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It is really amazing that the deliberate setting of fires continues in the city and that no very serious conflagration results from that cause.

This statement was made to the St. John Standard yesterday by Mr. C. C. Ballantyne, formerly of the Montreal Harbor Commission, and the Standard regards it as of sufficient importance to be used as the head lines over an interesting interview with that gentleman.

The policy of permanent construction work at North Market wharf should be adopted. In general the city should adopt the policy of permanent construction work, and should have more of it done on the streets.

Before a contract is awarded for permanent paving all underground work in connection with water and sewerage, or for other purposes on that particular street should be completed.

A supporter of the Flemming government made the remark the other day that bad roads had defeated the old provincial government, and would probably defeat its successor.

The members of the city council have beyond question the right side of the argument when they contend that wood-frame buildings more than two stories high should not be erected in the city proper.

The summer is passing, and there is still no assurance that the grain conveyors will be provided at two additional berths on the west side for next winter's business.

St. Stephen Having Enforcement Era—Seizure at the Depot. Calais, July 15.—Marshal Gibson, of St. Stephen, is certainly making things bad for the liquor dispensers across the line.

WILL ARBITRATE. The people of the United States have had so much experience with strikes that even congress is ready to pursue an unusual and extraordinary course in order to avoid a labor dispute of large proportions.

ONE PASSENGER KILLED OUT OF 80,000,000. Statistics of passenger casualties on the Pennsylvania R. R. lines east of Pittsburgh shows that in the five years from 1908 to 1912, inclusive, there were 481,000,000 passengers carried and only five train accidents in which passengers were killed.

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BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

TUESDAY, JULY 15.

Henry Rushton Fairclough, a Canadian who has won distinction in academic circles in the United States, was born near Barrie on July 15, 1862.

Lord Northcliffe, British publisher, who was formerly Alfred Harmsworth, was born in the County of Dublin, Ireland, forty-eight years ago today.

LIGHTER VEIN. "Mamma," asked Willie, "now that I've been such a good boy in Sunday school, you don't distrust me any more, do you?"

"No, Willie; I feel that I can trust my little man now of a Sunday."

"Then why do you keep the pantry door locked?"

SNOW USE. Somehow the snow you read about in the mountain resort doesn't help you much at this season of the year.—Atlantic Globe.

WHAT HE LIKED. Church—Been to Chicago? Gotham—Yes. "See anything you liked there?"

"Sure."

"What was it?"

"A sign on the railroad station reading: 'This way to the New York trains.'—Yonkers Statesman."

ANOTHER MRS. MALAPROP. "No, she wouldn't listen to reason," said Mrs. Twickenbury, "she was in a most indicative mood."—Christian Register.

FAMILY LIKENESS. Farmer—That's the mother of those seven pigs.

Visitor—So I see. They are all so like her in the face.—Fleegle Blatter.

CONVERSATION. When you hear a feller tellin' what he's goin' to do some day,

And disclosing what he has done in a braggin' sort of way,

Just make up your mind to one thing, it is always true, I vow,

You kin bet your bottom dollar he ain't doin' much right now.

When you hear a feller braggin' on his honesty and sitch,

When he says if he'd been crooked he would certainly be rich,

When he blows about the chances he has had to beat his pard,

Just make out that you believe him, but don't fall to cut the cards.

When you hear a feller spoutin' on the way he run his house,

When he says it's such an easy thing to regulate his spouse,

When he tells you that he's boss you make up your mind for cert

It's his wife that wears the trousers and it's him that wears the skirt.

When you hear a feller tellin' how to run the government,

When he thinks it is his duty to correct the president,

You can listen quite respectful, but make up your mind offhand

That he hasn't got the gumption, sir, to run a peanut stand.

LANSDOWNE ASKS REFERENDUM ON HOME RULE BILL. Second Reading Before the Lords.—Carson Forecasts Provisional Government For Ulster.

London, July 14.—The home rule bill for Ireland came up today before the house of lords for second reading.

Lord Lansdowne invited the government to withdraw the home rule bill from the operation of the parliament act, and before it became law, to the electors by means of a referendum.

The opposition, he promised, would accept that verdict.

Montreal, July 14.—A special London cable says: "Sir Edward Carson's forecast of the appointment of a provisional government for Ulster is a welcome change from the threats of blood and revolution which he has all along been making."

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