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WHY NOT KING EDWARD PARK?

The suggestion made by a clergyman to this paper yesterday that St. John's memorial to King Edward should take the form of a children's playground is one that ought to be hailed with enthusiasm. Why not a King Edward Park at the entrance to Rockwood Park, on the fourteen acres purchased by Mr. Joseph Allison and presented to the Horticultural Association some years ago for playground purposes? It is an ideal place, can be made perfectly level, and lies under the shoulder of the hills and protected from the winds. A great pavilion could be erected there, with shower baths provided with water from Lily Lake. Provision could be made for all kinds of sports. The objection that it is some distance from the centre of the city would apply to any playground, but as the city grows and extends its borders that objection will not apply. It would be possible now by civic grant and public subscription to raise ample funds to convert this place into one of the finest playgrounds in Canada, open to all the people. Springfield, Mass., has a great park and playgrounds some distance out of the city, and reached by the street cars. Here are found tennis courts, base ball grounds, picnic groves, a zoological collection, lovely walks and drives, free to every citizen. A fine playground at the entrance to the drive-way would be a most desirable supplement to Rockwood Park, and would be a boon to thousands of children throughout the summer season. It would be a fitting memorial to the late king, and could be entered through a King Edward arch of substantial and artistic construction.

HON. MR. FOSTER

When asked by a representative of the Times-Star, yesterday, whether he regarded Mr. Borden as the right man in the right place as leader of the Conservative party, Hon. George E. Foster did not display a marked degree of enthusiasm. The party had chosen Mr. Borden, he observed, and he guessed they would keep him. It may be that Mr. Foster remembered the attacks upon himself by members of the party, and the silence of his friends. It was even reported in the press that Mr. Borden communicated to the ex-Prime Minister the desire of the party that he (Mr. Foster) should efface himself, or at least cease to take a leading part in the debates of the house, and Mr. Foster's admission, in reply to an Ottawa paper's enquiry, to "dirty work" is not known to have had reference to any of his Liberal opponents. Then there is the French Conservative journal L'Evenement, which this week referred to "such men as Mr. Foster" and the injury they had done to the party. In view of all this, Mr. Foster's lack of enthusiasm may be explained, as well as his sarcastic comment on Mr. Monk's assertion that all Quebec was with him on the naval question. "He ought to know," said Mr. Foster, and said no more on that point.

The sun shines warm in the green valley of the lovely Kennebec river. Mr. Foster's cottage and garden are on the river's bank. Flowers will bloom in the garden, the birds sing in the trees, and the silvery waters ripple and murmur in the breeze. The tired politician, weary in body and in mind, will dig in his garden, lie in his hammock, read the Times-Star, and perhaps sometimes tempt the Kings county highwaymen under the guardianship of his friend Mr. George R. Jones, M. P., who is said to have a carriage built on plans and specifications drawn to meet the conditions imposed by the Hazen Highway Act. Political friends and foes alike will wish that neither the lies of opponents nor the rumor of professed friends will disturb the peace of his sylvan retreat, and that the autumn may find him with vigor restored.

TEMPERANCE REFORM

The Ottawa Free Press, commenting on the fact that more than 200 liquor licenses were cancelled in Ontario on May 1st, makes this striking comparison:— "In 1875 there were 6185 tavern and shop licenses for a population of 1,720,000. Today there are fewer than 2000 licenses for a population of 2,250,000. There has been an average reduction of 120 licenses per year for 35 years."

This is a striking evidence of the gradual destruction of the liquor traffic in Ontario. Turning to Great Britain, to which we have not been accustomed to look for evidence of this character, an even more striking exhibit is now made. In a comparison of the drink bill in the mother country for the last two years, Mr. Geo. B. Wilson, secretary of the United Kingdom Alliance, says:— "It estimates the total expenditure of the United Kingdom on alcoholic liquors during 1909 at £153,162,485, as compared with £161,060,482 in 1908. There has therefore been a decrease in expenditure of £7,897,997. On spirits the decrease was £2,800,000, with a decrease in consumption of 7,022,775 gallons. On beer the decrease was £1,186,900 with a decrease in consumption of 645,300 barrels. On wines, on the other hand, there has been an increase of £20,000, with an increase in consumption of 103,744 gallons. If there had been no increase in prices the reduction on the total expenditure would have been £11,147,997."

The London Times regards these figures as "very remarkable and very significant," and adds that a decline in the consumption of liquors have been marked features of statistics for several years past.

In Toronto the question of the proper treatment of the drunkard is now receiving attention, and a special civic committee will recommend to the council the appointment of a deputation to wait upon the provincial government and ask for such legislation and such co-operation as will secure the establishment, maintenance and operation of a hospital for inebriates, and the commitment thereof of habitual drunkards.

"Commenting on this proposal, Controller Spence, a leader in temperance work in Ontario, said:— "During the criminal year ending in 1909, there were 2,308 commitments to Toronto jail for the offence of drunkenness. The city paid for doing more harm than good to a lot of women and men who overcrowded the jail, numbering, as they did, nearly half of the prisoners sent to that institution. The treatment of these members of the community, who either wilfully or weakly do wrong, ought to be such as to have a reformatory effect upon the wrong-doers, and to protect society against the wrong-doing. We have been spending money on a system that neither benefits the offender nor helps to lessen the danger and nuisance of the offence."

What Controller Spence says of Toronto is equally true of St. John and other Canadian cities. Society, which takes revenue from the traffic, should care for the victims. Mr. Spence recommends that chronic inebriates be confined in a reformatory erected for that purpose, in order that they might be given an opportunity to acquire sufficient self-command to break away from the habit; and he suggests that the necessary expenditure could be met by using a certain proportion of the revenue from liquor licenses and from fines for infractions of the liquor law.

This is the kind of weather that makes the angler hear in imagination the noise of the rapids just above the pool.

If compulsory education would call for a new school building in Moncton, the fact is the best evidence that compulsory education is the crying need of Moncton.

When the present minister of public works is criticised in St. John it is only necessary to invite a comparison of present conditions at the winter port with those existing when the Conservatives were in power. The man who does things is the man for the people.

If the Canadian Pacific Railway should secure control of the Bay route to Halifax and exploit the tourist and other advantages of the region, with great hotels at St. John and elsewhere, the local benefit would be enormous. Halifax very naturally has never been partial to a bay service that would increase the business of St. John in its territory, and the owners of the Dominion Atlantic Railway were concerned only with Nova Scotia interests. But if the C. P. R. controlled the situation Halifax as well as St. John would benefit, and a new spirit of enterprise would be developed all along the line.

A visitor from a Maine town that is a centre of the lime-burning industry is impressed by the great natural resources of the region about St. John. He is especially interested in the immense deposits of limestone of the finest quality, and the ease with which wood can be secured for the kilns. Before the tariff shut out New Brunswick lime this city had a great trade with the United States, and the business was very profitable. The limestone was quarried and burned, the wood cut, the barrels made and the product shipped in vessels owned here. Local labor got all the benefit of the industry. Under a treaty that would permit the free entry of lime to that market the business would again flourish and give employment to a great number of men. But the Maine visitor also sees large opportunities for the cement industry, and this also may be an important development of the not distant future.

To get up a good appetite for lunch, forget to take the price of it with you when you leave home.

FORGIVENESS
My heart was heavy, for its trust had been abused, its kindness answered with a cold wrong.
So, turning gloomily from my fellowmen, One summer Sabbath day I strolled among
The green mounds of the village burial place;
Where, pondering how all human love and fate
Find one sad level; and how, soon or late,
Wronged and wrongdoer, each with meekened face,
And cold hands folded over a still heart,
Past the green threshold of our common grave
Wither all footsteps tend, whence none depart,
Avered for myself, and pitying my race,
Our common sorrow, like a mighty wave,
Swept all pride away, and trembling forgave!
—John Greenleaf Whittier.

AMULETS A SONG
Out of the dark, your eyes
Beckoning far and fair,
Under whose laughter gleams
A witchery of dreams.
A fantasy of prayer—
Making new hopes arise
Out of the dark—your eyes!
Out of the storm, your voice
Bidding the sea be still—
Warm with the kindly mirth
Of one who knows the will,
Rousing my strength to fight,
And struggle, and rejoice
Out of the storm—your voice!

Out of the world, your heart
A beautiful calm place
Wherein to hide my face
Awhile from flame and foam,
Feeling all pain depart
Out of the world—your heart!
—Brian Hooker, in Hampton's Magazine.

A SERIOUS POEM BY MARK TWAIN
As I stand by the Cross, on the lone mountain's crest,
Looking out on the ultimate sea,
I see in the offing a ship lies at rest,
And one sails away to the sea.

One spreads its white wings on the shore—
reaching track,
With pennants and sails flowing free;
One lies in the shadow, with sails laid
aback—
The one that is waiting for me!

But lo! in the distance the clouds break away,
The Gate's glowing portals I see,
And I hear from the outgoing ship in the bay
The songs of the sailors in glee.
—Mark Twain.

IN LIGHTER VEIN
AN IDEAL
Smithers' crop is helped by wet,
Brown's spoiled altogether;
Pity 'is we cannot get
Local option weather.
—New York Sun.

NO DANGER OF THAT.
Mrs. Stubbs—"John, no true man will smoke up his wife's curtains."
Mr. Stubbs—"I should say not. Anybody that smokes curtains would be a freak. I prefer cigars."

A DISRESPECTFUL COMMENT.
You don't think it necessary for a young man to study Latin?
"No," answered the athletic youth.
"Latin used to be a noble and poetic language. Now it's just a secret code for the doctor and the druggist."—Washington Star.

RENEWING ACQUAINTANCE.
You know that 810 you lent me—
"Not now. Introduce me."—Cleveland Leader.

MOTHER GOOSE REVIVED.
Sing a song of aeroplanes
Whizzing in the sky,
Four and twenty blackbirds
Killed on the fly.
When the chef had browned them
They were not fit to sing,
But they made a dainty dish
To eat before the king.

GEOGRAPHICALLY SPEAKING.
The class was being questioned on the cardinal points of the compass.
"If I turn to the east and look at the rising sun, what is behind me?"
Boy—"Your shadow."—Manchester Guardian.

"THE HIGH COST OF" ETC.
Hub—"A penny for your thoughts, dear."
Wife—"They cost you a lot more than that, my love. I was thinking of the handsome new suit and hat I've ordered."—Boston Transcript.

WHICH WON?
"Yes," said the determined man, "when that water resented the smallness of my tip I took the case to the proprietor of the restaurant."
"And what did the proprietor do?"
"He gave the waiter some money out of his own pocket and apologized to him for having such a customer."—Washington Star.

KEPT HIS PROMISE.
Mrs. Stubbs—"John, I am shocked. You promised the minister if you ever took in a plugged quarter you wouldn't pass it off."
Mr. Stubbs—"And I didn't. I passed it off, my dear."

A DEADLY PARALLEL.
Her Viewpoint.
Says Madge: "Though I'm betrothed to Jack, I've half a mind to flunk. You see he is a furrier, he traps the mink and skunk."
His love for me is genuine, his ardor is intense.
But his vocation gives a shock unto aesthetic sense.
When he comes up to visit me he does not send a card, coming when he steps into the yard.
And, though his income is not large, his earnings soon are spent.
I know that I could love him if he didn't have a scent.

His Viewpoint.
Says Jack: "My sweetheart is a girl with whom none can compare
In gentle airs and manners, in complexion, eyes and hair."
Yet one egregious fault is hers, it grieves me to admit.
For perfume she's a strong penchant, she almost smelts in it.
I love the rose when growing by the path,
But when distilled and loosely spilled
It Madge would modify her taste, I quickly would relent.
I know that I could love her if she did not have a cent."
—Bard of Denzie.

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Filled coal sades, wheat flour and sand mixed with water make an excellent mortar for patching holes where the plaster is broken. It becomes as hard as stone and can be put on by hand with very little trouble.

To prevent antique brass from tarnishing, first polish with a good paste and then apply a solution of a quarter of an ounce of shellac to a quarter of a pint of methylated spirit. Before doing this heat the brass if possible, and again after, painting over with the varnish.

When heating flatiron it is a good plan to lift and wipe them after being on the stove a few seconds, as the moisture caused by the first heating causes them to become rusty if they are left until they are thoroughly heated. This will also save the labor of cleaning when ironing.

Place all cakes to cool on a wire sieve and never put them away in tins until thoroughly cooled.

When frying the stove is often splashed over with grease. To prevent this splash a little salt in the frying pan before putting in the fat.

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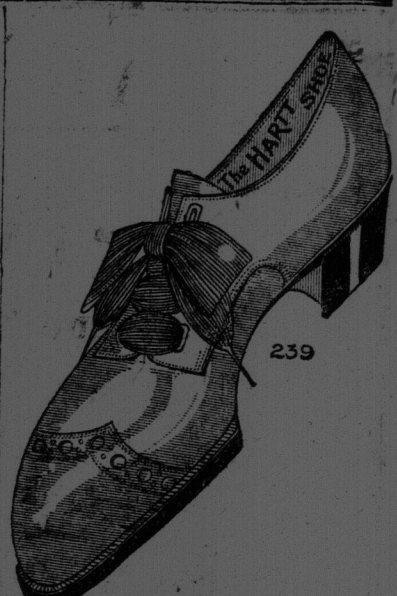
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