

AROUND THE TOWN.

That boys are the fathers of men is as true as most of the wisdom of Solomon. And they soon get the paternal air too. I met a little chap of 14 yesterday who had been to Montreal and I led him to talk to me of his impressions of the commercial metropolis of Canada. Nothing gave me his opinion with the freedom of 41 rather than 14. "A fine city, rather," he remarked with the judicial impartiality of mature years and greater experience. "But dirty, very dirty." In fact much the dirtiest city in Canada, he continued with the air of one familiar with all the towns between the Atlantic and Pacific seaboard. I ventured to suggest that the Windsor was a fine city. "Well, do you know, the Windsor is not at all what it used to be." This latest verdict of the youth sounded so much like the mature judgment of years of experience, that I regarded him with the respect due one of great age. That boy is the father of himself, as he will be at 60.

Feminine curiosity has been written about until we are all of us inclined to believe that the fair sex are possessed with more than their share of that inquiring disposition which is the mother of knowledge and the grandmother of wisdom. But I noticed a little incident this week in the Union station that led me to discount the stories of feminine curiosity and to wonder at this latest sample of feminine ignorance and faith. She was a trim little woman—the kind in fact that makes a man desire to be a helmsman if he only were fortunate enough to have had an introduction—not devoid of sense but with a feminine helplessness under conditions strange to her. She had a large parcel wrapped in brown paper, evidently a framed picture. The express for Montreal had just arrived from Atlantic and she was walking through the station. I presumed she was a passenger for that train. She walked down by the train looking for someone. When she came to the rear car she looked at the station face of the colored sleeping porter—waiting up to him she handed him the big parcel and said something which I could not hear. He remonstrated, but it was no use she was bound to have her way. I drew nearer to satisfy my masculine curiosity and heard the following dialogue: "It's no use, I can't take your picture and leave it off at Windsor." "Why, not, Mr. Conductor, you go past that station don't you?" "Yes, miss, but I'm not an express man. Why didn't you have the express company call at your house, get the picture and deliver it at Windsor?" "Well now, I never thought about that. Knew it had to go by train and thought some one would be good enough to leave it off for me when the train got to Windsor."

The darky was trying hard to restrain his mirth at her absolute innocence and faith in humanity, when I volunteered to guide her to the express car and arrange details of transportation. And she thanked me with the air of one who felt she was right from the start, and that nothing but the porter's impudence had made it necessary to trouble the express man with the parcel.

Somebody had any person considered the matter with mental alertness, there was nothing to justify suspicion. The mail clerk, snatched absolutely nothing, but when the episode finally blossomed out, their amazement was complete, coupled with a delicate tending in that region of the anatomy where one's humor is supposed to be located.

Suddenly one of them had occasion to

jump outside, but as he made the descent he observed something. It was a human head sticking from out the tool box—a head with a face that smiled through a sparkle of gritty grime.

Laboriously the hobo wormed from out the box, and as he strode away—a flutter of rags flapping dust he jerked a thumb toward the box and said: "Say—it was cold there."

I heard a pretty good story that was new to me although they have been telling it for some time about Ganong, M. P. for Charlotte county, and his political experiences in 1896, when he was never to political questions than he is today. The story goes that Mr. Ganong was campaigning in his first election and discussing the disaster which must inevitably fall upon the people of Canada if the Grits should by any misfortune, come into power. He was making quite an impression for a new beginner, when some fellow in the rear of the hall called out "Why don't you settle the Remedial Bill?" "The aspirant for political honors attempted to evade the interruption, but the question was repeated. "Why don't you settle the Remedial Bill?" remarked the orator. "Well I don't know anything about it, but, if my friend who is interrupting, will bring that bill around to my office in the morning I will pay it like a man." Of course I am not going to vouch for the truth of the story, but if you have any doubts of its correctness ask Ganong, M. P.

The answer of Manitoba to the prohibition referendum reminds me of a story I once heard from a witty divine now located in St. John. A newly ordained divine fresh from college at Edinburgh had been sent to a certain parish in the Highlands of Scotland to assist the aged "meccusier" at the approaching communion. Arriving at the manse he was hospitably received by his aged colleague and after supper was invited to the library where the old man invited him to have a pipe with him as they conversed. The young minister expressed his disgust of the dirty habit and intimated that he was surprised any minister of the gospel should indulge in it. "Well, well," replied the old man, "I know some people have their own notions of tobacco." And filling his own pipe he let the subject drop. When it was time for tea the minister was brought in the hot water, and the old man invited his youthful colleague to have a wee drop of toddy. The young minister was even more severe in his denunciation of the liquor, and after listening to a half hour oration on the fearful evils of intemperance, the old man remarked in his most earnest tones: "You don't smoke and you don't drink, do you eat grass?" On receiving the negative reply the old man shook his head mournfully. "I ken then, ye're neither man nor beast."

A warning to commercial men who are inclined to overdraw their accounts is

furnished in an incident which occurred here some months ago, but which came to a culmination only this week. A commercial man from one of the upper provinces who is a frequent visitor to St. John, came here about four months ago and after a few days found himself without funds. Consequently he drew on his firm and got the draft of a city banker largely overdrawn. In the meantime the traveller had severed his connection with them and also that the account was largely overdrawn. In the meantime the traveller had left town and his next visit was a few days ago. When he arrived here on the business man who drew the account was threatened that otherwise he would deprive his debtor of his liberty for a time at least. The result was that the particular traveller will pay more attention to the limits of his account in future.

SEM-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH'S PICTURE PUZZLE



With the upper left-hand corner as base, the lost limb will be found just to the right of the man, his head under the man's arm.

The Augusta Sensation. August 7.—The coroner's jury to inquire into the cause of the death of Albert L. Heuston, found dead on Glendon street, Sunday, began its investigation this afternoon. The jury adjourned till tomorrow morning after examining seven witnesses.

In the British Commons. London, April 7.—In the house of commons today, Mr. Balfour refused to grant facilities for the discussion of the motion made by John Richmond, Irish Nationalist leader, censuring the speaker in connection with the suspension of John Dillon.

The gloomy church preaches a sunless heaven.

FOUR REGIMENTS FROM CANADA INSTEAD OF THREE. Ottawa, April 7.—(Special)—It is understood that Hon. Dr. Borden has received information from the war office, to make the fourth contingent four regi-

MARKET REPORTS.

Saint John Wholesale Market.			
PROVISIONS	ex car	ex	estm
Am clear pork, per bbl	22 00	to	23 50
Pork, mess	21 00	to	22 00
P E I prime mss	00 00	to	00 00
Plate beef	13 00	to	14 50
Extra plate beef	15 00	to	16 50
Beef, factory, new, lb	08 00	to	00 11 1/2
Butter, dairy	02 18	to	00 20
Butter, creamery	02 24	to	00 24
Lard, tubs, pure	01 11 1/2	to	01 12 1/2
Lard, compound	01 10	to	01 11
Lard, Porcupine	01 09	to	01 10
Eggs, per doz, fresh	01 19	to	01 20
Beans, white	1 55	to	1 65
Beans, Y. E.	2 75	to	3 00
Onions	0 00	to	0 00
Onions, per bbl	0 00	to	0 00

FINH.			
Codfish, medium, 100 lb	3 85	to	3 75
do, larger	3 85	to	4 00
Pollock, 100 lb	1 60	to	1 70
Herring, bay, lb-bbl	2 25	to	2 30
Herring, rippling	0 00	to	0 00
Herring, Canoe, lat, lb-bbl	3 00	to	3 00
Herring, Shelburne, No. 1	5 00	to	5 25
Herring, Shelburne, No. 2	0 00	to	0 00
Shad lb	0 00	to	0 70
GRAIN.			
Oats, Ontario	0 51	to	0 53
Barley, Provincial	0 40	to	0 41
Split Peas	4 75	to	4 80
Pot Barley	4 50	to	4 75
Hay, pressed	13 00	to	13 50

TOBACCO.			
Black, 15's	0 62	to	0 65
Black, 12's, short stock	0 64	to	0 64
Black, 10's	0 66	to	0 66
Bright	0 68	to	0 68
Canadian 12's	0 69	to	0 44
RICE.			
American, cwt	3 30	to	3 50
Patna	0 04	to	0 05
Seta	0 04	to	0 05
SUGAR.			
Granulated, bbl	4 00	to	4 05
Refined Dutch	3 70	to	3 80
Bright Yellow	3 70	to	3 80
No. 1 Yellow	3 40	to	3 45
Paris lump, boxes	0 65	to	0 65 1/2
Pulverized	0 05	to	0 05 1/2

OILS.			
American Water White	0 17 1/2	to	0 18
Canadian Water White	0 16 1/2	to	0 17
Arctic	0 16 1/2	to	0 17
Canadian pure White	0 15 1/2	to	0 16 1/2
Ver Star	0 08	to	0 08 1/2
Lamp oil, boiled	0 85	to	0 85
do, raw	0 85	to	0 85
Turpentine	0 69	to	0 69
Oil, corn, lb	0 35	to	0 35
Extra, lb	0 35	to	0 35
No. 1, lb	0 50	to	0 53
Seed oil, steam refined	0 64	to	0 65
do, pale	0 64	to	0 65
Cod oil	0 33	to	0 33 1/2

RAISINS.			
London Layers	0 00	to	0 00
Black Raisins	2 90	to	2 94
Lucas Raisins	0 00	to	0 00
Valencia layer	0 04	to	0 04 1/2
Evaporated Raisins	0 07	to	0 07 1/2
Sultana	0 12	to	0 12 1/2
Currents, bbl	0 08	to	0 07 1/2
Currents, boxes	0 07	to	0 07 1/2
Currents, chests	0 07	to	0 07 1/2
APPLES.			
Apples, bbl	4 00	to	5 00
Dried apples	4 07	to	0 09
Evaporated Apples	0 09	to	0 11
Evaporated Apples	0 11	to	0 11
Evaporated Peaches	0 11	to	0 13
Prunes	0 05	to	0 10
Blackberries	0 05	to	0 10
Figos	0 10	to	0 12
Dates	0 04	to	0 05
Grapes, Cal	0 07	to	0 08
do, N. B.	0 07	to	0 08
Valencia Oranges	4 50	to	5 00
Bananas	1 75	to	2 25
Oranges Jamaica	3 50	to	3 50
Oranges Jamaica per bbl	5 00	to	6 00
Pineapples per doz	0 00	to	0 09
Canadian Onions, per bbl	4 00	to	4 50

MOLASSES.			
Barbados, new	0 58	to	0 57
do, old	0 58	to	0 57
New Orleans	0 25	to	0 26
Porto Rico	0 21	to	0 23

FLOUR AND MEAL.			
Cornmeal	3 00	to	3 10
Middlings, bags free	25 50	to	27 00
Canadian High Grade Flour	0 40	to	0 40
do, 40's	4 05	to	4 10
do, 30's	3 30	to	3 40
Oatmeal Roller	5 25	to	5 3

SALT.			
Liverpool, sack, wet store	0 63	to	0 65
do, filled	1 00	to	1 10

SPICES.			
Nutmegs	55	to	57 1/2
Cassia per lb, ground	0 15	to	0 22
Clove whole	0 20	to	0 22
Clove ground	0 22	to	0 22
Pepper, ground	0 18	to	0 22

COFFEES.			
Condensed, 1 lb cans, per doz	3 00	to	3 00
Oak Brand	3 00	to	3 00
Condensed 1 lb cans, per doz	3 00	to	3 00
Shamrock	2 50	to	2 50
Java, per lb, green	0 30	to	0 34
Jamaica	0 24	to	0 23

MATCHES.			
Groes	0 40	to	0 43

CANDLES.			
Mould per lb	0 11	to	0 14

TEAS.			
Ceylon	0 18	to	0 28
Oolong, per lb common	0 14	to	0 18
Congou, finest	0 28	to	0 30
Songchong	0 25	to	0 35
Colog	0 30	to	0 45

NAILS.			
Cut, 50 ds, & 60 ds, per 100 lb	2 35	to	2 5
Wire nails, 10 ds	2 35	to	2 5
Ship spikes	3 30	to	4 30

OAKUM.			
English Navy or lb	0 06	to	0 06 1/2
American Navy per lb	0 06	to	0 06 1/2
English hand-picked	0 06	to	0 06

PAINTS.			
White lead, Brandman's No. 1	6 25	to	6 25
Yellow paint	6 50	to	7 08
Black	7 50	to	8 10
Putty, per lb	0 25	to	0 27

IRON, ETC.			
Anchor, per lb	0 5	to	0 06 1/2
Chain cables, per lb	0 44	to	0 05
Rigging chains, per lb	0 44	to	0 05
Yellow metals, per lb	0 15	to	0 15
Refined, 100 lb or ordinary	2 00	to	2 10

LIME.			
Casks	1 15	to	1 15
Bbls	0 70	to	0 70

TAR AND PITCH.			
Domestic coal tar	4 25	to	4 50
Coal tar pitch	2 75	to	2 00
Wilmington pitch	2 75	to	3 00
do, tar	8 25	to	3 50
GOALS.			
Old Minas Sydney per chald	7 50	to	7 50
Springhill round	8 50	to	8 50
Springhill Nut	8 50	to	8 50
Reserve Mine	8 50	to	8 50
Caledonia	8 50	to	8 50
Asadia	0 00	to	0 00
Pieton	7 00	to	7 00
Joggins	6 50	to	7 00
Joggins Nut	6 00	to	6 00
Foundry	5 50	to	5 50
Broken, per ton	5 35	to	5 35
Shag	5 50	to	5 50
Shag Nut	5 75	to	5 75
Chestnut	5 75	to	5 75
LUMBER.			
Spruce deals, Bay Fundy	10 00	to	10 50
City Mills	11 50	to	10 50
Acroft P B No 1 & 2	40 00	to	45 00
No. 3	30 00	to	35 00
No. 1	20 00	to	25 00
Acroft shipping	15 00	to	16 00
Common	12 00	to	13 00
Spruce boards	10 00	to	10 00
Spruce scantling (unsat'd)	08 50	to	08 50
Spruce dimensions	10 00	to	12 00
Pine Clapboards, extra	32 00	to	40 00
No. 1	30 00	to	32 00
No. 2	20 00	to	20 00
No. 3	11 00	to	12 00
Laths, spruce	00 00	to	1 00
Laths, pine	00 00	to	1 00
Paling, spruce	4 00	to	8 00
New York	1 75	to	2 25
New York laths	0 40	to	0 45
Boston	0 00	to	0 00
Sound ports, calling V H	2 00	to	2 00
North side Caba (old)	3 00	to	3 00
New York piling per foot	0 00	to	0 02 1/2
New York laths, non	0 00	to	0 25
Shedding	6 50	to	6 50
Boston line nominal	0 00	to	0 18

DEALS: C. D.			
Liverpool intake mean	1 00	to	1 00
Liverpool	1 00	to	1 00
London	1 00	to	1 00
London Channel	1 00	to	1 00
Clyde	1 00	to	1 00
West Coast Ireland	35 0	to	37 6
Belton	1 00	to	1 00
Cork	1 00	to	1 00

Country Market.			
Wholesale			

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