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Dangerous Pastimes

It is sometime said that it is characteristic of the people of this country to "take a chance"; that the very nature of the particular calling of the greater number encourages it, and that the hazardous nature of the work of those who go down to the sea in ships makes them indifferent to risky undertakings. Be that as it may, it is certain that at this time of the year the younger members of the community give their parents considerable amount of anxiety by the manner in which they take their lives in their hands. There is first of all the case of the child who careens down the icy surfaces of the steep inclines in the city at a speed, compared to which, the rate of travel of the most reckless driver of a motor car is only a snail's pace. Down the slide rushes, across such busy thoroughfares as New Gower Street or Duckworth Street, and even into Water Street, and at each corner that the youngster passes he takes a chance with the odds all against him. He, (and often it is she) is in and through the traffic consisting of rapidly moving side sleighs and cars, heavily laden catamarans and the menacing trams that cannot be diverted from their path, and in such a short space of time cannot be stopped.

Now and again the inevitable happens, and an accident such as occurred last week is the result. That these accidents are not more frequent or more serious is due entirely to the discretion and presence of mind of the city drivers, who are always creating the sudden appearance of a child immediately under the horses' hoofs or in front of the car or tram.

The dangerous practice is not only a menace to child life, but it is also a serious matter for pedestrians. It is by no means the simplest thing in the world to respond immediately to the warning cry "Road!" with which the youngster announces that he is within a fraction of a second of striking distance, and it is equally as difficult to come to a dead stop on a slippery surface in order to allow a string of speedsters to tear by within an inch of one's toes.

We have in the immediate vicinity of the city hills that are in every way suitable for this delectable sport where there is little risk to riders or to pedestrians. For that reason it is not inflicting a hardship on the children, in fact it is doing them a kindness, to forbid the pastime in the thickly populated area. Perhaps in some way the Council could co-operate with the police in the enforcement of the rule. A scattering of cinders for instance, across the streets at certain intervals, and not of sufficient breadth to interfere with horse traffic would prove an effective deterrent, and the clearing of a good track on a suburban hill might attract the children thither.

Another great danger at this season is the pond which is not frozen to a sufficient thickness to bear any considerable weight. In

and around London it is forbidden, we believe, to venture on the ice until it is frozen to a depth of three inches. We have our guardians appointed to look after the swimming pools during the summer, and similar precautions might be taken to protect the skaters. The number of ponds frequented is limited, and among the first to be used is Burton's, as it is shallow and freezes over early. It is particularly treacherous, however, owing to the muddy nature of the bottom.

Last year the Council carried out an excellent plan by making a rink in Bannerman Park. It would not add considerably to the expenses of the city to have another on Burton's. It is within easy reach of the city and in the neighbourhood are a great many children who cannot well afford to pay for their sport.

Whether the steps taken are of a preventative nature, or are for the encouragement of sport under safe conditions the slight expense incurred should not be grudged. It is a matter of the protection of our child life which is after all our most precious possession. It is a question also of making our streets safe which is a consideration that cannot be treated lightly.

Shoe Buckles! Rhinestone Shoe Buckles at SMALLWOOD'S, dec24,tt

Rev. Canon Earp

RECEIVES AN INVITATION FROM SASKATOON.

We learn that an invitation to Rev. Canon Earp, the Rector of St. Thomas Church to accept the position of Resident Canon of St. John's Cathedral, Saskatoon, Sask. The message received was sent by the Bishop of Saskatchewan, an old friend of Canon Earp who for years worked in Regina. It is not yet known whether the offer will be accepted and Canon Earp has asked for a week in which to consider it. The work of Canon Earp in St. Thomas's Mission and esteem in which he has been held in the community ever since his arrival are too well recognized to call for further comment, and his departure would be a signal loss. His health, however, is not robust and the climate of St. John's has been found at times more trying than that of the Canadian west. Whether Canon Earp accepts the offer or remains, his many friends are gratified at the high tribute which has been paid him in offering him a part of such great importance and responsibility.

Get your stock in for the winter by going to St. Joseph's and winning a Barrel of Flour or a Tub of Butter for 30c. Come early.—Jan.8,tt

Relief Works Begun

Work for the unemployed of the city is being provided at the East and West End Rock Sheds. Friday last about thirty-five men were given work at the East End Shed clearing the snow away and making other preparations. Work at the West End Shed began yesterday, some twenty-five men being employed there.

Ladies' Warm Felt Footwear, in button and buckle styles, at SMALLWOOD'S, dec24,tt

Acknowledgment

The Superintendent of the Church of England Orphanage desires to thank Messrs. Rothwell & Bowring, Ltd., for the sum of \$50.00 towards expenses of the farm.

Methodist Orphanage Christmas Gift Fund acknowledgment:
Mrs. John Lennon \$100.00
Contribution in Hall 27.75
Mr. C. A. Hubley 5.00
Gower St. Sunday School 20.00
Wesley St. School 9.98

From the Humble to the Hum of the Travellers' Dance January 10th.—Jan.8,tt

McMurdo's Store News.

MERITOR TOOTH BRUSHES.

Inquisitiveness may be a great nuisance in a friend or a relation. In a Tooth Brush it is a virtue which will add years to the life of your teeth. The inquisitiveness of the Meritor Tooth Brush, its anxiety to get to the crevices of the teeth as well as the front, means untold blessing to the life and looks of your teeth. And its beautiful bristles are fixed for ever and a day. Made in four sizes, Men's, Ladies', Children's and Babies'. Price 50c. and 35c.

Ladies' Tan Hockey Boots \$6.00 at SMALLWOOD'S, dec24,tt

THE ENQUIRY CONTINUED.

Controller's Department Probed--Government Audit Investigated.

The afternoon session yesterday was taken up by the cross examination of Mr. J. T. Meaney by Mr. Howley, who interrogated the Commissioner that he was then prepared to proceed, but might it certain situations arose ask for a short adjournment. To this the Commissioner replied that such application would be considered, and that the reply would depend upon the nature of the application.

Asked by Mr. Howley if the total amount advanced from time to time to Miss Miller was \$23,885 represented by the cheques and I.O.U.s put in evidence, the witness replied that it was the approximate amount. Witness further stated that the Department accounts would not show that the cash was short to that amount or to any amount. Pressed to explain witness stated that the cash thus obtained would not go through the regular channels of the accounting department. Asked if it was possible that the monies belonging to that department could be taken or used without a deficit showing, witness replied that they could and that there was not necessarily a limit to the deficit which would not show.

The examining Council enquired about the Government Audit. Witness stated that accounts were audited weekly and covered the period during which the amount referred to was outstanding and while the cheques and I.O.U.s were held. Witness stated that the cheques and the I.O.U.s had not come under the notice of the Auditors because he had withheld those documents from the Auditors because he did not wish it to be known that Sir Richard Squires had received temporary accommodation from the Department and that he did it for Sir Richard Squires' protection. The audit system revealed no irregularities or shortages.

Mr. Meaney declined to say whether or not any liquor had been given by him as a present to anyone during his term of office and gave as his reason that the paragraph in the terms of reference did not indicate that he was expected to give evidence along the line suggested. He denied that he refrained from answering the question on the ground of lack of memory. The Commissioner intimated that the answer to the question be deferred until to-morrow morning. Asked if credit were permitted, witness answered in the affirmative, but stated that such accounts did not appear in the books of the Department, but were kept as a memo by himself. The Commissioner asked if there would not appear a shortage in accounts audited between the time credit was given and the payment for the liquor sold on credit, to which witness replied that he deposited money to the credit of the Department for the special amount. Witness stated that there were credits outstanding on the date that he severed connections with the Department.

Asked if he took the cheques and I.O.U.s with him when he vacated office, witness said "Yes, most decidedly," and that they were placed in the hands of the Minister of Justice by him. Witness could not say what disposition was made of the proceeds of cheques received by R. A. Squires, per J. G. Miller, for \$350, \$500 and another for \$500, nor of one for \$1,400. So far as witness could verify, documents put in by all represented cash payments. If there were not sufficient funds belonging to the department witness supplemented his own, accounts of which he could not locate. Witness stated that he had frequently asked Miss Miller for a repayment of the amounts during 1921-22 and believed that it would be refunded. Asked why he had accepted I.O.U.s which were signed by Miss Miller and not by R. A. Squires, witness stated that Miss Miller had explained that the I.O.U.s were substituted for cheques because the stubs of cheques were causing inquiries in the office. The Commissioner at this point called attention to the difference between the cheques bearing two signatures and the I.O.U.s showing but the one.

With reference to an I.O.U. presented by Miss Miller on July 27, 1922, for \$2,500, witness stated he could only give \$500 which she took to the Bank, and brought back to him the deposit slip. Witness then said he told Miss Miller that the transactions could go no further. In reply to the Commissioner, witness stated that he could not recollect whether Sir Richard Squires was in the country at that time or not, without reference to his notes. The Commissioner considered the references to notes inadmissible without the permission of the Court.

With reference to the report to the police of a burglary in the Controller's Department, witness stated that a document submitted was not a correct report of what transpired between him and Head Constable Byrne. He was positive that he did not say that he believed that the Prime Minister was at the back of it. Witness admitted that he told Dr. Chisholm that if he were driven to it he had material to fight Sir Richard Squires. Asked if he had attempted to stop the audit of accounts at any time, witness said that on one occasion he had, in 1922. Witness stated that when he was suspended he left in the office a memo accounting for the shortage. The shortage was said to be on account of the burglary.

Asked if he had shown the documents which he had in his keeping to anyone, witness stated that he had shown them to Jas. J. Miller and that he had consulted his Solicitor, Mr. W. J. Higgins, when he was confronted with arrest on account of shortage in the Department. The remainder of the time was taken up in a series of questions bearing upon the relations of the witness and J. J. Miller, at the end of which Mr. Howley intimated to the Commissioner that he would like to continue the cross examination for a short time at the next sitting. The Commission then adjourned.

THIS FORENOON'S PROCEEDINGS: Prime Minister Promises Another Enquiry Into Controller's Dept. When the enquiry was resumed this morning, Mr. Meaney was called to the stand, but before the proceedings were underway, Mr. Howley asked if he could be informed by the government representative as to whether there was any stock taking, and audit of the accounts made, and what was the alcohol shortage in the Controller's Department before Mr. Meaney went out of office. He explained that the Commission had evidence of three or four cases of shortage and he suggested that the Commissioner should be in the position to obtain all the information.

Commissioner—I can't inquire into these other sources of shortage. I want to be persuaded that these shortages have a bearing on the question before us. You brought out from Mr. Meaney yesterday, evidence that there were presents made. Mr. Howley—We have \$23,885 accounted for and the amount due on I.O.U.s. We have not evidence of the amount of shortage due to presents made by Mr. Meaney. Commissioner—I cannot find out that for you. It does not come within the scope of this Commission.

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Magistrate's Court.

A resident of the Higher Levels, named Martin Tracey, arrested under warrant by Detective Lee, yesterday, was arraigned before Judge Morris, charged with forging two cheques sometime within the past month. The accused was not asked to plead. Supt. O'Neill asked for a postponement owing to the Crown not being ready to proceed. In the meantime the prisoner was remanded for eight days.

Ladies' Black Hockey Boots \$6.00 at SMALLWOOD'S, dec24,tt

Coastal Boats.

GOVERNMENT.

Argyle left Argyle 6.15 a.m. on Merabeen route.
Clyde arrived at St. John's 7 p.m. yesterday.
Kyle left Port aux Basques 8.30 a.m.
Meigle left Port aux Basques 8.15 a.m.

Saguna leaving Humbermouth to-day for St. John's, via North Sydney.
Prosper left Couchman's Cove 7 a.m. coming South.
Portia left Sydney 7 o'clock last evening for Curragh.
Susu left Joe Batt's Arm 9 a.m. going north.

STAFFORD'S Liniment for Aches and Pains, 20c. bottle, dec24,tt

THE TRAINS—The belated express reached the city at 12.10 this morning. Sunday's west bound express arrived at Port aux Basques 7.35 a.m. to-day. The Kyle with mails and passengers left there at 8.30. The local Carboniferous train arrived at 1 p.m. The weather is fine and clear across country to-day.

"K." Boots, Brogues and Pumps at SMALLWOOD'S, dec24,tt

PRELIMINARY ENQUIRY.—The preliminary enquiry into the charge against Robert Martin, for forgery, began yesterday afternoon before Mr. McCarthy, J.P. A large number of witnesses were examined, and the hearing will be continued this afternoon when the balance of witnesses will be called upon to give evidence.

High Grade Turkish Cigarettes at the Blue Puttee, Murad 40c. for 10. Melachino No. 9 "The world's finest Turkish Cigarette"; cork tipped, 50c. for 10. This is an especially fine cigarette for ladies.—Jan.8,tt

Tickets going good for the Travellers' Dance January 10th. Jan.8,tt

There passed peacefully away, Wesleyville, on Friday, at 2 o'clock, kind and affectionate wife and mother in the person of Mrs. Henry Stocking leaving to mourn husband, three sons and four daughters; Lewis and Kenneth residing in New York, three in Wesleyville, and one other in the city.

"Not now but in the coming years, it may be in the better land; We'll read the meaning of our tears, and then, yes then, we'll understand."
Jan. 7th, Annie May, the infant child of James and Queenie Haynes, aged 24 months, "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

IN LOVING MEMORY of my dear son, James Pearcey, who died Jan. 6th, 1918.

Dearest loved one we have laid thee in the peaceful grave's embrace. But thy memory we will cherish. Until we see thy heavenly face. Far beyond this world of changes, Far beyond this world of care, We shall find our missing loved one, In our father's mansion fair. —Inserted by his Mother.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. Isaac Mercer and family wish to thank all those who helped them in their great sorrow in the loss of a loving wife and mother, Rev. E. J. R. Nichols, Dr. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Scurry, Mr. and Mrs. George Scurry, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Noel, Mr. George Collett, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dwyer, Mr. Fred Davis, also Mr. W. H. Baird for use of phone; for wreath, the Rollemakers, Mechanic and Blacksmiths of the Dry Dock; for flowers, Mr. H. James; also for note of sympathy, Lodge Dudley S.O.E., and to other kind friends who sympathized with them in their recent sad bereavement.—SdV.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—The Melior Superior St. Michael's Orphanage, Belvidere, gratefully acknowledge receipt of cheque, eighty-five dollars (\$85.00) from Bay Parish P.R. Rev. P. J. O'Brien, P.P.

CARD.
Miss A. N. Hunter, A.A.

re-opens her Private School of Wednesday, January 9th, at 9 a.m. Accommodation for a limited number of pupils. For terms etc., apply 5 Mundy Pond Road any morning or phone 126R. Jan.8,tt

In the Supreme Court of Newfoundland.

In the matter of the alleged insolvent of Curtis Boone and H. A. Northcott carrying on business under the name and style of the "Carlton Restaurant."

Upon reading the Petition of Albert T. Woolfrey of Lewisporte, Merchant, carrying on business under the name and style of A. T. Woolfrey & Brothers, alleging that Curtis Boone and H. A. Northcott of Lewisporte, carrying on business under the name and style of the "Carlton Restaurant," are insolvent and praying that a trustee and receiver be appointed for the said Curtis Boone and H. A. Northcott, and upon hearing Mr. Barrett Counsel for him, I do order that said Curtis Boone and H. A. Northcott and their creditors do appear before me in Chambers at the Court House at St. John's on Wednesday, 10th day of January instant, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to be examined and heard touching their said solvency and I do further order that Harold Orley of St. John's, Member of the Newfoundland Association, the Protection of Trade, be and he is hereby appointed Intervenor. Trustee of the estate and effects of the said Curtis Boone and H. A. Northcott. Dated at St. John's this 7th day of January, A.D. 1924. J. M. KEENE

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