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WHILE DOCTORS DIFFER,

SCARLET FEVER MARCHES ON
AND REELS ITS VICTIMS.

Physicians Who Ignore the Board of Health
and its Regulations—Coaches which Carry
Infected Corpses and Ordinary Passen-
gers on the Same Day.
Doctors differ and patients die. They
are dying every week, simply because doc-
tors differ.
The doctors differ as to the extent to
which they should obey the law relating to
infectious diseases.
This law imperatively directs that they
shall report to the board of health every
case of small-pox, cholera, diphtheria, scar-
let fever, typhoid or typhus fever which
they may be called upon to treat.
The majority of them pay no attention
to this regulation. Among this majority
are some of the best known family physi-
cians. Many of them, with a large prac-
tice in diseases of children, have not re-
ported a case to the board of health.
As a result, no measures are taken to
isolate many of the infected ones or pre-
vent the spread of diseases.
The doctors say that they will not bother
with the reports, because they are not paid
for it. Some of them claim that 20 cents
a head should be allowed for every case
reported.
Others claim, possibly in jest, that a
strict enforcement of the law would
materially check the spread of disease and
diminish their practice.
They are liable to a heavy penalty for
every case they neglect to report. They
prefer to run this risk, while they dicker
for 20 cents a head.
But, as it is nobody's business to enforce
the law, there is very little risk about it
for them.
And all this time patients die. All this
time people go to and from infected houses
and carry disease with them. Children
take infection to the public schools and
other children bear it from thence to their
homes.
In the month of September six physi-
cians reported sixteen cases of infectious
diseases to the St. John board of health.
Eleven of these cases were scarlet fever.
In the month of October eleven physi-
cians reported 41 cases of such diseases,
and 24 of them were scarlet fever.
There are 32 doctors in the city of St.
John. Did the 21 who did not report have
no cases of infectious diseases?
No one imagines this. Among the neg-
ligent 21 are some of the best known mem-
bers of the profession.
What is the board of health doing?
Well, it is sending out circulars and
blank forms to physicians, hackmen, livery
stables and undertakers.
These forms and neatly printed and con-
tain some valuable information. The
trouble is that the majority of the recipients
pay no attention to them.
The board of health says that it cannot
watch cases unless they are reported. This
is true. Some of the doctors who do make
reports say that in many instances the
board pays no attention to them. The
clerk of the board says that this is not true.
Somebody is lying—under a mistake.
Thus while the two wrangle, the fatal
scarlet fever marches on, practically unop-
posed, and snatches its little victims. What
then?
Why, they are buried. The law says
that no public funeral shall be held. As a
matter of fact public funerals are the rule
in such cases.
The law says that the body shall not be
left unburied more than twenty-four hours.
People suit their convenience in this respect.
It further says that the body shall be re-
moved in a hearse or open vehicle, which
shall immediately thereafter be disinfected
under the direction of the health officer of
that district.
The appalling fact is that in the case of
children, usually, the vehicle used is a pub-
lic hackney coach. The coffin with its often
putrescent burden is placed across the seats
and four people occupy the spare space in
the vehicle. The unhappy clergyman is
usually one of the number. The coach
moves at a slow pace to the cemetery, where
the dead body sends forth its deadly taint.
It permeates the clothing of those who are
shut up with it. It saturates the uphol-
stery of the vehicle, and there it lingers.
When the funeral is over, the thrifty
hackman returns to his ordinary passenger
traffic. He carries a load or two of people
to the 5 o'clock train. There are children
among his fares. They nestle their heads
against the soft cushions and drink in the
germs of infection left by the corpse which
lay there an hour before.
And yet some mothers believe that scarlet
fever "is in the air," and "goes where
Providence sends it."
There is on the corner of Pitt and Brit-
ain streets a two-room shanty, owned by W.
W. Turnbull. He gets \$48 a year for it.
It is a wretched affair, which the neighbors
would be glad to see burned out of exist-
ence. A week or two ago it was occupied
by a family named Booth. Freddie Booth,

ANOTHER OPERA HOUSE,

CITIZEN PRESCOTT POINTS OUT A
SITE FOR IT.

Several Other Citizens Agree With Citizen
Prescott and Undertake to Form a Com-
pany—The Great Opportunity for Citizen
Charles M. Bostwick.
Everybody says that St. John is to have
an opera house.
If everybody's plan is carried out, it may
have several of them.
The latest proposition is to utilize the in-
terior of the block between Germain and
Charlotte streets, north of Trinity church.
Mr. Scott of the Sun, who is booming this
movement in opposition to the Dockrill site
boomed by Mr. Payne of the Sun, says
that this latest idea "has long been a cher-
ished scheme in the minds of many of our
leading citizens."
The scheme, briefly stated is this: Some
years ago Mr. Gideon Prescott foreclosed a
mortgage on the Lester property and be-
came its owner in fee simple. After the
fire he erected two brick buildings on the
Charlotte street front. Between them is
an alley ten feet wide, by which access is
had to the rear. The interior of the lot is
at present a desolate piece of ground, of no
earthly use except as a place of deposit for
the refuse from the oyster saloon and bar-
rooms occupied by Mr. Prescott's tenants.
As this did not yield twelve per-cent inter-
est per annum, or any other interest, and as
Mr. Prescott could not sell it, he deter-
mined, like a public spirited citizen, to offer
it as a site for an opera house.
At the meeting Monday night Mr. Pres-
cott's very liberal offer was submitted. He
will give the lot and right of way to it in
consideration of \$1,600 in paid-up stock.
Mr. Scott and ten other leading citizens
were present. Among them were:
Mr. Prescott who owns the lot and the
lots which enclose it;
Mr. George E. Fairweather, who is Mr.
Prescott's solicitor;
Mr. G. Ernest Fairweather, who is Mr.
Prescott's architect;
Mr. Levi H. Young, who runs the Nut
and Bolt Works in conjunction with Mr.
Bela R. Lawrence, Mr. Prescott's former
partner and still a tenant-in-common with
him in certain lands;
Mr. Charles M. Bostwick, who owns the
Hotel Dufferin and other properties near
the proposed site. Mr. Bostwick is also
Mr. Bela R. Lawrence's tenant;
Mr. Fred. A. Jones, who runs the Hotel
Dufferin, and who is Mr. Charles M. Bos-
twick's tenant;
These citizens were unanimous in their
approval of the site.
There is no record that Mr. Scott of the
Sun deprecated the zeal of Mr. Payne of
the Sun in the matter of the Dockrill site.
Nor did Mr. Fred. R. Fairweather, who
is the managerial half of the Misawber club,
apologize for the indiscretion of Mr. Park
Melville, the press-agency half, in becoming
a proprietor of the Dockrill company.
The architect submitted plans of a build-
ing to cost not more than \$20,000. No
exterior ornamentation will be required.
If the new company means business there
is likely to be a lively race. Those who
favor the Dockrill site have already made a
start and will probably continue to move.
The result may be two opera houses.
These, with the Institute and Lansdowne
rink as chapels of ease, ought to be equal
to any emergencies in the local amusement
world.
It occurs to some citizens that one opera
house would be enough. They are also of
opinion that such an edifice should be one
which would be an ornament to the city.
The plan of building in the interior of a
block has the merit of cheapness, and is
worth considering where land is scarce and
held at so many dollars a superficial foot.
Such a building, however, would not add
to the architectural beauty of St. John.
Real estate is not extravagantly high in
St. John.
Could not the gentlemen who are not
satisfied with the Dockrill site find a lot
with a street front which would answer
their purpose?
Mr. Bostwick, for instance, has a most
admirable site on the King square. He
bought several fine lots and the buildings
on them for the trifle of \$12,000 for the
whole. As his present activity proves him
to be a public spirited citizen he would
doubtless sell enough of the land for
an opera house at a pro-rata figure. This
would dispose of the objections, if any,
to the Prescott lot.
What do the citizens say about it?

THE DOG OF THE REGIMENT.

Bumble and His Escentigities—He Gets
Three Square Meals a Day.

Bumble is a dog, and a very small, shaggy
ugly and surly canine. He owns no master
and no one has any particular claims upon
his affections.
A good many people think that he belongs
to Harry Godard, but then Bumble will
follow any one in McMillan's. In his own
peculiar fashion he has attached himself to
the 62nd battalion and its officers. All
state occasions see him present. He is
never absent from a church parade. At the
last one Bumble rested his head between
his paws in the Mission church chancel and
was as attentive as possible.
He is a courageous pup, which is hard to
account for, unless association can afford an
explanation. No other dog is too big for
his teeth. Some fine morning Col. Blaine's
thoroughbred bull proposes to breakfast on
Bumble. When they parted last it was in
anger.
Bumble manages to get three square
meals in as many hours each day. He
breakfasts at 12 with Fred Smith and on
his return he calls at the Elliot row resi-
dence of a friendly officer and partakes of
luncheon. He then returns to Prince Wil-
liam street to escort his master Mr. Godard
to dinner.
Notwithstanding all these good points
and knowing ways, the truth must be told,
Bumble is a mongrel.
A Good Investment and a Liberal Contract.
Eighteen years ago Mr. J. B. Hughes,
Waterloo, Ont., took, at age 35, an ordi-
nary life policy for \$1,000 with the Ontario
Mutual Life Co., Premium 24.84.
Allowing his profits to accumulate he has
now a paid up policy for \$1,000 which will
yield him an annual dividend during his
life. Or, he can continue his annual pay-
ment of \$24.84 till his reserve, dividends
and interest amount to \$1,000 when the
policy will be paid in full as a reserve an-
nuity. Now or at any time after the 5th
year of the policy Mr. Hughes was at
liberty to withdraw the cash surrender value
of his policy and his accumulated profits or
to take a paid up policy for the amount.
Mr. E. M. Sipprell, of this city, is manager
for this company in the Maritime Provinces.

WHO IS TO BE BLAMED?

THE COAL FOR THE SCHOOLS
BOUGHT AT RETAIL PRICE.

The Contractor Cannot Supply it and the
City is the Loser—There's no "Signed"
Contract and the Dealer is Free to do as
He Pleases—Who Pays the Cost?
The city lost about \$500 last year upon
the city schools coal contract. If report
be true, the city will lose another \$500 this
year.
Last fall tenders were asked for the coal
used by the schools in this city. Tenders
were received from several dealers, respon-
sible and otherwise. That of Mr. Scam-
well was accepted. Everybody knows that
hard coal jumped to unheard of prices in a
short time. Few know that the gentleman
who was awarded the contract stated his
inability to fulfill it, and the school board
was forced to pay retail prices for hundreds
of tons of fuel.
It was a lesson that cost hundreds of
dollars. It should have been sufficient
warning against other occurrences of a
similar nature. It seems it was not.
Mr. William L. Busby secured the coal
contract this year. Mr. Busby at present
is unable to supply the coal and the school
board is repeating its operation of buying
at retail prices here and there, wherever
the coal can be got.
The same mistake was made again and
the cost has to be paid again.
The question the citizens ask is, who is
responsible for these blunders?
The school board calls for coal tenders.
Mr. — and Mr. — put in their lowest
prices. There are generally half a dozen
responses to the call. The board decides
upon what it considers the best tender and
awards the contract.
Here is where the mistake occurs. In-
stead of having a written contract by which
the dealer who secured the supplying would
be bound to do so at his own prices, there
is not a scratch of a pen to bind the con-
tractor.
Coal goes up. The price goes beyond
the tender of the dealer. What, then, is
there to compel him to supply the schools
with coal at a price lower than the market
quotations?
Simply nothing. He is not under bonds
as other contractors are. He has not even
signed a written agreement to supply out
the conditions of his tender.
Somebody is to blame. Who is he? Do
these costly mistakes occur because the
school board does not attend to its business
or because its officers are negligent?
In the meantime, before these questions
can be answered or the mistakes remedied,
the taxpayers bear their cost—some hun-
dreds of dollars.

HOW THE BOOM HAS STARTED.

Ready and Willing For the St. John Illus-
trated Edition.

"I'm glad PROGRESS is going to boom
St. John" said a leading merchant, Wed-
nesday. "If we had had such a paper here
20 years ago St. John would be a different
place to-day."
The responses to the boom has been gen-
eral. But a few leading firms have been
approached as yet, but they have entered
enthusiastically into the idea and given
PROGRESS every encouragement. Here
are a few of the houses which will be rep-
resented in the edition by handsome por-
traits of their buildings and advertisements
of their business.
Turner & Finlay,
Macaulay Bros. & Co.
A. G. Skinner,
Thorne Bros.
T. McAvity & Sons,
Harold Gilbert,
Taylor & Dockrill,
W. C. Fiddell & Co.,
Samuel Hayward,
J. Vassie & Co.,
Jas. S. May & Son,
T. H. Hall,
Maritime Warehousing Co.
It is only fair to others to state that the
firms above are all, save two, that have
been spoken with. There will be room for
everybody, however, and PROGRESS be-
lieves that the number of those who prefer
to be left out of such an edition will be
small.
Something for Smokers.
A leading importing house in this city
has received the first lot of samples of
Jackson's patent asbestos pipe which the
inventor claims supercedes meerschaum.
To prevent the obnoxious oils and nicotine
in the tobacco collecting on the inside of
the pipe stem, which is so difficult to clean
properly, the inventor inserts in the stem
an asbestos brush, which, being an absorb-
ent and very intricate, effectually draws
in all moisture and prevents any particle
of matter reaching the mouth-piece. This
brush is easily removed, and may be re-
placed by a new one, or it may be cleaned
and used again. To clean the brush, light
a wax match, and move the brush about in
the flame until the accumulation of dirt is
thoroughly burnt and made quite dry, when
the edge of a piece of paper will readily
remove what dust may remain between the
bristles. The brush will then be ready for
use again, and may be served in the same
way half a dozen times or more. The brush
should not be cleaned until the pipe has been
smoked some weeks. This pipe has not
been placed in the St. John market yet.
The demand has been so great in England
that the maker has been unable to supply it.

THEY ASKED FOR PRICES.

The Joggins and Springhill coal agents
at this port were agreeably surprised some
time ago, by a visit from the ferry super-
intendent, Mr. Hugh Adam Glasgow. Mr.
Glasgow wanted prices for Joggins and
Springhill coal. The agents pulled them-
selves together and began to figure. About
the same hour the Maggie M. arrived at
Sydney, C. B. However it came about,
nothing came of the request for prices.
Neither the Joggins or the Springhill
agents surprised their concerns by an order
from the corporation. Chairman Lantulum
did the surprise act, and as a result the
Maggie M. had fuel in her hold for the
ferry furnaces. Chairman Lantulum and
Superintendent Glasgow seem to differ on
some points.

A PERIPATETIC PROBATE COURT.

Hon. B. R. Stevenson, judge of probates
for the county of Charlotte, was one of the
dead head party which travelled over the
Grand Southern on last pay pay. While
the train halted at Lepreau, the judge was
called into the station and asked to grant
probate of the will of John Boyne. He at once
organized a court, with himself as judge, H.
H. McLean as registrar, Hon. Thomas R.
Jones as ministerial officer and R. C. John
Dunn as audience. Oscar Hanson was
proctor of the executors. Mr. Jones
amended the ordinary practice of the court
by introducing the feature of adjournment
by proclamation. Peripatetic courts are
no cheaper than courts at the shiretown.
The fees amounted to about \$23, and the
estate was a small one.
Give the Boys a Chance.
One or two of the wholesale merchants
have been keeping open of late Saturday
afternoons. It took the people some time
to get used to the Saturday half holiday,
but they are accustomed to it now and
little if anything can be gained by return-
ing to the old way. Give the boys a
chance, gentlemen. When they have
Saturday afternoon they enjoy themselves
and—if a moral argument can be used—
Sunday pleasuring is decreased thereby.

HE DIDN'T IMPRESS PORTLAND.

Chief Marshall has been on his vacation
this week. Tuesday night he called at 313
Portland, Me., police station, and par-
alyzed the men on office duty by the state-
ment that he (Marshall) was over 70 years
of age. "If St. John wants a real live,
active chief of police," said an officer after
the interview ended, "why don't the people
dig up one of the old Loyalists?"

IN THE FRONT RANK.

The St. John, N. B., "Progress" stands in
the front rank of Canadian weeklies. There
is about it a good, healthy atmosphere
which is inspiring. It looks steadily on
the bright side of things, and its readers
are the better of perusing it. Its news and
sketches and social gossip are served up in
a very, pleasant style, its editorials are
short and sensible, and the printed page is
a model of typographical excellence. It is
a new comer, non-political and with appar-
ently good staying powers.—Toronto Empire.

GLAD TO SEE HIM.

Postmaster R. D. Boal of Sussex was
in town Thursday for the first time in two
years. Mr. Boal is one of the solid, re-
spected men of Sussex. Newspaper pub-
lishers are especially friendly to him. He
never fails to work up a large circulation
for them.
Mr. Miles is Happy.
John C. Miles, A. R. C. A., is happy.
He has received the bronze medal and di-
ploma awarded him at the Toronto exhibi-
tion for pupil's work. He also got a cash
prize. The amount wasn't large, but the
fact of getting it is worth \$100.
New Ink Stands at McArthur's King St.
Original Advertising.
Anything that makes an advertisement
attractive increases its value. The original
illustrated portraits in Messrs. Turner &
Finlay's announcement on the fifth page
are the first of their kind ever published in
the city.
Lead Pencils Wholesale at McArthur's 80
King St.
The Brightest Paper in Canada.
Walter L. Sawyer, a Portland boy, now
editor of PROGRESS, the brightest paper in
Canada, is spending his vacation in town.
—Portland Sunday Telegram.

ENGLISH GOODS FOR SALE.

Frequenters of auction rooms will have a
picnic next week at Lockhart's. Thursday
morning he begins his great sale of fine
English goods, particulars of which he an-
nounces elsewhere. The goods are of the
best and the prices will be what they bring.
Who asks for more?
Fun For the Juveniles.
Brayley's Mammoth Lilliputian Minstrels
appear in Good Templar's hall Monday
and Tuesday evening. If the attractive
hangers tell any tale, there is going to be
some fun. The boys can spend a quarter
to see it.
New Books for Children at McArthur's.

HE ASKED FOR CHANGE.

"Change five cents, mister?"
It was on Prince William street, Sunday
evening, and the speaker was a small boy.
"What do you want change for?"
"The boys are playin' one cent a corner
and they can't play without change."
"The boys" were a gang of youths who
were celebrating the opening night of their
club-room on Prince William street by
playing jack-pot and sundry other games.
They were putting that very disagreeable
evening through in a very pleasant man-
ner; but they wanted change. A boy was
sent out to get it. It is very probable that
that boy was not a member of the club.
He was too innocent.
Several policemen learned that the boy
wanted change. They found him fulfilling
his mission, and asked him to show them
the club room. He did so. As the police
entered the room they saw a lot of legs
projecting from the windows, then suddenly
disappear. The club room was deserted.
Its members had fled. The game of jack-
pot was unfinished and the police were in
charge. It was an auspicious opening.
The club-room's existence was short, and
all because the wrong boy was sent to get
change!

THEY MUST BE WORTH SEEING.

"Talk about oil paintings," said Mr.
Jennings. "Drop in and look at mine.
There's something about them that pulls
people right into the place. I'm convinced
that I'll have to enlarge again if this con-
tinues."
New Goods arriving daily at D. McAr-
thur's.