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NEGLECTING THE CHILDREN

Are there lovers of children in the city of St. John? Are there persons who would like to see the conditions of child life improved in this city of many churches, but also of many ragged and neglected little ones? Where are the people who say "Our Father" on Sunday, and thus proclaim kinship with every child of man? When the Governor General comes there will be a great parade of children, one of the most valuable assets of the city of St. John, and much will be made of the affair.

But there is a Playground Association in St. John, with less than thirty members—in a city which boasts of the nearly sixty thousand people. Three times recently there has been shown in city hall a particularly fine series of playground pictures, quite as interesting as any shown in places where the people pay to enter, and accompanied by an instructive talk on the subject of congestion in cities and the importance of playgrounds for the right development of child life. At none of these three meetings were there more than thirty grown up people. Two saloons at almost any moment between eight and ten o'clock could turn out a larger audience, while crowds walked the streets and other crowds filled all the places of amusement. Where are the parents and the grown up brothers and sisters of the children who derive health and pleasure from the supervised playgrounds? There are hundreds of such children, and there ought to be enough people personally interested in them to make up at least three good audiences.

Why should a very small group of very busy persons who might fairly plead that they needed rest give time and thought and worry to the task of promoting playgrounds, when the very people who should be most interested are not only indifferent but apparently contemptuous?

At last evening's exhibition of the pictures there were very many children. They not only enjoy the entertainment, but one could not see some of them without feeling that they were neglected, and needed even more than a playground.

Of course progress has been made, and the conditions with regard to playgrounds have greatly improved within half a dozen years; but unless the people at large feel that this is their movement, and that they must have some part in it, there can never be that measure of success which ought to be attained in a Christian city.

What should be said of us if we would deny a child a little ice-cream at the park on Sunday, but cheerfully permit the same child to spend every other day in the fifth of the back yard or the gutter? St. John will soon be a greater city. If it is to be also a better city, more thought must be given, and translated into action, for the good of the children who are its citizens of the future.

THE CHILDREN'S PART

The time is short for preparation for a turnout of the children of the city to greet the Duke of Connaught, and hearty co-operation and earnest work will be necessary. Of course there will be bands, and the children will be provided with banners, but there is no time for careful drill. It may be hoped that the city council will be able to provide a grand stand at the park playground on which the tired little marchers may sit to rest themselves while awaiting the arrival of the vice-regal party. The Duke has expressed a desire to meet the children wherever possible, and there will be a general disposition on the part of the citizens to do whatever is done in a manner to reflect credit upon the city. The preparations should have begun some time ago. We are now getting the aftermath of the Old Home Week fiasco, but the feeling then aroused over the failure of some to do what was naturally expected of them should not interfere with the most hearty co-operation in whatever arrangements are now made in connection with the coming of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES

The last issue of the Canadian Co-operator gives some interesting facts about the progress of the co-operative movement in Cape Breton, where there are five societies, at Sydney Mines, Sydney, Dominion, Inverness and Glace Bay, affiliated with the Co-operative Union of Canada. These are the only societies in the maritime provinces which operate on the plan of the union. The Canadian Co-operator says:—"Ten years ago the Co-operative Movement was unrepresented in the island of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Today, within a few miles of each other, there are three flourishing organizations. Last year the aggregate trade was \$442,833.20, on which 1,483 co-operators effected a saving of \$41,432.33, that sum representing the profits made after paying all expenses, including interest on capital and distributive services.

"Not so very far away, in the same province, there is at Inverness a society of 139 members, which last year did a trade of \$40,802.18, at a profit of \$2,864.74.

"This year, from the information supplied to us, it would seem that the societies in Cape Breton have made enormous increases in their trade. Dominion Society alone expecting to make a better showing by \$60,000. Another society was recently inaugurated in the city of Sydney, Cape Breton, which in the first three weeks of its existence did a trade of about \$2,500. We feel justified in assuming that the aggregate business for the current year of the societies federated with the Mari-

time Sectional Board of the Co-operative Union of Canada will amount to between \$700,000 and \$800,000."

This is an interesting record of growth, and the Co-operator points out that last month the Cape Breton societies organized for wholesale purposes, their business thus far having been confined to the retail distribution. The latter has now attained such proportions that they feel warranted in organization for their wholesale requirements as well. A joint committee of eleven from the societies will direct the affairs of the wholesale society.

Even Ontario has not made as much progress in Co-operation as has the island of Cape Breton.

It would be interesting if Turkey should become once more the storm centre of Europe. The international outlook is not at this moment reassuring.

Neither Britain nor Canada will be anxious to have part in the Panama-Pacific Exposition in 1915 if the opening of the canal is to be marked by open violation of the treaty rights of British vessels.

President Taft has again vetoed a bill that was framed to revise the wool tariff. He will fight the battle of the high tariff men and assure himself of strong financial support in the presidential campaign.

The Canadian Courier observes:—"What a magnificent spectacle—England is raising money to supply western Canada with churches and ministers. While the Canadian churches are sending money abroad to aid the heathen of Japan, China and India, Britain is trying to supply funds for missionary work in western Canada."

It is enough to make a Canadian ashamed. The Courier contends that "Canada should devote all her contributions and missionaries to the tremendous task of educating and Christianizing the foreign citizens of our newer districts." Why the foreign citizens, and why the newer districts?

Oh, could I go back to those days of the past, And in my childhood once more, I'd kiss the dear spots where my young feet have trod, And play and roll over the smooth grassy sod.

The further we leave behind in our fight, The friends and the scenes of our youthful delights, The more pleasing they seem as we near that young stream Where the waves of eternity roll.

WOMEN'S LEADER IN BULL MOOSE PARTY

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My playmates have gone or to manhood have grown;

Long years I have not seen a face, But in memory's hall they frequently call.

As backward my footsteps I trace, Every boy I recall, a good many all.

They were faithful, and true, and sincere, They loved me I know for they treated me so.

And I felt I could trust each and all, Every place of my boyhood is dear unto me.

How I long to behold them once more, The river and creek with their warm silvery tide.

I love them, I love them, I love them with pride.

I fancy all the trees that I've climbed, Filled with apples and cherries and plums;

The wild berries I've picked on the evergreen hills, Hath yet to my taste a sweetness divine.

The woods that once echoed with boyish delight, Still sound in my ears in the visions of night.

And I look on the scenes as in days of the past, But awake to behold I was dreaming, alas.

Many hours I've played on the bright shining sands Of a shore that is far, far away,

And I sometimes forget, and think I'm there yet, Though I sojourn across the deep sea.

Oh, could I go back to those days of the past, And in my childhood once more, I'd kiss the dear spots where my young feet have trod,

And play and roll over the smooth grassy sod.

The further we leave behind in our fight, The friends and the scenes of our youthful delights, The more pleasing they seem as we near that young stream Where the waves of eternity roll.

IN LIGHTER VEIN MEAN REVENGE.

"I know one way to get even with her."

"That?"

"Get her in company some evening and then call everybody's attention to how fat she is getting."

NOT NOW.

"You should see my shoe specimen," said Mr. Smart to his friend, as they went down in the elevator together, but it's second-hand."

"Second-hand?"

"Um-hm. A widow."

MODERN CHILD.

"You ought to be ashamed of yourself, Willie Smith, for telling such lies. Don't you know that if you are naughty you'll never go to heaven?"

"Well, I've been to the circus and the moving pictures and Atlantic City. You can't expect to go everywhere."

WAS THAT NOT ENOUGH "She seems very happy."

"Her husband had his salary raised?"

"No. She's been to every place she's getting souvenir postal cards from this summer."

NEXT.

"The house-dog seems to have worked well in politics."

"Yes. I suppose some suffragette will come forward now with a slogan about a malted cat."

NOT THE DANGEROUS END.

Little Bobby was pulling the dog's tail, when his aunt said: "You mustn't do that, Bobby; he will bite you."

"Oh, no," said Bobby, "dogs don't bite at this end."

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Tragedies on Gaspe Coast

Perce, Que., Aug. 9.—Two tragedies happened on the Gaspe this week. On Tuesday Geo. Sutton, comfortable farmer of Cape Cove, aged 45, with a large family, was killed by George Jones. The latter had been working for Sutton and was dismissed. A quarrel followed, resulting in the death of Sutton from a blow struck by Jones.

The steamer Canada on her return trip to Campbellton last night with a large number of passengers on board, who had been attending the Gaspe regatta, struck a fishing boat containing two men, cutting the boat in two, and one of the men named Lebreux was drowned.

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The executive of the Playground Association met yesterday afternoon. The membership fee of the association has been fixed at one dollar, associate membership five dollars and life membership one hundred dollars. The association is prepared to take over at once the control of the Rockaway Beach bathing houses if arrangements can be made regarding a caretaker. There is, however, a shortage of funds for the playgrounds at the present time.

The association acknowledges receipt of five dollars from A. H. Hanington, one dollar from Miss Kotherby and one dollar from a friend; and for the playground books from George E. Day, reeds from T. S. Simms & Co.; other materials from Mr. Duval and Mr. McWilliam, and flowers from friends. An appeal will be made at once to raise necessary additional funds, without which the work could not be continued.

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