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TO SPEND $2,000 ON THE LUDLOW

New Ferry Boat is Proving Costly Plaything for the City --- Engineer Parks Recommends Improvements to Machinery.

The Ludlow is proving a costly toy for the city. At this morning's meeting of the ferry committee it was decided to spend $2,000 in changes and repairs, and to paint her hull. Reports were submitted by the superintendent and chief engineer.

The east side ferry toll house will be improved and enlarged. Tenders for coal were awarded and a number of minor waters dealt with.

There were present Ald. Lockhart, (chairman) Bullock, Tilley, Pickett. Supt. Glasgow and Common Clerk Wardroper. Ald. Holder was absent.

Supt. Glasgow reported having had to take the Ludlow off the route in order to make some necessary repairs. The steamer, he said, was now lying in Rodney slip where she rested easy in the mud at low water. The bottom of the boat required painting.

Some of the aldermen objected to the steamer being allowed to lie where she grounded on the mud. The Superintendent contended that there was no room for the boat elsewhere and that no damage would be done by allowing her to lie where she now is.

Ald. Bullock moved that the Ludlow be kept afloat.

Ald. Pickett moved as an amendment that the matter be left in the hands of the chairman and superintendent. This was adopted.

The matter of painting the hull of the steamer was left to the same committee, anti-corrosive paint to be used. It was also decided to have the boilers inspected during the time the boat was being painted.

Two tenders for supplying coal for the ferry steamers were received. Geo. J. Likely offered to supply 2,000 tons at a cost of $3.80 per ton of 2,000 pounds. The Dominion Coal Co. offered to supply 1,500 to 2,000 tons of reserve or Caledonia at a cost of $4,00 per ton of 2,240 pounds.

On motion of Ald. Bullock, the tender of the Dominion Coal Co. was accepted, and it was left with the chairman and Superintendent Glasgow to arrange as to where the coal would be delivered.

The chairman asked the superintendent if it could not be arranged to have the coal delivered on the west side and put into a shed, and also to have the supply put on the boats before 7 o'clock in the morning.

The superintendent replied that the wharf and coal shed there were out of repair and were not in condition at the present time to be used.

The chairman suggested that the sheds be examined with the view of having them put in proper shape.

The chairman read the communication from W.P.McFarlane, received on March 16th last, offering $12,600, or to take over the ferry boats and operate them on a percentage system. There seemed to be some doubt as to what the offer of $12,600 was for, as the letter did not read clear, and on motion the matter was left to the chairman and superintendent to report.

Chief Engineer Parks submitted a report. He recommended that the boilers be cleaned inside and outside; that the pistons of the main engine be taken out and examined and other minor changes made; the pumps needed to be gone over, and a new circulation pump was needed, as the one now in use was not adequate. He also recommended that a heater similar to the one now in use on the Western Extension be installed. Some alterations in the electric lighting were recommended. He suggested that a hand reversing gear should be attached to the main engine for use in case the steam gear gave out. He called attention to the fact that the Ludlow was in service continually for three months and nineteen days and suggested that in future he be given a few days every two months in order to keep the boilers in proper condition. The cost of the heater and changes in copper and brass pipes would cost about $1,000. The cost of the larger pump and changes in the pipes would be from $950 to $1,000. Other minor matters would probably arise he said that would need attention.

On motion it was decided that the recommendations be adopted and the report be left in the hands of the chairman and superintendent to carry out.

The matter of making improvements to the east side ferry toll house was brought up and it was decided that the board would look into the matter with the superintendent and Director Cushing. The director, who happened to be in the outer ante-room, was asked if he could undertake the work, and he said he would. It is proposed to improve the lavatories, enlarge the ladies' waiting room and build a shelter and seats on the western side of the toll house.

Ald. Tilley brought up the question of running 20 minute trips from 10 to 11.30 o'clock, p. m. It was left with the superintendent to report as to the amount of traffic during that time.

The chairman reported that a site for the ferry blocks had not yet been determined on. A number of bills were on motion recommended to the council to be paid on the signature of the chairman of the treasury board.

HORROR OF OUTRAGE OF YESTERDAY GROWS AS PARTICULARS COME

Fully 20 People Killed in Attempted Assassination of Alfonso ---The Street Resembled a Shambles---Second Story Windows Blood-Spattered---King's Life Saved by a Chain

LONDON, June 1—Another despatch from Madrid says that King Alfonso had an even more miraculous escape than is generally known. A fragment of the bomb struck his breast but the force was broken by the chain of the Portuguese order which he was wearing. The chain was broken but it stopped a piece of steel which might otherwise have pierced the king's breast.

A Horrible Scene

MADRID, June 1—The officials are beginning to believe that two bombs were thrown at the king and queen yesterday and that the missles exploded simultaneously with only one vivid flash. The scene which followed was like that witnessed on a battle field. Corpses, pools of blood and wreckage were strewed upon the ground. The front of the house No. 88 Calle Mayor, before which the explosion occurred, was covered with holes and blood dripped from the curtains of a window on the first floor. In the apartments of the Duke of Ahumada, the Marchioness Tolosa and her daughter were killed. One body was jammed in the balcony railing and was removed with difficulty. No. 88 Calle Mayor and all the nearby houses were surrounded by police who prevented ingress or egress until they had been thoroughly searched. A tenant on the third floor and a young man who was leaving the house were among those arrested.

The crowd tried to lynch the prisoners and the police only prevented it by charging. Numbers of people hurried to the scene to seek news of relatives, but they were not allowed to enter the buildings. The Marquis of Tolosa, ignorant of the death of his wife, was one of those who arrived and the guards at first refused to admit him. Finally, however, he was allowed to enter and a heartrending scene followed.

The King's Courage

The coolness of the young king was marvellous. On reaching the palace after the explosion he sent adjutants to assist the wounded and later sent officers among the families of the victims, doing everything possible to console with and assist the sufferers.

Queen Christina, the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Archduke and Archduchess Francis Ferdinand of Austria had already reached the palace and were waiting for the king and queen with the infantas. When some time elapsed without the royal coach appearing the Prince of Wales and the Infanta Theresa, who stood waiting at the palace entrance, became deeply anxious, and they were more disturbed when they say the empty coach arrive with its bloody horses. But the royal family were finally relieved when they saw the king and queen arrive. Queen Christina embraced them and uttered her deep thankfulness at their escape. The Princess of Wales was also solicitous regarding the victims and asked for information about the fate of the Marchioness Tolosa.

What London Heard

LONDON, June 1—A despatch from Madrid to the Daily Mail, timed 7.25 Thursday evening, says that it was an Italian anarchist who threw the bomb at the carriage of the King and Queen of Spain, and that after the explosion he committed suicide.

Another despatch to the same paper, time 9.25 p. m., says that the assassin is named Mateo Moral, and that he has escaped.

Pope Congratulates King

ROME, June 1—The attempt on the lives of the Spanish sovereigns produced a deep impression here. Cardinal Merry Del Val, Papal secretary of state, informed Pope Pius of the outrage and his holiness sent his personal congratulations to King Alfonso.

King Victor Emmanuel also telegraphed felicitations to King Alfonso and instructed his uncle, the Duke of Genoa, who represented him at the wedding, to convey to the King and Queen his congratulations on their escape and his condolence on the destruction wrought by the assassin.

Bomb Shattered King's Jewel

MADRID, June 1.—The magnitude of the attempt of the lives of King Alfonso and Queen Victoria increases. The number of killed is now given at twenty and the wounded at sixty. During the night thirty arrests were made, but the person who actually threw the bomb is apparently still at large. The ministry has decided to continue the fetes for the purpose of allaying public apprehension.

A jewelled decoration worn by King Alfonso was shattered by a splinter of the bomb. Queen Victoria is inconsolable, declaring that she is responsible for so many persons being killed.

A Roported Confession

LONDON, June 1.—A despatch to the Exchange Tel g aph Company from Madrid today says the bomb thrower has been arrested, is confined in the Medio Dia police station, and has confessed and supplied details of the outrage.

Weyler Was Wounded

MADRID, June 1.—General Weyler was seriously wounded by the bomb explosion yesterday. Five of the wounded are dying.

Alfonso has no Fear

MADRID, June 1—King Alfonso and his bride, before lunch today rode through the streets of Madrid in an automobile without any escort. They were loudly acclaimed by the people.

NEW FEATURES IN WHITE CASE

Defendant on the Stand in His Own Behalf---Says He Did Not Take One Dollar from the Company, but Paid Old Orders and Held Back His Own.

Harry B. White resumed his testimony in the county court this morning and evidence was given by him referring to the company's books.

The evidence adduced this morning went to show that White had been paying up back reports of Stephen A. Payne. A great deal of figuring was required to ascertain by the books exactly how much White had paid for Payne.

The witness having dealt with the reports of 9th and 10th of January last night, he was asked by Mr. McKeown of the reports of January 11th, and after turning up the books White said that he had forwarded $138.45, received from Emerson & Fisher, $1.45 received from T. B. Barker, and $51.62 from Hall & Fairweather. This last report was received by S. A. Payne on the 8th and forwarded on the 11th by the witness, $87.30 received from H. C. Tilley, and $219.81 from D. F. Brown. All these amounts were received by S. A. Payne and forwarded by Harry B. White.

The "tissue" book was produced and Mr. White said that he took a complete copy of the report before sending the latter forward to the head office.

Referring to the report of January 12th in the tissue book, it showed that he had send forward $1,059.79. Of that $395.92 was short. On January 2nd Stephen A. Payne had received $185.37 in cash of that amount and the balance ($210.55) by cheque. The cheque was produced, the witness stating that Mr. Merritt had given it to him. The cheque was payable at the Union Bank of Halifax. Mr. White said he sent forward to the head office $137.87. The entry in the office, $77.48, which showed White had made up $60.39 that day. That made the reports as considered exact as was remarked by the judge.

On January 5th, while Mr. Payne was cashier he received $12.71. Mr. White sent that forward. On January 8th Mr. Payne had received $82.27 from Macaulay Bros., and sent forward $25.44. Mr. White sent the balance when he was cashier.

The report of January 16th was next referred to, and showed that the witness had sent forward $280.85, $216.92 of that amount was back.

The report of January 13th was next taken up. The report was for $235.48. Mr. Payne received from Estey & Co., $123.80 on Dec. 27, and $84.13 on January 3rd, amounting to $207.93. In White's report of Jan. 13th he included this amount, it having been received by Payne. On January 13th Mr. White sent forward $133.80, which had been received by Stephen A. Payne from Mrs. Gibbs.

Mr. McKeown called the witness's attention to the report of January 30th, and according to the "tissue" book it showed that one of the returns was missing, it not having been sent by the head office. A sheet was missing from the report which would, according to the tissue book, show that Mr. White had forwarded some $600. Those were foreign orders, and they are reported at the head office as explained by Mr. Abbott and Mr. Anderson. Because it was a foreign order it had been separated at the head office from the other reports, and that was why it was not forwarded to the court. Mr. Payne left him to report on Jan. 30, $354.55, and the witness reported it, but Mr. Payne did not leave him the money. Mr. Payne received $306.49 on January 6th, and Mr. White reported it on January 16th. All these statements appeared in the "tissue" book, and were in Mr. Payne's handwriting. The witness reported that also, and no money was left for him by Mr. Payne to do that.

To a juror the witness said that he reported the back reports to keep the thing going. He held back his own reports and made up Payne's.

On January 4th. Mr. Payne received $94.44 and on January 15th the witness reported it. On January 2nd. Payne received $219.81 and it was reported by Mr. White on January 16th. That was from J. M. Humphrey. On Jan. 3rd. $85.23 was received by Mr. Payne from Wm. Thomson & Co. and the witness made that up on January 16th.

Mr. McKeown here remarked that when a collector makes his collections he takes the numbers of his reports and when the agent sends his report forward they are sure to be his reports, and the numbers prove that White did include the back reports of Mr. Payne in his own reports.

On January 8th. Mr. Payne received $192.20 and Mr. White also remitted that in his report of the 19th of January.

Mr. Payne received $104.02 from Waterbury & Rising on January 5th and White reported $103.02 on January 19th.

The books further showed that Mr. Payne had received $250.50 on Jan. 5th. and White reported that amount also on the 19th.

Mr. Payne's last order was taken up and Mr. McKeown called for the order book which Mr. Payne used last, containing the stubbs. One stubb book was required particularly by the witness but the company could not find it.

Mr. McKeown:—"You ought to find it."

Mr. McKeown explained that the stubb book was required to show orders issued out of the book by White and Payne.

The court remarked that there was no reflection on the company. "The stubbs can't be produced because they cannot be found."

Part or all of the orders Mr. White sold on January 10th the cash was received by Mr. Payne and the witness wanted the stubb book to show that.

The court remarked that Mr. McKeown resented the solicitor-general's remarks and Mr. McKeown stated that the court and the prosecution must remember that the defendant is charged with having stolen $5000, and that was sufficient ground for the greatest kind of resentment.

The witness said that a draft drawn by Mr. Payne for $540 was paid by him as the treasurer had called upon him to pay it. The draft was signed by Mr. Abbott.

To the court Mr. White said that he had to settle it in some way. The draft was produced in court and the body of it was shown to have been in Payne's hand-writing and the signature in that of Mr. Abbott, the manager.

Mr. McKeown read letters, which showed that Mr. White was called upon by Treasurer Newman to pay the draft.

Mr. Haycock got up and stated that the company admitted that Mr. White had settled for that draft.

The witness stated that there were 35 orders in his report of January 9th, which he had reported for Payne. They all amounted to $496.08. That was one report alone. While cashier the witness had no one to aid him during January, as Payne had. He had to fix everything up himself, being collector and cashier. The witness admitted making the "Bolyton" orders out around Oct. 20. He said a gentleman came into the office and asked what an order for $125 would cost. He said 40 cents. The gentleman said that the names were F. R. Bolyton and E. B. Perkins. He was to call after dinner for the orders. He went down on his way to dinner got the orders at Donohue's and said he would report them. He made the orders out. After dinner went back. Gentleman came and paid for the orders. He put the money in the safe. He came in later on and said he would not take the orders, so White gave the cash back and the gentleman said he could keep the commission for his trouble. White told him that he would give a receipt as he had paid the commission. The defendant said he made the orders out wrongly, as he should have made them payable to order of E. P. Perkins instead of F. R. Bolyton. The witness got the cash at the Bank of Nova Scotia to pay back shortages, and when he next made a Donohue report he sent it into the company. Mr. Donohue's next report was taken and it was for $20. It should have been for $25, and White said that he had made a mistake. White said he wrote Donohue's name as agent. He did not think there was any harm in it..

He had the right to sell orders and the fact that he sold orders out of another's book and not make him think he was doing wrong. He had sometimes signed orders for Price and Donohue in their presence when they were busy. The only commercial education the witness received was in the express company's office.

The windows were ordered open as the judge said he could hardly keep awake.

"Don't have a draught on the jury," said the judge.

"We have enough drafts," said Mr. McKeown.

White said he paid all the back reports.

Financially, everything was in a bad state. White was back because he had paid up Payne's back reports. As far as the St. John office was concerned things were in desperate straits.

The "Goodell" orders were next taken up. White said he got the orders from Price, but he did not go to the bank and cash them. He never got $1 for them himself. He credited the office with them and they acted as vouchers to the head office. It was done simply to balance the accounts. Mr. White said he saw now that he did not do right, but he did not do it to defraud the company.

Court—"You got nothing out of it yourself."

Witness—"Not a cent."

In every instance of the orders they were taken to help the office out.

Mr. McKeown said that he was substantially through with the witness, and an adjournment was made until two o'clock.

OBITUARY

John C. Morris

Jonas C. Morris died today at his home, 45 Harrison street. He was 77 years of age and is survived by three sons and two daughters. The funeral will be held Sunday at 2.30 o'clock.

Mrs. Eleanor A. Wills

The death of Mrs. Eleanor A. Wills occurred at three o'clock this morning at her son's residence, 64 Elliott Row. She was 75 years of age, a daughter of Wm. Fawcett, and was born at Upper Sackville.

There will be a short service at the house at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, after which the body will be taken to Upper Sackville by the C. P. R.

LeBaron M. Drury

The death of De Baron Maule Drury of the Bank of Montreal staff at Regina, Saskatchewan, occurred at that place on May 29. He was 30 years of age and a son of the late Ward Chipman Drury, who at one time was connected with the registry office in St. John and resided on Cliff street. Death is attributed to heart failure.

The body is expected here tomorrow and the funeral service will be held in St. Paul's (Valley) church.

Miss Eliza Dowling

Miss Eliza Dowling aged 60 years died this morning at the Home for Incurables. She had been a sufferer since childhood and had been an inmate of the home for some time.

A short service will be conducted at the home tomorrow morning by Rev. J. Edward Hand, after which the body will be taken to the residence of her sister, Mrs. F. W. Davis, No. 9 White St.

The rescue staff from the Evangeline Home will have special services at Mill St barracks on Sunday afternoon and evening.

PROBATE COURT

The last will and testament of the late Thomas B. Foley was admitted to probate today and letters testamentary were granted to Thomas Regan, the executor named in the will. $1700 personal property is the value of the estate.

Letters of administration in the estate of the late Charles Edward Gormley have been granted to his widow, Ellen G. Gormley. The estate values at $1,000 personal property, W. J. Mahoney, proctor.

The Second Canada Militia Rifle League match will be shot by the local teams on Saturday afternoon on the government range. The members of the City Rifle Club are requested to attend, as all members are eligible to shoot for a place on the team. Also a spoon match will be shot in connection with the league match.

Archdeacon Forsyth was in the city yesterday.

COLLEGE SPORTS IN MONCTON TODAY

Intercollegiate Events on at The Railway Town this Afternoon.

MONCTON, N. B., June 1.—(Special).—A large number of college boys are in town this morning to attend the intercollegiate meet on Moncton athletic grounds this afternoon. Three teams, from U. N. B., Mount Allison and Acadia, are here, and deep interest is being manifested in the impending struggle by friends of the different colleges. The weather is fine and warm, and the track in splendid condition. The intercollegians are in good spirits over a good, keen day's sports.

The Moncton baseball team defeated St. Joseph's College at the college yesterday by of score of twelve to four.

General Manager Pottinger returned this morning from Ottawa, where he has been the past three weeks.

The minister of railways has accepted an invitation to attend the Christian Brotherhood banquet here next Monday night.

Alderman Bullock said he thought the establishment of public playgrounds for the children was highly advisable if they were under proper supervision. "I cannot recommend it too strongly" he said. "Anything that will tend to help along or improve the rising generation of all classes, color or creed should be heartily supported."

DEATHS

WILLS—On June 1st, at her son's residence, 64 Elliott Row, Eleanor A. Wills, aged 75 years.

Funeral service at the house at 11 o'clock tomorrow, after which the body will be taken to Upper Sackville.

MORRIS—In this city, on the 1st inst., Jonas C. Morris, aged 77 years, leaving three sons and two daughters to mourn their sad loss.

Funeral Sunday at 2.30 p. m., from his late residence, 45 Harrison street. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

GROCERS' GUILD IN CONSPIRACY

HAMILTON, Ont., June 1 (Special)—The case against the Wholesale Grocers' Guild, on a charge of conspiracy, was continued in the police court yesterday before Magistrate J. Elfs and Crown Attorney Washington obtained evidence against the alleged combine of a highly sensational character. Letters were submitted, which showed that the Guild had what it called an equalized sugar freight rate, which was higher in many instances than the rates of railways, from whom the refiners got a difference in the form of rebates. Whether the Guild got anything out of the rebate has not developed yet. It was shown that two grocers, Andrew McLean, of Kingston, and J. Curtis, of Port Hope, could not buy tobacco, sugar, syrup, starch or salt from manufacturers or the Guild except at retail rates. Mr. McLean complained.

Alfred Powis, local agent of the McDonald Tobacco Co. and the Acadia Sugar Co. was examined, but proved a very unwilling witness. He reluctantly admitted that he was allowed to canvass only members of the Guild, and could not sell to those outside that body. The Acadia Co. would not sell to the Wholesale Grocers' Co., as this did not belong to the Guild. The case is being continued today.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET

MONTREAL, June 1.—(Special). — The stock market was inactive this morning and price changes were only fractional. Nova Scotia Steel was strong, selling at 68 1-2 to 3-4, but Dom. Iron issues were dull, only bonds figuring at 85 1-2. Other issues which were traded in were, MacKay, 73 3-4; Halifax Tram, 105; Dom. Coal, 78; Montreal Power, 93 1-4, Illinois, pfd., 96; Ohio Traction, 31 1-2.

The Norwegian bark Elma, 742 tons, Captain Anderson, arrived this afternoon from Bremen to load deal.

FUND TO PROVIDE PLAYGROUNDS FOR THE CITY'S LITTLE ONES

The Evening Times	$100.00
The Daily Telegraph	100.00

The Telegraph and The Times beg to announce that they are starting a fund to provide supervised playgrounds for the children of St. John. These journals head the subscription list with $100.00 each, and earnestly invite subscriptions from the public and its co-operation in this good work. Any and all amounts will be welcomed and will be promptly acknowledged in The Times and The Telegraph.

The Times today asked a number of the leading citizens their views on the subject of providing a public playground for children, and without exception they declared in favor of the project.

Mayor Sears will Support It

Mayor Sears said that he was heartily in accord with the scheme, and he has promised Miss Peters, who is very much interested in the project, that he will do all in his power to help it along.

Judge Forbes Approves It

Judge Forbes stated this morning that he would like very much to see the children of this city have a playgrounds. "Anything at all," said his honor, "that will promote the interests of the young people, will meet with my approval."

"It Is a Good Thing"

D. H. Nase, of the school board when asked this morning for his views regarding a playground, said simply: "It's a good thing."

Mrs. Dever Endorses Plan

Mrs. James Dever, when seen by a Times reporter, this morning said: "My sympathies have always been with Miss Peters, in having a public playground for the little ones, and I think the school trustees as a majority will favor the idea of allowing her the use of the Centennial School playground for the vacation."

Would Be a Benefit

Joseph Allison said he had not looked into the question and therefore was not in a position to express an opinion on the subject, but on general principles he thought the scheme would be a good one.

"I believe," said Mr. Allison, "that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, and no doubt these playgrounds would be a benefit."

A LABRADOR SETTLER EATEN BY HIS DOGS

HALIFAX, N. S., June 1.—(Special).—William McKay, formerly of Halifax, now assistant manager of a lumber company in Labrador, is home on a vacation. Mr. McKay says that on his way home, while at Indian Harbor, Straits of Belleisle, he heard of a tragedy which had occurred there just previous to his arrival, when a man named Robert Crumby had been killed and eaten by the dogs he was driving.

Crumby lived in a region several miles from firewood supplies, and he was on his way for a load, with a sled drawn by nine dogs. When out of sight of the village he had left, and about twenty minutes in advance of another dog team that was following, his dogs turned on him and tore him to pieces.

When the other team came up Crumby's dogs was dead and the pack were devouring him. So intent and fierce were the canines, Mr. McKay says, that two of them, before they would cease tearing at the human flesh had their heads stricken off with axes. Subsequently the dogs were all shot. The pack of dogs was known to be bad, and it was not customary for one man to go with them alone. Crumby on this occasion, however, did so, and the poor fellow perished. He was about 35 years old and unmarried.

Mr. McKay says that this kind of thing is quite frequent. Some time before John Kane, his wife and granddaughter, started for Nain, a Moravian settlement north of Gillisport, but they were never heard of again and the supposition is that they got lost and were devoured by wolves or

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

HEART TO HEART TALK.

A very small boy from Brussels street walked into the office of the Times new reporter this morning and said:—

"Mister—is it true we're goin' to have playgrounds without no p'licemen to chase us?"

"I hope so," said the new reporter. "Would you like it?"

"Gee!" ejaculated the boy. "Did you ever play when you was a litt boy?"

The new reporter laid a han on the shoulder of the questioner, and tol him of a little boy who played in the country, and had wonderful sand mills on the edge of the river ba k, where the swallows made their nests; and had a bower in the woods, up in the branches of a tree, where he could sit and sway with the wind—leaves above and leaves below, and birds singing all around him.

"Real birds?" asked the Brussels street boy.

"Real birds. And he had a brook running through the woods, with a deep pool under the moss-covered roots of an old tree—and a trout in the pool, that he could sometimes see when he lay down on the moss and peered through the interlacing roots.

"Real trout?" queried the Brussels street boy.

"Real trout. And then there were squirrels in the trees, and running along the fences—and flowers in the fields, and berries—"

"Gee!" interjected the Brussels street boy.

"Yes," said the new reporter. "The little boy in the country had a great playground."

"Wisht I had," said the Brussels street boy. "A p'liceman chased me yesterday—great big fat p'liceman. He couldn't ketch me. Got any cigarettes?"

"You surely don't smoke cigarettes?" said the now reporter.

"I'm goin' to learn," replied the Brussels street boy. "I know lots of boys does. If we get a playground can't we smoke there?"

"No smoke," said the new reporter. "But you will have a great time every day, and you won't want to smoke."

"Gee! I wisht they'd hurry up," said the Brussels street boy.

Long after the little boy had gone, the new reporter sat and stared with unseeing eyes through the office window. He was looking beyond the years to the sand-mills, the swallows' nests, the brook, the trout, the swaying trees, the flower-spangled fields, and the hills that were the horizon of a boyhood world.

"Poor boy!" he said at last. But when he said that he was thinking of the Brussels street boy, who has no playground.

AUDITOR GENERAL BEEK IS 92 YEARS OLD TODAY

FREDERICTON, N. B., June 1.—(Special).—Auditor General Beek is today celebrating his ninety-second birthday and is receiving many congratulations on the event. He was born in County Cork, Ireland, and arrived in St. John in a sailing vessel in June, 1824, when ten years of age. He came to Fredericton the next day and has since resided here. He was appointed legislative librarian in 1864 and auditor general three years later. Four years ago he was created a member of the imperial service order. In conversation with the Times this morning, Mr. Beek said he was enjoying excellent health. He has not been absent from his office a day for a long time and this thirty years since he has taken a vacation. Asked if the report was true that he was to retire from office in the near future, he said he had not given the matter much consideration. He would like, he said, to be relieved of the responsibility, but felt that life would be burdensome to him without work of some kind.

The university students celebrated the encoenia with great vim on the college hill last night. Ten shots were discharged from an old cannon without any mishap, but with the eleventh charge it went to pieces. It is said that several of the students narrowly escaped injury. The students marched down town at daylight singing college songs and wound up the festivities by ringing a false alarm of fire.

The value of the customs entries here during May was $60,179, and the duty amounted to $3,632.10. For the corresponding month last year the figures were $47,773 and $3,353.05.