

Sault Ste. Marie Canal
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

THE WORKS for the construction of the canal, above mentioned, advertised to be let on the 23rd of October next, are unavoidably postponed to the following dates:
Tenders will be received until

Plans and specifications will be ready for examination at this office and at Sault Ste. Marie on and after

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By Order,
A. P. BRADLEY,
Secretary.
Department of Railway & Canals,
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whole law is, love to God and love to man. This comprehends everything. We give some rules founded on the Scriptures :

1. Do nothing if you doubt its being right: "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin."

2. If there is something you want to do which would do you no harm, but might lead a weaker brother into wrong, dare not do it. "Wherefore, if meat make my brother so offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth."

8. Do not place yourself in a false position. "Abstain from all appearance of evil."

4. Do nothing in thought, word, or deed, on which you cannot ask God's blessing. "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him."

THE TOUCH OF NATURE.

A boy, ten years old, pulling a heavy cart loaded with pieces of boards and laths taken from some demolished structure—an every-day sight in our large cities. Tired and exhausted, he halted under a shade tree. His feet were sore and bruised, his clothes in rags, his face pinched and looking years older than it should. The boy lay down on the grass, and in five minutes was fast asleep. His bare feet just touched the curbstone, and the old hat fell from his head and rolled on the walk. In the shadow of the tree his face told a story that every passer by could read. It told of scanty food, of nights when the body shivered with cold, of a home without sunshine, of a young life confronted by mocking shadows.

Then something curious happened. A labouring man—a queer old man, with a wood saw on his arm—crossed the street to rest for a moment under the same shade. He glanced at the boy and turned away, but his look was drawn again, and now he saw the picture and read the story. He, too, knew what it was to shiver and hunger. He tiptoed along until he could bend over the boy, and then took from his pocket a piece of bread and meat—the dinner he was to eat if he found work—and laid it down beside the lad. Then he walked carelessly away, looking back every moment, but keeping out of sight as if he wanted to escape thanks.

Men, women and children had seen it all, and what a leveller it was ! The human soul is ever kind and generous, but sometimes there is need of a key to open it. A man walked down from his steps and left a half-dollar beside the poor man's bread. A woman came along, and left a good hat in place of the old one. A child came with a pair of shoes, and a boy with a coat and vest. Pedestrians halted and whispered and dropped dimes and quarters beside the first silver piece. The pinched face suddenly awoke, as if it were a crime to sleep there. He saw the bread, the clothing, the money, the score of people waiting around to see what he would do. He knew that he had slept, and he realized that all these things had come to him as he dreamed. Then what did he do ? Why, he sat down and covered his face with his hands and sobbed.

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