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WHY THIS INDIFFERENCE?

If St. John is to become a great manufacturing centre, provision must be made for cheaper heat, light and power. This thought at once suggests natural gas. Is there a sufficient supply in the fields which exist in Albert County, and are believed to exist in Kings County, to supply the needs of St. John? Not so very long ago it was asked if there was enough to supply Moncton; and it is but a year or two since doubts were expressed whether there was any at all. Yet Moncton and Hillsboro are using the gas, and there is an abundant supply available. There has been no disappointment. The company which sought the wells found them, and is finding more. The pressure is so great as to excite the surprise of persons who are familiar with wells elsewhere. Gas is piped a much longer distance than that from the Albert wells to St. John. Why do not St. John business men take a deeper interest in this question? They could do something toward hastening the tests to be made near Sussex, or to have this city connected with the wells in Albert. Indifference on their part means delay. It is not enough to argue that if the gas is discovered in greater quantity the company will come seeking a market. That is not the attitude of an enterprising community which is eager for expansion. Whether it be natural gas or hydro-electric power, the time has surely come for an aroused public interest in the question, and a determination to be able to offer cheaper heat, light and power as one of the encouragements to those considering the investment of capital in new industries or the enlargement of those already in existence.

The following item from the Amherst News is of interest in this connection:—
"We have before us a letter today from Mr. Lodge, Moncton, addressed to N. C. Curry, Montreal, and forwarded to Percy C. Black, of this town. Mr. Lodge states that the managers of the Tramway & Gas Company were now making all arrangements for the distribution of the gas in Amherst at once and he, Mr. Lodge, would do his utmost to have the project hurried along. The News learns from other sources that the gas company are planning to have their pipe lines to Amherst this fall. It should prove a great boon to our town."

IT WAS A RARE SIGHT

That was an inspiring picture spread before the Duke of Connaught at the site of the Rockwood Park playground yesterday. The eager faces of the many hundreds of healthy and prettily dressed children on the temporary grand stand, as they sang or waved their flags and cheered, must have appealed very strongly to His Royal Highness; while the thousands of men, women and children massed around the speaker's stand and spreading away on either side showed how universal was the desire of the citizens to do him honor, and to be present at the dedication of the new playground. It seemed that the whole city was in the streets yesterday to cheer the royal visitors, and the crowd at the playground in the afternoon was perhaps beyond precedent at an outdoor demonstration in St. John.

The brief address of Mayor Frink in introducing His Royal Highness was appropriate to the occasion, and the Duke's reply showed his appreciation of the reception given to himself and the Duchess and Princess Patricia in St. John, as well as his high estimate of the value of playgrounds in civic life. His tribute to Mr. Joseph Allison was as graceful as it was well merited. The people were charmed with his gracious manner, and the formality of the whole affair. To the children it was a day of days, and the little flags they carried with double treasured as precious souvenirs of the lovely summer day on which they sang their patriotic songs in honor of Canada's royal governor-general, at the formal dedication of the great new playground of St. John.

CHANGES OF THE YEARS

The Canadian confederation was very young when last His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught visited St. John. At that time the harbor was filled with wooden ships, and shipbuilding was still a great industry. There is today one full-rigged ship in the harbor, a reminder of the old days, but there are now no fleets of sailing vessels owned in St. John, and the building of wooden ships is a lost industry. The great fire had not occurred when last His Royal Highness was welcomed in St. John. The province was not gridironed with railways. Its forests were its chief source of wealth to a far greater extent than at present. There have been very great changes. Although the city and province have not developed as rapidly as those of the west, there has been substantial progress, and within a year or two we have witnessed the beginning of a forward movement which includes the development of varied resources and is full of promise for the future. The city which has welcomed the royal visitors today is a city stirred by the pulse of a new life, secured of its position as a great national port on one of the great trade routes of the Empire, and having behind it a rich province to whose fertile fields will come growing numbers the home seekers from the mother land. They will find here natural conditions more similar to those they left behind than are found, perhaps, anywhere else in Canada, and here on the seaboard they are within comparative easy reach of the old home.

ATHLETIC TRAINING

Touching the matter of playgrounds and athletic training, to which the Times referred on Monday, the Sydney Post makes some observations on the condition of affairs in that town, which are quite applicable to the city of St. John. The Post laments the indifference of the public to the question of athletics, and suggests a remedy, as follows:—
"Examining carefully all the conditions, it seems to us clearly evident that one thing, and one thing only, is needed. That one thing is organization, and the best efforts of all who are interested in the promotion of sport should be turned in the direction of organizing a strong and representative athletic association. Once a strong association is formed, the rest will be easy. The city has a magnificent public playground, unexcelled in the Maritimes. The expenditure of a few hundreds of dollars will give us athletic grounds equal to any in the province. On the grounds there is a building, which could probably be obtained at a low figure and which the expenditure of a few hundreds more would turn into a splendid club house. There does not seem any reason why, if the matter is gone about properly, an association comprising several hundred members should not be organized within a few weeks. The sporting editor of the Post has talked the matter over with a number of leading citizens, and all have assured him that they will give their hearty support to movement of this kind. All that is needed is a little initiative on the part of a few. The public will take kindly to the idea once they are assured that something practical will be done."

The pith of this statement is in the last few sentences. There must be the initiative on the part of a few. That was the case in the Board of Trade forward movement in St. John, which resulted in the adoption of the commission plan of government. It was the case in the supervised playground movement which is now a settled policy in this city. It is the case in all important undertakings. There is a fine opportunity for a few men interested in the public welfare, and especially in that branch of effort which encourages athletic training, to bring St. John into its proper place as the home of trained athletes, able to hold their own at national or international meets. Such an organization as would bring this about would give a new and healthy incentive to boys and young men, and greatly benefit the city.

The new playground is now ready to be developed. Strike while the iron is hot.

Congratulations to Miss Mahol Peters, president of the St. John Playground Association.

The children of East St. John, as well as those of the city, had a memorable afternoon yesterday.

The citizens will now turn their attention to the work of preparing for the exhibition.

Numerous little boys and girls are going about wondering whether that vaccination will "take." It is the beginning of their school troubles.

In the crowd at the playground yesterday were people of many races, all now citizens of St. John. It was a far more cosmopolitan assemblage than that which greeted the Duke in 1899.

Sir Max and Mr. Bennett declare that Mr. Borden is a great man. Mr. Borden might hesitate to return the compliment, but these worthies are nevertheless convinced that there are at least two other great men. The tribe has increased since last September.

Many citizens should find it worth while to attend the formal closing of the Centennial Playground this afternoon and that of the Aberdeen on Wednesday afternoon, to see and hear the children and inspect the samples of the children's work during the summer holidays. It is really worth while.

Now that it is all over it may be asked why more people did not lift their hats when the Duke and Princess passed on their way to church on Sunday morning, and at other times when they passed along the streets. So simple an act of courtesy to the king's representative and members of his family could never be mistaken for funkiness.

The scene at St. Andrew's Rink last evening was one of great beauty and animation, and the royal visitors were more than kind. They bore the ordeal of continually acknowledging introductions for nearly an hour with a patience that betrayed no trace of weariness. There are times when the ordinary citizen does not envy the tasks of the great.

No doubt some things were overlooked, and some things might have been done better, but the visit of the vice-regal party was a delightful, the people cordial in their greeting of the royal visitors, and the latter not less hearty in their response. Every portion of Canada conveys to the king, through his representative, the same message of loyalty and devotion.

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Come ye aside from all the world holds dear,
For converse which the world has never known,
Alone with Me, and with My Father here,
With Me and with My Father not alone.

Come, tell Me all that ye have said and done,
Your victories and failures, hopes and fears,
I know how hardly souls are wooed and won;
My choicest wreaths are always wet with tears.

Come ye and rest. The journey is too great,
And ye will faint beside the way;
The bread of life is here for you to eat,
And here for you the wine of love to drink.

Then fresh from converse with your Lord return,
And work till daylight softens into even;
The brief hours are not lost in which ye learn
More of your Master and His rest in heaven.

LIGHTER VEIN

THE STYLE HUBBY LIKES
Mrs. Shortly was discussing the latest fashions with a young lady caller.

"Did you say your husband was fond of those flannel gowns, Mac?"
"Yes, he likes one to cling to me for about three years."

AFTERMATH

Now come the post-vacation woes,
When some dear friend who slipped your mind
Gives you a frost that nips your toes
And treats you in a way unkind.

And says in chilly tones and hard:
"I didn't get a postal card."

DID SHE

"Do you know anything about hypnosis?" asked the fluffy haired girl of her friend in the pink linen gown.
"Well," replied the duffy-haired one, as she held up her left hand to display a sparkling solitaire to better advantage, "you can judge for yourself."

REASON WHY

Wigg—Hello! old man. I never saw you looking so well.
Wagg—Yes, I do feel in pretty good shape. You see I've been too busy this summer to go away for a rest—Philadelphia Record.

SO IT DOES

Teacher—What is water?
Tommy—Water is the stuff what goes black when you put your hands into it.

THE ORIGINAL MONOPOLIST

Poor old Adam! He endured a lonely life.
There wasn't anybody he could talk to but his wife!

Each day he started homeward when the sun was sinking low.
He had searched the garden over. There was nowhere else to go.

He couldn't take a paper to instruct him or amuse.
There wasn't anybody but himself to furnish news.

He couldn't start a baseball game. He couldn't join a club.
Eve was a social leader with nobody round to snub.

He had a splendid orchard that was blooming with delight.
He tried to eat up all the fruit, and lost his appetite.

He had the best menagerie a man could hope to grow.
But not a soul would offer him two bits to see the show!

Poor old Adam! What an atrocious was he!
There wasn't anybody who could question his decree.

He's a terrible example—take the tip for what it's worth—
The only man on record who monopolized the earth.

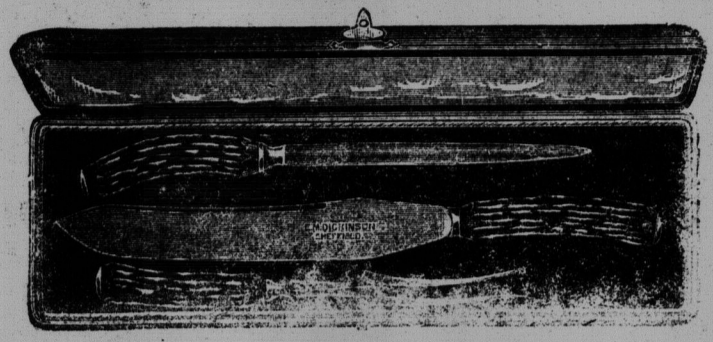
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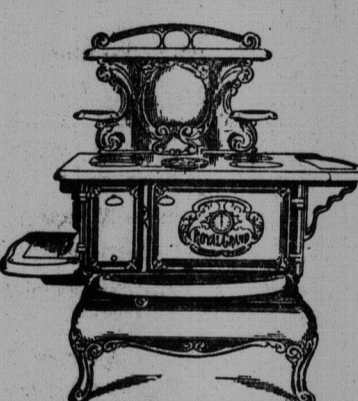


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Light horses—Dr. J. A. Sinclair, of Canington (Ont.), a man of acknowledged authority throughout upper Canada. He is himself an owner of finely bred horses and owns Baron Primrose, grand champion of the Maritime Horse Show.

Heavy horses—Richard F. Starr, of Port William (N. S.). Mr. Starr is a prominent member of the Maritime Stock Breeders' Association, a director of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Association, and a specialist in the breeding of Clydesdales, etc. of Shorthorn cattle.

Dairy cattle—J. S. Stevenson, of Annapolis (Ont.). Mr. Stevenson is specially recognized by the Canadian Agricultural Breeders' Association as a most valuable expert and in this year also a judge at Sherbrooke, Quebec.

Sheep and swine—R. W. Wade, B. S. A., who is assistant professor at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, and associate professor of animal husbandry and farming. Prof. Wade will in all probability act as judge in the beef classes of cattle as well.

Poultry—Daniel P. Shove, of Fall River (Mass.). Mr. Shove has been a very satisfactory exhibitor at the 1904 anniversary of his birth. Mr. Shove still possesses the quality of a man of seventy.

North End Man
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