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CONTRACTOR'S CLAIMS

The long disputed claims of one firm of contractors on the waterworks extension will, it is said, be tested in the courts. It has been contended from the beginning by the engineer and some members at least of the council that the contract itself determined the indebtedness of the city, and if their contention was justified the appeal to the courts may be regarded with complacency. The suggestion that the city should engage special counsel in this case will doubtless be commended by the citizens. The importance of the decision justifies every effort to present the city's case in the strongest light. There is no disposition to deal harshly with contractors, but this is a business matter involving large interests, and those who remember the discussions at the time that the contractors were frankly told by the engineer what he thought about the whole matter and what would be expected of them. If they have just claims the court will so decide. Whatever the decision, it will be better than a compromise that might open the door for further complications in the future. The city is always awarding contracts of one kind or another, and its attitude toward all should be that of a business concern rather than a benevolent institution.

THE TRADE RETURN

The trade returns of Canada for the year ending June 30th last, are in some respects unsatisfactory. While there is an increase of over \$65,000,000 in the aggregate, the gain in imports is greatly in excess of that in exports. The imports increased by over \$1,284,000. Another noteworthy fact is that while the imports from all British countries increased less than \$20,000,000, those from the United States increased almost \$40,000,000. Moreover, the exports to the United Kingdom showed a decrease of over \$3,000,000. It is quite evident that there is room for improvement in the trade relations between Canada and the motherland. In spite of all the protestations of a desire to draw closer, the trade returns, as between this country and the United Kingdom, do not show the substantial advance in that direction which Canadians profess to desire. There were reasons for the falling off in exports to the old country, but the fact that the imports from the United States increased twice as much as those from all British countries, indicates a condition not contemplated under preferential trade arrangements.

THE MONEY STRINGENCY

The Telegraph suggests that the Maritime Board of Trade might properly consider the present attitude of Canadian banks toward Canadian customers, at a time when they have over \$55,000,000 on call in New York. In this connection a manufacturer writes to the Montreal Star, giving a luminous exposition of the whole case against the banks, pointing out among other things that they cannot fairly argue that they are keeping so much money on call in order to have it ready to move the crops, since they constantly have enormous sums outside of Canada. We quote:—

"Thus, during the month of January last (1907), their call loans outside of the country were \$90,000,000; in February, \$89,000,000; in March, \$84,000,000; in April, \$70,000,000; in May, \$77,000,000, and in June, \$78,000,000. I give the round figures. "During the year 1906, and for every month of that year the government returns show that the banks had an average of about \$85,000,000 loaned on call in countries outside of Canada.

"In January, 1906, \$105,000,000 were loaned in this way; in September, 1906, \$98,000,000; in November, 1906, \$101,000,000; and in December, of the same year, they had \$94,000,000 advanced to borrowers outside the country."

This disposition of the statement that the banks have no money to lend for legitimate Canadian enterprises. As the Star correspondent points out trade generally is active throughout Canada, the country is prosperous, labor is well employed, the population is increasing, and the outlook is bright. Yet owing to the action of the banks money is tight. It is a condition that should be altered.

The account of the fight between a French reconnoitering party and Arabs near Casablanca recalls the story of Kitchener's march to Khartoum. The Moroccan Arabs are endowed with the same dauntless courage as those who shattered themselves against the British ranks in the Sudan. But they were met by men of equal courage, armed with modern fighting machines, and their bravery went for naught.

The Ottawa Journal says:—Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper was always a valuable man in parliament, and politics, but if he comes back to parliament he will be more valuable than ever. His residence in British Columbia has made him as familiar with the western province of the Dominion as his breeding in Nova Scotia made him with the eastern side, or his tenure of office at Ottawa with the central part.

If the government move (in the pulpwood matter) they should move with courage. No half-way measures will suffice. A policy of pin pricks will only excite. The aggressive policy of the Ontario Government brought a lot of Michigan saw mills over to Georgian Bay. An aggressive policy at Ottawa might remove the paper-making industry bodily to Canada.—Montreal Star.

Medical inspection of schools in Montreal has proved so satisfactory that a demand is made to have it carried on throughout the school year. St. John has not yet moved in this important matter.

Of the harvest excursionists who go west some will doubtless remain. That would be a good thing for the west—perhaps for Canada as a whole—but the east is reluctant to lose its strong young men.

The provincial government has affected a loan on fairly favorable terms, considering the state of the money market. The "sinecure of war" have been secured.

The early drop in temperature in the west, causing frost at Edmonton, will cause some uneasiness regarding the safety of the crops.

POLITICAL NOTES

Mr. R. L. Borden begins his continental tour at Halifax this evening. He will be in St. John next Monday evening. A despatch says that the Conservatives of Three Rivers will give him a big demonstration on Aug. 30th.

Premier Robinson states that there is absolutely nothing to be said at present concerning provincial cabinet reconstruction or the elections.

The Hull Labor Club has extended an invitation to Mr. Henri Bourassa, M. P., to speak at the labor demonstration, to be held in Hull on Labor Day. Besides Mr. Bourassa, several other prominent speakers, some in opposition to Bourassa, are expected to attend. Mr. Armand Lavigne also is among the invited.

An Ottawa despatch to the Montreal Star says:—"It is quite evident that Mr. Sunderland is not hankering for the strenuous life of a cabinet minister, but will be content to remain the first commoner. Failing George P. Graham, the Liberal leader in Ontario, the vacant portfolio is almost certain to go to Mr. Fred F. Pades, the comparatively new member for West Lambton. It is thought that definite announcement as to the new ministers will be made on Hon. C. S. Hyman and Hon. H. R. Emmerson may be forthcoming during the week beginning August 26, when both His Excellency Earl Grey and Sir Wilfrid Laurier are expected to spend a few days in Toronto."

ON A HAPPY MISSION

Rev. Westra B. Stewart Leaves for Kansas City to be Married.

The departure of Rev. Westra B. Stewart, curate of Trinity church, for the west last evening awakened much interest among his many friends owing to the nature of his mission. On Tuesday August 27, at Kansas City, Missouri, Rev. Mr. Stewart will be united in marriage to Miss Margaret Strangham of that city. The bride and groom will leave immediately on the trip home, arriving in St. John about September 10.

Miss Strangham is a graduate of Chicago university and possesses considerable musical and literary ability. While visiting in the city last summer she made many friends, who will be delighted to welcome her back to St. John.

The bridal couple will visit Chicago and travel by the Lake Route and the St. Lawrence river to Montreal, returning to St. John by way of Quebec and the I. C. E.

On his return Rev. Mr. Stewart will spend some time at Lakeside before resuming his clerical duties. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart will reside at 17 Orange street.

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F. A. Jewett, B. A., who graduated from the University of New Brunswick in June last, returned on Saturday from Connecticut, where he has been spending the summer, and will act as principal of the McDonald Consolidated School, succeeding Dr. D. W. Hamilton, who has joined the Provincial Normal School faculty.

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A SAD STATE OF AFFAIRS

(Detroit Free Press.)
Mother's at the seashore,
Slater's gone away;
Brother Bill is catching perch
Out there on the bay.
Everyone is happy,
Having world's of fun;
'Cepting Dad, who never will
Get the dishes done.

Heaped up in the kitchen,
All the dishes stand;
All the common chores,
Mother's been away a month.
Dad has used them all;
Now he's eating off the plate
That decorates the wall.

Mother, mother, hurry,
Come back from the shore
Dad can only find croutons
Plates for two meals more.
He's in up against it,
While you stay away.
Now he's eating off the plate
From the large ash tray.

He will not wash the dishes,
He piles them in the sink
If you could only see them now,
I wonder what you'd think.
Oh, hurry, mother, hurry,
Come back to us today;
For father hasn't washed a dish
Since first you went away.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

COMPENSATION.

Waiter (presenting a plate before an old man from the country)—For the music, sir.

Old Man—(gathering the coins off the plate)—Thank you; the music was pretty bad.

A COURTEOUS HINT.

A nervous man at the opera fidgeted behind a pair of those persons who explain the plot when the music is not too loud, until his endurance was exhausted. Then he leaned forward and said:

"Excuse me, will you speak a little louder? Sometimes the music prevents my hearing what you say."

FASHION ITEM.

A woman who teaches in a college for girls vouches for the truth of this story. She presides over one of the college dinner tables at which sit a dozen students.

One day some cold lettuce was brought on. A freshman looked at it and exclaimed:

"How clever of the cook to crimp it that way! How does she do it?"

AS HENRY STATED THE CASE

One day little Henry was allowed to go in bathing with his older brothers. At first he was very cautious, going only into the very shallow water; but as he grew bolder he ventured farther and finally stepped into a depression which brought the water up to his shoulders.

"Take me out! Take me out!" he shouted lustily. "This water doesn't fit me!"

THE VERY THING.

A minister was on a visit to an asylum in the south of Scotland, when he was accosted by an inmate, who fancied he was of the same profession, and who expressed his delight at meeting him. "I have been looking out for a minister for some time," said the inmate, "as I have used up a 'my auld sermon, an' dinna ken what next to preach.' The minister expressed his regret, as he was not aware of such a need on the part of a reformed brother; he had come unprepared, and had left all his sermons at home. But, looking at the large number of inmates then sitting in charge of the attendants, he tried to appease the lunatic by saying:

"What a nice congregation you have to preach to."

"Ay," responded the lunatic, "there are always plenty here; but atween you an' me, it's no a very intelligent an', so I think that your sermons wad be just the very thing."

A DESPERATE CHANCE

Thrilling Melodrama Given

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The original production of the thrilling melodrama, "A Desperate Chance," by the Majestic Amusement Company, last night, marked the reopening of the Opera House for the season. As nothing of a dramatic nature has been offered at the Opera House for some time, the audience was unusually large, and the performance was appreciated.

The play is founded on the story of the notorious Biddle brothers, and the great Pittsburgh tragedy. The brothers who murder a grocerman and rob him of all his money, are sentenced to death and placed in prison at Pittsburgh. The action of the play deals with their escape from prison. Owing to his peculiar influence over women, one of the brothers infatuates the jail warden's wife so that she loses all thought of duty to her husband and child, and assists the murderers to break jail and get away. They persuade her to flee with them, and then follow an exciting race for life and liberty, in which the criminals are finally overtaken and fatally wounded.

The final scene shows the death of the Biddle brothers after they have implored the forgiveness of those whom they had grievously wronged. The warden and his wife are reunited through the influence of their little daughter.

Between the third and fourth acts specialties were introduced by Lew Orth, as Randolph, the grocer's clerk.

A feature of the performance was the very excellent manner in which the play was staged.

A Desperate Chance will be repeated tonight and tomorrow afternoon and evening.

Boston, Aug. 19.—Little four year old Thomas O'Neil lost his life today and his grandmother, Mrs. Catherine Murphy, lies at the point of death at the Relief Hospital, terribly burned as a result of a fire which the lad had set at his home in Charlestown, today, while playing with a card of matches. The boy was in bed when he got hold of the matches and his grandmother was attempting to save him when her dress ignited and she was soon in a mass of flames.

New York, Aug. 17.—Robert A. Pinkerton of the Pinkerton Detective Agency died on board the steamer Bremen at sea on Aug. 12. He was en route to Germany for his health, accompanied by Florence Sullivan.

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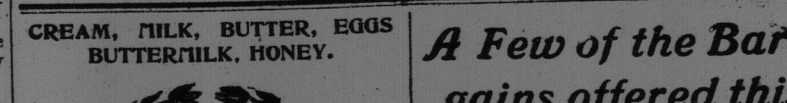
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