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Big Contract Awarded.

Weeks ago the Globe announced that Mr. Michael Connolly was the lowest tender for the new wharf in Carleton. Now comes announcement that the new government has decided to go on with the work and has accepted Mr. Connolly's tender. Mr. T. P. Charlson is associated with Mr. Connolly in the work. The job, as the Globe has pointed out, is a big one, involving an expenditure by the government of more than a million dollars. It will give practically two new berths, for there is to be a 500 foot berth addition to the C. P. R. wharf, so called on the harbor front, making that one of the best berths, and an 880 foot berth running inward from the end of the extended C. P. R. wharf towards Beattie's Rocks, with a head piece 300 feet long, which will act as a retaining wall to keep in place the dredged material, which will be dumped behind the new wharf to fill in and build up the section to be used by the C. P. R. as a yard. The new wharf is to be of birch, with a concrete superstructure, and will be the first construction in St. John along the new lines.

How Berlin Lives.

(New York Sun.)

The foreigner in Berlin is usually astonished at finding restaurants after restaurants, large and small, filled nightly, although the cost of living at them must be considerably greater than if the meal were taken at home. The crowding of the restaurants is largely explained by the fact that only the rich classes of Berlin society "eat warm" in the evening.

The great bulk of the middle classes content themselves for the evening meal with bread and butter and a dish of cold meat composed of sausage, ham, pickled herring and cheese. The meal is never very cheering or satisfying, and the result is that occasion is taken as often as possible to seek outside the warm and substantial food which is lacking at home.

The reason for the almost universal cold buffet is not only economy but also the desire to avoid the trouble the preparation of a substantial warm meal entails. The objection is all the more intelligible since most German families have only one maid of all work, and the mistress of the house plays a principal role in the arrangements for the daily meals. She has spent a good deal of her time in the kitchen in view of the midday dinner and has had enough of such work for the day.

Another reason for the cold buffet is that the German business man usually remains late at office and the exact time of his return is uncertain.

Awkward Position of Town of Forward.

Forward, Sask., Nov. 18 The town of Forward has been in transit to a new site a mile away. The work of moving Forward was going forward at a fairly satisfactory rate, when winter took a hand in the game, and the cold snap changed operations probably until next spring. While part of the town has been moved forward successfully to the new site and while part is still reposing in

awkward lethargy on the old, another portion of the town is betwixt and between. The leading cafe of Forward succeeded in moving only about half a mile, and now stands in solitary magnificence in the centre of a snow covered, wind swept flat field. Visitors may secure certain commodities in the portion of the town on the new site. For certain articles it may be necessary to go on an exploration expedition through the fields and among the bluffs in order to find the desired emporium, Globe.

The "Philosopher's Stone"

The philosopher's stone was something which the chemists of long ago were looking for. In those days they were called alchemists, alchemy being the old name for chemistry. They are the same words, al simply meaning the.

The general name of philosopher was given by other people to all who studied Nature in any of her aspects. The object of the search was to find something that would turn base metals into gold. This was really not worth aiming at, but in the search, which never succeeded, the alchemists found out all manner of chemical facts, for which we must always be indebted to them. And we must do them the justice to suppose that many of them were deeply interested in what they found out, for its own sake. The philosopher's stone would not have been worth finding for the sake of the gold, for directly gold became common it would lose its costliness. It has no real value in itself beyond that of a great many other metals. We are learning now that one metal can be turned into another, especially through the action of radium.

It is not certain that we shall be able to make gold for a long time yet, but radium already goes a very long way towards being what our ancestors looked for in the "philosopher's stone."

The family of a young English marquis are somewhat troubled over a romance which grew out of coronation season; the young man lost his heart to a Hindu princess, and intends to marry her. It is a new precedent for the peers. The Gaiety chorus has a rival in the Orient.

Shakespeare was asked if Hamlet was insane.

"Impossible to tell till he wrecks a bank or leaves a will," the bard replied. "Herewith the plot proceeded."

—New York Press.

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