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ITS WEAK POINT

The weak point in the local anti-tuberculosis campaign is where it comes in contact with the victim of disease.

The Times desires to make this statement very emphatically, in the hope that it may attract public attention.

We have a dispensary, we have physicians cheerfully giving their services, and there is a very competent nurse. Up to this point the system works well. But because of a lack of funds or of neighborhood organization the full benefit of such a system is not passed on to the sufferers from disease.

For example, a patient who is very poor goes to the dispensary and is told to get plenty of fresh air, and to eat plenty of fresh eggs, fruit and milk. The advice is good, but he cannot afford to purchase this food, and the association has no funds with which to provide it. Neither is there a neighborhood organization to which the case could be referred by the nurse, with a certainty that the patient would be looked after.

How is this condition of affairs to be met and overcome? It is obvious that much of the time and effort of physicians and nurse is wasted, unless such provision is made as will bring to the patient the full benefit of the system. Nothing could be more absurd than to spend time and effort and money to bring to sick people knowledge of which through poverty they could not avail themselves.

The work of the association will not be on a proper basis until it is either provided with funds to look after extreme cases, or is supported by benevolent persons or groups of persons, who will see that each needy case is properly looked after, supplied with proper food, and cared for in an intelligent way.

Most of those who go to the dispensary or are visited by the nurse are doubtless in rather poor circumstances,— some of them very poor. It is mere mockery to tell a penniless man to eat half a dozen fresh eggs, drink a quart of fresh milk and eat plenty of fruit every day, when he cannot afford to purchase them. The association must be broadened out, and strengthened at the point of contact with the poor patient. This should be done at once. Surely the citizens will respond to an appeal.

TAXING THE LAND

Progress, a small monthly published in Melbourne, Australia, contains an article in a recent issue which deals in a very effective way with the question of a land tax. Progress reports an address delivered by a Dr. Bottomley as follows:—

"Dr. Bottomley said that the conditions of life in parts of Melbourne conduced to immorality. Some of the streets in his suburb were not fit for human habitation, and were worse than could be found in London. Hovels in the slums should be pulled down, and proper buildings erected. It would be wise for the councils to strike an extra rate in order to cope with this aspect of the social evil question."

Commenting on these remarks, Progress says:—"There is not one word here of condemnation of our present rating system, which penalises with proportionately heavy rates those who erect proper buildings, while it favors with low rates those who maintain slums. The proposal to spend ratepayers' money in pulling down hovels, as they spring up, while perpetuating the system which produces them, seems to mark the level of intelligence some of our medical men, so able and earnest in other directions, have reached. To rate land values only, and exempt all improvements from rating, would rid our cities of their slums, and at the same time bring into the field for building purposes land in our suburbs now held idle, partly for speculative purposes, and in part through fear of increased rates, should the owners dare to erect buildings thereon."

Applying this principle to St. John, it will be clear to the thoughtful mind that our taxation system is radically wrong, and calculated to discourage the improvement of property. This is a question to which more and more attention is being given, and it may be hoped that the city council during the present year will give it careful consideration. An equitable system of land taxation would result in a great improvement in the city. There would be some encouragement for the investment of capital in improvements, and the owners of vacant lots would no longer hold them at prohibitive prices.

FOR BETTER ROADS

Nova Scotia is grappling seriously with the question of good roads. The like must be done in New Brunswick. One of the most powerful agencies to influence farmers to stay on the farm is to have a system of good roads. The roads in this province are in a wretched condition, and no systematic effort is being made by the government to improve them. Of what is being done in Nova Scotia the Maritime Merchant says:—

"During the past few years the Nova Scotia legislature has made several attempts to devise regulations and put in operation a system that would be effective in improving the condition of our highways, but the government is apparently not yet satisfied with the results. Hence a new highway act. We have a feeling that this legislation is a wise step. It proposes a preliminary survey of the main highways preparatory to the expending of large sums on capital account on the construction of roads of a practically permanent character. The objects of the survey are to ascertain the best and most practical methods, the location, availability and cost of road-making material, the most effective method of providing a competent organization for carrying out the work, the machinery required, and the classification of highways with regard to locality, traffic, materials required, etc. This survey, of course, will entail more delay in getting down to actual work, but it is important that so great an undertaking should be based on sound knowledge."

There are trout streams in New Brunswick which should again become favorite resorts for anglers, when the sawdust nuisance is overcome, and the streams are stocked and properly protected.

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That was a graceful compliment which Moncton paid to a good citizen when it named Mr. John T. Hawke, the well-known journalist, to represent the city at the coronation.

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St. George's Day will be observed tomorrow in Canada more generally than ever before. In every city and town special efforts have been made by Englishmen and the descendants of Englishmen to ensure a memorable observance of the day.

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There is to be a conference today on the question of erecting a new bridge at the falls. Why waste public money when the Standard says "the bridge is as safe today as it ever has been"? Mr. Hazen should read the Standard, and not permit that desperate character James Lowell to frighten him.

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The house of representatives at Washington has adopted the reciprocity agreement by a very large majority. It will doubtless pass the senate. At Ottawa the debate continues without any new ground being covered, or any good reason given for its continuance. It is stated that the western Conservatives are less disposed to protest since they met their constituents at Easter.

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Mr. Cowan, M. P., of Vancouver, if he should speak in St. John next week on the subject of reciprocity, will no doubt explain the pamphlet which he wrote some time ago showing how reciprocity would remove certain disabilities under which the people of British Columbia labored. His hearers will be curious to know how he can harmonise his present attitude with that which he assumed prior to the reciprocity agreement.

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Steps are to be taken to ensure a better display of the valuable collections of the Natural History Society in its building in Union street. The Society has made great progress in recent years, but there are still comparatively few citizens who are fully aware of the extent and value of the material gathered under its roof. Its influence as an educative force should be widely extended, and all that is needed is a development of general interest among the citizens.

SPRINGTIME.

It was the busy hour of 4,
When from a local hardware stor
Emerged a gentleman who bore,
1 hoe,
1 spade,
1 wheelbarrow.

From thence our hero promptly we...
Into another establishment
And for these things his money spent:
1 peck of bulbs,
1 job lot of shrubs,
1 quart of assorted seeds.

He has a garden under way,
And if he's fairly lucky, say,
He'll have about the last of May
1 squash vine,
1 egg plant,
1 radish.

A man doesn't have to get very many high-balls under his belt in order to convince himself that he is a good fellow.

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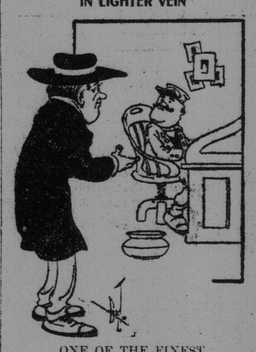

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IT IS SPRING.

I.

It is spring, and I am lazy,
And my muscles ache for fishing,
I could go away and fish
Where the quivering skyline, hazy,
Is a veil for Neptune's daughters—
Where the ever-fretful waters
Lowly lure me with their swish.

II.

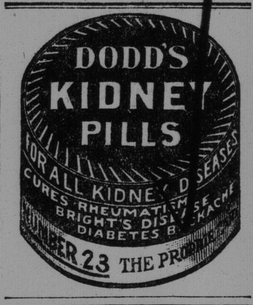
Everything in Nature calls me!
Where the birds in woodland ringing
Stir the welkin with their singing,
I would go, and idly lurk;
But necessity appals me,
Isn't it an awful pity!
I have business in the city
And I've got to stick to work?
—Baltimore Evening Sun.

SPRING FEVER.

Gosh! but I feel lazy,
Tired as I can be;
Working drives me crazy,
Home I'd rather me,
Bully loafing weather;
Gee! I'd love to rest!
Like to get together
Friends I like the best,
Go somewhere a-fishing—
Hook and line and bob,
What's the use of wishing
I can't leave my job.

Same old grind to-morrow
That I've got to-day;
Guess I'll drown my sorrow
In the same old way.
What in Old Tarnation
Makes me feel so blue?
Guess a short vacation
Lots of good would do.
Like to do some walking—
Take a "bubble' ride,
What's the use of talking?
To my job I'm tied!

Every blessed minute
Yawn and dream some pipe;
Mornings I begin it—
Don't get through till night,
Stretch until I wonder
I don't come apart;
Work goes all to thunder—
Lost my working art,
Guess I've got "spring fever"
Will I "fold my tents?"
Nix, you gay deceiver—
Same old job prevents!
—C. H. Conking.



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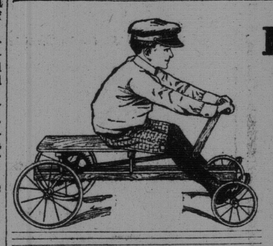

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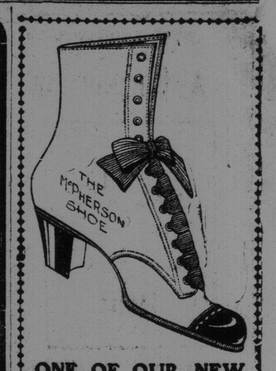

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