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### A CHRISTIAN CITY

This is a Christian city.

Last evening more than a hundred children were enjoying themselves on the Aberdeen playground. Two young men were there to supervise the children in their play. When a representative of this paper went down, three boys were sitting on some logs just outside the playground fence smoking cigarettes. A little later four more boys entered at the main gate, extinguishing their cigarettes as they did so. Other boys walked past on the sidewalk, smoking cigarettes. The two young men on the grounds were kept more than busy looking after the little ones at play. Only a short distance away, several hundred people were watching a game of base ball. Even when it was over, none of them visited the playground. All along the streets groups of men and women stood on the sidewalk or sat on the steps and talked. In the saloons were many men, doubtless discussing the prevalence of crime in St. John. One of the young men at the playground said he feared it would be necessary to close the ground this evening, because there would be no supervision.

There are only six supervised playgrounds in the city. Two of them were closed last evening because there were none to supervise, and one is kept closed because people living in the neighborhood object to the noise of the children. It may be that all the grounds must be closed in the evening.

Yesterday a boy burglar shot a policeman. Another boy confessed his share in three burglaries. Yesterday also a group of boys were in court charged with petty crimes. A "robbers' den" has been discovered by the police. Yesterday, as on every day, the cowboy and Indian act was imitated by boys and girls in different parts of the city. Who cares?

This is a Christian city.

### SOME REFLECTIONS

The tragic event which caused a thrill of horror throughout this city yesterday very forcibly reminds us that the life of a police officer is one of danger. A fearless and capable officer was shot down in the performance of his duty. We are sometimes disposed to speak lightly of the police and their duties, and perhaps to grumble at the tax bill when the question of an increase in pay is under consideration. No doubt there are reasons for the fact that the police department of St. John is not now held in as high estimation as the people might desire; but it is nevertheless true that when serious work is to be done the officers do not shrink their duty.

There is, however, another phase of this tragedy which deserves very serious consideration. That is mere youth could have developed in our midst who could deliberately commit a burglary and then attempt to murder a policeman gives a rude shock to our self-conception, and those other and smaller boys who have been breaking into shops, stealing goods and apparently enjoying a career of petty crime, are another reminder that there is something very bad in social conditions in St. John.

In the presence of a little group of earnest people who were discussing social problems, a city clergyman said a few evenings ago that however much he might dislike to say it we may as well recognize the fact that there is work to be done which the churches cannot do, and that therefore all of them should give their earnest support to every movement designed for the betterment of social conditions in St. John.

Should not recent occurrences emphasize the importance of forming a strong Community Council, and developing civic centres in different sections of the city, in which representatives of all churches and other organizations might meet together, to devise ways and means to interest old and young in such questions as the proper use of leisure time and the establishment of a healthier local environment for all the boys and girls?

### THE MEDICAL MEN

St. John extends a cordial welcome to the members of the Canadian Medical Association, whose sessions begin in the fine new armory today. While much of the proceedings will be of a character chiefly interesting to medical men, and not very well understood by the layman, the meeting on Thursday evening, at which Dr. Hodgetts will speak on Health Problems in Canada, will be of universal interest. Necessarily in his treatment of this subject he must discuss the housing question, and this is one of very special interest in St. John at the present time. The newly organized Community Council was to have met on Thursday evening to discuss the housing question, but postponed its meeting for a week in order that it might not conflict with that to be addressed by Dr. Hodgetts.

whose exposition of his subject so many citizens will desire to hear.

The despatches this morning announced that the Commission of Conservation has added to its labors the conservation of public health and the education of the general public on health matters. This is a very important announcement, and the effective manner in which the commission has carried on its work along many other lines is a guarantee that in the performance of its new task it will produce results of vast benefit to the country. We are told that out of 100,000 deaths in Canada last year 40,000 were caused by diseases which could have been prevented by a proper regard for sanitation. The statement of this fact alone shows how imperative is the need for the work to be taken up by the Commission of Conservation.

Canada is greatly indebted to the Medical Association for more than the mere practice of medicine. In every community the physicians are foremost in urging for better health laws, better sanitation and better housing. Their work and their influence along these lines alone are of incalculable benefit. Let us hope that those members of the profession who come from parts of the country where the heat is more intense will carry away with them a vivid impression that New Brunswick as a summer health resort possesses peculiar virtues, and that as a convention city St. John is all that can be desired.

### PRODUCE THE WITNESSES

The Standard appears to be seeking to convey the impression that the Times is concealing a witness who ought to give testimony before the Royal Commission. The name of the witness is not Mr. W. H. Berry, Mr. James H. Corbett or Mr. F. J. Lismann. The Times, in common with everybody outside of the small circle of the Standard, is anxious to have these witnesses produced. Mr. A. R. Gould was also a much desired witness and thanks to the action taken by Mr. F. B. Carvell he will appear. The Times has no objection whatever to the summoning of any witness who can throw any further light upon the affairs of the timber lease or that of the St. John Valley Railway. The Standard is perfectly well aware of this fact, but its game is to prevent if possible the revelations which the people at large insist should be made. The Standard abuses the Times and Telegraph and Mr. F. B. Carvell. The counsel for Mr. Fleming protest against the admission of material evidence. Their conduct is in striking contrast to the loud professions made some time ago that all Mr. Fleming and the government asked was a thorough investigation and the bringing out of all the facts.

If the editor of the Standard were the trustee of an estate, and one of those materially interested in the estate should ask for the production of the books and of all the facts regarding the trusteeship, and the editor flatly refused, or put every obstruction in the way, what would be the natural inference in the mind of the other party? Would it not be that there was something which the trustee greatly desired to conceal, and that he had not been faithful to his trusteeship? A man who had nothing to fear would open the books and give the fullest information. That is what the people of New Brunswick are now asking Mr. Fleming and his colleagues to do, and they have a right to demand that it be done.

Little by little the isolation of Prince Edward Island is being removed. Yesterday direct telephone communication between Charlottetown and Halifax was completed.

People are saying that it was Special Officer O'Leary and not a regular member of the police force who cleared up the Moratt, Carleton and Thorne burglaries.

How much does contempt for the police and for justice as administered in St. John contribute to the encouragement of criminal tendencies, and the actual commission of so many petty and some serious crimes?

The father of young Branan expresses pride that his boy who committed a burglary and then shot a policeman "had the nerve not to shed a tear." If the son had as perverted a sense of true courage as the father the fact partially explains his career.

For a long time the citizens of St. John have openly expressed dissatisfaction with the condition of affairs in the police department and the lower courts. It is suggested that the present would be a very good time for the citizens to take a hand and endeavor to bring about more satisfactory conditions. No doubt if a petition headed by the signatures of the local members of the legislature, and bearing also the names of influential citizens on all sides of politics, were presented to the proper authorities such a complete investigation might be made as would result in the elimination of personal prejudices and squabbles, and in such police supervision and administration of justice as would greatly lessen the number of petty crimes committed

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I like it in the evening when The sounds all seem so far away And all the men go home again Who had to work so hard all day. For then my maver always sings And dresses in her nicest gown, And soon we'll hear the train that brings My papa back to us from town.

I like it best on Sunday, when We don't get up till very late, Because the maid's so weary then And has to sleep till nearly eight. And after we've had breakfast, why, My papa doesn't start away, But stays at home, and he and I Keep all the house upset all day.

—S. E. Kiser, in Chicago Record-Herald.

### LIGHTER VEIN

Slow In Rising

She (at the beach)—Brother! I've been waiting nearly an hour for the tide to get up.

He—Don't be impatient; remember it's been out nearly all night.

Get a Surprise.

This is an accident, rather than a story; yet it appealed to us, and so it may appeal to you. We were sitting next the window on one way down town. At 100th street the boys called their papers and the man across the aisle from us jumped and leaned above our lay, whispering shrilly the while.

We looked at him with alarm. Our window was not open.

In his eagerness he extended the hand holding the penny about a foot further out. The girls brushed his knuckles and then he withdrew.

"Oh, I beg your pardon!" he said. "I thought this window belonged to me—when they've been washing these windows, haven't they?"

And so they had—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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That the agricultural possibilities of the maritime provinces have attracted widespread attention is proven by the presence here of Porter Wallace Post, agricultural expert for the Dominion of Canada, who was sent down here to report more particularly on fruit and vegetable growing facilities. Post was for years a member of the West Virginia University staff and is an recognized authority on agricultural topics. His brother, Clarence V. Post, is well-known as a writer for the Saturday Evening Post.

Post made a particular study of the Annapolis valley and district around Digby and, will it is understood, report favorably on the possibility of opening up a larger trade between the maritime provinces and the central States. Of more interest to New Brunswick perhaps was his investigation of the potato trade here. He is a firm believer that the potatoes here can be successfully sent into the Southern States where the sweet potato is grown.

He is survived by one daughter and three sons.

Mrs. Nat Ingram of Dalhousie, died at her home on last Saturday at the age of sixty-three. She leaves her husband and two daughters, also three brothers and two sisters. Mr. McIntyre, barrister, of Sussex, is a brother.

**TIME-MAKING MYSTERY**  
Clocks With No Apparent Mechanism Puzzled Observers

Two mysterious clocks, with apparently no works, have been placed in the front windows of, and kept time in, down town business establishments. One is a drugstore. The other is in a piano and music store.

Hundreds of Washingtonians are busy figuring out the mystery of their movements. The clocks are hung next to the glass of the windows. Apparently invisible forces move their hands as the minutes pass.

Every now and then one of the watches of the stores turns the hands of the clocks away from the regular hours they are noting. The hands then gradually settle like a needle to a powerful magnet, the correct time. The clocks are guaranteed to keep perfect time for one year.

The clocks have dials 36 inches in diameter. The figures and divisions of the faces are placed directly on the glass and in the center the two hands are fastened by means of an ordinary suction rubber. The hands are made to move easily and if whirled around will invariably come back to the exact minute. The clocks have proved so attractive that probably three-fourths of those who pass the store windows stop to watch them.—Washington Star.

**WANDERINGS OF A WATCH**  
Strange Story Which Rivals Best Record in Fiction

No writer of fiction could have invented a stranger story than that of the curious adventures of a watch, which Captain George Nichols, an old-time Salem shipmaster and merchant, used to tell as the literal truth.

At Manila in 1882, says Captain Nichols, I employed a Mr. Kerr to assist me in my business. He took a great fancy to my watch, and proposed to give his own watch with some indigo to boot in exchange for it. We finally fixed upon a quintal and a half of indigo, worth then more than \$160, and I kept my chain and seals. The indigo I sold for \$130 more than the original cost of my watch, and besides I got a watch that proved to be a better timepiece than mine had been.

Some twelve years or more after this I was in company with Captain William Lander of Salem, when he took from his pocket a gold watch.

"That watch," said I, "looks exactly like the one I sold to Mr. Kerr in Manila."

"I know the whole story of that watch," replied Mr. Lander. "I was in Manila after you left, when Mr. Kerr told me that he had sold your watch to a sea captain from New York or Philadelphia, and that in passing Agulhas Bank, near the Cape of Good Hope, the captain accidentally lost it overboard. Two or three days after, as another vessel was passing the bank, one of the crew caught a fish, and on opening it found a gold watch. He carried the watch to Calcutta and sold it to Captain Blacker of Marblehead, from whom I got it."

This was Captain Lander's story, and have no doubt that the watch taken from the fish was the same that Mr. Kerr had from me.—Youth's Companion.

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