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MARSDEN'S PROBATION

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"What is the work?" asked Marsden, as he pocketed the letter. John Dufford looked at him over his steel-bowed spectacles.

"When I was a lad," he said severely, "young men did not pick and choose. They were glad to take what they could get. You want to marry my daughter and have come to me to ask for work to prove yourself worthy of her. I give you a letter to my superintendent and you calmly ask me the nature of the employment."

"I merely wanted to know what sort of clothes to lay in," Marsden explained in confusion.

"Any man who works needs plain, serviceable clothes," said the elder man, reprovingly. "I would suggest that you might leave your evening clothes at home."

"Yes, sir," answered Marsden obediently, as he rose to go.

"Now, it is clearly understood," Dufford said sharply, "that you are not to write or hold any communication with my daughter for two years. That is agreed to?"

"I promise."

"And on my part I promise that if, at the end of two years, I find that my superintendent gives good report of your industry, I shall withdraw my objection to your marriage."

He swung back to his desk, and Jim Marsden, placing the letter in his pocket, left the office. There was a farewell visit to Marjorie, followed by a visit to a cheap outfitter's shop, and when the night train pulled out for the West Marsden was a passenger.

It was long before sleep came to him. It seemed unjust that John Dufford should insist upon a two-years' apprenticeship, but if Jacob could serve seven years and again seven for Rachel, he should be able to serve for two.

The old man had no particular objection to him save that he had inherited his money. This being the case the stipulation that he should not even write Marjorie, lest he work upon her sympathies, seemed particularly hard, but Dufford was a hard man, and if Marsden wanted Marjorie for his wife, he could only bow to the dictum.

It was four days before he landed in the little Colorado town which was the nearest railroad point to the mine, and the next morning a six-hour ride brought him to the desolate collection of buildings grouped around the shaft of the mine, which, night and day ground out more wealth for the company of which Dufford was the head.

The superintendent was easily found, and he glanced over the letter Marsden presented.

"All right," he said curtly. "Had any experience firing?"

"Guns or steam engines?" said Marsden.

"You know very well," was the sharp response. "Can you fire an engine?"

"I can," was the quiet answer, "though I have had no experience at the work. It's merely a matter of shoveling coal, isn't it?"

"Shoveling the coal right," corrected the superintendent. "Better take your things over to the bunk house, then go to the engineer and tell him that you're Jim and that Casey is to show you how to fire. What is it, Peters?"

He turned to attend to another man who had entered, and feeling himself dismissed, Jim turned away.

Inquiry developed the fact that the bunk house was the long, low shed where the men slept and ate. The Chinaman in charge of the place showed him where to put his trunk at the side of a narrow cot, and presently, clad in a suit of overalls, Jim strolled into the engine room and presented himself to the engineer.

"I am Jim," he said simply. "Mr. Travers said that Casey was to show me how to fire."

The engineer nodded over his shoulder.

"Tell Casey," he said, and went on with his oiling.

Casey was more companionable. He deftly elicited information as to Jim's place of hailing and other facts, as he made it apparent that Mr. Travers was right when he said that it was not merely a question of shoveling coal.

Coal cost much when it had to be brought from the railroad by a horse-car system, the cars going down loaded with ore and coming back with the coal when it was needed. Every shovelful had to be thrown just where it was needed to feed the fire evenly, and Jim's arms ached as he strove to learn the proper twist of the shovel to land the coal in the desired spot.

It was two weeks before he could be trusted on a trick alone, but at last Casey pronounced himself satisfied with Jim's ability and he reigned over the stoke pit for eight hours a day.

It was hard work for a man whose exercise had been taken in a gymnasium, but Jim rapidly hardened to it and in six months it had become second habit.

He sent East for books on engineering, and by a mistake a book on electrical engines was sent him, instead of the one for which he wrote. He sat down to look it over before he sent it back, and to the original book he added others.

He had been there little more than a year when he sought out Travers and laid a plan before him. Less than half a mile up the valley a constant fall broke over the high cliff and rolled into the valley, four hundred feet below. It was Jim's plan to use water power instead of steam, and employ a trolley on the tramway.

Travers smiled at first, but Jim worked out the plan for him, and the New York office approved. Jim was put in charge of the plant—and the company raised Travers's salary.

It was well toward the close of the second year that Dufford came to visit the mine. No one knew of his intention until word was telegraphed from the station. The word was flashed about the camp that the old man had come, but the first hint that ladies accompanied him came to Jim as he stood in the door of the power house. The road led past the door, and as he stood listening to the rhythmic purr of the dynamo, the familiar sound was broken by the quick beat of horse's hoofs on the hard road, and around the curve swung a maddened broncho with a woman swaying in the saddle.

Marsden sprang into the roadway and in one tense moment fought the insane brute with desperate energy as he was dragged along. Then the fight was won and he sprang to the saddle just as Marjorie slipped, fainting from the seat.

"I came because I wanted to see for myself," she explained an hour later, as they sat on the porch of the superintendent's cottage. "I could not believe that you had been content for two years as a fireman. Of course, Mr. Travers wanted the credit of introducing the biggest money-saving device in the plant. And he did not remember that father was particularly interested in you. Father ought to have been more explicit."

"But it's been a good thing for you," declared Mr. Dufford as he stepped through the doorway. "You've shown the stuff that's in you—and it's mighty good stuff; fit material for a son-in-law. I'm going on to the rest of my holdings in New Mexico as long as I'm out here. As you are going to be put in charge of my mining interests when we get back to New York, you'd better combine a honeymoon and a business trip."

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FOUR DEATHS FROM HEAT IN BOSTON YESTERDAY

And There Was a Large Number of Prostrations—Thermometer Nearly One Hundred in the Shade and Humidity was Stifling—Heat Oppressive All Through New England.

BOSTON, Mass., June 18.—All heat records for a June 18th were broken generally throughout New England today, and before the sun's rays were tempered with a brisk wind that sprang up towards evening four deaths and many prostrations had occurred. The dead are:

Charles Hayden, Boston, aged 75 years.

Alex. Fisher, Boston, aged 89 years.

Eugene Callahan, Malden, aged 33 years.

Antone Perry, New Bedford.

Boston was the greatest sufferer so far as prostrations are concerned, there being at least 12 reported to the hospital authorities during the day. The thermometer starting in the morning in the sixties, climbed gradually until, during the afternoon, in those places affected by the heat, it had soared well into the nineties.

The humidity today was fortunately not so high as on the two previous days, when summer weather was practically inaugurated for the first time, but the sudden change from the previous weeks of unseasonable cold caused great discomfort.

One of the hottest places reported in New England was the inland town of Bridgton, Maine, which, cut off from a cooling sea breeze, sweltered at 105. Newport, R. I., was one of the most comfortable places on the New England weather map, a bright, warm June sun being tempered by a fresh northwest wind which kept the mercury at 68 at the highest point reached during the day.

Even the usually cool spots in Maine succumbed today to the sun's rays and southwest winds. Portland had the hottest June day since June 23, 1888, with a mark of 95 at 2 o'clock, compared with a mark of 96 for the record breaker of 1888.

Thermometers on the streets registered 100 and over, but no cases of prostration were treated at the hospitals. Bangor, with a mark of 91, and Lewiston with 97, experienced the hottest June day its oldest inhabitants can remember, but reported no prostrations. Manchester, N. H., had a mark of 94, while up in the green hills of Vermont, Morrisville was uncomfortable in its hottest June day, 100 in the shade being reported.

Lowell, Mass., with 95 and Lawrence with 93 also helped to establish new June records.

LAWRENCE, Mass., June 18.—It is much hotter today than it was a year ago, according to the thermometer readings. At 6 o'clock this morning the mercury showed 68, while a year ago it reached 55. At 9 o'clock this morning the police station thermometer registered 87 degrees against 56 for the corresponding hour one year ago. Monday morning at the same hour it registered 68 degrees.

At 12 o'clock today the 93 mark had been reached, while a year ago at the same hour 56 was registered.

PORTLAND, June 17.—With one exception today was the hottest ever recorded in this city in June. The temperature reached 95 degrees at the weather bureau at 2 p. m. and then ceased to go higher. The high record is 96 reached on June 23, 1888. Down on the streets the temperature was up to 100 and over.

No prostrations occurred so far as known. The highest temperature reported in western Maine was 105 in the shade at Bridgton an inland town.

HENRI BOURASSA, M.P. MAY SPEAK HERE

Celebrated French Canadian Orator Has Been Invited to Address Canadian Club the Last of June

At a meeting of the executive of the Canadian Club in the Times Office yesterday afternoon, the secretary was authorized to extend to Henri Bourassa, M. P., an invitation to address the club about the end of this month. If Mr. Bourassa cannot come at this time another speaker will be secured.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy wrote that he could not be here in June as expected, but will come later. Rev. Dr. Falconer is also detained longer in Toronto than anticipated and cannot come to address the club until late in July or the first of August. Sir G. A. Swettenham wrote from Jamaica that he would be delighted to address the club if he came this way, but had no plans as yet. There was some talk of inviting Saint H. Sing, a journalist, of India, who has addressed western Canadian Clubs and is now in Chicago, but no action was taken.

The Canadian Club now has about four hundred members. The following were elected by the executive yesterday:

Judge Forbes, J. Simeon Armstrong, Donald Hunt, W. G. Ingram, W. S. Barker, John H. Bond, Fred C. Macneill, G. A. Tilton, Geo. H. White, (Sussex,) M. Frank Irvin, R. S. Ritchie, Dr. F. C. Bonnell, E. W. Bonnell, R. C. Bonnell, Rev. R. A. Armstrong, G. Fraser Gregory, Dr. C. F. Graham, Edward Mooney, E. L. Philips, H. P. Robertson, E. Robertson, P. W. Snider, John Morrissey, W. F. Higgins, Geo. E. Day, H. L. Ganter, Geo. Roberts, R. J. Carloss, W. C. Crookshank, Geo. McA. Blizard, F. W. Blizard, F. A. Peters, W. S. Allison Bell, R. A. Courtenay, Frank S. White, Heber S. Keith, Thos. C. Dixon.

TEMPLARS ARE GOING AHEAD

40th Annual Meeting of Grand Temple of Honor Held Last Evening

The fortieth annual session of the Grand Temple of Honor was held last evening in Victoria Temple Hall. Grand Templar Blewett was in the chair.

Charles Gallup and Fred Johnson were introduced and installed as members.

The Grand Templar's report contained the information that one Temple had been put on its feet, two sections resuscitated and new life injected into another.

The Grand Recorder reported that the membership had been increased to 67 for the term, and 86 for the year. There were three Temples, Victoria, Alexandra and Milford.

There were two Councils, Eastern Star, Riverside. The membership had increased from 264 to 350.

The receipts for the term were $58.69 and the expenditures $30.46.

The State of the Order Committee's report contained a number of valuable suggestions.

Following were the new officers elected:

George T. Blewett, G. W. T.; James H. Pidgeon, G. W. V. T.; W. C. Simpson, G. R.; C. B. Black, G. W. T.; George H. Johnson, G. W. U.; J. Sullivan, G. W. G.; Wm. Lewis, G. W. C.

The officers were installed by D. M. W. T., S. E. Logan.

Representative J. H. Pidgeon was elected a representative to the Supreme Council.

LADIES WILL TAKE LONG TRIP

Six Delegates Appointed to National Council at Vancouver, by Local Council of Women

A meeting of the executive committee of the Women's Local Council was held yesterday afternoon in the King's Daughters' Guild at 3.30 o'clock. The president, Mrs. David McLellan, was in the chair. There was a fair attendance.

Miss Mabel Peters, convenor of the playground committee, read a very interesting and instructive report regarding the work done by this committee, and a motion was unanimously carried expressing hearty appreciation of the noble work that Miss Peters has done in this connection.

By unanimous motion the executive approved of and expressed hearty sympathy with the recent probationary movement regarding children under the age of sixteen years.

At the close of the meeting of the executive committee, the quarterly meeting of the council was opened in due form, with the president, Mrs. David McLellan, in the chair.

The following were then duly elected delegates to the annual meeting of the National Council of Women of Canada to be held in Vancouver: Mrs. David McLellan, Mrs. Henry A. Austin, Miss Annie Puddington, Miss Gillis, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Crockett.

All of the ladies elected as delegates as above have signified their intention of taking the trip to the west to be present at this meeting.

Miss Murphy read an interesting report as convenor of the committee on citizenship.

The meeting adjourned at 6 p. m.

Last Day of Present Bill

After tonight's 9.40 performance at the Nickel the pictures—Married for Millions, The Tramp Dog, and Two Brave Children—will be withdrawn, packed up and forwarded to another picture theatre. Therefore those who have not seen these excellent views have several chances to enjoy them before they are called off. The Nickel management strives to give its patrons the best pictures on any market, and promises even better things in the future than have been shown in the past. A handsome new line of pictures and illustrated songs have recently been contracted for in the States.

They Had a Good Time

There was a great crowd at the Queen's Rollaway last evening and everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves as they glided around the smooth floor to the inspiring music of the 62nd band. As it was ladies' night there was a good attendance of the fair sex and any admiring comments were heard about the neat and tasty decorations. Indications point to another large crowd this afternoon and evening.

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ARRANGING FOR EARL GREY'S TRIP

R. S. Barker Back from Ottawa, Where the Programme Was Submitted to His Excellency

FREDERICTON, June 18. — R. S. Barker, private secretary to Lieutenant Governor Tweedie, has returned home from Ottawa, where he had been consulting His Excellency Earl Grey relative to the proposed visit of the governor general to this province as well as Nova Scotia this summer.

When seen last evening Mr. Barker said that he had spent almost an entire morning going over the proposed programme with his excellency's secretary, Mr. Sladen.

His excellency and Mr. Sladen went into the programme in detail and several changes have been made. These changes, however, will not affect the dates of his visit either to Fredericton or St. John, but are mainly in the hours at which the different affairs have been arranged to take place.

The vice-regal party will be in St. John August 13th and 14th, and will visit here on the 15th.

His excellency is to travel from Montreal to Halifax by the government steamer Minto, which is now at Quebec. He will also travel from Halifax to St. John in the Minto and from St. John to Fredericton he will travel on a private river boat which will be chartered. This boat will likely leave St. John about 8.30 or 9 o'clock in the morning and will make a through trip to this city, arriving here it is expected at about 3 o'clock. Arangements are being made to procure the steamer Victoria if possible, and if this plan fails the Champlain will likely be chartered. The trip up the river will likely be taken by the lieutenant governor, the members of the provincial government, Mayor Sears and some of the St. John aldermen and possibly representatives of the city of Fredericton. There will be a luncheon aboard the boat en route here.

Mr. Barker says that the programme will have to be submitted to the lieutenant governor before being given out to the public.

WANTS CURFEW BELL IN MONCTON

Two Men Fell from Ladder and are Now in Hospital—Both Badly Injured

MONCTON, N. B., June 18.—The commonness of obscene postal cards in this city was the subject of a strong address delivered by Rev. H. Gratton Dockrell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, to the men of the Christian Brotherhood of the Church on Sunday afternoon. He called the attention of the chairman of the police committee, who was in the audience, to the violation of the law, and urged that the police be instructed to secure a more rigid enforcement. He also advocated the establishment in Moncton of a curfew bell, so that the young could be kept off the streets at night.

As the result of falling from a ladder outside the residence of C. P. Harris this afternoon, Chas. Bishop and John Shaw are in the city hospital. Shaw was badly shaken up, and had his head injured, while Bishop had his leg fractured and hip dislocated. The men, who are painters, were working about twenty feet above the ground when the staging, slipped and both fell.

LONGSHOREMEN STRIKE DECISION GIVEN OUT

OTTAWA, June 18.—The decision of the Board of Conciliation in the dispute between the Montreal longshoremen and the shipping federation was made public today. The men demanded an increase of 2 1-2 cents an hour to 30 cents an hour day and 35 cents night. The Board of Conciliation, consisting of Archbishop Bruchesi, G. W. Stephens and Joseph Ainey, recommended that the increase of 2 1-2 cents an hour be granted in the form of a bonus from the 1st of July until the end of the season, and that next year the scale should be 30 cents an hour day and 35 cents an hour night.

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CHARLOTTETOWN BOARD OF TRADE MEN INTERVIEW OFFICIALS

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., June 18.—Delegates representing the boards of trade of this province met in conference today with M. J. Butler, deputy minister of railways and canals for Canada; D. Pottinger, general manager of the I. C. R.; E. Tiffin, general traffic manager; W. B. McKenzie, chief engineer, and other railway officials; also Col. Gourdeau, deputy minister of marine and fisheries. The delegates spoke along the line of the resolution adopted at the general meeting this spring. They contended that the trade of the province had been handicapped, owing to the difficulties of navigation and high freight rates demanded by the three short haul rates between the island and points on the mainland and asked that the island be given equal privileges mile per mile with the upper provinces with respect to over-all freight railways and steamers subsidized by the government, and that the government be requested to equalize the three short haul systems of transportation with the continuous haul of the other provinces with which the island is in competition.

The delegates also asked that the island be placed on the same basis as to import and export trade to and from ports outside of Canada as are accorded the other provinces, that the advantages of commodity rates be extended to the island. A reduction in passenger rates was also asked for on the government steamers or those subsidized by the government so as to permit to the island the minimum rate, mile per mile, charged by the Dominion system of railways.

The need of having correct information of the movementts of the winter boats between the island and mainland prominently displayed on mainland points for the benefit of travellers was also emphasized

Deputy Minister Gourdeau promised that two winter steamers would be in commission not later than December fifth. The deputy minister said that all matters brought up would be carefully considered and submitted to the ministers.

TWO MORE DROWNED IN TEMAGAMI DISTRICT WHILE PROSPECTING

TORONTO, June 18.—News of two additional drownings in the Temagami district reached Aubrey White, deputy minister of crown lands, this morning in a letter from S. O.. MacDonald, chief fire ranger, dated at Temagami Bear Island, June 13th. Three prospectors in a canoe on Mountain Lake were caught in a severe squall. The canoe upset and two were drowned, the other, a Swede, was rescued. The bodies are not yet recovered, and the names are not known. Malkman is thought to be the name of one victim.

EMPLOYES WILL ASK FOR INCREASED PAY

TORONTO, June 18.—Now that President William MacKenzie of the Toronto Street Railway has returned from England, a committee of the employes are busy preparing their requests to place before him. The men, among other things, are asking for an increase of six cents an hour all round. They are now paid eighteen cents an hour for the first year, twenty cents for the second and twenty-two cents for the third and following years.

WANT IT CONTINUED

LONDON, June 18. — West India committees have received representations favoring the continuance of the Brussels sugar convention from twenty-three chambers of commerce in the various parts of the empire, including Halifax, Hamilton, Montreal, Vancouver and Toronto.

Among the speakers were Horace Hazard, A. J. McFadgen, Nelson Rattenbury, Captain Joseph Read, Rev. A. E. Burke, W. A. B. Warburton, J. J. Hughes, M. P., and others. Other deputations were also heard, and tomorrow morning the party will leave for Pictou, thence to Sydney.

SHOULD HAVE A MORE CAREFUL EPAMINATION

LONDON, June 18.—The correspondent of the Leader requests that a more careful examination be made of the emigrants for Canada, pointing out that the inspection last year was very perfunctory, resulting in bad cases being passed, among them men with ringworms.

The trial run of the new Allan liner Corsican takes place Thursday. The maiden voyage will begin July 11.

REV. MR. DOBSON'S CONDITION

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., June 18.—There is no change in the condition of Rev. William Dobson, ill with typhoid fever.

"Well, anyhow," said Cassidy, "the new mill is fitted up fine. Shure, everything's in its right place."

"Not at all," replied Casey, "whin I wint through there th' other day I seen a lot o' red buckets marked 'Fur Fire Only,' an', faix, there was wather in thim!"

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CHANCELLOR JONES ADDRESSED HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. C. C. Jones, chancellor of the University of New Brunswick, was in town yesterday. He addressed the students of the High School, putting the interests of the provincial university before them. Dr. Jones stated that the past academic year had been a most successful one, and said that with the appointments recently made the 'varsity would be placed in good shape for future work.

Dr. Jones will leave the city today, and intends visiting the High Schools of Sussex, Salisbury, Moncton and other New Brunswick towns in the interests of the university.

"EDGEHILL DAY" AT THE WINDSOR SCHOOL

WINDSOR, June 18.—Today was "Edgehill Day" and the town has been thronged with visitors attending the closing. In the morning a splendid musical programme was rendered by the girls and the prizes were then presented by the bishop. In the afternoon a gymnastic display was given by the girls on the Edgehill grounds. Tomorrow there is a meeting of the King's College Alumni, and in the evening a play, All Tangled Up, will be presented by the students in the Opera House. Convocation takes place Thursday morning, and in the evening the encoenia ball will be given in Convocation Hall.

MUSICAL RECITAL

FREDERICTON, June 18.—Before an invited audience of about 100 people including the school trustees, Professor Harrison this evening gave a special musical recital at his home. Besides a number of interesting piano selections and vocal solos by his pupils a test in sight reading was given to a class of ten young ladies. The entertainment was greatly enjoyed by all present and reflected much credit upon Professor Harrison.

WONDERS OF CHESS.

Edwin Anthony in an article published in the Chess Players' Chronicle computed approximately that the number of ways of playing only the first ten moves on each side is 160,518,829,160,544,000,000,000,000,000.