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THE HALIFAX MUSICIANS.

The visit to St. John of a company of amateur musicians from Halifax is an event which tends to strengthen the friendship between the two cities, to bring personal appreciation of the abilities and well directed efforts of our neighbors. It is unfortunate that Mr. Well and his friends came here at a time when a very large number of St. John's music lovers are out of town for the summer, and consequently unable to bestow upon the visitors the generous patronage which in any other season would have been gladly extended. St. John and Halifax possess respectively many qualifications which render such visits most enjoyable. St. John is music-hungry. There may be good singers and players here, but there has never been any sustained organization tending to the proper development of the talent which we possess. In the field of drama this city is not lacking, but even in this there has been a want of organization, which difficulty may, however, be overcome before long. Halifax, on the other hand, has been most fortunately placed, and in the Nova Scotia capital peculiar conditions have existed which have led to marked success in the efforts put forth for the development of musical talent. Halifax is no more appreciative than is St. John—indeed, it might almost be ventured that concerns here could afford a heartier patronage than in Halifax. But whatever the circumstances may be, Mr. Wells' company was warmly received, and whatever was lacking in the numbers of those attending the opera was due wholly to the season. St. John was glad to hear the musicians from across the bay, and hopes that such visits may be more frequent in the future.

THAT AFFAIR AT ST. CATHERINES.

It now appears that the fallacy of the Halifax crews to qualify at St. Catharines for the Olympic meet was chiefly due to a quarrel, and the conduct of it at one of the crews while at St. Catharines is being severely criticized by Upper Canadian papers. They point out that in the first place it was a great mistake on the part of Halifax to have ever permitted three crews to go up to St. Catharines for the purpose of settling something which should have been decided at home. The Olympic committee had arranged that the best four oared crew competing against the Argonauts should be sent to England, this being a very generous concession and being made possible because of the fact that the Argonauts four were going anyway as members of the eight-oared crew. Accordingly Halifax sent three crews to the trials. It was arranged that the St. Mary's in the preliminaries should be put against the Argonauts and in the final against any but the Argonauts. The final row against the winner of the other heat, that between the North Stars and the North West Arms. In the first heat the Argonauts and North Stars were respective winners. Then the latter absolutely routed the other crew in the final. The committee waived and in spite of the fact that by according to the demands of the North Stars they destroyed the only chance the Maritime representation at Olympia they gave in. It was decided that St. Mary's would not be permitted to enter the finals. If the North Stars won from the Argonauts they would go to England; if not they would stay at home and the St. Mary's and North West Arms crews would also remain at home. The North Stars lost. The Maritime Provincials will have no crew in the great meet. The relative strength of St. Mary's and North Stars is as yet unknown, although the St. Catharines trials had been arranged with the intention of determining this. The change in the arrangement upset all plans. Nova Scotia has spent \$1400 for the purpose of having these crews make an unfortunate exhibition of themselves in Upper Canada.

Canada at the age of forty-one has the youth and enthusiasm necessary for the proper enjoyment of her birthday, and at the same time the age and sound common sense to refrain from excessive display of slushy patriotism. How differently will next Saturday be observed across the line! For weeks past the press of the United States has been clamoring against the recklessness which makes the fourth of July a day to be remembered with sorrow. The annual slaughter has already begun. The death list promises to fully equal those of other years.

"Natural tea is rapidly giving way," says the president of the tea trust. With such weather as now prevails nothing else could have been expected.

TWILIGHT IN THE PARK.

Ah, how remote the great town's tumult seems.
Its stress incessant and its molting schemes,
Here in the sweet companionship of dreams!
The brilliant arc lights blaze and flare afar,
Where traffic pulses with its rush and jar,
But here is calm, and eve's cool vesper stars!
Subtle earth attars seep up through the sod,
The friendly leaves like comrades beck and nod,
While lover birds invoke the lyric god.
Tomorrow life's imperative demands
Will give my spirit as with iron bands,
But now they are no more than numbered sands.

COMFORT AND STRENGTH.

The sea is the soul imprisoned
Of a lady who tries to flee;
We hear her sobbing, moaning,
For one to set her free.
She bears the woe of the ages,
For she knows of the wrecks that lie.
On the deep, dark bed of the ocean,
Man, staying at Madeira, for a short holiday,
had the curious experience of being turned into a stove and carried across two oceans before he saw home again.
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So we go to the sea for comfort—
She weeps when our tears overflow;
But for courage we go to the hillsides,
Where the winds of healing blow.
A Frankfurt produce dealer, who drives about in his wagon, went to a certain house here the other day and was selling eggs and vegetables.
"Can you spare me an extra pound of butter this week?" asked the housekeeper.
"No, I can't," replied the dealer. "I could have spare you a pound yesterday, but none today."
This reminded a man in the crowd of what his little girl had said about some candy which was given her by an uncle, and showed that the produce dealer is not the only owner of words. The child's mother said to her:
"Louise, go crack that stick of candy and bring some of it to me."
"It's already cracked," replied the youngster.

SHE GOES TO CHURCH,
BUT ELOPES INSTEAD.

Church Lane Parrots Hear From Daughter,
Whose Rose Fooled Them.

PHILADELPHIA, July 1.—"I am going to church with the girls," said Miss Esther Phillips, of St. Church Lane, to her parents Sunday night. She went out, and it was not until some of her girl friends called for her later, and it was found that her suit case and some of her clothes were missing, that the older folk smelled a mouse.
Yesterday the young woman's relatives received a postal card, which had been mailed at Broad Street Station. It said she had been married, and would be home today.
That is as much as her parents know definitely, but they suspect that their son-in-law is Joseph Freudenreich, who had been paying her attention until a short time ago when they objected. Since then, until the eleventh, it was not known that the young pair had maintained their friendship.
If Mr. and Mrs. Freudenreich return home today it is not at all certain they will receive a hearty welcome.
E. B. Phillips, father of the bride, who is bookkeeper for the Whoseover Gospel Mission and Rescue Home, of Germantown, at Stafford street and Chelton avenue, yesterday expressed the opinion that since his daughter was not of age there should be some law to have the marriage nullified. The bride is 18 years old, and until her engagement had been bookkeeper at the North Pennsylvania Iron Works. Her husband is said to be employed in the office of the sheriff.

AT \$300 PER FINGER
FOUR AGREE TO SELL.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 1.—Four Columbus men have offered a finger each for \$300 to A. C. Ballou, of Whelling, W. Va., who lost his fingers in an ice cream freezer recently.
Ballou is in the hospital at East Liverpool, Ohio, and his brother, Joseph Ballou, made the offer of \$300 a finger on the suggestion of the surgeons.
The men who have offered to have their fingers cut off are Robert E. Robbins, W. E. Thompson, O. H. Mansberger and a man signing himself "D." of Edward street.

BRAZILIAN BOAT OF BRONZE.

Owing to the great amount of decomposed vegetable matter contained in Brazilian waters, which causes rapid deterioration of thin steel, the hull of the new despatch boat Guahabara, built for the Brazilian government, is constructed entirely of bronze. Against this metal, says Popular Mechanics, the corrosive action of the Brazilian waters has no effect, and although more costly both in material and construction, the vessel is much lighter than if built of steel or wood. The propeller shafting and propeller are also of bronze.
The famous Siamese twins were born in 1811 and died in 1874.

STORIES OF ENFORCED HOLIDAYS.

A year or two ago an American family consisting of father, son, and two daughters, arrived at Chalkie, in the island of Euboea, and put up at the hotel there.
They were evidently well-off, and spent money freely. They had been travelling all through Greece, and meant in a month's time to return to Athens, and thence to make their way home.
Suddenly their regular weekly remittances stopped, and calling to America, the head of the family received a reply that, through the loss of a law suit, he was ruined and absolutely penniless.
MISERABLE VACATION.

The hotel bill amounted to nearly \$50, and they had no funds to settle it. The landlord allowed them the use of one room in the basement, and here the unfortunate people were obliged to drag out a miserable existence for weeks, until a newspaper reporter discovered their plight, and succeeded in getting the American Legation. A sum of money was at last raised sufficient to enable the family to make their miserable enforced vacation.
These Americans are by no means the only people who, having left themselves unable to return at the appointed time, only last March an English traveler, staying at Madeira for a short holiday, had the curious experience of being turned into a stove and carried across two oceans before he saw home again.

Speaking of being carried away to sea, a couple of Maltese tradesmen went aboard H.M.S. Caesar one morning to collect certain money due to them. The old saying in the Navy is, "The first turn of the screw pays all debts." However that may be, the two tradesmen were horrified, on returning to the deck, to find the great wheel standing out at upon a camp chair. They sighted was Gibraltar, and from that place they had to get home again before they might.
The victim of a mysterious case.

FAT BABY'S EXHIBITION
IS BARRED AS CRUEL.

Seattle's Stop Showing of 30-Months-Old
Boy Weighing Ninety-Six
Pounds.

NEW CASTLE, Pa., July 1.—Because Alexander Johnson, about 30 months old, weighs ninety-six pounds, he is a victim of unusual hardships. His mother is dead and his father is now in Jersey City, while the baby is left in the care of Charles Campbell, of this city. Campbell has been exhibiting the child as a prodigy in local amusement houses, until the humane officers stopped this last night.
County Detective Logan received word that the child had been exhibited continuously for about nine hours and investigated. The fat little fellow had been forced to sit upon a camp chair on a platform in a hot room until he was too tired to walk and had to recline when rescued.

THE HARVEST OF THE SEAS.

(From Engineering, London.)
In Scotland there are 10,444 fishing vessels, of the value of \$4,117,449 including gear, and these landed 7,053,550 cwt. of fish, worth \$2,977,593, thereby giving employment to 32,395 persons on the boats. The number of fishermen alone has increased since 1905 by 2,593, the total number of persons employed in the allied trades by 1,406, 1,542,784 barrels of herring 71,248 cwt. of other fish, and these landed 7,053,550 cwt. alone. In England and Wales 1,187 more fishermen were employed in 1906 than in 1905, and 901 more fishing boats registered. Herring exported from England were more valuable in 1906 than in any other previous year by \$34,326, the quantity caught being greater by 213,332 cwt. In 1907, however, whilst the quantity increased by 1,161,260 cwt., the price fell off by \$181,266. In Scotland the quantity of fish for 1906 showed a smaller catch by 262,949 barrels, but their value was greater by \$206,683. Fish of all sorts landed in England and Wales during 1907 was worth \$2,154,000 showing an increase over 1906 of \$198,964 and over 861,235.

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MARRIAGES

LONG-LONGON.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Richbuck, N. B., on June 26th, by Rev. J. Benson Young, Miss Mattie E. daughter of John Long, and Thomas Longon of St. John.
MACKAY-McGINITY.—At the residence of John McGinity, 36 Peters street, by the Rev. A. B. Cohen, James K. Mackay of Clyde River, N. S., and Carrie Eagles McGinity of St. John.

DEATHS.

DWYER.—At Milford, on June 28th, Daniel Dwyer, in the 66th year of his age, leaving a wife, two sons and one daughter. (Boston papers please copy).
Funeral from his late residence, Milford, Thursday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Friends invited to attend.
GUILD.—In this city, on July 1st, at her late residence, 11 Cranston avenue, Jane, beloved wife of Robert Guild, leaving besides her husband one son to mourn their loss.
Funeral service this afternoon at 3 o'clock at her late residence. Friends invited to attend.
PIKE.—In this city, suddenly, on July 1st, George E. Pike, aged 13 years. Funeral from his father's residence, Queen street, Charlton, on Friday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.
(Boston papers please copy).

FOR A CHANGE.

"Mamma, where's papa gone?" asked a little girl one day.
"He's gone to town to earn more bread and butter for you, darling."
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