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JOYFUL TIDINGS.

The Standard has a special despatch from Ottawa in which it is announced that there will be no construction work on the breakwater or the new passenger station in St. John this year. But the port is not without compensation. Mr. Wignone is to come home in about a fortnight, and "he expects to bring with him Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, minister of marine and fisheries, and the citizens may look for an important announcement from the latter in connection with the harbor."

What more could we ask? Announcements about the harbor are not new, but they are always diverting. Another one can do no harm, since the people are accustomed to the news and know that each one is to be followed in due time by still another. Like the rosy dawn of a June morning, they bring gladness for the moment, and who could be so unkind as to turn a cold eye on Mr. Ballantyne and his "important announcement?"

In the meantime it would not be wise to let any member of the city council get away with an effort to stampede the taxpayers in his zeal to get harbor commission. St. John harbor, including the fisheries and shore values, is not a liability, but a valuable asset. The figures prove it. Let us have the figures—and all of them. Nor are the wharves tumbling down. When the C. P. R. wants more facilities on the west side it can get them under the tri-parity agreement. What is needed just now is a little clear thinking at city hall and elsewhere. The proposed harbor commission would increase the port charges that the view of President Beatty of the C. P. R. and of all who read the harbor commission act as it stands on the statute books.

ST. DUNSTON'S HOSTEL.

A blind man trained to be a chartered accountant would seem to be an impossibility, and yet there is one in England, who was trained at St. Dunstan's Hostel for blinded soldiers and sailors. There is a very pathetic and yet inspiring interest attached to the annual report of St. Dunstan's, just issued by Sir Arthur Pearson, Bt. G. B. E. chairman. To this hostel have gone 1,772 men who were blinded in the war, and of these more than 1,200 are away and established at work. During the last year 305 completed their training and 106 new canteens were received. No less than 23,000 were discharged from the army on account of damaged eyesight, and of these a good many will doubtless eventually suffer complete failure of sight, and so become students at St. Dunstan's. What it means to the blind man to be able to find his way to a gainful occupation none but himself may accurately measure. Take the case of the blind chartered accountant. In a letter to Sir Arthur Pearson he says:

"For a long time now I have been doing a full pre-war day's work, and the days are not long enough. I am frequently asked what St. Dunstan's taught me besides Braille, Typewriting, etc., and also how I manage to do my work. Both are difficult questions to answer, but I think the chief thing you taught me was confidence, and also to use my memory and wits. Practically all the detail work in a chartered accountant's business is done by the staff. I have all the final accounts and notes read out to me, and I memorize the essential points and figures so that I can discuss them with my clients. I have been long enough in the business, of course, to know what things to look out for and to know what questions to ask my clients. Some people think this is all very marvellous; if it is, it is not in any way I who am marvellous, but St. Dunstan's which made it possible."

The report contains many other testimonials from men who have gone out and are organized as well as delighted at their success in a workshop or stenographers, salesmen, or in other lines of business. One who writes has an executive position, in charge of one department of a business. Another is an engineer. Another has resumed his profession in France. Another is a law student and one a barrister. There are massagers, basket makers, teachers, boot-makers, poultry-farmers, joiners, boot-repairers, and men in office work. A number of very expert blinded soldiers remain as teachers at St. Dunstan's, and of the massagers some are engaged in hospitals. Blind teachers of the blind are a reality at St. Dunstan's and their work is very successful. One paragraph of the report says:

"Among the men still in training at St. Dunstan's are fifteen colonials; several who returned to their own countries when they lost their sight have now decided to come here for a course of instruction. Quite a number of colonials have settled permanently in England. The total of those who have gone to the colonies and taken up work there is given as follows:—Canadians, 63; Australians, 70; South Africans, 10; New Zealanders, 20."

Among the letters from men established in work are some from Canada, and Mr. Arthur Pearson, who is honorary president of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, reports that they are well looked after by the Institute. The president is Mr. L. N. Wood of Toronto, and by Capt. Edwin Baker, M. C. Mr. Veris and Mr. B. R. Swanton, the last three having been students at St. Dunstan's.

The illustrations in the report show

the men in the joinery, basketry, boot-repairing and mail-making shops, and one finds it difficult to believe that they can accomplish the work revealed. St. Dunstan's has country annexes at Portland Place, Brighton; St. Leonard-on-Sea, Cheltenham, North Berwick and Ilkley. A notable provision is a Children's Fund to supplement the grant given by the government, and to apply to children born later than during the period covered by that grant.

"Victory over blindness" is the motto of St. Dunstan's, and in the connection the report quotes the Hon. Secy. of State: "Out of the night that covers me, Black as the pit from pole to pole, I thank whatever gods may be For my unconquerable soul."

The Right Hon. William Crooks, the workhouse boy who became a privy councillor, is dead. His career was an illustration of what a bright lad may attain in a democracy, and it is to his everlasting credit that he remained "Will Crooks," throughout his life, the staunch friend of the workers and of the poor. The story of his life should be an inspiration to the less fortunate among the youth of England. He leaves a record of personal success, earnest patriotism and high service.

When Rev. C. W. Gordon (Ralph Connor), moderator of the Presbyterian Assembly, preached yesterday from the pulpit of St. Paul's Anglican church, Toronto, of which Rev. H. J. Cody, who lately declined the archbishopric of Melbourne, Australia, is the rector, the friends of church union must have greatly rejoiced. It was a significant occurrence.

The Duke of Devonshire has delivered his farewell message to the parliament of Canada, and the people at large will reciprocate the kindly words he has spoken concerning them and their country. On his return to England he will be another powerful friend of Canada, ready to interpret her spirit and her feelings to the people of the mother land.

Before parliament was prorogued Mr. Copp and several other maritime members of parliament took occasion to emphasize the claims regarding freight rates which were presented to the government by the delegation of business men from these provinces. We should soon learn what effect those arguments produced upon the minds of the members of the cabinet.

The announcement that many lumber mills and two large pulp mills in the northern part of the province are resuming operations, though with longer hours and lower wages, is good news at a time when there is so much unemployment.

Those who have read the marriage announcements since the first of June must be impressed by the fact that there are many young people who have faith in themselves and the country, and are not at all worried about the depression in business or the high cost of living.

If the German officer who sank the Llandovery Castle is not guilty because he obeyed orders, what will be done to bring to justice those who gave the orders? Germany should not be permitted to sidestep this question.

A London cable says that Premier Foster on his return to New Brunswick will advocate the re-opening on a larger scale of the N. B. Immigration office in London.

It is now rumored that the British miners and mine-owners may resume direct negotiations. The ultimatum of Lloyd George may have a good effect.

WESTERN CONDITIONS.

Business conditions in western Canada reflect uneasiness on the part of farmers as to the course of prices during the balance of the current year, says the Canadian Bank of Commerce monthly commercial letter for June. Grains, live stock, eggs, butter and wool are now selling on a price basis that is only slightly better than in pre-war days and that still tends to move downward. A year ago the average prices of the same products had reached the apex of an upward movement which started very soon after the outbreak of the war, and it was then anticipated that prices would change materially during the present year. In consequence production was stimulated and farmers freely employed labor at high wages to sow and harvest their crops. Large expenditures were planned and made, and current loans were obtained for this purpose, in the firm belief that not only these, but mortgage, interest, local taxes and other maturing obligations as well, would be liquidated from the sale of produce at a price equal to that prevailing until last October. The producer, however, has had to sell at little better than half the price he expected to obtain, and in consequence he finds himself faced with liabilities which he can pay off only by abstaining from buying anything but essentials, and this policy is being very generally followed. As a result the volume of local trade has decreased, making it difficult to liquidate stocks purchased at prices higher than those now prevailing. While the volume of staple commodities purchased has fallen but slightly, there is an almost entire absence of buying for future requirements. Meanwhile in the Prairie provinces payments are slow, while the demand for mortgages and current loans is abnormally high and is not being fully met.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Classes
"There are two kinds of men in this world," thundered the orator. "There are just two kinds: the rich and the poor!"
"You're wrong," shouted a barber. "There are two kinds: those who shave themselves and those who get shaved!"
"You're wrong too," said the manicurist. "There are two kinds: Easy marks and tightwads!"
"You are all wrong," said the egoist. "There are two kinds: Myself and others!"
Which merely goes to show that anything can be proven from the point of view.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

He Bluffed Too Well

The dealer in antiques was showing an old violin to a probable buyer. "Yes," he said, "that is of historical interest; that is the identical fiddle Nero played while Rome was burning!"
"Oh, that is a myth!"
The dealer agreed, saying: "Yes, it is; and Nero's name was on it, but it has got worn off."—Spare Moments.

But Harry Knew Where.

Visitor—What seems to be the trouble, Harry? Why so sad?
Harry—Papa is going to whip me when he comes home.
Visitor—Indeed? What will you give me to take the whipping of your hands?
Harry—He ain't going to whip me on my hands.

"Maud wouldn't say a word to the reporter about her case unless he'd promise to print her picture!"
"Vanity," I suppose.

"No, business. She says that in her previous divorce case her photograph got her a new husband almost immediately."

A boy of 8 entered the witness box in tremendous boots, long trousers rolled up so that the buggy knees were at the ankles, and a swallow-tailed coat that swept the floor.
"Why are you dressed like that?" asked the judge, both amazed and amused.

The boy took from his pocket the summons and pointed solemnly to the words: "To appear in his father's suit."

PRIZE WINNERS

AT S. OF E. PICNIC

Despite the inclement weather, the Macdonough Lodge, Sons of England, held a successful picnic and field day at Crystal Beach, on June 3. The various events were keenly contested and evoked much enthusiasm on the part of the spectators. The evening was taken up with music and dancing. The following are the winners and the prizes they won: the gate prize to be announced later.

100 yards, married ladies' handicap: 1st, Mrs. Whalley, electric iron; 2nd, Mrs. Arsenault, manicure set; 3rd, Mrs. Robinson, 48 lbs. flour.

240 yards, boys fifteen years and under, handicap—1st, Master Garaboh, flashlight; 2nd, Master Dickie, season swimming ticket; 3rd, Master Bicker, silver pencil holder.

240 yards, open—1st, Wilson, steel fishing rod; 2nd, Lake, clock; 3rd, Nielson, pipe.

100 yards sack race, open—1st, Brown, safety razor; 2nd, Wilson, pair white shoes; 3rd, White, Eversharp pencil.

120 yards single ladies' race, handicap—1st, Miss Johnson, box of stationery; 2nd, Miss Lyon, vanity bag; 3rd, Miss Logan, season swimming ticket.

240 yards Sons of England only, handicap—1st, Dugal, Thomson dinner box; 2nd, Robinson, shirt; 3rd, Harper, 48 lbs. flour.

120 yards, Sons of England only, veterans over 45 years, handicap—1st, E. Darby, brass jardiniere; 2nd, H. Ricketts, cuscute disk; 3rd, W. J. Blackwell, flower stand.

120 yards girls fifteen years and under, handicap—1st, Ruth Oulton, doll; 2nd, E. White, marble statue; 3rd, A. Roberts, bottle of perfume.

100 yards, open—1st, Coleman, club bag; 2nd, Dugal, razor strap; 3rd, Gorman, bill fold.

120 yards, obstacle race, open—1st, Bowman, gent's umbrella; 2nd, Wilson, fountain pen; 3rd, Robinson, soap.

Tug of war, Sons of England only, between New Brunswick, Portland and Macdonough lodges, winner to win tug three years in succession—Macdonough Lodge.

Running long jump, open—1st, Climo, club bag; 2nd, Nixon, white boots; 3rd, King, dustcoat.

A WORLD RECORD FOR MILE RELAY
Philadelphia, June 5.—A new world's record for the one mile relay was hung up at the American Legion games on Franklin Field, yesterday, by the University of Pennsylvania team consisting of C. D. Rogers, L. A. Brown, Earl W. Eby and R. S. Maxam.

The time, minute 181.5 seconds, eclipsed 1:25.5 seconds from the previous mark established by a university of Pennsylvania team in 1915.

DRURY COVE A. A.

The annual meeting of the Drury Cove Athletic Association was held at the home of the president, T. E. Simpson, on June 3. A large percentage of the members were present. Several new members were received and a large amount of business was disposed of. The following officers were re-elected by acclamation for the second term: Honorary president, Lt.-Col. A. E. Massie, D.S.O.; president, T. E. Simpson; vice-president, A. L. Harding; secretary, K. A. Brown; treasurer, L. H. Sandall. The following executive committee was elected: Mrs. L. H. Sandall, Mrs. M. H. Howe, R. Evans, W. G. Drake, J. E. Arrowsmith.

The past season has been a very profitable one for the club both socially and financially. The membership was extended to ladies and the ladies respond heartily. The club has the grounds in condition unusually early and expect to have an active season this year. The club will be represented at the New Brunswick Tennis Association annual meet.

Miss. Lenglen Champion.

St. Cloud, June 6.—Miss Suzanne Lenglen yesterday won the women's world hard court tennis championship by defeating Mrs. Mella Malory, U. S. contender in two straight sets. The score was 6-2, 6-3.

No fewer than 37 nationalities are represented on the staff of one of the big New York hotels.

THE STRAWBERRIES ARE NOW RIPENING

The Native Berry Picked Up River Yesterday—Some Week-end Notes.

The value of an early morning passenger service along the river was demonstrated this morning when the steamer Dream began her Monday morning runs from the Cedars for the season of 1921. She had a large passenger list more than thirty people getting on board at Public Landing alone, while points above and below all contributed their quota to the crowd that more than taxed her seating accommodation. She leaves The Cedars at half-past five, and the street car with the first lot of her passengers on board were passing the railway station in St. John this morning as the clock pointed to the hour of eight, daylight time. Those who went up the river for the week-end enjoyed delightful weather.

One cottager at the Landing had an illustration of how easy it is to start a fire. He threw what he supposed was an extinguished match over the verandah rail into the grass. A few seconds later he was beating out a very promising blaze that wanted to visit the whole neighborhood.

The oaks on the beach at Carter's Point are in full leaf. With a kind of British obstinacy they refuse to don their summer dress as early as the more foppish birches and poplars. At Public Landing yesterday some full blown birches were plucked in the meadows. The wild cherry and the wild hawthorn shed their blossoms, and only the lilacs give a bit of color to the roadside. A few ripe wild strawberries were picked at the Landing yesterday. The grass in the fields is now tall enough to wave in the wind, and as it waves and the sun shines upon it the hilly effect is very charming to the eye.

But there is need of rain. The country side is far too dry for healthy crop growth, and on the uplands the grass blades are as yet too sparse and short to make a good cut. A day's rain would thicken them up in a wonderful way.

They tell of several new summer cottages, to be built near the Landing, despite the fact that there is to be no suburban railway service. There will be no vacant cottages along the Reach this summer. The people are going out earlier and earlier for the week-end, and a large number of young people gathered at the pavilion at the Landing on Saturday night for an impromptu dance.

Some kind words are being spoken of the provincial department of public works. The Parker hill at the Landing is very steep, and the road has been in a long time in need of improvement.

Crates of berry boxes are now being taken up river by steamer, in readiness for the strawberry crop, which should be a good one this year.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Kitchen and Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Belding, motored down from Fredericton to Public Landing on Friday morning, and Mr. Kitchen, assisted by Mr. Belding, conducted the services in St. Andrew's church and the evening service in St. David's church. Dr. Foster, a native of Nova Scotia and was ordained in St. David's church about 1898. Following his ordination he went direct to Korea and has been giving devoted service in that distant field ever since. He gave an interesting account of the Korean mission in his sermons yesterday.

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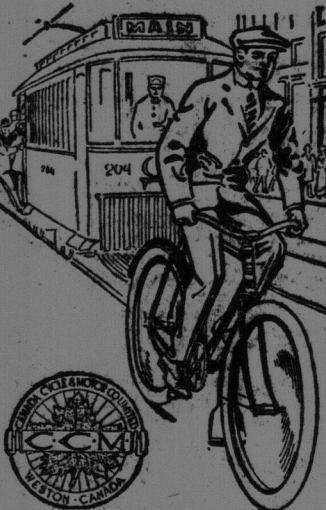
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YESTERDAY IN THE CHURCHES

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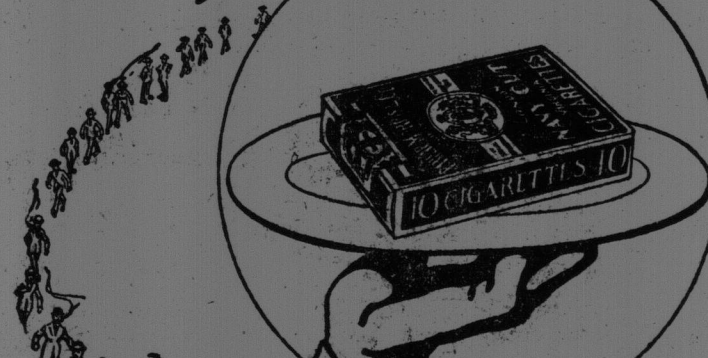
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SWING COLLAPSES AND TEN PEOPLE ARE HURT

Hartford, Conn., June 6.—Ten persons were injured, three seriously, when an airplane swung collapsed yesterday at Capital Park, an amusement place here. The police inquiry indicated that a bolt snapped while the apparatus was in motion. The cars of the machine swung on their cables and struck the ground.

Divorced 24 Years. THEIR LOVE REMAINED
Trenton, N. J., June 6.—After being 24 years divorced Henry Clay Wells, 74, of Trenton, and Mrs. Rachel Davis Wells Ellsworth, 70, have been remarried. "We never ceased to love one another," the aged bridegroom told the license clerk. Several years after the divorce Mrs. Wells married George Ellsworth, who died five years ago. Wells never remarried.

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