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COURTENAY BAY.

The announcement made by Dr. Pugsley yesterday that tenders had been called for the dredging of a channel in Courtenay Bay is of prime importance to St. John. Heretofore we have been content to look upon the western harbor as the only place available for shipping, and Courtenay Bay, waterless at low tide, had never entered our calculations as a possible area for expansion. That it, it had never done so until within the last six or eight months, when through a visit to St. John of a number of G. T. P. officials, attention was attracted to the Bay as a probable terminal of the new transcontinental railway. Mr. Hays, the president of the G. T. P., asked for information, and since his suggestion was first made it must be admitted that matters have gone ahead with a rush. At the request of the city, engineers from the Public Works Department were sent to make borings in order that we might ascertain the nature of the soil in the Bay, and form some idea from the information thus obtained as to the probable cost of dredging. The report of these borings indicates that no serious obstacle need be feared, that the soil can be removed without difficulty, and that the dredging should not be particularly expensive. Immediately following the presentation of this report Dr. Pugsley has, through his department, called for tenders for that portion of the work which may be undertaken at once. It matters not where the G. T. P. terminal may be situated, the channel will be the same in any case, and must be dredged first or last. There is sufficient money now set aside for work at St. John to provide for all the dredging that may be done in the Bay this winter, and before spring the railway officials and the St. John council will no doubt have agreed on some definite scheme of development. When this is done further grants will be provided by parliament and preparations for the construction of shipping facilities in the Bay may be continued. Nothing could be of more importance to this port. Already through the energy of Dr. Pugsley much has been accomplished. As long as he continues to receive the support of this constituency he will exercise every endeavor to forward the interests of St. John.

MACKENZIE KING.

During the past month or two, it has been freely stated that Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King will after the general election, become a member of the federal ministry. As yet there has been no intimation from the premier that any such move is intended, nor even that a portfolio which might be available for Mr. King is to be created. Yet no doubt there is foundation for this report in the fact that labor matters are assuming considerable importance in Canada, and that these may be more satisfactorily handled through a department devoted entirely to such affairs. Mr. King has been in the government service for the past eight years and during that time has established a reputation for moderation in handling labor disputes, for fair-mindedness, and for fearlessness in stating his views, no matter who may be involved. He appears to have the faculty of getting at the true facts of any matter brought before him and has no hesitation in pointing out wherein he believes any party to be in the wrong. He has on several occasions made suggestions to the government which have been promptly accepted and it has been found that in carrying his ideas into effect much good has been accomplished. Mr. King is not particularly anxious to enter politics, but he realizes, as all must realize who have followed his career, that as a member of Parliament and particularly as one of the cabinet, he would be in a position to perform far more effective work than can be done in his present position. He has accepted nomination offered to him by the Liberals of North Waterloo, his native county, and will no doubt be successful in the coming contest. Mr. King is still a young man and will become, before long, one of the strong members of the government.

The younger members of the Liberal party in St. John mean business. A club that can start with an active membership of one hundred and fifty promises to become an important factor in the campaign. Mr. W. E. Foster, who is one of the most progressive and energetic of St. John's younger merchants, should make an excellent president.

The new ambulance has arrived at last. But there need be no great hurry about using it.

That the present campaign has so far been devoid of exciting incidents is due to the fact that there is no great issue before the country, that the electors are wholly satisfied with the present rule and have decided to continue it for another term.

Political pincies have this summer played an important part. The weather has been exceptionally favorable for such gatherings, and those arranged in the Liberal interests have been uniformly successful. The Musquash district of St. John county yesterday indicated unmistakably that it is the intention of the people there to stand solidly in support of Hon. Mr. Pugsley who has already done so much for his constituency.

Messrs. Fieiding and Macell are receiving a great welcome in P. E. Island. There was in the last parliament only one Liberal member from that province, the Prince County representative and the two from Queens County being Conservatives. After October 26th the number will be reversed.

Mr. A. J. S. Copp predicts another solid eighteen from Nova Scotia. It looks like a solid thirteen from New Brunswick, but as that number will be unlucky, twelve will be sufficient.

"Thistles want to send a full rink," says a morning paper referring to next winter's hockey in Scotland. Well, the belief is that the best playing is done by men in that condition.

John Stanfield, renominated yesterday in Colchester, held out to the electors promise of a tomato-less election.

THE RECENT OPENING.

Charlotte street was crowded; goodness what a crush; Policemen did their utmost but couldn't stop the rush. People in the Dufferin (strangers in the town) thought some ladies' Seminary must be burning down. On they came in thousands; all St. John's elite, Pushed, and shoved, and struggled, to get to Charlotte street. Gracious, what an uproar; What, oh what is wrong. Young and old, in thousands, were mixed up in the throng. Surely they are crazy, some man cried aloud. In his lifetime had he gazed on such a crowd. Someone please enlighten him; let him know the reason. Every lady's hat, just now, is sadly out of season. The Millinery Opening, at all SWELL STORES IN TOWN—Gave him the impression that the place was burning down. Hats of every size, and style; the ladies say the "GAGE" will outshine all others, and is sure to be the rage. Don't ask me to describe them, for I'd really be at sea. And feathers perched on ladies' hats, all look alike to me. The ladies who displayed the hats, were looking very nice. All hats were going out at a very fancy price. Women everywhere, all day they came, and went. Goodness, how I shudder when I think of what was spent. I'll wager, Sunday morning, there will be a church parade. That will put New York, and Paris too, entirely in the shade. H. H. S. Montreal.

HAIL, WINTER!

Now let the cold breezes come And wildly "go it." We have a brand-new overcoat, by gum, And want to show it.

CHEAP AND UNATTRACTIVE.

I said: "My dear, come with me to the park And watch the dying day." She answered me—the hateful little shark—"I'd rather see a play."

OUR NEIGHBOR'S OPINION.

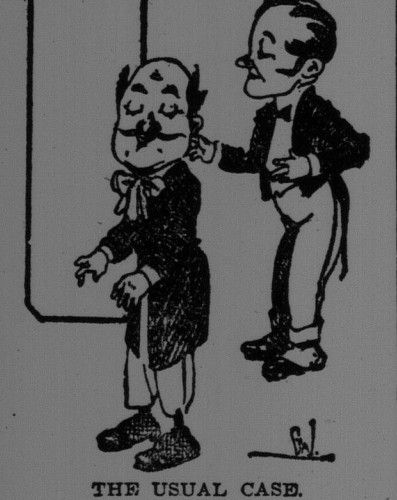
There is no melody on earth, No catchy "little tune" As sweet as that which Rover sings When howling at the moon.

GETTING READY.

The Victim—"Help! Help! I'm drowned!" Would-be Hero—"Courage, my brave man! Just wait until I get a rope, a measuring rod, a Carnegie application blank, two witnesses and a notary public."

RETRIBUTION.

Tommy—"Pop, what is retribution?" Tommy's Pop—"Retribution, my son, is something that we are sure will eventually overtake other people."



Meeker—"My wife and I never quarrel. She does as she pleases and I do, too." Meeker—"I see—as she pleases. Meeker—"Of course I'm not looking for trouble."

LOST PROPELLER BLADE.

Mauretania Pitched Helplessly in Trough of the Sea.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—For more than half an hour last Wednesday the great turbine steamship Mauretania, with all her cabins filled with frightened passengers, rolled and pitched helplessly in the trough of the storm-tossed sea in mid-ocean, with waves constantly breaking over her decks. She had run into the storm hours before, but had been kept under way until one of her propeller blades flew off with a crash that alarmed every one on board. So tremendous was the force of the blow which the loosened propeller dealt the ship that the whole middle section of the steamer seemed to rise, the flooring buckled until tacks from the carpet were hurled against the ceiling and passengers were thrown about the cabin. The engines were stopped at once, and the big ship, losing her way, began to wallow in the trough of the sea. The intense excitement did not subside until the steamer started once more on her way.

An examination disclosed that the compartment adjoining the propeller shaft was filled with water. It is believed that the detached propeller blade stove a hole in the steamer's bottom. The vessel docked today.

AN ELECTRIC SPARK.

May Take the Place of the Surgeon's Knife.

BERLIN, Sept. 22.—Surgery by electricity is what is alleged to be possible with a remarkable electric knife just received by a Berlin firm of medical instrument manufacturers. The knife is now undergoing exhaustive trials at the hands of Prof. Richter, the head of the university surgical clinic, with the view of demonstrating its efficacy.

It is claimed for it that operations can be performed more quickly and that the healing process is more rapid than in the case where the ordinary scalpel has been used.

To one end of a six or eight inch glass rod, through the center of which passes a conducting wire, is fastened the blade without a cutting edge of a form similar to that of the common scalpel. The blade is connected with a simple probe. A high frequency current is employed, and when this is sent into a hole in the skin, a small knife or probe. The spark incises the soft tissues with the same ease as a hot knife goes through butter without any apparent cauterization, but the scars of Prof. Richter's experiments have shown that a more profuse hemorrhage ensues than by the use of the common knife.

It is further claimed for the instrument that it sterilizes as it cuts, rendering no sharpening and can be easily cleaned.

A NURSE'S CARELESSNESS.

Caused Four Deaths in a San Diego Hospital.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Sept. 22.—The carelessness of Mary Arthur, a nurse at the County Hospital, has cost the lives of four patients to date, and four others who drank from a pitcher containing atropine (an extract of belladonna), are seriously ill. The dead are: J. Young, Charles Kemp, Henry C. Schmitt and August Pisker.

Mrs. Arthur, who is in a state of collapse, failed to confess her neglect until the poison had taken deadly effect. According to her statement, she left a solution of atropine in the pitcher which was later filled by some other person. After a short absence, Miss Arthur administered the water to several patients and others helped themselves from the pitcher. It has not yet been determined whether the nurse will be held legally responsible for the four deaths.

ENGAGEMENT PARTLY ANNOUNCED.

Here is one from the Winnipeg Telegram. It is a typical example of what may happen when the printer's devil gets busy:

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His Singing of the Role of Mephisto Was a Genuine Treat—La Traviata Tonight.

It was worth the price of admission last evening to hear Mr. Boyle sing "Choir of Gods." This was the gem of the whole performance, and the chorus was included in the number was magnificent. Mr. Boyle in response to an enthusiastic encore repeated a portion of the solo.

Gounod's Faust as given by the Boston Opera singers was Mr. Boyle's opportunity. He had the role of Mephisto and carried it throughout in an altogether pleasing manner.

St. John has never previously heard this production in its entirety but as large as might have been expected, it was not as good as the Boston performance. The intense excitement did not subside until the steamer started once more on her way.

A number of soloists were heard last evening who did not appear in the first performance.

Madame Prand as Marguerite gave a satisfying performance. Her voice is a clear and high soprano, and her singing artistic to a degree. Last evening she sang in Italian.

Mr. Cantori, baritone, was heard to good advantage as Valentin, and Miss LeBaron who became such a favorite on Monday evening sang the role of Sichel.

Mr. Paul had not such opportunities as Faust as he found in the part of Manrico, but his work was excellent throughout and he was repeatedly encored. Yet over and above all the great pleasure of the evening was in hearing Mr. Boyle. In every scene he played the devil to perfection.

Tonight the bill will be Traviata, and it is to be hoped that the attendance will be large.

SUICIDE IN LIONS DEN.

Disparaging Lover's Horrible Method of Self-Destruction.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—A cable despatch to The World from Laval, France, says:—For a truly spectacular suicide of a young man, the world has never seen here this was almost without parallel. The youth, who was only nineteen years old, and whose name was Jean Crolier, became enamored of a pretty young girl who was a travelling show. Every night Crolier would go to the show and applaud the girl, and he soon became acquainted with her and with all the members of the troupe.

The rest of the performers liked the country boy and were friendly, but the girl turned out to be a young beauty, and would give him no encouragement when he protested his love for her.

One night, after having been repulsed by the object of his love, Crolier walked back of the little arena where a small menagerie was kept. His presence there attracted no particular attention, for he was so well known that he had the run of the show and could go and come as he pleased. He walked straight to a cage in which were three lions unlocked the door, entered the cage, turned and looked at the door.

The members of the troupe were horrified and for a moment were paralyzed into inaction by the youth's boldness. When they sprang forward it was too late to assist him, for one of the lions had made a rush at the boy and seized him by the throat.

Grolier shrieked in agony and terror, but he was borne to the ground, and the lion bit and mangled him dreadfully. When at last the beast was driven off his victim was dead.

In one of the youth's pockets was found a letter of farewell to the girl he had loved in vain, and then it was understood that he had deliberately chosen that horrible way of committing suicide.

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