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Public Service Needs the Spur of Public Spirit.

During the whole of the past week Water Street has been in a condition that baffles description and nothing has been attempted to improve matters. The accumulated snow between the tram rails and the pavement is heaped in loose mounds that render foothold both for man and beast precarious, or it lies in a series of hills and gulches that make the dragging of sleigh loads an impossibility.

Comments have appeared in the Telegram and in the Mail calling attention to the deplorable state of affairs, and at the meeting of the City Council on Thursday a complaint received from the Secretary of the S. P. A. was read and passed on to the St. John's Heat, Light and Power Co. with instructions to have the matter attended to immediately. At a late hour yesterday there were no signs of immediate action, and all through the day the struggle of men and horses attempting the impossible was witnessed by the man on the street, and we presume, by members of the Council also.

If it is the duty of the Company to keep the street passable, it is also the responsibility of the Council to see that they carry out the terms of their contract, and it should not be necessary either for the S. P. A. or the press to have to call the attention of the authorities to such obvious negligence.

The weather conditions so far have been anything but severe and the snowfalls unusually light, so that the excuse which has been made with reason formerly, and as reasonably accepted by the citizens, cannot be advanced now.

If the duties of the Company under the contract are definite, the Council have the means to make them live up to it. If the contract on the other hand is not explicit, then it is time that it was altered or a new one made; and there is no time more opportune than the present to effect the changes if the reports abroad are correct.

It has been a common sight during the last few days to see loads overturned, replaced on the sleighs, only to upset again within a few yards of the first mishap. The result has been hardship to the horse, injury to goods and harness, loss of time and temper and the unnecessary risking of life and limb.

We are altogether too long-suffering a people and we put up with inconveniences that would not be tolerated in any other city elsewhere of the size and importance of St. John's. There are other glaring instances of the advantages taken of this indifference, diffidence, lack of assertiveness on our part, call it what you will, and we allow ourselves to be victimized by corporations or by our own representatives without registering a single protest. At the present time the tram service is interrupted between the Irish Hall and the junction on Military

Road. No attempt has been made until recently to clear the rails, although the contract calls for a continuous service, unless we are mistaken. Another reasonable cause for complaint is the uncertainty of the electric power service. Altogether too frequently the light fades from the globes, or the machines slow down and stop. So too do the men whose work depends upon the power, but wages go on for which there is no commensurate return.

Taxes are high, power rates are high, and the only thing that is at a low ebb is the Public Spirit which should stir the citizens into taking a bold stand and declaring with one voice, These things shall not be.

Killed by Falling Over Cliff

The tragic death of a resident of Hibernia's Harbor, N.B., is reported in the following message received this morning by the Deputy Minister of Justice, from Mr. R. Vardy, J. P. "Daniel Marsh, aged forty-five, accidentally killed by falling from a cliff over one hundred feet high, yesterday. The victim was engaged hauling logs. The body was found by search party last night. Deceased leaves a wife and five children."

Crows Numerous

An unusual sight, seen in the lower basin of the harbor this morning, was a large flock of crows, hopping around on the ice in search of food. Crows are quite numerous in the suburbs and it is no unusual sight to see flocks of about two hundred at one time. They are quite an annoyance to farmers, whilst useful as scavengers. They destroy all kinds of small game and an effort should be made to lessen their numbers.

Pedestrian Suffers Heavy Fall

Whilst Mrs. Ellen Clark was in the act of crossing Water Street near Adelaide Street yesterday afternoon, she slipped on a greasy rail and fell heavily to the ground, causing injury to her side. Several eye witnesses, who noticed the woman's plight, picked her up and assisted her into a near by store, where she was given every attention. She was later driven to her home, Water Street, West, where a doctor was called. No serious injury was discovered.

PEPYS BEHIND THE SCENES.

Feb. 15th.—The Enquiry to-day still on the pitprop and pulpwood contracts, which are the most tiresome things, and yet most astonishing, in that so many men could get money advanced them by the Government, and give small returns for it. The public interest in the hearing greatly diminished, and but two women there to-day, and then for a short time only. In the evening to play at Bridge, and my ill-luck makes me to have my wife for a partner. She greatly enjoyed, and nothing but ill-holds between us, albeit all the bad play on her side, and did once even trump my ace. In the evening news sheet I see how R. Macdonald tells the Commons he will make no Levy on Capital, which is a good thing, but that this tax would hamper business enterprise to the great harm of Great Britain. So to read awhile in the "Republic of Plato," which I did begin a month since, and am not like to finish, being mighty dry and serves but to make me sleep.

McMurdo's Store News.

For The Toilet.

We have all the necessities and luxuries. The daily bath is beneficial when only good soap is used. The condition of the teeth depends upon good dentifrice.

We can supply you with the best of Toilet Articles.

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Mr. P. Howlett, Petty Harbor, who some time ago was granted patents on processes for converting waste herring into marketable products, has forwarded to the Board of Trade a number of samples of the product manufactured at Bay of Islands. The samples include fertilizer from the herring offal. Meal for cattle and poultry feed. An oil, which is admirably suited for leather manufacture. A bottle of scales taken from the herring is also amongst the samples. These are used in the manufacture of pearls and command a high price. Very favorable comment has been passed on the products by those who have seen them, and it is the general hope that Mr. Howlett will make a commercial success of his venture.

Walker Arrives From Scene of Wreck

Very Little Salvage Owing to High Tide. S.S. H. A. Walker arrived from Southern Shore ports at noon today, bringing a small quantity of freight but no passengers. After the Walker had completed her various ports of call she proceeded to Riverhead, St. Mary's Bay, the scene of the wrecked vessel Robert J. Dale, to undertake the work of salvage. Owing to the high tide the crew were unable to save her coal cargo, but a quantity of the ship's gear, spars, canvas, etc., was salvaged. The marooned vessel dragged her anchors and went ashore high and dry on the beach, with her bottom torn asunder. The salvaging of her cargo could easily be accomplished at low tide, and it is not known whether another attempt will be made or not.

Listening In

Mr. E. Ash, at his residence, Mundy Pond, yesterday, on his radio equipment was rewarded with much better results. The following stations could be distinctly heard: 150 feet from loud speaker, WGY, Schenectady, N.Y.

WJAR, Lit. Res., Philadelphia. WKAQ, San Juan, Porto Rico. KUY, Coast Radio Co., Delmonte, Cal., and a portion of Mr. C. F. Bond's address on Newfoundland and Bermuda, was heard from Dartmouth, Halifax.

It is hoped that in the near future the public will have the pleasure of hearing a radio concert staged for them in the city. No doubt a thing of this kind would be interesting to some of our local radio fans, and surprising to those who are not convinced of the advancement in this particular hobby.

C. M. B. C.

The series of lectures now being given on the growth and development of the Church in England will be continued to-morrow afternoon at the Synod Building. These lectures illustrated with colored lantern slides, are very interesting and instructive and are well attended. The slides are by the best artists of the day, and are furnished by Messrs. Newton & Co., England, and are exceedingly beautiful. Being one of only seven sets in existence, they are of great value and the class is to be congratulated in securing such a magnificent collection. The lectures are given by Rev. J. Brinton, Chairman of the Class, who seems to have made a very careful and thorough study of the subject in hand.

Side Sleigh Overturned

Yesterday afternoon a side sleigh, occupied by the driver and two ladies, was overturned on Water Street opposite J. B. Orr's premises owing to the wretched state of the street, and more by good luck than good management, no injuries were sustained. The horse came down but with the help of passerby the animal was extricated from the tangle.

Will Prosecute Voyage in Gulf

Both the S.S. Sable I. and Stella Marie will prosecute the seafishery this spring in the Gulf. Arrangements have not yet been finalized but it is understood that crews will be taken from this port. It is probable that Capt. Whiteley will command the Stella Marie.

Shipping

S.S. Rosalind arrived at Halifax at 3 a.m. and sails for New York at 5 p.m. this evening.
S.S. Silvia leaves Halifax at noon to-day and is due here on Monday.
S.S. Sachem arrived at Halifax 6 o'clock Friday morning, making the run from here in 48 hours.
S.S. Digby was due to dock at Liverpool at 5 a.m. to-day. The ship left here at 10 p.m. Friday last. The run across was made in 74 days.

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

STRIKE ORDERED FOR TO-DAY.

LONDON, Feb. 15. Tomorrow at noon, labor in all parts of the United Kingdom will cease. Notwithstanding the strenuous efforts of the Minister of Labor Shaw has made during the last two days to bring about settlement of the dispute between the dock workers and their employers, it has been impossible to unravel the tangled skein and this evening the dock workers ordered their men to strike to-morrow. The collapse of the negotiations arose out of the refusal of the employers to make any advance over terms they offered dockers last Monday, namely an increase of one shilling a day in wages of the men and an inquiry into the question of dock labor. Dockmen rejected the offer. Dockmen are firm in insisting on their demands for two shillings advance in wages. It has been asserted that an increase of two shillings would cost employers about £200,000 annually. Employers issued an official statement to-night in which it is asserted they offered to submit the question of advance to arbitration.

MAYOR RECEIVES DEATH WARNING.

TORONTO, Feb. 15. Written on black-bordered note paper, Mayor Hiltz, yesterday afternoon, received an unsigned note warning him to be prepared to meet his Maker, as his end was near. The writer blamed the Mayor for the large amount of unemployment existing.

WORK CHARGES IN THE DOCKS.

LONDON, Feb. 15. The strike of dock workers, affecting 150,000 men, became effective at noon to-day in all parts of the United Kingdom.

BERNIER PREPARES FOR HIS ELEVENTH ARCTIC VENTURE.

LONDON, Feb. 15. Capt. Joseph Bernier, the Canadian Arctic explorer, who is in Glasgow at present in connection with the acquisition by the Canadian Government of the steamer Franklin for the proposed Polar Expedition beginning in June, is receiving many applications daily from all kinds of people who desire to join the party for the trip. This will be Captain Bernier's eleventh Arctic venture.

ELEVEN LIVES LOST IN THE LAWRENCE BUILDING FIRE.

MONTPELIER, Vt., Feb. 15. The death toll of the fire that destroyed the Lawrence Building and threatened the business section of this city early to-day, was placed at eleven to-night, but only two of the bodies thought to be in the ruins have been recovered. Walter Washburn and Mrs. J. F. Waterman were killed when they leaped from a window missing a fire net spread to receive them. The cause of the fire is unknown. The property loss was placed at \$200,000. One of the injured, Claude Martin, was expected to die and four other victims were reported in a serious condition. Two entire families are included in the list of dead and missing.

THE PREMIER'S SELF-IMPOSED BURDEN IS TOO HEAVY.

LONDON, Feb. 15. Premier Macdonald's broad shoulders are beginning to droop under the heavy burden of his dual office of Premier and Foreign Minister, and the condition of his health is causing his friends some solicitude. They remarked on his pale face in the House yesterday, which probably is due to insomnia and neuritis brought on by overwork. Some urged him to appoint as Foreign Minister a man able and experienced enough in international affairs to supervise the enormous volume of work passing through the British Foreign Office. It is believed he himself has realized the tremendous extent and unenviable character of the duties of the two positions, and many soon try to find another in the ranks of labor with sufficient ability and training to look after the foreign field.

Methodist College Team WINS CHAMPIONSHIP.

The much talked of Inter-Collegiate hockey match between the Methodist and Methodist teams was played in the Prince's Rink at noon to-day, and resulted in a win for the M. C. team by a score of 5 goals to 1. This victory gives the Methodist College the Championship for this year. The game was attended by a large gathering of pupils and friends of the respective colleges, interest was at fever heat throughout, and some exciting plays was witnessed by players on both line-ups. For the Methodist College, Peters and Whelan starred, while Whelan showed up to advantage for Bishop Field, but lacked the support of his team. Two more matches remain to be played but the result cannot affect the Championship. The Methodist College is to be heartily congratulated on their victory which is all the more gratifying as it comes after many years of bad luck which they persistently fought to overcome.

Kyle Jammed off Cranberry Head

S. B. Kyle left North Sydney at 4.30 p.m. yesterday, coming to St. John's direct, but at 8 o'clock last night she became jammed off Cranberry Head in heavy slob ice, and up to noon to-day she was still in the same position. A message to the Railway Management from Capt. Stevenson at 1 p.m. states that it is impossible for the ship to get clear until the wind changes. Under present conditions the Kyle will be late in arriving, and will probably effect her sailing from here on Monday next.

Sparetime Industry

Within the past couple of weeks many residents of the nearby out-ports have learned a few dollars by the sale of sabbies and other such equipment for the sealing voyage. To-day a large load of baskets used in handling coal aboard ship was brought to the city from Pouch Cove and disposed of at Job's. These baskets are made of withered and redried in spare hours and sell for about 30 or 40 cents each. About 100 dozen are annually used.

Coastal Boats.

GOVERNMENT. Argyle left La Plante 5 p.m. yesterday, outward.
Glencoe left Pughstown 4.50 p.m. yesterday, going west.
Kyle is jammed in ice off Cranberry Head.
H. M. Walker arrived in port at noon to-day.

Here and There.

See how pretty the girls looked of a hundred years ago. Casino Theatre, Tuesday and Wednesday. Tickets at Hutton's. Feb. 14, 15.

WEATHER AND ICE—Nipper's Harbor—Strong east winds, with snow, weather mild.

See the Butterflies dancing. Society for Protection of Animals show Tuesday and Wednesday. Casino Theatre. Tickets at Hutton's. Feb. 14, 15.

SEALERS PREPARING.—The sealing steamer Terra Nova is taking bunker coal at Miramichi today. The Ranger hauled over to Bowring's north side to load supplies.

Cups and Saucers 10 cents; Tea Plates 7 cents; Dinner Plates 15 cents. S. O. STEELE & SONS, LTD., 100 Water Street, opp. Seamen's Institute. Feb. 15, 16, 17.

THE TRAINS.—The incoming express with the Kyle's mails and passengers is not due to reach the city before 7 o'clock this evening. The local Carbonar train arrived at 1 p.m.

MAGISTRATE'S COURT.—Two young women charged with being loose and disorderly were discharged. A 37-year-old farmer of St. Phillips, charged with being drunk and disorderly was released. A drunk was released on deposit.

George St. Mission Circle will hold their Annual Sale of Work and Tea on Tuesday, March 4th, in the Sunday School Room. Feb. 15, 16, 17.

M.G.C.A. MEETING.—The regular monthly meeting of the M.G.C.A. will be held in their club rooms on Monday night next at 8.15. Several important business matters will be dealt with at this meeting, and it is hoped a large attendance will be present.

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EXPRESS CANCELLED.—The express scheduled to leave for Port aux Basques to-morrow has been cancelled but a local accommodation will go out as far as Millertown Junction following the Kyle's arrival. The regular cross country express will not go out before next Thursday.

The 6th Card Tournament of the series of 8 Card Tournaments of which the Star R.R. & B. Committee are holding, will be held in the Star Hall, on Monday night, February 18th, at 8.30. There are 4 Special Prizes in Gold to the Persons getting the highest number of games at the close of series. 3 Prizes as usual each night. Admission 50c. Men only. Feb. 15, 16, 17.

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The Rhodes Scholarship Peril

There are misgivings about Rhodes scholars. What people here say is that these innocent young men, fresh from the simplicities of college, are lured to Oxford and come back, drawing for the British Empire, and otherwise completely de-Americanized. Unless this kind of thing is stopped, the plan of annexing the United States which Rhodes initiated may actually come about, and the entire Revolution, together with Bunker Hill—where a special obelisk has been erected for the sale of picture postcards—may be upset. The other day a friend of mine took me in his automobile to Yorktown, where, with the true instinct of a peer when confronted by democracy, Lord Cornwallis surrendered to the French. The monument celebrates King Louis XVI. and King George III., both of whom lost their heads, and it would be very sad if Rhodes scholars from

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