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THE PUBLIC WORKS

Hon. William Pugsley, in an interview which appears in today's Times, takes up several subjects in which St. John is keenly interested. Among these subjects are the proposed harbor works in Courtenay Bay and the extension of harbor facilities on the West Side. Dr. Pugsley points out that the Norton Griffiths Co., Ltd., was the lowest tender for the Courtenay Bay works, and that as Minister of Public Works he recommended to the cabinet council that the contract be awarded to this firm. In view of the magnitude of the transaction, Sir Wilfrid and his colleagues decided that the question should be left to Mr. Borden and his cabinet to deal with, and left a memorandum to that effect.

Dr. Pugsley now says:—

"Whether or not the present government will take the same action as we would have taken had we not been defeated, and enter into the contract at once, I am unable to say, but if nothing is done I shall feel it my duty to call the attention of parliament to a distinct pledge which the present prime minister made to the people of St. John in the form of a special message, published in the St. John Standard on Sept. 29 last, and which read as follows:—

"On the 6th April, 1904, I moved a resolution in parliament declaring that the public interest demanded a thorough and efficient equipment of our national ports and terminals on the Atlantic and Pacific. That has ever since been the policy of the Liberal-Conservative party and has been so declared on repeated occasions. The thorough and efficient equipment of St. John harbor is part of our policy. I desire to emphasize what I declared at St. John on the 8th of September, namely, that the defeat of the Laurier government will not retard, hinder or prevent in any way the construction of terminal facilities at St. John, or port as one of the Atlantic national ports of Canada."

"This pledge of Mr. Borden's," Dr. Pugsley continues, "was made with a full knowledge that the tenders had been called by my department for improvements at Courtenay Bay at the tender was fully discussed during the campaign, and the message clearly commits the government to proceed with the work of development there without delay."

With respect to the action of the Grand Trunk Pacific, Dr. Pugsley has left for his successor a draft agreement prepared by solicitors of that railway, setting forth that the company agrees to lease the Courtenay Bay wharves, as they are constructed, upon the same terms as are provided in the lease of the Transcontinental to the Grand Trunk Pacific. The city of St. John has conveyed its shore rights on the western side of Courtenay Bay, so that the course is absolutely clear for the present government to let the whole contract and proceed with the work. Parliament has already voted \$500,000 to give the project a start, and, in view of the national character of these improvements, and the absolute necessity for the Grand Trunk Pacific reaching an open Atlantic port in the winter season, it would seem that the government must go on with the improvements.

St. John, having the facts fully in mind, and understanding clearly the situation as it exists today, will be intensely interested in the attitude of Mr. Borden and his colleagues with respect to this matter, and will await an early and definite announcement with no little anxiety.

TELEPHONING UNDER WATER PASSES THE EXPERIMENTAL STAGE

English Inventor Gives a Demonstration Talk at Ramsgate

Ramsgate, Eng., Oct. 15.—For the new science of telephony at sea, A. W. Sharman, the inventor of a new system, asserts that his system is now really no longer in its experimental stage, and that the tests made have proved conclusively the absolute practicality of wireless telephony at sea. Already messages have been sent from the land to a vessel more than half a mile out. The importance of this is better appreciated when it is observed that when it is perfected it will outstrip aerial wireless on warships, for with wireless telephony there is nothing for an enemy to shoot at, no targets such as the masts of the system with which the world has become so familiar.

Metal rods—a matter of fact disused stair rods—were placed 100 feet apart in the sand of the bay here. Then Mr. Webb, who is also working here with Mr. Sharman, went out in a motor launch with his apparatus on board. The apparatus is quite small and easily portable. From the boat, similar pieces of metal were dropped over the rods, and a steady conversation was maintained for some time. All could be heard quite distinctly.

Mr. Sharman is naturally observing secrecy with regard to his invention, but he says that the main secret is an impulse coil which possesses the power to generate ordinary wireless currents into powerful "shocks," which radiate in every direction, finding a response in the distance receiving apparatus.

Mr. Webb says that the experiments were very successful. The apparatus can be used with equal facility for both telegraph and telephone. A Morse "tapper" forms part of the contrivance.

"It is a safe figure to say that each instrument will cost about \$50," Mr. Sharman said. For \$100 therefore, a complete apparatus can be purchased. Mr. Sharman was carrying one of the instruments in his hand, enclosed in a mahogany case. "Its extreme portability is all in its favor," he added. At once one saw the advantage gained over aerial. The box is about a foot long, rather more than a foot high, and nine inches deep.

It is believed that by means of Mr. Sharman's invention, it will be possible for liners or warships to communicate with one another readily and rapidly. The vessels can also communicate just as easily with the shore, and from the shore messages can be carried inland by means of the existing system.

Mr. Sharman said that a very small amount of electricity is required. "Five or six dry cells are all that are needed. As a matter of fact, I carried the whole apparatus along with me in the experiment. I had the whole 'station' in my hand," he said.

ADmits DOUBLE MURDER

Slayer Smiles About it For "They Cannot Hang Me Now"

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 15.—James Dygart has confessed willingly to one of the most brutal double murders ever committed in the state. He smiled because he said he knew "they cannot hang me now." At the last session of the legislature a law discontinuing capital punishment was passed. Since that time there have been many murders.

Dygart admits shooting Mrs. Walter Bolton as she sat churning butter in her farm house in Anoka county and to throwing the body head first into the cellar. He says he went to the field where her cousin Frank Rhodes was at work, hit him on the head with an axe and shot him three times. He says he had no motive for the crime, but "simply had a feeling come over me that I must kill the two of them," he said. A mandolin and a \$2 bill were all that was missed from the house. Dygart buried the man's body in the field.

The murderer was arrested on a farm near the scene of the crime. He is also wanted for the murder of a man in Douglas county, Wis. As a result of the many murders recently agitation is rife to have the next session of the legislature put capital punishment back in force.

HOW SWEET

Arthur.—When we are married how sweet it will be to sit in the garden of an evening, with the summer sun setting.

Mabel.—Yes, darling, and I will bring my work while you water the garden, and roll the lawn, and pull up weeds. And you will chop the wood, and bring up coal, and lay the fire for the next day. All before bedtime. Won't it be lovely, dearest?

Arthur.—Ye-es, dear.

THE PARTRIDGE AND THE MOTOR CAR

The automobile everywhere develops many peculiarities, but the North Shore appears to give the motor car driver extraordinary experiences. A short time ago a bear disrupted the passage of a motor car in the Miramichi territory, and almost "smashed" one of the occupants "head-heeled." On Saturday a Chatham automobile ran into a partridge, and the driver carried the astonished bird by the tail and carried it into town where, at last accounts, it was imprisoned in one of the hotels.

It may be hoped that the captors of this bird of the woods will see that it is released at once, and allowed to spend the remainder of its existence in its native haunts. There is nothing in the rules and regulations to justify the capture of game by the automobile method, and any self-respecting partridge ought not to be kept on exhibition in a hotel, or in any sort of human abode.

Doubtless the residents of Chatham, or most of them, have occasionally seen a partridge in the woods, and if they will but recall how very beautiful it looked there, and how disheartened and ashamed it must appear in captivity, they will see that it is liberated forthwith. Miramichi the country generally will rejoice because of the variety which is lent to motor car performances by the North Shore of New Brunswick. That is a great country along the Miramichi. Even in politics it has ways of its own.

Canada and the Duke of Connaught have made a great start in the way of happy relations, and the outlook for a satisfactory term could not be better.

Basball "fans" will find absorbing literature in the great pitcher's account of Saturday's contest. The gate receipts added to nearly \$80,000. The game was

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It was but yesterday, That I went a-borrowing sorrow; And now all the world is a trouble, And I'll be looking for more tomorrow.

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If I'm e'er happy again, I'll never go borrowing sorrow; 'Tis a smile I will ask ye to lend, And a smile I'll bring back on the morrow.

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THE BRUTE.

She—I don't see why you should hesitate to marry on \$1200 a year. Papa says my gowns never cost more than that.

He—But we must have something to eat.

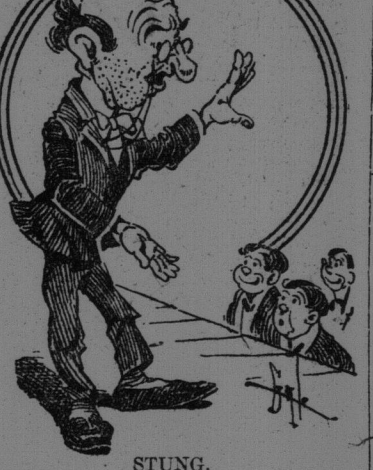
She—Isn't that just like a man? Always thinking of his stomach!



BILL KNEW.

Joe—Homer, Homer, who was he? Do you know, Bill?

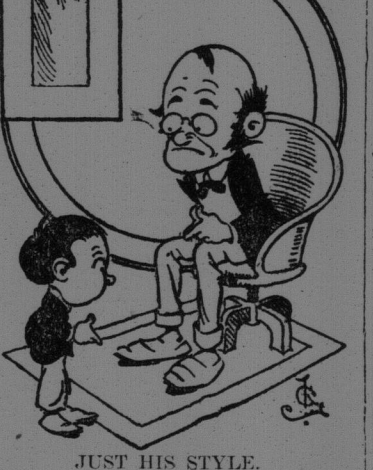
Bill—I expect he was the first man what trained pigeons.



STUNG.

Professor.—To the geologist a thousand years or so are not counted as any time at all.

Man in the audience.—Great Scott! And to think I made a temporary loan of ten dollars to man who has such views.



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the saloon just as in self-defence she hung the murderer.

Dr. Gaetz also spoke against the argument that the saloon was simply supplying a public demand and that it would cease its work if the demand ceased. The saloon created demand for itself, aroused appetite for its product and if the saloon were closed the demand for it would end in keeping with the law that any acquired appetite would die if that which gratified it were withdrawn.

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