chasenberry Cost \$850, But the Merchant Thought It Well Spent.

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in their way. But when John L. Sullivan went through the stock yards it just simply shut down the plant. The man quit besides with a yell and lined up to cheer him. You see, John looked like the man, and you didn't have to explain to the men that he was the real thing in prize-fighting. Of course, you know a fellow gets to the point where he is something in particular he doesn't have to care because he doesn't look like anything special, but what a young fellow isn't anything in particular it is a mighty asset if he looks like something special.

Just here I want to say that while it's all right for the older fellow to be influenced by appearances, it's all wrong for you to go on them. Back up good looks by good character, and the same under each hoof for the grand hallooing of dark secrets. If the horse passes this degree the buyer drives him twenty or thirty miles, expecting him to turn out a roarer, or to find that he balks, or shies, or goes lame, or develops some other horse nonsense. He offers fifty less than the price asked, on general principles, and for fear he has missed something.

Take men and horses, by any large, and they run pretty much the same. There's nothing like trying a man in harness a while before you bind yourself to travel very far from him.

I remember giving a nice-looking, clean-shaven fellow a job on the billing-deck, just on his looks, but he turned out a poor hand at figures, and I had to sack him at the end of the week. It seemed that the morning he struck me for the place he had pawned his razor for fifteen cents in order to get a shave. Naturally, if I had known that in the first place I wouldn't have hired him as a human arithmetic.

Another time I had a collector that I set a heap of store by. Always handled himself just right when he talked to you and kept himself looking right up to the mark. His salary was very high, but he had such a persuasive way that he seemed to get a dollar and a half's worth of value out of every dollar he earned. Never crowded the money, and he gave me any slack. If he made the thing with summer shirts, why Charlie had a sack, you bet, and when tight-frores were the nobility tried to get the place he had pawned his razor for fifteen cents in order to get a shave. Naturally, if I had known that in the first place I wouldn't have hired him as a human arithmetic.

One noon, after he had been with me for a year or two, I met him