

## Peculiarities

**N**OW times have changed! The "Victoria Times" tells of a rough-and-tumble fight in that city between two sailors, which came to the attention of the police, and says that two officers ran to the scene "lest the fight would be over before they got there."

The "Kingston Whig" of recent date has the following notice: "Prof. Ferguson will feel much obliged if the parties to whom he lent the tenth volume of Kingsford's History of Canada, and also the fourth volume of Creighton's History of the Papacy, will return them to him at 207 William Street." If the Kingston book-keepers are anything like the book-keepers around here, the Professor has said good-bye to his books forever.

Those sections of the country which have suffered from lack of rain lately may derive some relief from the suggestion of a Middlesex farmer, who says he has been able to raise a large crop in spite of drought by planting alternate rows of onions and potatoes in the same field. The onions, he says, will bring tears to the eyes of the potatoes, which will serve to keep the roots moist and ensure a good crop.

At the Edmonton Fair the other day a miner known as "Windy Bill" made a remarkable leap into a net, which, unfortunately for Bill, was not tight, and he hit the ground with some force. Probably Bill thought if one of them was tight, that was enough.

The "Canadian Cigar and Tobacco Journal" gives some hints to those who smoke pipes, in the course of which it says: "Everybody thinks he knows how to smoke a pipe, but to do it perfectly is not easy. . . . Take it easy. Keep cool and keep your pipe cool." All very well as far

as it goes, but there is nothing said as to how to prevent the sidewalk from rising up in long, rolling waves and whacking one after he has tried his first pipe behind the barn.

A Muskoka constable captured the clothes of some small boys that were swimming in Duck Lake, and it is said that the boys barely escaped. Of course. How else could they escape when he had their clothes?

A committee of London letter carriers recently waited upon one of their number and presented him with a handsome gold-headed cane. Provided the head is heavy enough, the recipient will now be able to administer the gold cure to all the hungry bulldogs on his beat.

A despatch from Cobalt says that an air compressor plant to supply power to the Cobalt region is to be installed on the Montreal River, nine miles distant. It will provide five thousand horsepower. Why not engage one of those Socialist agitators that are addressing the striking miners, to do the work. The cost would be less.

A Halifax paper tells of a man who was walking home through a clump of bushes at an early hour in the morning when he was horrified to feel the ground move beneath his feet. Looking down, he discovered that he was standing on a large snake. One would have thought that he would have been glad to stand on a nice, soft, springy snake after walking, probably all day, over the rough, hard macadam roads.

A Western Jewess who deserted her fiancée at the altar, has declared that she loves him, but that she does not love his income. This should not have been an insuperable obstacle to their union. No doubt he would rather be loved for himself alone,

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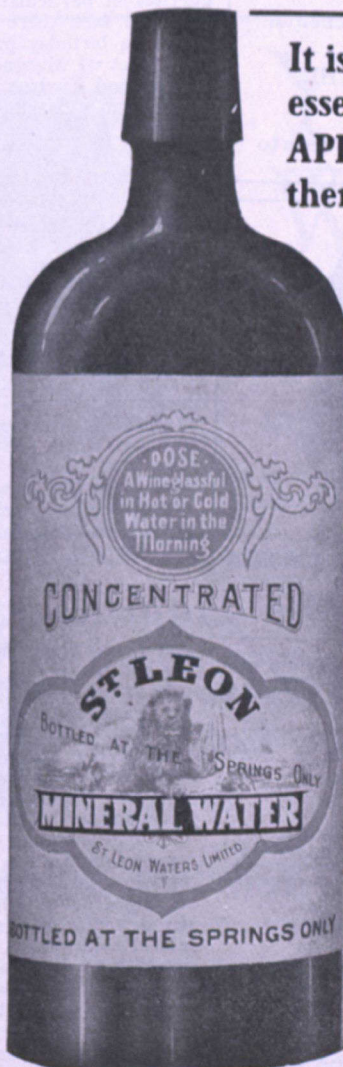
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