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NEW YEAR DAY IN MONTREAL

It is some time since I infringed upon the Reporter's valuable space with a prose article, and do not know that I would now, had I not been inspired to do so. I might add, though, that I do not consider it a divine inspiration; therefore warn your readers not to take it too seriously. It might be considered by the good people of Athens and vicinity that an article on New Year's day at this late date is altogether out of place, but permit me to inform them that they know not of what they speak.

The New Year's festivities in French Montreal lasts just as long as the "Hats" and their followers have got an ear. When cash is exhausted, they celebrate on tick for an indefinite period, and the period depends a great deal upon the past record of the celebrator, and it might be said that this is one of the cases where a limited credit is a blessing. Dealers in this city are a cold hearted lot of humanly, and do not sell on tick as a general rule. I have discovered that there is but twice when they will not trust a customer; once is when they know him well, and the other time is when they positively do not know him at all. I am not known to many of them.

As a day set aside for a general blow-out, Christmas day in Montreal does not cut enough ice to interfere with a refrigerator, so to speak. But this cannot be said of the New Year's day, for there is sure to be "something doing." It is an international event, led by the French folk, but there are always plenty of English followers. And a queer thing about it all is, when Bateau gets tipped up, he swears in English, and when John Bell tips up he swears in French. The disturbance commences on the 1st of January, and this date might be termed the Alpha and Omega, for it truly is the beginning and the end. It is the beginning of a blow out to a finish, and the end of all work until such times as tin and tick have become exhausted and the participants get leveled up.

I do not mean to say that everybody gets incapacitated by any means, but the most of them are in a jolly mood, or, as some term it, they get a good "numb on," and to find a man east of St. Lawrence street in the city of Montreal who will not take a drink of liquid, hard or soft, on New Year's day would require a Pinkerton detective, and a skilled one at that. You might as well look for an honest politician in the Tammany ring.

The New Year's day disturbances last about six days in Montreal, with the most of the merry-makers, but many extend the time to two, four, and even six weeks, and I have known some very enthusiastic celebrators to prolong it from one New Year's day to the other, but they are individuals endowed with great powers for standing off the wine merchant. Wine merchant is the society name for the man who sells blue-ruin over the bar, but his common everyday cognomen is the gin slinger.

There are two days in the year which are very dear to French Canada. One is St. Jean Bateau Day, which is the 24th of June. This is the parrot day belonging to the saints, but New Year's day belong to everybody, saint and sinner, and everybody takes it along with what it has to offer in the way of good things to eat and strong things to drink. They visit, make calls, shake hands, extend greetings, tell stories, play the fiddle, dance, fight (rarely) and kiss. Everybody kisses everybody—kisses are trump, with the women at least. And, to tell the truth, I feared the great affection that I have for my esteemed brother half would become divided, and

my domestic relations somewhat clouded through this kissing custom. My wife was not present, and I was very glad of it. I can assure you, for I would not have been so sorry for me and the charming damsel that insisted on implanting a kiss of friendship upon that part of my person where my whiskers sprout. Some jealous minded people will say, I suppose, that they were hard up for something to kiss. Well, I am not going to say they were or were not. But, to tell the truth, I was Hobsonised, and looked upon myself as a hero from "Our war with Spain."

New Year's day in Montreal is not run on the pink tea style, and I could think of nothing that would be more interesting and really funny than to see the Hon. Carrie Nation, with her little hatchet, stalking up and down St. Catherine Street or the Main, smashing demijohns and upbraiding tipsy-Johns. She would have been very busy, have had a lively time, and encountered a great number of snags of the toughest kind. I believe Craig Street would have seen her finish, and the New Year's day merry-makers of Montreal would have been handed up to fame as being among those of the world's greatest benefactors. But the great Carrie was not here, so the world will have to bear with her a while longer. I will venture to say that Mrs. Carrie Nation would only break one saloon in the city of Montreal; then the next great event would be a funeral, and Carrie would ride in a carriage somewhere near the head.

In conclusion, let me say, an old friend of mine once said, "The man who dies without seeing New Year, dies a fool," and I say, the man who never passed the New Year's day in Montreal does not know anything about life, and it would be safe to bet that he is dead and don't know it.

Yours Truly
CRAW.

VILLAGE COUNCIL

The Municipal Council met for 1904 met in Lamb's hall on Monday last, at 11 a.m., and made the required declaration and qualification of office, and took their seats at the council board. On motion adjournment was made to 4 p.m.

On remaining business, the clerk read the applications for the position of Chief of Police from Wm. Hillis and H. C. Phillips, and from J. P. Lamb for treasurer, also bill for \$9.00 from H. C. Phillips, D. R. O. Municipal election.

A By-law to appoint the village officers for 1904 was read three times and passed, with the blanks filled in as follows: B. Loverin, clerk, salary \$45.00; J. P. Lamb, treasurer, \$20; Ed Taylor and Delorna Wittes, auditors, \$4.00 each; Theo G. Stevens, member of board of health; H. R. Knowlton, high school trustee; Wm. Hillis, chief police, \$50.00; B. Loverin's building was re-engaged as fire hall, rented at \$45.00, and B. Loverin appointed caretaker of fire-engine at \$12.00; C. H. Smith and W. Jacobs were appointed road and sidewalk commissioners, at \$12.00 each.

The council then adjourned to the call of the rovee, for special session, to consider sale of town hall debentures and other matters in connection with the erection of new town hall.

B. LOVERIN clerk

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